



# The Impact of James H Theory of Leadership: Basis for Action and School Improvement

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### Abstract:

This research explores the James H 21st Century School Leadership Model, focusing on its three critical components: empowering school leaders, stakeholders, and the adoption of technology for Total Quality Management Systems (TQM). Firstly, empowering school leaders involves developing transformational leadership, instructional leadership, and fostering collaboration, leading to continuous improvement within schools. Secondly, empowering stakeholders fosters collaboration and ownership, resulting in effective professional development and a meaningful learning environment. Thirdly, adopting technology enhances administrative efficiency, data-driven decision-making, and communication within the school community. Through a comprehensive literature review, this study highlights the significance of each component and its impact on educational outcomes. By empowering leaders and stakeholders while leveraging technology, schools can navigate challenges, promote collaboration, and ensure quality education delivery. The James H model offers a framework for effective school leadership in the 21st century, emphasizing innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement to meet the evolving needs of students and communities.

Keywords: School leadership, Empowerment, Stakeholder collaboration, Technology adoption, Total Quality Management Systems

### Introduction:

In the contemporary educational landscape, effective leadership is paramount to the success and continuous improvement of schools. The traditional approaches to school leadership, often characterized by hierarchical and bureaucratic structures, have proven insufficient in addressing the dynamic challenges faced by modern educational institutions (Fullan, 2014). As schools strive to adapt to technological advancements, globalization, and diverse student needs, innovative leadership models are required to foster an environment conducive to learning and growth. The James H Theory of Leadership emerges as a transformative approach that aligns with the demands of 21st-century education, emphasizing the empowerment of leaders, stakeholders, and the integration of technology for holistic school improvement.

The James H Theory of Leadership is predicated on three core components: empowering school leaders to effectively manage operations and resources, fostering stakeholder collaboration for professional development and meaningful learning environments, and adopting technology for total quality management (Perchard, 2020). By addressing these critical areas, the theory provides a comprehensive framework for action and improvement, ensuring that school leaders are equipped to navigate the complexities of modern education. Research indicates that leadership practices grounded in empowerment and collaboration significantly enhance school performance and student outcomes (Leithwood, Harris, & Hopkins, 2020).



Moreover, the integration of technology in school management has been shown to streamline processes, enhance communication, and support data-driven decision-making (Anderson & Dexter, 2005). This study aims to explore the impact of the James H Theory of Leadership on school improvement, examining its effectiveness as a basis for action in contemporary educational settings. Through an analysis of empirical data and case studies, this research will provide insights into how this leadership model can be leveraged to foster innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement in schools.

### Literature Review:

Effective school leadership is critical to the success of educational institutions. Over the years, various leadership models have been proposed and implemented to address the evolving challenges in education. The James H Theory of Leadership offers a comprehensive framework focusing on empowering leaders, fostering stakeholder collaboration, and integrating technology for school improvement. This literature review explores the impact of leadership practices on school improvement, examining key components of the James H Theory in the context of existing research.

Empowering school leaders is a fundamental aspect of the James H Theory. Transformational leadership, which emphasizes vision, inspiration, and change, has been widely studied in educational contexts. Transformational leaders motivate and inspire their teams to exceed expectations and foster a culture of continuous improvement (Leithwood & Jantzi, 2000). According to Hallinger (2003), effective school leaders influence student outcomes indirectly by shaping the school's vision, culture, and teaching practices. Empowering leaders to make informed decisions and allocate resources efficiently is crucial for school success.

The capacity to nurture instructional leadership is also essential. Instructional leadership focuses on the core activities of teaching and learning (Blase & Blase, 1999). Research indicates that leaders who prioritize instructional leadership positively impact student achievement by promoting effective teaching practices and professional development (Robinson, Lloyd, & Rowe, 2008). Empowering leaders with the skills to nurture instructional leadership can lead to improved educational outcomes and enhanced school performance.

Moreover, social skills are vital for leaders to inspire and influence collaboration with stakeholders. Fullan (2014) argues that effective leaders build relationships, develop trust, and engage stakeholders in meaningful ways. By fostering a collaborative environment, leaders can harness the collective expertise of teachers, parents, and the community to address challenges and implement innovative solutions. The James H Theory underscores the importance of social skills in leadership, highlighting the need for leaders to inspire and influence collaboration.

Stakeholder collaboration is a cornerstone of the James H Theory. Engaging stakeholders, including teachers, students, parents, and the community, in decision-making processes leads to shared ownership and accountability. Research shows that schools with high levels of stakeholder involvement tend to have better student outcomes and school performance (Bryk & Schneider, 2002). When stakeholders feel valued and their perspectives are considered, it fosters a sense of community and commitment to the school's goals.

Professional development for teachers is another critical component. Effective professional development programs enhance teachers' knowledge, skills, and instructional practices (Desimone, 2009). The James H Theory emphasizes the importance of providing ongoing professional development opportunities for teachers to ensure continuous improvement. Research by Darling-Hammond, Hyler, and Gardner (2017) indicates that high-quality professional development positively impacts teacher practice and student achievement. Empowering teachers through professional development creates a meaningful learning environment and supports school improvement efforts.

Furthermore, stakeholder collaboration extends to creating a meaningful learning environment. When stakeholders work together to develop and implement strategies for school improvement, it leads to a more inclusive and supportive educational system. Epstein (2018) highlights the importance of school-family-community partnerships in promoting student success. By fostering collaboration among stakeholders, schools can create a holistic approach to education that addresses the diverse needs of students and promotes overall well-being.

The integration of technology in school management is a critical aspect of the James H Theory. Technology streamlines administrative processes, enhances communication, and supports data-driven decision-making. Research by Anderson and Dexter (2005) demonstrates that effective technology leadership significantly impacts school performance. By adopting technology for total quality management, schools can improve operational efficiency and enhance the overall educational experience.

Comprehensive data collection and analysis are essential for informed decision-making. Technology enables schools to collect and analyze data on student performance, attendance, and other key metrics. This data-driven approach allows school leaders to identify areas for improvement and implement targeted interventions (Wayman, Jimerson,



& Cho, 2012). The James H Theory advocates for the use of technology to support data-driven decision-making and promote continuous improvement.

Moreover, technology facilitates effective communication between school leaders, students, parents, and the community. Research indicates that technology enhances collaboration, transparency, and accountability within the school community (Grant, 2011). By leveraging technology for communication, schools can engage stakeholders more effectively and foster a collaborative environment. The James H Theory highlights the importance of technology in promoting effective communication and stakeholder engagement.

### **Methodology:**

The study utilized qualitative approach to understand the impact of the James H Theory of Leadership. The research design includes an extensive literature review. The literature review was conducted to identify and synthesize existing research related to the key components of the James H Theory of Leadership: empowering school leaders, stakeholder collaboration, and technology integration. Scholarly databases such as Google Scholar, JSTOR, and ERIC were searched using keywords related to transformational leadership, instructional leadership, stakeholder collaboration, professional development, and technology in education.

The inclusion criteria encompassed peer-reviewed journal articles, books, and conference papers published within the last two decades, focusing on school leadership and improvement. Articles not available in English or those not relevant to the research objectives were excluded. Selected articles were systematically reviewed and synthesized to identify common themes, trends, and gaps in the existing research. The synthesis process involved categorizing the literature based on the key components of the James H Theory and summarizing the findings.

Empirical data were collected from multiple case studies of schools that had implemented the James H Theory of Leadership or similar leadership models. The data collection process included the following methods. Relevant documents such as school improvement plans, leadership training materials, and policy documents were reviewed to understand the implementation and impact of the leadership model.

### **Components of the James H 21st Century School Leadership Model**

The James H 21st Century School Leadership Model is an innovative framework designed to address the complexities of modern educational environments. It emphasizes empowering school leaders, fostering stakeholder collaboration, and integrating technology to improve school management and student outcomes. This model comprises three critical components: effectively managing school operations and resources, fostering stakeholder collaboration for professional development and meaningful learning environments, and adopting technology for the school's Total Quality Management System.

- **Empowering School Leaders for Effectively Managing School Operations and Resources**

Effective school leadership is pivotal in ensuring the overall success and progress of educational institutions. Empowering school leaders involves equipping them with the necessary skills and authority to make informed decisions, set clear objectives, and implement strategies that maximize resource utilization and enhance educational quality. Transformational leadership, characterized by the ability to inspire and motivate, is a key element in this component (Leithwood & Jantzi, 2000). Transformational leaders not only influence the organizational culture but also foster a sense of purpose and commitment among staff members (Hallinger, 2003).

Instructional leadership, which focuses on improving teaching and learning, is another crucial aspect. Leaders who prioritize instructional leadership are instrumental in promoting effective teaching practices and fostering professional development (Robinson, Lloyd, & Rowe, 2008). They play a significant role in setting high expectations for student achievement and providing the necessary support for teachers to meet these expectations. Furthermore, empowering school leaders involves enhancing their social skills to inspire and influence collaboration with stakeholders, creating a positive and inclusive school culture (Fullan, 2014).

- **Empowering Stakeholders for Total Collaboration and Optimal Quality Partnership**

Stakeholder collaboration is essential for creating a meaningful and supportive educational environment. Empowering stakeholders, including teachers, students, parents, and community members, ensures that their voices and perspectives are valued in the decision-making process. This inclusivity fosters a sense of ownership and accountability, which is critical for school improvement (Bryk & Schneider, 2002).

Teachers' professional development is a key focus within this component. Continuous professional development enhances teachers' instructional skills and knowledge, leading to improved teaching practices and student outcomes (Desimone, 2009). High-quality professional development programs are characterized by ongoing, collaborative, and data-driven approaches that address the specific needs of teachers and students (Darling-



Hammond, Hyler, & Gardner, 2017). By empowering stakeholders to participate actively in professional development initiatives, schools can create a culture of continuous learning and improvement.

Moreover, stakeholder collaboration extends to creating a meaningful learning environment for students. Engaging parents and community members in school activities and decision-making processes fosters a strong school-community relationship that benefits students (Epstein, 2018). Schools that prioritize stakeholder collaboration often see enhanced student engagement, motivation, and academic performance.

- **Empowering School Leaders to Adopt Technology for the School's Total Quality Management System**

The integration of technology in school management is crucial for streamlining operations, enhancing communication, and supporting data-driven decision-making. Empowering school leaders to adopt technology involves providing them with the tools and training needed to effectively use technology in their daily operations. Research shows that effective technology leadership significantly impacts school performance by improving administrative efficiency and facilitating better instructional practices (Anderson & Dexter, 2005).

Technology enables comprehensive data collection and analysis, allowing school leaders to make informed decisions based on real-time insights (Wayman, Jimerson, & Cho, 2012). This data-driven approach helps identify areas for improvement, monitor progress, and implement targeted interventions. Furthermore, technology enhances communication between school leaders, teachers, students, parents, and the broader community, fostering collaboration and transparency (Grant, 2011).

Empowering school leaders to integrate technology into their Total Quality Management System supports a holistic approach to school improvement. It ensures that all aspects of school operations, from administrative tasks to instructional practices, are optimized for efficiency and effectiveness. This integration also facilitates continuous monitoring and evaluation, promoting a culture of continuous improvement within the school.

The James H 21st Century School Leadership Model provides a comprehensive framework for modern educational leadership by emphasizing the empowerment of school leaders, fostering stakeholder collaboration, and integrating technology. By focusing on these critical components, the model addresses the complexities of contemporary education and promotes continuous improvement in school performance and student outcomes. The research supports the effectiveness of this leadership model, highlighting its potential as a sustainable and impactful approach to school leadership.

### **Empowering School Leaders for Effective Management of School Operations and Resources**

Effective management of school operations and resources is crucial for the overall success and progress of educational institutions. Empowering school leaders involves equipping them with the necessary traits and skills to navigate complex educational landscapes, make informed decisions, and foster a culture of continuous improvement. This component of the James H 21st Century School Leadership Model emphasizes the development of transformational leadership, instructional leadership, social skills, and moral authority.

Transformational leadership is a key trait for school leaders aiming to drive positive change within their institutions. Transformational leaders inspire and motivate their teams by setting a vision, creating a sense of purpose, and fostering an environment where teachers and students feel valued and supported. According to Leithwood and Jantzi (2000), transformational leadership significantly impacts organizational conditions and student engagement. These leaders encourage innovation and are adept at navigating the complexities of modern education systems, thereby ensuring that their schools remain responsive to changing needs and challenges.

Transformational leaders also play a critical role in shaping school culture. They promote a shared vision and collective responsibility among staff, which is essential for fostering a positive working environment. This collaborative culture is associated with higher levels of teacher satisfaction and commitment, leading to improved teaching practices and student outcomes (Hallinger, 2003).

Instructional leadership focuses on enhancing teaching and learning within the school. Effective school leaders prioritize instructional quality and invest in professional development to ensure that teachers have the necessary skills and resources to deliver high-quality education. Robinson, Lloyd, and Rowe (2008) found that instructional leadership has a more significant impact on student outcomes compared to other types of leadership.

Instructional leaders are also instrumental in setting high expectations for student achievement and providing the necessary support for teachers to meet these expectations. By fostering a culture of continuous professional development, instructional leaders ensure that teaching practices are regularly updated and aligned with best practices. This ongoing professional growth is crucial for maintaining high educational standards and improving student performance (Desimone, 2009).



Effective school leaders must possess strong social skills to inspire and influence collaboration among stakeholders. Building and maintaining positive relationships with teachers, students, parents, and the broader community is essential for creating a supportive and inclusive school environment. Bryk and Schneider (2002) highlight the importance of relational trust in schools, which is built through consistent, respectful, and empathetic interactions among stakeholders.

Collaboration is a cornerstone of successful school leadership. Empowered leaders who actively engage with their stakeholders foster a sense of ownership and accountability, leading to more effective and comprehensive strategies for school improvement. This collaborative approach ensures that diverse perspectives are considered in decision-making processes, resulting in more holistic and sustainable solutions (Epstein, 2018).

Moral authority is another critical trait for school leaders. Leaders with moral authority are guided by ethical principles and a strong sense of justice, which enables them to make decisions that are in the best interest of all students. Fullan (2014) argues that moral leadership is essential for fostering trust and integrity within the school community. Leaders who demonstrate moral authority are more likely to gain the respect and support of their stakeholders, which is crucial for implementing and sustaining school improvement initiatives.

Empowered school leaders have the authority to allocate resources efficiently and effectively. They can identify areas for improvement and implement necessary changes to enhance the quality of education. Effective resource management involves not only financial resources but also human and material resources. Leaders who can strategically allocate these resources are better positioned to support their school's goals and objectives.

Creating a culture of continuous improvement is a hallmark of effective school leadership. Empowered leaders are committed to ongoing evaluation and refinement of their practices and policies. By fostering a culture of reflection and accountability, these leaders ensure that their schools remain dynamic and responsive to the needs of their students and staff. Continuous improvement involves regular assessment of student outcomes, teacher performance, and overall school effectiveness, leading to targeted interventions and sustained progress (Wayman, Jimerson, & Cho, 2012).

Empowering school leaders is essential for the effective management of school operations and resources. By developing transformational and instructional leadership, enhancing social skills for collaboration, and upholding moral authority, school leaders can make informed decisions, set clear objectives, and implement strategies that improve educational quality and maximize available resources. These empowered leaders inspire and motivate their teams, foster a positive working environment, and promote collaboration among stakeholders, leading to improved student outcomes and increased satisfaction among all members of the school community. Ultimately, the empowerment of school leaders is a critical component of the James H 21st Century School Leadership Model, driving continuous improvement and ensuring the success and progress of educational institutions.

### **Empowering Stakeholders for Total Collaboration and Optimal Quality Partnership**

Empowering stakeholders is essential for fostering total collaboration and optimal quality partnerships, particularly in the context of teachers' professional development and the creation of a meaningful learning environment. When stakeholders—including teachers, students, parents, and the community—are empowered, their voices and perspectives are valued and considered in decision-making processes. This empowerment fosters ownership, commitment, and accountability, ultimately leading to improved teaching practices, enhanced student outcomes, and a more inclusive and supportive educational system.

The empowerment of stakeholders in education begins with recognizing the importance of their contributions to the decision-making process. According to Epstein (2018), involving stakeholders in school governance creates a sense of ownership and shared responsibility, which is critical for the successful implementation of school policies and programs. When stakeholders feel that their input is valued, they are more likely to be committed to the school's goals and work collaboratively towards achieving them. This collaborative approach is vital for creating a supportive and dynamic educational environment.

Empowering teachers, in particular, is crucial for professional development. Desimone (2009) emphasizes that effective professional development is characterized by ongoing, collaborative, and job-embedded learning experiences that are aligned with teachers' needs and the school's goals. By involving teachers in the planning and implementation of professional development programs, schools can ensure that these programs are relevant and impactful. Teachers who participate in decision-making processes are more likely to be engaged and motivated, leading to improved instructional practices and student outcomes.

Collaboration among stakeholders is a cornerstone of effective school leadership. Bryk and Schneider (2002) highlight the importance of relational trust in schools, which is built through consistent, respectful, and empathetic interactions among stakeholders. Trust is essential for fostering a collaborative culture where all members feel valued and supported. In such an environment, teachers, students, parents, and community members can openly share their ideas and work together towards common goals.



Engaging parents and community members in school activities and decision-making processes enhances the school's capacity to address the diverse needs of its students. According to Henderson and Mapp (2002), family and community involvement is strongly associated with better student achievement, higher attendance rates, and improved behavior. Schools that foster strong partnerships with families and communities are better equipped to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment. This collaboration ensures that students receive the necessary support both at school and at home, contributing to their overall well-being and academic success.

To effectively empower stakeholders, schools must implement strategies that facilitate meaningful engagement and collaboration. One effective strategy is the establishment of advisory committees or councils that include representatives from all stakeholder groups. These committees can provide a platform for stakeholders to voice their concerns, share their ideas, and participate in decision-making processes. By actively involving stakeholders in school governance, schools can ensure that their policies and programs are responsive to the needs and preferences of the community (Mitra, 2006).

Another important strategy is the use of regular communication and feedback mechanisms. Schools should establish channels for open and transparent communication with all stakeholders. This can include regular newsletters, town hall meetings, and online forums where stakeholders can share their input and receive updates on school initiatives. Effective communication helps build trust and ensures that stakeholders are informed and engaged in the school's activities (Bryk & Schneider, 2002).

Professional development programs should also be designed to foster collaboration among teachers. According to Darling-Hammond, Hyster, and Gardner (2017), effective professional development is collaborative and involves collective participation. Schools can organize workshops, study groups, and peer observations that allow teachers to learn from each other and share best practices. By creating a culture of collaboration, schools can enhance the professional growth of their teachers and improve instructional quality.

Empowering stakeholders and fostering collaboration have a profound impact on teaching practices and student outcomes. When teachers are actively involved in decision-making and professional development, they are more likely to adopt innovative and effective teaching strategies. Research by Vescio, Ross, and Adams (2008) shows that professional learning communities, where teachers collaborate and engage in continuous learning, lead to improved instructional practices and student achievement.

Furthermore, stakeholder empowerment contributes to a more inclusive and supportive educational system. Schools that value the input of all stakeholders are better equipped to address the diverse needs of their students. This inclusivity ensures that all students, regardless of their background or abilities, receive the support they need to succeed. According to Epstein (2018), inclusive practices that involve families and communities lead to higher levels of student engagement and achievement.

Empowering stakeholders is crucial for fostering total collaboration and optimal quality partnerships in education. By valuing the voices and perspectives of teachers, students, parents, and the community, schools can create a strong and active community of learners. This comprehensive approach to stakeholder involvement leads to improved teaching practices, enhanced student outcomes, and a more inclusive and supportive educational system. The research supports the effectiveness of stakeholder empowerment in driving school improvement and underscores its importance in creating a meaningful and dynamic learning environment.

### **Empowering School Leaders to Adopt Technology for Total Quality Management Systems**

The adoption of technology in education, particularly for Total Quality Management (TQM) systems, is becoming increasingly crucial in modern school leadership. Technology has the potential to streamline operations, improve communication, and enhance decision-making processes within educational institutions. Empowering school leaders with the adoption of technology is essential for promoting efficiency, transparency, and collaboration, ultimately facilitating a holistic approach to quality education.

One of the primary benefits of adopting technology in school management is the streamlining and automation of administrative processes. Anderson and Dexter (2005) emphasize that technology can significantly reduce the administrative burden on school leaders by automating tasks such as attendance tracking, grade recording, and scheduling. This automation minimizes the chances of human error and frees up time for school leaders to focus on more strategic tasks.

Moreover, technology allows for the integration of various administrative functions into centralized systems, providing a comprehensive overview of school operations. This integration enhances efficiency and effectiveness in resource allocation, budget management, and overall organizational planning (Grant, 2011). Schools that adopt technology for administrative purposes often experience smoother operations and improved utilization of resources.



Technology enables comprehensive data collection and analysis, providing valuable insights for data-driven decision-making processes. Wayman, Jimerson, and Cho (2012) highlight the importance of using data to inform educational practices and policies. With technology, school leaders can collect data on student performance, attendance, behavior, and other relevant metrics more efficiently than traditional methods.

Data analysis tools allow school leaders to identify trends, patterns, and areas for improvement. This information empowers leaders to make informed decisions about curriculum development, instructional strategies, and resource allocation (Anderson & Dexter, 2005). By leveraging data, school leaders can identify interventions to support struggling students, track progress towards goals, and evaluate the effectiveness of initiatives.

Adopting technology in school management promotes effective communication between school leaders, students, parents, and the broader community. Grant (2011) suggests that technology tools such as email, school websites, and digital platforms enable instant communication and information sharing. This improved communication facilitates collaboration, transparency, and accountability within the school community.

Digital platforms can serve as hubs for sharing important announcements, event calendars, and educational resources. They also provide channels for feedback and interaction between stakeholders. For example, online portals can allow parents to track their child's progress, communicate with teachers, and engage in school activities remotely (Wayman et al., 2012). Enhanced communication builds trust and strengthens the school-community relationship.

Empowering school leaders with the adoption of technology enhances overall school management and operations. Technology serves as a catalyst for organizational change, enabling schools to adapt to the demands of the digital age. By embracing technology, school leaders demonstrate their commitment to innovation and continuous improvement.

Digital tools can support various aspects of school management, including strategic planning, performance monitoring, and staff development. For instance, learning management systems (LMS) facilitate online learning, collaboration, and assessment, enabling personalized learning experiences for students (Grant, 2011). Additionally, technology can support professional development initiatives for teachers, providing access to online courses, resources, and collaboration platforms (Darling-Hammond, Hyler, & Gardner, 2017).

The adoption of technology for Total Quality Management Systems is indispensable for modern school leadership. Technology streamlines administrative processes, enables data-driven decision-making, promotes communication and collaboration, and enhances overall school management. Empowering school leaders with technology skills and tools is essential for keeping pace with the evolving educational landscape and ensuring that schools provide quality education effectively.

By embracing technology, school leaders can create more efficient, transparent, and accountable educational environments. However, it's important to note that technology integration should be strategic, with careful consideration of the needs and capabilities of the school community. With effective leadership and thoughtful implementation, technology can be a powerful tool for driving positive change in education.

## **Conclusion:**

The James H 21st Century School Leadership Model presents three critical components for effective school leadership: empowering school leaders for managing school operations and resources, empowering stakeholders for collaboration, and empowering school leaders to adopt technology for Total Quality Management Systems (TQM). Throughout this study, we have explored each component in depth, supported by relevant literature and research findings.

Empowering school leaders involves developing transformational leadership, instructional leadership, social skills, and moral authority. These empowered leaders can make informed decisions, inspire collaboration, and foster a culture of continuous improvement within their schools. The literature suggests that effective leadership positively influences organizational conditions, teaching practices, and student outcomes.

Empowering stakeholders, including teachers, students, parents, and the community, is crucial for creating a supportive and inclusive educational environment. Collaboration among stakeholders leads to comprehensive strategies for professional development and fosters a meaningful learning environment. Research indicates that strong school-family-community partnerships are associated with better student achievement and well-being.

Adopting technology for Total Quality Management Systems is essential for modern school leadership. Technology streamlines administrative processes, facilitates data-driven decision-making, and promotes communication and collaboration. Empowering school leaders with technology skills enhances overall school management and ensures that schools remain responsive to the demands of the digital age.



The James H 21st Century School Leadership Model provides a framework for addressing the complex challenges facing educational institutions today. By empowering school leaders and stakeholders and leveraging technology effectively, schools can strive towards continuous improvement and provide quality education for all students.

Through this study, it becomes evident that effective school leadership goes beyond traditional approaches; it requires embracing innovation, collaboration, and a commitment to ongoing improvement. The findings underscore the importance of dynamic and visionary leadership in driving positive change within educational organizations.

As schools continue to evolve in response to changing needs and challenges, adopting the principles of the James H model can guide leaders towards creating learning environments that prepare students for success in the 21st century.

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