



**Being a
principal is
a BIG job!**



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Beyond Standards: It's a Big Job

As a principal,
what was
unanticipated
challenge that was
not specifically
addressed in the
Standards?



Challenges as a principal?

- **In my rural school where the sheriff is at least 10 minutes away... Locking down my campus and calmly getting a hysterical parent to put down their loaded 9mm handgun...**

Challenges as a principal?

- **Telling first graders that their classmate died**

Challenges as a principal?

- **After Friday night football games, depositing athletic gate money in the bank, in the dark, in the highest crime neighborhood in town**

Challenges as a principal?

- **Cleaning up a kindergartener who had yet another “potty accident”**

Challenges as a principal?

- **My school as an emergency evacuation shelter...finding resources for students who lost everything in a flood...just like I did.**

Challenges as a principal?

- **Delivering a baby in the women's restroom...On my first day!**

Challenges as a principal?

- **Attending so many funerals**



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Mission impossible?

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- **“Think & Do The Extraordinary”**
- From compliance and inspection to break through practices
- Biggest challenges can be the biggest opportunities for impact
- Creative problem solvers who are divergent thinkers
- Work with Wallace Foundation