

STOP. RIGHT. NOW.

The 39 STOPS to Making Schools Better

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PROCESS

- Limiting Learning with Traditional Calendars
- Preparing Students for "Next Level"*
- Expect Committees to Solve Problems
- Information-Only Staff Meetings
- Placing Pre-Service with Ineffective Teachers
- Surveys without Follow Up
- Celebrating Non-High School Graduations
- Change for the Sake of Change



PRACTICE

- Ineffective Grading Practices
- Assigning Meaningless Homework
- Administering Final Exams
- Using Low-Level Questions
- Traditional Spelling Tests
- Assigning Worksheets
- Geography & Spelling Bees
- Honor Rolls
- Complaining about Dress Codes



PEOPLE

- Relying on the Same People to Lead
- Tolerating Gossip
- Punishing Instead of Teaching
- Traditional Salary Schedules
- Trying To Do It All yourself
- Select Leadership Based on Seniority
- Striving for Mere Compliance
- Making Excuses
- Evaluating Staff Members



PHILOSOPHY

- Making Assumptions
- Taking Away Recess
- Reviewing Solely for Exams*
- Counting Down, Groaning, Cheering
- Supervising Instead of Connecting
- Focus on What Others Are NOT Doing
- Identify Valedictorians*
- Insisting That I Don't Have Enough Time
- Saying I Hate Change
- Doing What I've Always Done



PROGRAMS

- Sifting & Sorting Kids
- Suspending & Expelling Students
- Sporadic Celebrations of Specific Populations