Arkansas State Board of Education Transition Update

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INTRODUCTIONS

- Transition Chronology and Milestones
- Stakeholder Input
- Next Steps



DISCUSSION TOPICS

Transition Chronology and Milestones





SBE Selection & 14-Day Protest Period State
Procurement
Processes

Operations Infrastructure Implementation

Governance Committees Formed

Internal Planning
Meetings

Internal Strategic Planning and Performance Management Processes

Information Gathering Phase

Ongoing Feedback Loops

Initial Communications for Current Participants Detailed Communications for Current Participants

Widespread Communications for All Arkansas Leaders

Professional Learning Plans Established



TRANSITION CHRONOLOGY

Program Discussions with Current Staff

- Purpose: Ensure smooth transition for those already in an ALA program, especially the Master Principal Program
- One large Zoom meeting with the current ALA staff
- Five follow-up conversations about specific programs and institutes
- Several emails





Communication to Current Participants









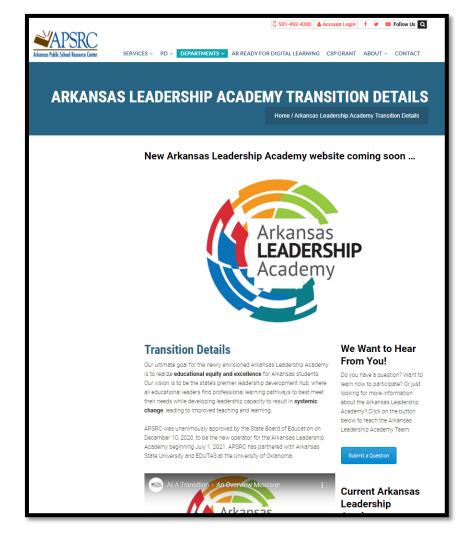




Webpage Launch



http://bit.ly/ALAtransition





Master Principal Phase Progression

Application

Phase I

Phase II

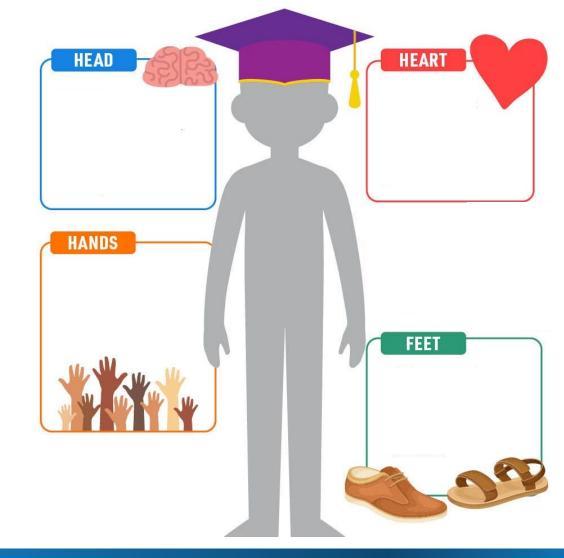
Phase III

Designation



ALA Graduate Profile

- Characteristics of an ALA Graduate
- What should each completer of an ALA program or experience:
 - Know?
 - Believe and Value?
 - Do?
 - Share and Serve?

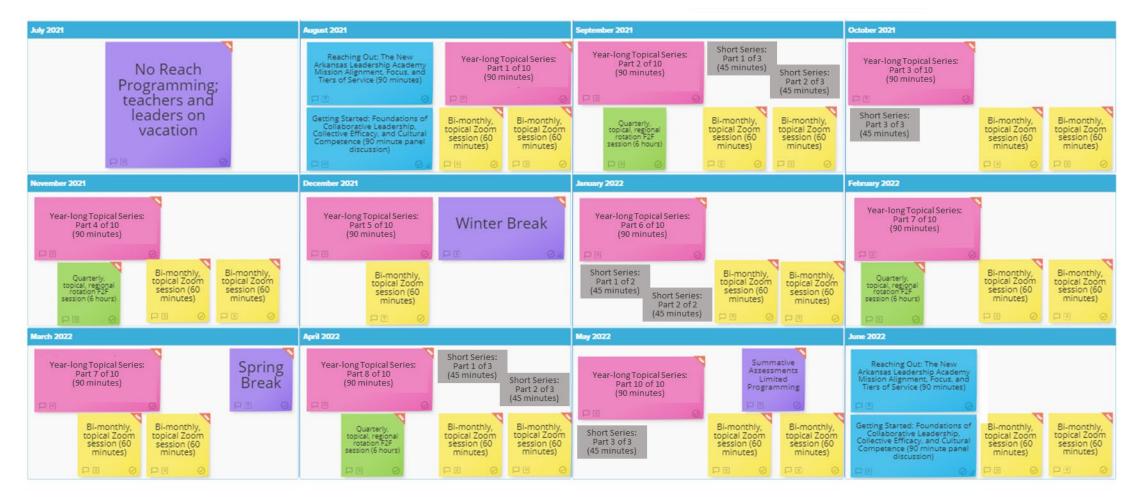




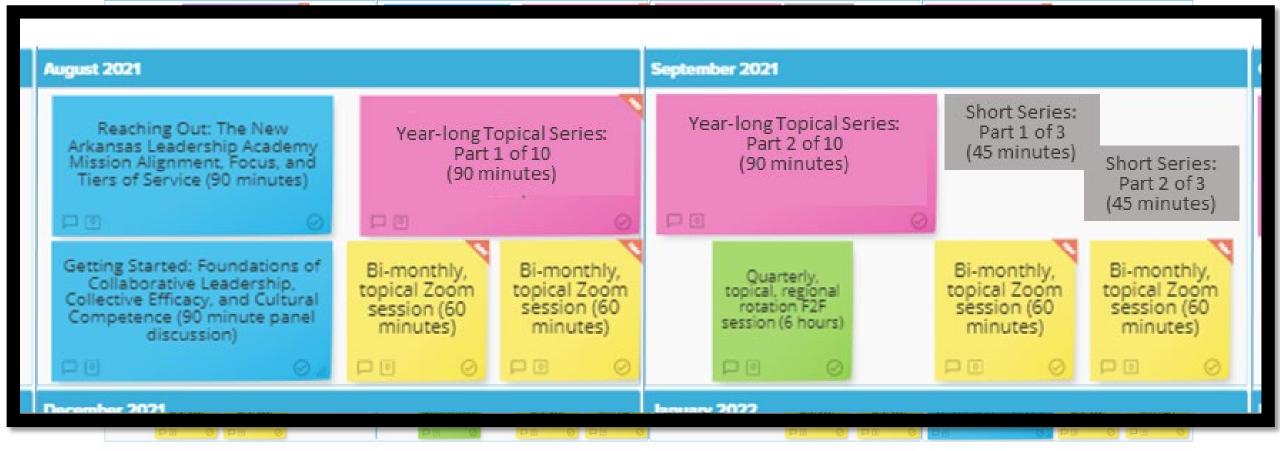
Professional Learning Delivery Plans













Stakeholder Input



Institute Visits

- Master Principal Program (all phases)
 - March, April, and June
- Executive Leadership Collaborative
 - April
- Assistant Principal Institute
 - April





STAKEHOLDER INPUT

Stakeholder Conversations

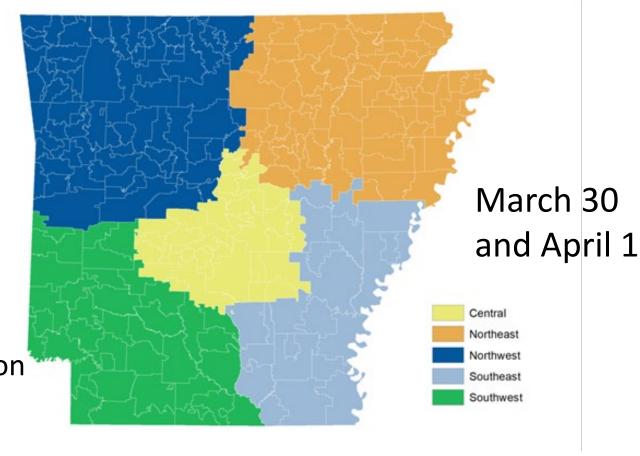
- More than 30
- Individual and small group
- Superintendents, Cooperative Directors, Subject Matter Experts, Leaders of Statewide Organizations, Higher Education Institutions, DESE Team Members, and Other Relevant Stakeholders



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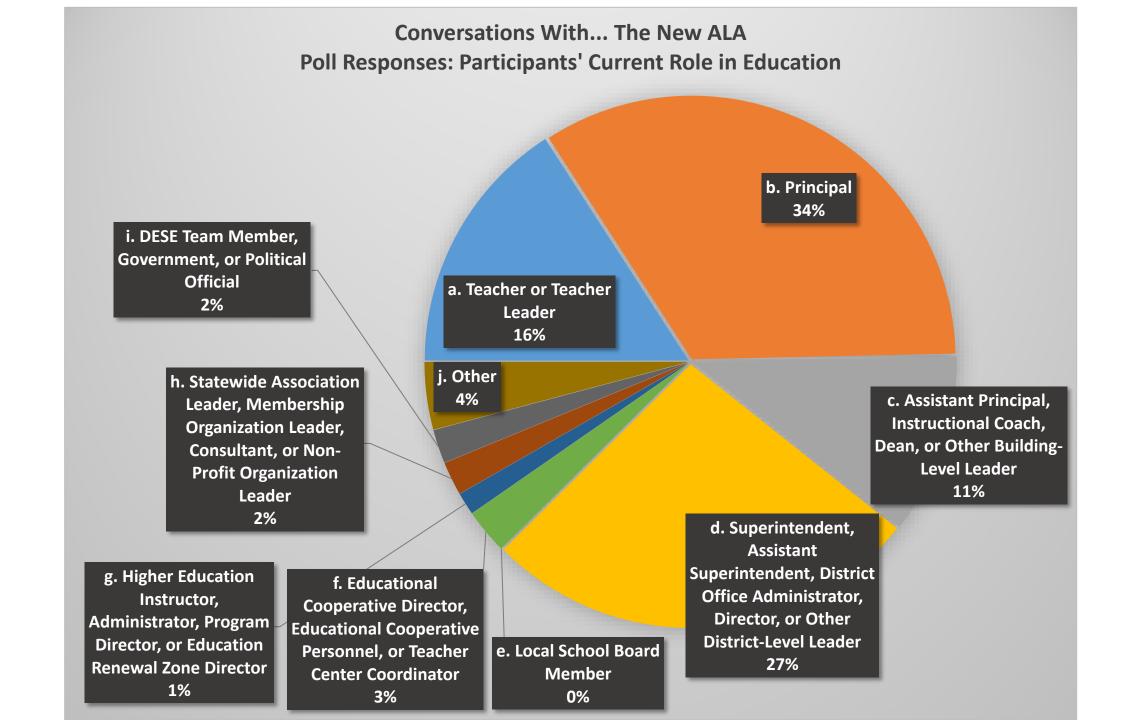
Conversations With... The New ALA

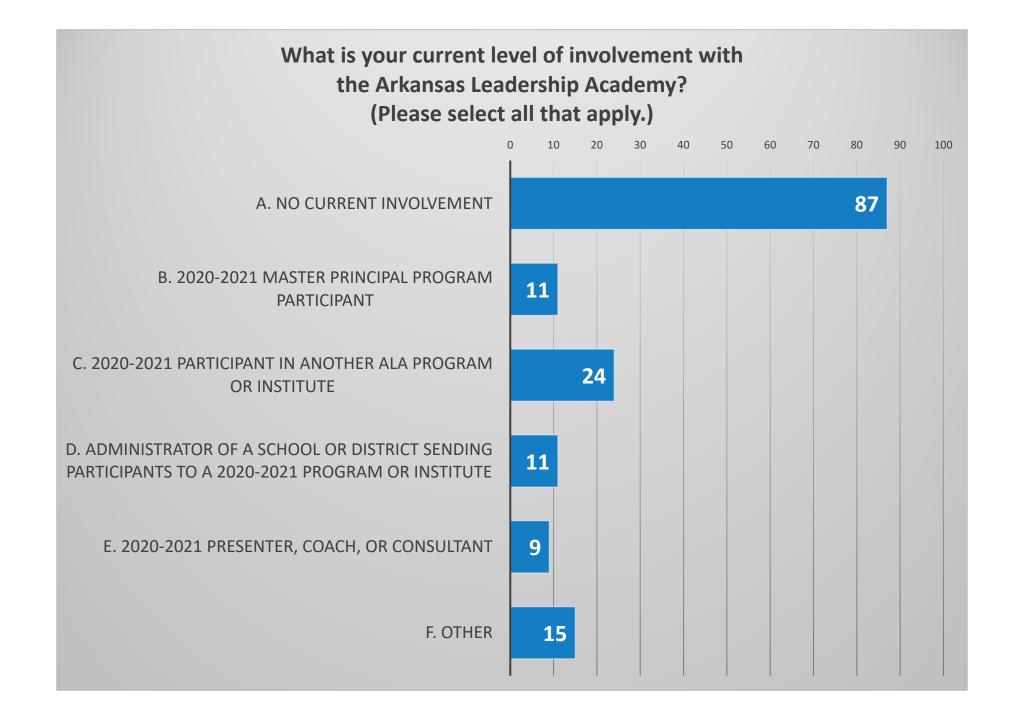
- 6 Zoom sessions
- 190 total attendees / 384 registrations
- Purposes:
 - Cast vision and set strategic direction
 - Collect input on leadership development needs
 - Discuss expansion

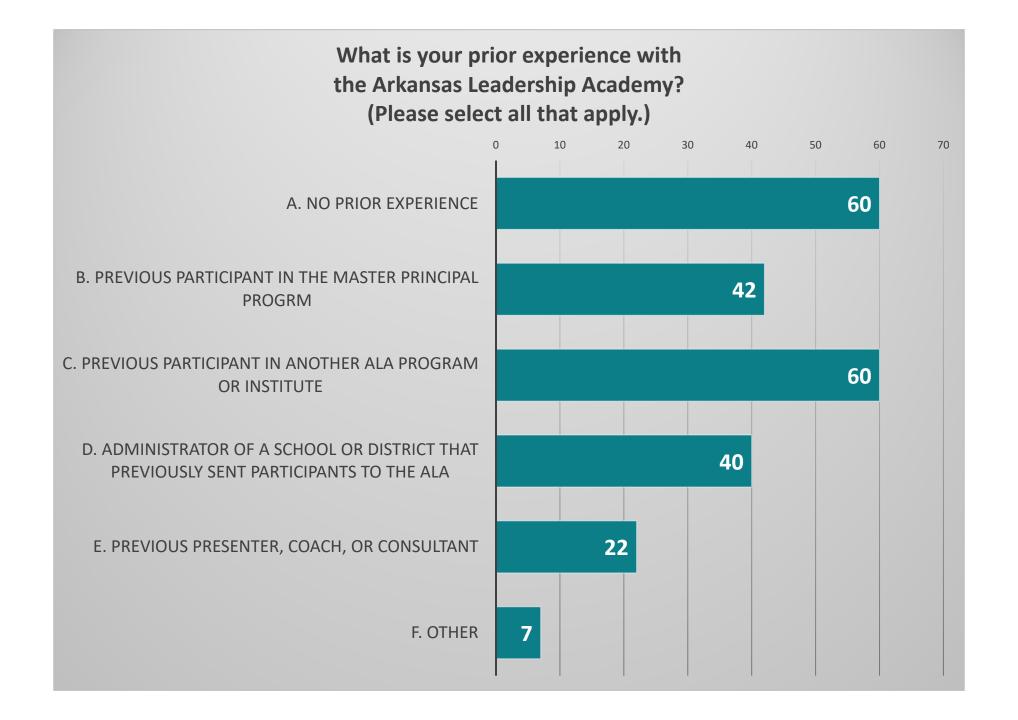




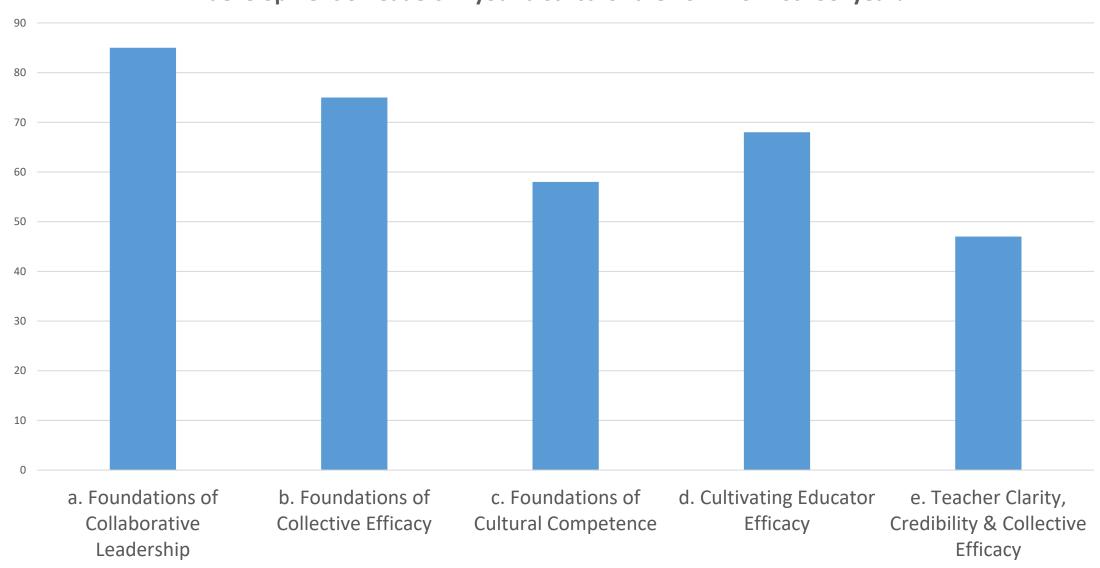
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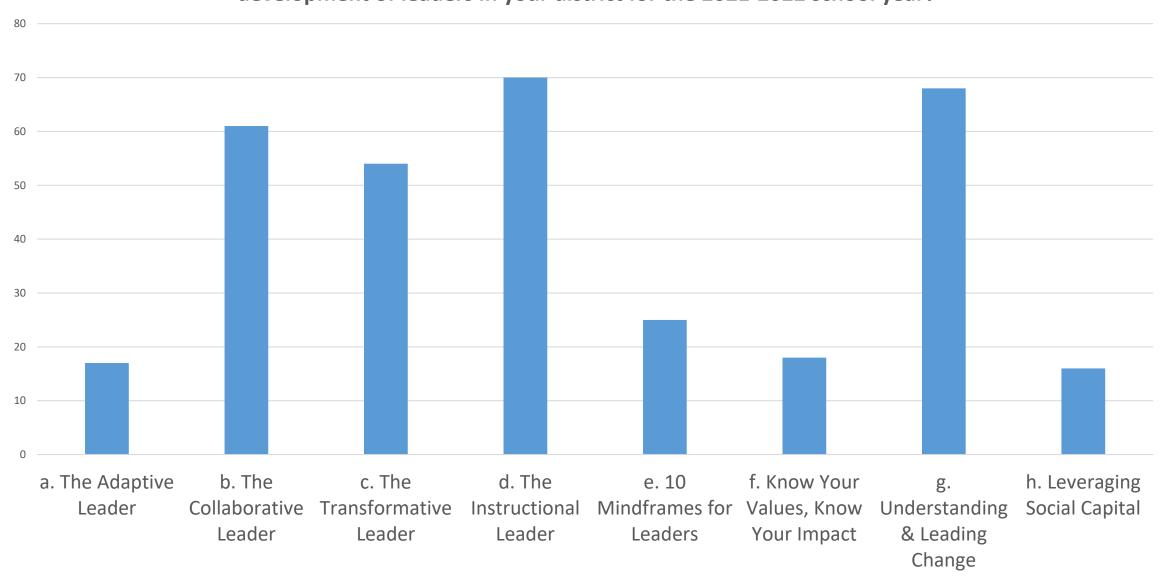




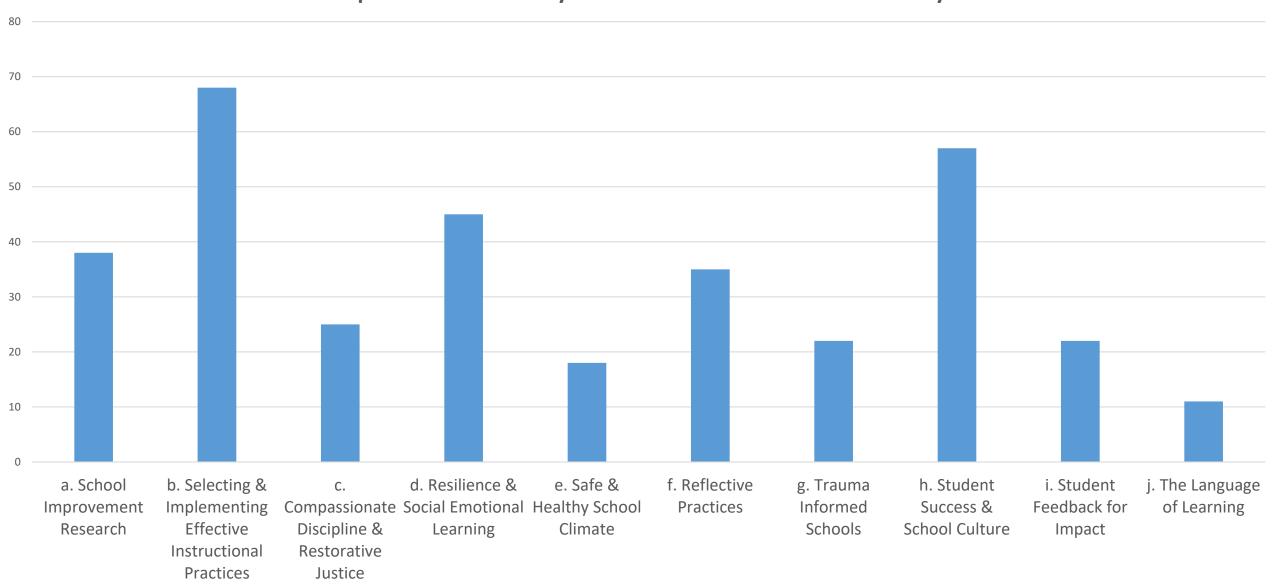
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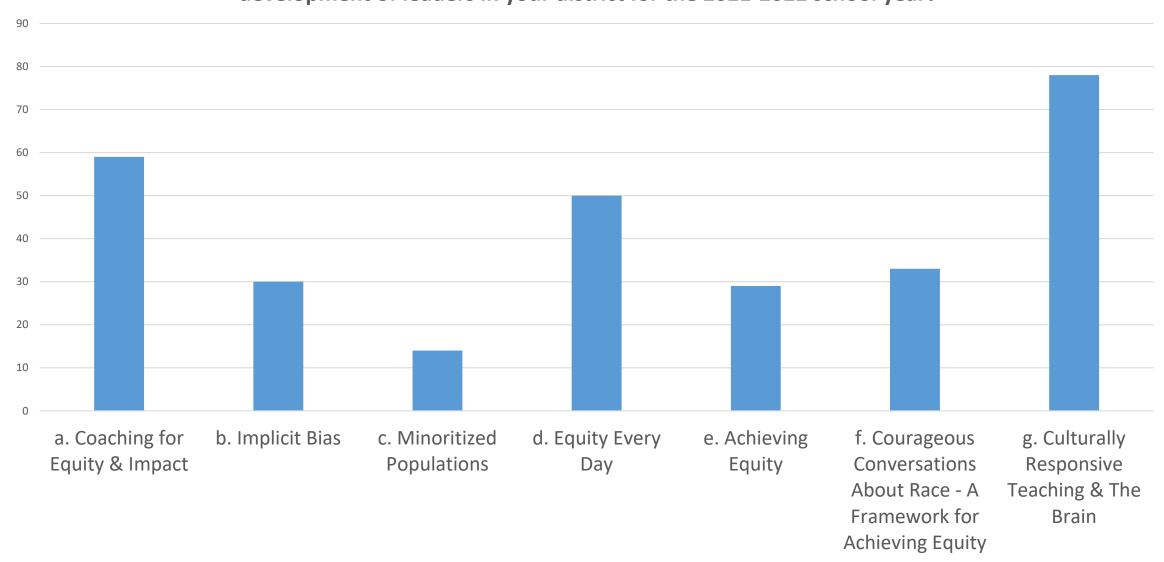
Of the following <u>Leadership Topics</u>, which 1-3 are highest priorities for your own leadership development or the development of leaders in your district for the 2021-2022 school year?



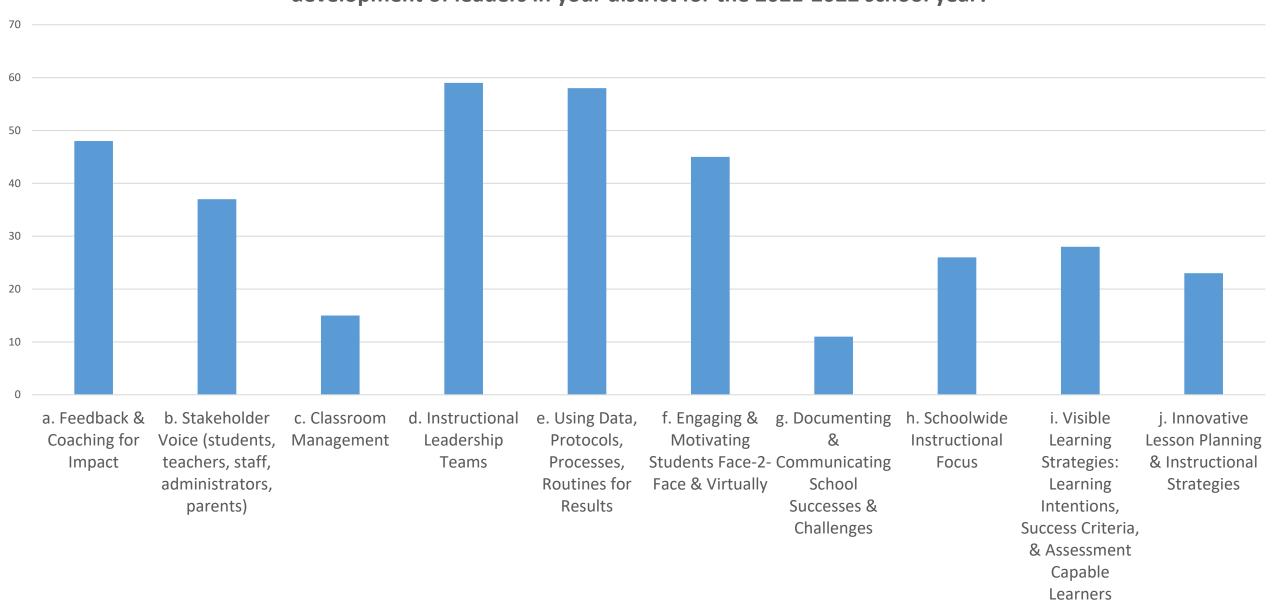
Of the following Research Topics, which 1-3 are highest priorities for your own leadership development or the development of leaders in your district for the 2021-2022 school year?



Of the following <u>Equity Topics</u>, which 1-3 are highest priorities for your own leadership development or the development of leaders in your district for the 2021-2022 school year?



Of the following <u>Strategies and Tools</u>, which 1-3 are highest priorities for your own leadership development or the development of leaders in your district for the 2021-2022 school year?



What barriers have existed to participation in ALA offerings in prior years? What potential barriers exist to participation in ALA offerings going forward?

- Not knowing that you existed or what you offered
- Time and family
- Time away from the building
- Not aware of how to get into the program
- The fees for the institutes are costly
- As a participant and coach in the early 2000's, I was surprised to learn ALA is still around. Publicity/communication just stopped.
- It appears that REACH will actually remove the barriers that have existed when people
 need to opt in and out of training based on need rather than commit to an entire year. I
 like the flexibility that leads to those longer term supports.

Next Steps



Smooth Transition

- First priority to those already in an existing program or in the pipeline to join a program, including Master Principal Program phases and designation
 - Dates, locations, and other logistics will be sent as soon as possible
- New ALA Reach services, beginning in early Fall 2021
- New cohorts, likely later in the school year



Clear Expectations

- For participants of one-, two-, and three-year programs and experiences
- For districts/organizations of those participants
- For us as providers of professional learning and support



Preparation for New Positions

- Master Principal Program (MPP) Director
- MPP Administrative Assistant
- ALA Project Coordinator
- Coaches (contractual) current and recent practitioners to support MPP and other program participants
- Consultants (contractual) subject matter experts and practitioners



The Conversation Continues...

- Seeking input from current participants and those who previously have been unable to join
- Reaching out to the many who have expressed interest in making the ALA transition a success, potential partners, and subject matter experts
- Engaging potential members for the ALA governance committees



Communication

- Transition Webpage: Continuous updates, including new FAQs
- Individual communications to those currently in a program
- Details on dates, times, and locations



Preparation for Online Presence Transition

- URL arkansasleadershipacademy.org
- Social Media accounts



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