Development of Teacher Leadership Roles and Responsibilities

To dramatically increase teacher capacity and student achievement, a school must leverage the talent of its most effective teachers. NIET works with districts and schools to provide teacher leaders with additional roles and responsibilities to help increase instructional excellence and give the most effective teachers new opportunities while keeping them connected to the classroom. Unlike other models, these teachers remain closely connected to students while also building capacity among their colleagues. The National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) has developed specific expertise in:

- Defining specific teacher leadership roles and responsibilities;
- Identifying the key experience and characteristics required for teacher leader candidates;
- Training teacher leaders to take on new roles and responsibilities in teacher observation and/or professional development design and delivery;
- Developing accountability systems to measure performance in these roles; and
- Assisting schools in restructuring the school day to allow teacher leaders to maintain their own classrooms while spending significant time co-teaching and providing professional development.

About the NIET Best Practices Center

With over a decade of on-the-ground expertise, the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) supports states, districts and schools in attracting, developing, supporting and retaining high-quality human capital in order to raise achievement levels for all students. Equipped with a diverse staff from education and business—combined with a broad coalition of school practitioners—NIET is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that pursues this mission through two signature initiatives: TAP: The System for Teacher and Student Advancement and the newly created NIET Best Practices Center (BPC).

Based on the knowledge and capability gained from TAP, combined with the growing demand for proven reforms in teacher and principal effectiveness, NIET created the Best Practices Center to meet the need for powerful technical assistance and support. With proven results and leadership in educator quality and reform, the Best Practices Center provides schools, districts and states with Service, Support and Solutions—including direct training and innovative tools and online resources.

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