

NISL

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP™



LEADERSHIP SERIES



LEADERSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

*Large Achievement Gaps Are Common,
But Strong Principal Leadership
Can Make the Difference.*

Virtually all school leaders face significant challenges in their efforts to help students with disabilities achieve high standards of proficiency. As a result, most states report an achievement gap on state tests of 30 percentage points or more between special education and general education students.

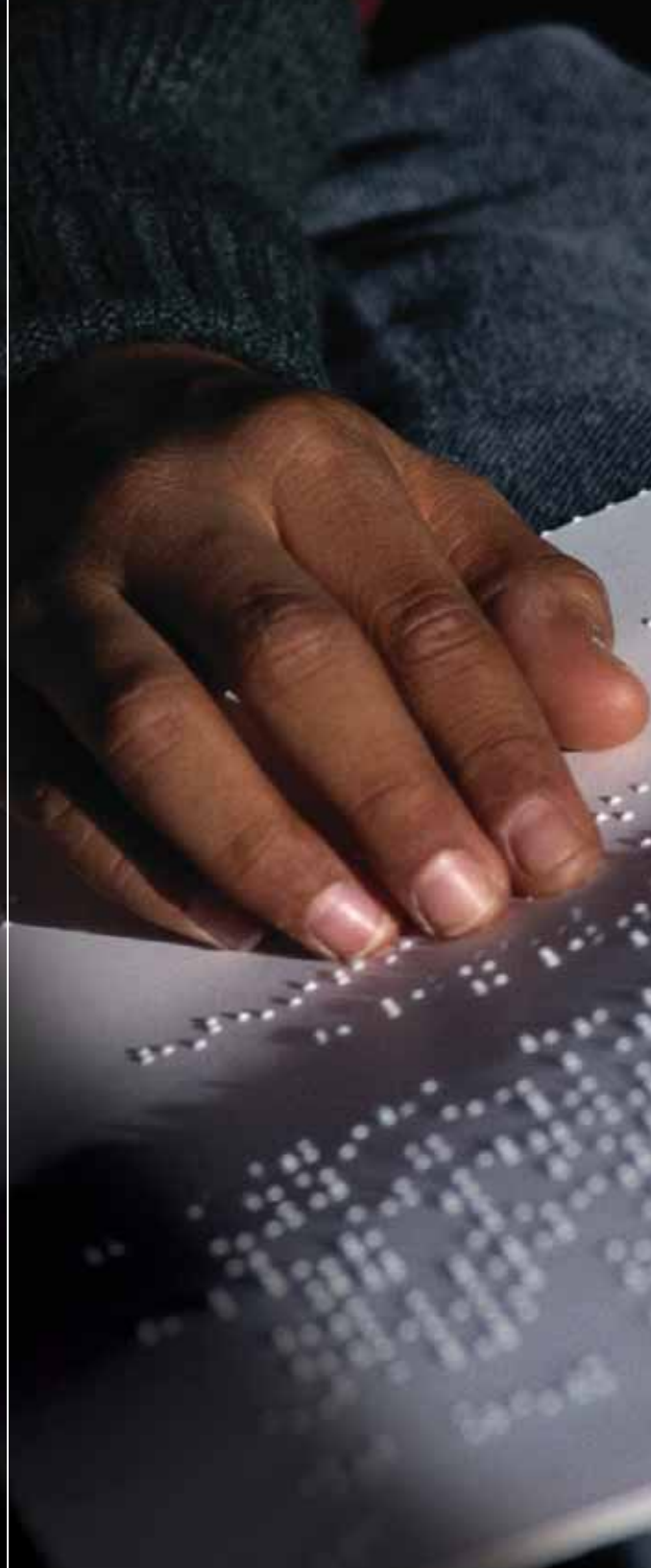
Unfortunately, most special education trainings for principals start and end with a focus on legal compliance and do not give leaders what they really need: practical solutions that will result in higher achievement for all students.

To meet this need, the National Institute for School Leadership (NISL) has created a two-day program based on extensive research that offers principals training that focuses on improving instruction for students with disabilities.

This Institute gives principals the capacity to develop and implement a schoolwide action plan that puts students with disabilities on a solid path toward proficiency and productive lives.

RESEARCH: EFFECTIVE LEADERS CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BY:

- ▲ *Providing ongoing professional development for special education teachers.*
- ▲ *Integrating students with disabilities into regular classes.*
- ▲ *Promoting early identification and referral of special education students.*
- ▲ *Maintaining strong lines of communication with parents.*
- ▲ *Supporting collaboration between special education and general education teachers.*



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RESEARCH-BASED APPROACH

To date, NISL has trained over 3,000 principals nationwide. This includes statewide implementation of NISL training in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

The Leadership Series is built on the success of NISL's flagship program — an 18-month Executive Development Program for school leaders. That program is based on the success of a five-year, \$11 million research and development effort — funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York, The Broad Foundation, the New Schools Venture Fund, and the Stupski Foundation — to capture the best practices from the fields of medicine, law, education, business, and the military.

The Leadership Series Institutes incorporate the best practices in adult learning from NISL's full program. Case studies, interactive computer-based activities, and group discussions complement traditional teaching approaches. Most importantly, school leaders leave the Institutes with comprehensive solutions tailored to their specific needs.



PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

Before the course begins, participants conduct in-depth gap analyses of their schools. The Institute then gives principals all the tools they need to succeed in this challenging area of school leadership. Your principals will return to school with the ability to:

- ▲ **Evaluate their school or district's ability to support a complete and inclusive program** for students with disabilities.
- ▲ **Assess the benefits and risks of different approaches** to instruction and inclusion. Leaders will learn more about effective programs for prevention and intervention, as well as the acceleration of students with disabilities.

"NISL has helped us create turnaround artists, and has assisted principals in driving their schools from good to great."

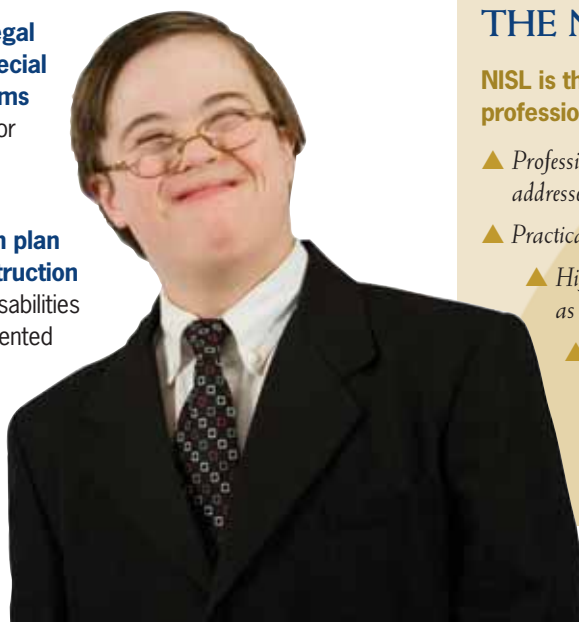
—GERALD ZAHORCHAK
Secretary of Education, Pennsylvania



COST-EFFECTIVE TRAINING

The price of the two-day Leadership for Students with Disabilities Institute is \$15,000. An Institute can accommodate up to 25 participants. NISL can also deliver the Institute to much larger numbers of school leaders by training a select group of leaders in your district or state to deliver the program to their peers utilizing our first-class curriculum.

- ▲ **Understand the legal foundations of special education programs** and the rationales for regulations placed on schools.
- ▲ **Develop an action plan for improving instruction** for students with disabilities that can be implemented immediately.



THE NISL ADVANTAGE

NISL is the national leader in providing high-quality professional development for principals. We offer:

- ▲ *Professional development for special education that addresses teaching and learning.*
- ▲ *Practical solutions based on the latest research.*
 - ▲ *High-quality training materials and curriculum, as well as multimedia and online learning.*
 - ▲ *The ability to roll out training on a large scale with facilitators whom you choose.*
 - ▲ *Strong, experienced faculty members who tailor the Institute to fit the needs of your school leaders.*

“NISL is the best educational experience principals could possibly have. It will enhance their ability to be strong educational leaders, not just building managers or personnel supervisors, but it will get to the core of what they really went into this business for—and that’s to lead instruction and have an impact on student achievement.”

—BERNADETTE BALL-OLIVER, PRINCIPAL
Savannah Chatham County Public Schools,
Savannah, Ga.

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