

Reflective Journal 1

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After our first class in June, I found myself very engaged in the process of educational leadership specifically The Principalship. Professor Reid, though you had lost your voice a bit, I found your discussions to be very interesting as I weighed some of the information against my reality dealing with past and current principals. Our class occurred right before the end of our school year so I had a chance to witness and digest a lot of what we discussed.

During my PDP meeting, which was actually handled very differently than I had ever experienced, my principal sat with me to go over the document. I was so busy finalizing details for my 8th grade class who was moving on to high school that the vital paperwork that others had completed fell to the last days. Though I have a fairly thick skin, I was surprised to hear my principal tell me that she thought I had done a lot this year and to quote her, “too much.” She never formally or in the presence of the school at large thanked me for the extensive work I did on the yearbook (which no one wanted to do). A lot of things helped me see the heart of her character and understand that I must work differently with and for her moving forward. My ideals and morals are still intact, I am just formulating a different approach to dealing with her. I am hoping this class will help me to create a better perspective on my prospective role as an administrator.