

# **High Impact Leadership: How to Regain Your Focus and Defeat the Law of Initiative Fatigue**

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**Brief Description:** What could possibly be wrong with "best practices" – the foundation of many reform programs? Viewed in isolation, each best practice is a sparkling diamond, standing alone casting its brilliance on everyone who sees it. But educational institutions are rarely content to polish a diamond, nurturing the impact of a particularly effective practice for students and schools. Soon after the first diamond is in place, another best practice is added to the mix. Then another, and another, and another, until the diamond is invisible, buried by a nondescript pile of rocks. The stunning evidence is that a best practice can rapidly become an ineffective practice, not because the practice itself was bad, but because any professional practice depends upon the context of support, monitoring, and improvement. This presentation is based on the latest book from Dr. Reeves, "From Leading to Succeeding: The Seven Elements of Effective Educational Leadership" (2016, Solution Tree Press).