

Professional Development for Educators



Take the Next Step in Engaging your *Entire* Learning Community!



Frameworks for **Action**
Advanced **Team Building**
Leadership **Capacity**
Sustain **Student Success**

HOPE Foundation

Where There Is HOPE, Failure Is Not an Option™



about the hope foundation



6 Principles for Sustaining Learning Communities:

- 1 Common mission, vision, values and goals
- 2 Systems for prevention and intervention
- 3 Collaborative teaming for teaching and learning
- 4 Data-driven decision making and continuous improvement
- 5 Active engagement from family and community
- 6 Building sustainable leadership capacity

Award-Winning Schools and Districts of HOPE:

Whittier Primary School

Peoria, IL
2005 Blue Ribbon School winner

Freire Charter School

Philadelphia, PA
Keystone Award for Academic Achievement by Pennsylvania Dept. of Education

Newport News Public Schools

Newport News, VA
All 5 High Schools are among *Newsweek's* top 1,000 High Schools for the 2nd consecutive year

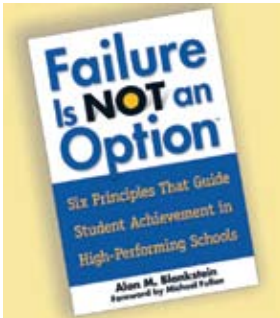
For almost two decades, the HOPE Foundation has led the way in tapping the passion, collective wisdom, and leadership within learning communities to create schools where failure is not an option for *any* student. We do this by helping individuals within the school, district, and region work as a team - one that is collectively focused on success for all students. Beyond test scores, we have helped recreate classroom environments where teachers want to teach and students want to learn.

HOPE works with schools and districts across North America, from urban districts in Virginia to rural elementary schools in California. This work succeeds through our ability to tailor a process-oriented approach which builds on the strengths of each learning community. The *Failure Is Not an Option™* framework dedicates itself to developing the leadership capacity at each school in order to reshape their culture for sustainable student improvement.

The achievement by the schools and districts with whom we work is remarkable. For example, Alton High School in Illinois now has a 95% graduation rate. From 2003 to 2005, Lee Hall Elementary in Newport News, Virginia increased their 5th grade achievement scores by 21 percentage points in Writing, 22 percentage points in Mathematics, and 23 percentage points

in English. Carmi-White High School in rural Illinois used the specific strategies and systems offered by the HOPE Foundation to increase both its Mathematics and Reading scores. Their scores now exceed the state average. The HOPE Foundation is proud to offer the support needed to continue to succeed.

print resources



2005 Book of the Year
National Staff
Development Council

Failure Is Not an Option™: Six Principles that Guide Student Achievement in High-Performing Schools

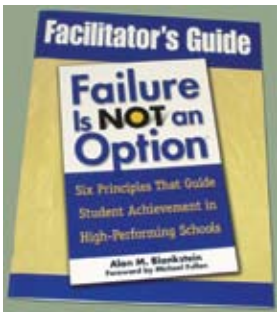
by Alan M. Blankstein
Foreword by Michael Fullan

Drawing on 15 years of practical research and an analysis of 20 high-performing schools and districts, this book is being used in tens of thousands of schools across North America to assure student success through leadership and sustainable learning

communities. Readers will find a detailed set of field-tested processes for recreating these successes in their own schools.

“This is a practical, well formatted book that is intellectually solid, emotionally inspiring, and practically accessible.”

Andy Hargreaves
Thomas More Brennan Chair in Education
Lynch School of Education, Boston College



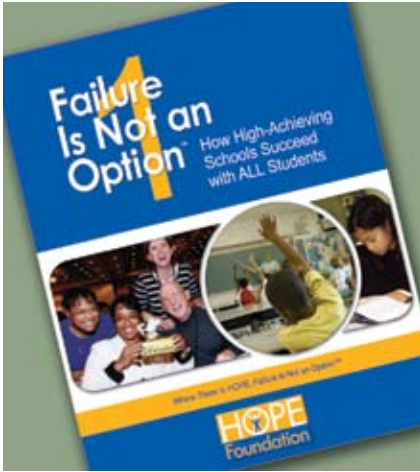
Facilitator's Guide to Failure Is Not an Option™

Designed to be used with Alan M. Blankstein's award-winning best seller, the *Facilitator's Guide to Failure Is Not an Option™* gives staff developers and workshop leaders the tools to facilitate book study groups, seminars, and professional development events. Chapter-by-chapter activities and discussion questions examine the role of a strong

learning community in implementing effective school reform. With this helpful guide, you can effectively lead others through dialogue, reflection, and application. It is an ideal resource for school principals, district administrators, teacher leaders, and educational policy makers, and perfect for groups of any size, small workshops, and large seminars.

dvd/vhs

resources



Failure Is Not an Option™ 1: How High-Achieving Schools Succeed with ALL Students

The resource ***Failure Is Not an Option™ 1: How High Achieving Schools Succeed with ALL Students*** - featuring Rick DuFour, Mike Schmoker, Barbara Eason-Watkins, Jay McTighe, Michael Fullan, and six award-winning principals and their staff - has been used to get entire schools

and districts in sync with the guiding principles of *Failure Is Not an Option™*.

This two-disk DVD or six VHS set captures day-to-day practices, structures, and strategies used by five National Schools of Excellence. The schools featured serve a range of students from various cultures and socio-economic conditions in K-12 settings.

“Failure Is Not an Option™ is something that anyone could use to help get everyone on the same page and increase student achievement. After using [the Failure Is Not an Option™ series], we became one of the few districts in middle Georgia where all of the schools in our district met AYP.”

Harold Johnson
Assistant Principal
Wilkinson County High School, Irwington, GA

Featuring:



**Richard
DuFour**



**Mike
Schmoker**



**Jay
McTighe**



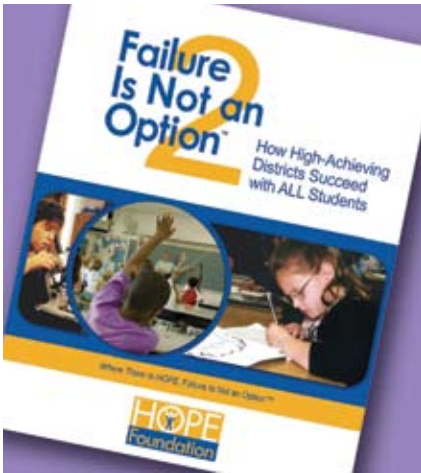
**Barbara
Eason-Watkins**

“The use of district, school, and classroom level personnel adds credibility and makes the discussion of the research real for the typical practitioner. The accompanying guide is good and I can envision a number of ways in which that will be helpful.”

Patricia Burns,
Instructional Services
Lancaster County SD, Lancaster, SC

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Failure Is Not an Option™ 2: How High-Achieving Districts Succeed with ALL Students

This series depicts schools in two award-winning districts as they grapple with and overcome common challenges associated with closing achievement gaps and sustaining student achievement. This practical and informative DVD series provides a compelling follow-up to the best-selling *Failure Is Not an Option™ 1* resource.

In this series you'll see how schools in these two districts were able to:

- Successfully close the achievement gap for demographic subgroups
- Sustain student success among all students
- Use collaborative teaming effectively to close the "teaching gap"
- Use innovative, award-winning means of bringing up the performance of all schools in the district
- Develop leadership capacity at all levels throughout the school and district

"Failure is Not an Option™ helped our staff and school during our redesign efforts. In fact, we based our redesign efforts on the series. It also allowed us to continue to build on the effectiveness of our collaborative teams."

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Diane Curry
Principal
Curry Elementary, Tempe, AZ

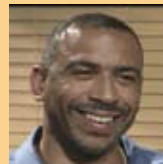
Featuring:



Michael Fullan



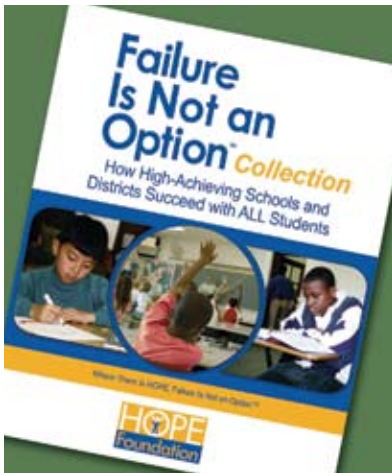
Kati Haycock



Pedro Noguera



Richard Elmore



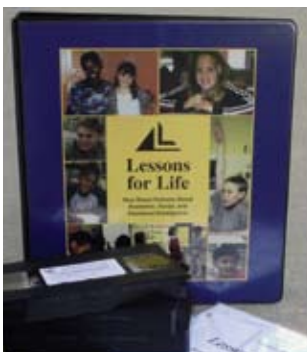
Failure Is Not an Option™ Collection: How High-Achieving Schools and Districts Succeed with ALL Students

This series is the complete guide to sustainable student success, including all of the resources found in **Failure Is Not an Option™ 1** and **2**. It is the ideal way to get the entire staff acquainted with and acting on the *Failure Is Not an Option™* model. The *Collection* features specific frameworks and strategies articulated by

the leading authorities on school reform and demonstrated by award-winning schools and districts.

"I am delighted with the [Failure Is Not an Option™] series and recommend it wholeheartedly... I have used the series to help our district administration understand the process of working to ensure that all of our students can be successful. I use it in council meetings and with teachers and administrators who give me an extremely positive response. The series contributed to the development of our action plans for school improvement."

Cindy Bechinski, Ph.D.
Curriculum Director and Title 1 Director
Moscow School District, Moscow, ID



Lessons for Life: How Smart Schools Boost Academic, Social, and Emotional Intelligence

This series demonstrates how successful schools are re-shaping school cultures through three explicit strategies: **1.** Enhance relationships; **2.** Tap student emotions to increase learning; **3.** Help students develop clear goal-setting strategies. This video resource features **Dan**

Goleman, James Comer, Maurice Elias, and other leaders in the field.

select 2007 events

Institutes



Sedona, AZ
January 24-27, 2007



Florida
February 20-23, 2007

Featured Institute Presenters:

- Alan Blankstein (AZ & FL)
- Victoria Bernhardt (AZ)
- Carolyn Chapman (FL)
- Bob Marzano (FL)
- Pedro Noguera (FL)
- Katherine Perez (AZ)
- Stephen Peters (AZ & FL)
- James Spillane (AZ & FL)
- Carol Ann Tomlinson (AZ)

"HOPE has renewed my desire to teach and to challenge the old ways of doing things. I want to make a difference in the lives of ALL my students."

Priscilla Hollington, Teacher
Orangeburg 5 SD, Orangeburg, SC

Summits



Atlantic City, NJ
February 7-9, 2007



Washington, DC
April 18-20, 2007

Featured Summit Presenters:

- Al Bertani (NJ)
- Alan Blankstein (NJ & DC)
- Jay McTighe (DC)
- Stephen Peters (NJ & DC)
- Deborah Wortham (DC)

"The HOPE leadership conference produced an inspirational research-based environment that fastened team building and creative planning within our leadership team."

Dr. Ronda Adams, Associate Superintendent
Yolo County Office of Education, Woodland, CA

International Conference



Denver, CO
October 23-26, 2007

Featured International Conference Presenters:

- Alan Blankstein
- Andy Hargreaves
- Jay McTighe

For more information or a complete listing of upcoming events, visit our web site.

Where There Is HOPE, Failure Is Not an Option™

“Failure Is Not an Option™ addresses all the elements that are absolutely necessary for effective and enduring educational reform... it is simultaneously inspiring and practical.”

Michael Fullan
Former Dean, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
University of Toronto



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