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“The greatest way for students to gain success is to be challenged.”

WALT GRIFFIN

“Children who are gifted are not gifted every moment of the day. They’re going to have strengths and weaknesses, just like everybody else.”

JEANETTE LUKENS

LESSONS FROM A LEADER

» Students’ Needs Are Paramount

Schools are frequently tied to student placement by their schedule. Build your master schedule around your students’ needs, always.

» Advocate for All Students

Look at the data, make the tough decisions, follow through, and follow up to ensure excellence and equity for all.

» Inspect What You Expect

Monitor and address misconceptions and stereotypes about gifted students and how you deliver gifted services. Take corrective action if you drift off course.