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Reasons teachers leave



Reasons teachers stay

The Irreplaceables:

Building Tomorrow's Irreplaceable, Today

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- **1. Get Teachers Involved by Utilizing Their Interests**
- 2. Plan with Another Principal
- **3. Collaborative Planning/Professional Learning Communities**
- 4. Encourage Small Group Studies
- **5. Plan Vertical Planning Teams**
- 6. Provide School and District-wide Developed Mini-Sessions
- 7. Provide Genuine, Critical Feedback for Growth

IRREPLACEABLES

Low Cost Strategies to Retain IRREPLACEABLES:

FEEDBACK & DEVELOPMENT

RECOGNITION

- 1. Provided me with regular, positive feedback
- 2. Helped me identify areas of development
- 3. Gave me critical feedback about my performance informally
- 4. Recognized my accomplishments publicly
- 5. Informed me that I am high-performing

RESPONSIBILITY & ADVANCEMENT

- 6. Identified opportunities or paths for teacher leader roles
- 7. Put me in charge of something important

RESOURCES

8. Provided me with access to additional resources for my classroom

Top teachers who experience two or more of these retention strategies plan to keep teaching at their schools for nearly twice as long (2-6 more years).



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