"Students perform better when more teachers are like the best teachers more often"

Vic Z'bar - Leading School Improvement

# **The Best Teachers**

### Have a growth mindset

- Believe that intelligence can be developed
- Embrace challenge
- Learn from criticism
- Persist despite obstacles



## **Knowledge** of best practice

### Instructional skills

- Framing questions
- Responding to students
- Modeling
- Checking for understanding

#### **Instructional theories**

- Visible learning
- Project Based learning
- Concept attainment
- Cooperative learning

#### Instructional concepts

- Safety, inclusion, individual accountability, active participation
- Enjoyment of teaching

#### **Instructional tactics**

- Think, pair, share
- Graphic organisers, and others
- Rank ladder
- Concept Map, and others

#### Lemov's high expectations

- No opt out
- Right is right
- Without apology
- Stretch it

#### **Instructional organisers**

- Blooms taxonomy
- SOLO

# **Best practice**

- Fosters a safe and accountable learning environment
- A variety of instructional strategies and tactics are visible
- A range of instructional skills are applied to push high order thinking
- There is a shared instructional framework
- Informed by analysis of student achievement data
- Informed by collaboration with peers

## **Resourcing** for best practice

- Materials and space to deliver lessons
- Opportunities to reflect, evaluate and share practice
- A collegiate learning community
- Leaders that support and also have instructional knowledge
- Training coaching and modeling of best practice with and by peers