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Act on Your Values

I'd like to suggest to you, just in case you haven't done it lately, that this would be a good time to find out what your values are, and then figure out how you're going to be able to live by them. Knowing what you are about and then devoting yourself to it is just about the only way you're going to be able to have a sense of purpose in your life.

—Alan Alda

Leaders' values are the touchstone of their most important decisions and actions. Leaders who know what is important to them and to their school communities can provide consistency of purpose across the months and years that significant improvements require. Because what is important evolves based on life experience and learning, effective leaders periodically assess and affirm their bedrock values.

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Today I will list my five most important personal values and five most important professional values and determine an action I will take today in support of one or more of those values.