

Abstract

A Online Model for Preparing School Business Officials

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Although there is keen competition for public school teaching and administrative positions in many areas, there is a serious need for well-prepared school business leader. That need has become especially critical as schools are being forced to meet higher standards with diminished resources. The proposed presentation will focus on the preparation of individuals to assume leadership roles as business officials in public school districts. The model suggested will be one that is offered online in a combination of synchronous and asynchronous sessions. A portion of the presentation will also focus on the different types of preparation required by those seeking positions as business officials that already have public school experience, compared to those seeking such positions that have worked outside of education. Since the model has been implemented in both traditional and online formats, the advantages and disadvantages of each format will be discussed. The author has served as the coordinator of a program for school business leaders and continues as an adjunct professor. He also has extensive experience as a superintendent of schools.