

HIGH RELIABILITY SCHOOLS



In January 2019, the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) sent copies of the books, **Leading a High Reliability School** and **A Handbook for High Reliability Schools** to each school district. Every superintendent and building principal were provided with a copy of each book! Dr. Robert Marzano and his colleagues developed this research based framework for creating a High Reliability School (HRS).

The book distribution was just the beginning! In February 2019, districts and campuses were given the opportunity to collect feedback from their stakeholders using the Level 1 HRS Survey. The survey and results were digitally delivered directly to the schools who participated. If you didn't get a chance to participate in the Level 1 HRS Survey, that opportunity is being offered again in October 2019.

Your school and/or district can participate in a variety of ways:

- 1) Copy and distribute the surveys in the handbook and then aggregate your own data.
- 2) Work with your Educational Service Cooperatives to access the google form version of the surveys.
- 3) Contract with Marzano Resources to have the surveys distributed and aggregated for you by emailing Christina.hankins@marzanoresources.com.
- 4) Use the forthcoming ADE process to be posted at Dese.ade.arkansas.gov. Look for High Reliability Schools under the Topics section.

The survey results provide perceptual data regarding a school's safe and collaborative culture. DESE is partnering with Marzano Resources to lead the process of interpreting data. The work sessions for this interpretation will be available throughout the state on different days in September, October and December assuring leaders get the chance to attend a session.

As we move forward with this exciting and innovative project, additional information and updates will be posted on DESE's website. We will also be posting updates, reminders, dates, locations and more on DESE's social media platforms!

Do not miss this opportunity! The work we are doing now will have an impact on the future of our schools and our students.

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