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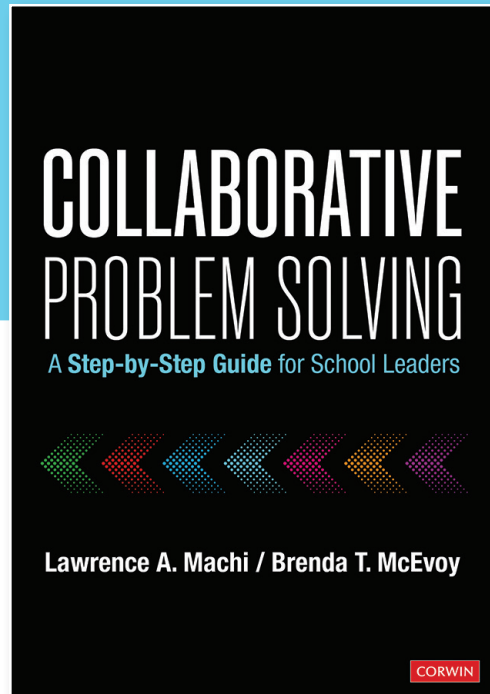
A Step-by-Step Guide for School Leaders

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Schools are complex places where problems come in all shapes and sizes, and where decisions impact students' lives. Leading groups in solving these problems sometimes can be a daunting task. **Collaborative Problem Solving** outlines a process to help veteran and new leaders alike to create thoughtful, organized, and collaborative solutions for the simple to the most difficult problems they face.

Rooted in theory, this comprehensive guide presents a seven-step process that addresses all types of problems. Each chapter outlines the tasks and procedures required to successfully navigate each step, while providing helpful analogies and illustrations, alongside common foibles and fumbles leaders should avoid. Additional features include:

- An explanation of participatory problem-solving

- Prerequisites for successful collaboration and rules for collaborative leaders

- Task Cue Cards that offer facilitation lesson plans to approach each step in the process

- A Problem Solver's Toolbox that covers meeting designs, roles, communication strategies, and more

- An annotated guide for further reading, providing a wealth of additional information and resources

Practical and relevant, this book is a user-friendly manual for school leaders seeking to employ a problem-solving process that works so that they and their teams can feel confident their efforts will result in a successful resolution.

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