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Grounded in real stories and deep empathy, this book offers both practical strategies and moral clarity for those striving to do right by learners in polarized times. It is an essential companion for anyone committed to leading with courage, compassion, and vision.

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Taming the Turbulence in Educational Leadership

Doing Right by Learners Without Losing Your Job

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The pressures of today's political and cultural climate have created unprecedented roadblocks for school leaders striving to ensure success for all students. With mounting challenges from communities, conservative legislation, and misconceptions about student-centered instruction and inclusion efforts, leaders often feel isolated and threatened in their efforts to prioritize what learners need most.

Drawing on interviews with 67 education leaders around the world, *Taming the Turbulence in Educational Leadership* is a practical handbook, offering strategies to drive equity-focused and student-centered transformation, even in the face of opposition. Additional features include

- Approaches to foster trust and build relationships across the campus and community to overcome resistance
- Strategies to leverage data; include learner, teacher, and parent voices; and use intentional communication for effective decision-making
- Tools for preparing teachers, adapting systems, and protecting staff as they implement equity-centered initiatives
- Protocols, reflective questions, and worksheets to help schools determine readiness and create actionable plans

Rooted in real-world stories, this book offers solidarity and actionable strategies to education leaders committed to centering the needs of all learners in increasingly polarized societies.