

Symposium I

Understanding Power

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“To be human is to be immersed in power dynamics.”

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Traditionally, power has been construed as having influence or control over money, information and decision making. A more desirable model is rooted in intelligence, responsibility and cooperation.

For educators, power can be elusive and enigmatic. Knowing more about power as a positive influence and how to use it in acceptable and appropriate ways is a valuable resource to enhance and enrich a teacher's or an administrator's role.

- How can we better understand power and its dynamics?
- For the good of others and our organization, how might we develop a greater sense of our own personal power?
- Can we learn to exercise different types of power through conscious attention and awareness of our motivations, choices and outcomes?
- How do we interpret the power of paradox—advancing the interests of the greater good in a socially intelligent fashion and then acting irresponsibly through deception, coercion or undue force?
- How can we promote the responsible use of power to advance peaceful and safe 'playgrounds' and societies built on cooperation and trust?

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Dr. Gruber has spent a lifetime in independent schools—as teacher, coach, department head, head of school, parent, trustee and grandparent. In addition, he has taught in universities, co-authored a book on adolescence, and published another on choosing the right school for your child.

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