



## Dr. Peter DeWitt

Peter DeWitt (Ed.D.) is a former school principal in Upstate, NY who previously taught elementary school for eleven years. In 2014 he became an independent consultant and added the titles of **Visible Learning Certified Trainer** and **Jim Knight Certified Trainer** to his long and accomplished career to date. His syndicated weekly blog ***Finding Common Ground*** is published by *Education Week* and he is a freelance writer for *Vanguard Magazine*.

Peter has traveled the world, developing content, visiting school sites, influencing policy and presenting with Dr. John Hattie at numerous *Visible Learning*/Corwin Institutes. In New Zealand he worked with Cognition Education and Deb Masters, where he spent time visiting *Visible Learning* Schools and meeting with the New Zealand Ministry. Peter has participated in keynotes and facilitated workshops based on Hattie's research for the Council of Chief State School Officials (CCSSO), Broward County School (FL) leadership teams, and internationally including in London (with Sir Michael Barber), Sweden and Denmark.

Additionally, Peter has presented at state and national conferences around the U.S. including the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Conference in 2012, 2013 and 2014, and the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Conference in 2015 and 2016. His presentations focus on leadership, school climate, struggling learners, and educational technology as well as safeguarding LGBT students and other social justice topics. Peter is a regular commentator on the BAM Radio Network where he discusses leadership and educational issues.

Peter did his doctoral dissertation on the subject of safeguarding LGBT students at Sage College of Albany. His book *Dignity for All: Safeguarding LGBT Students* was published by Corwin Press in March of 2012. He is a consulting editor and visionary for the Connected Educator Series (Corwin Press, Fall 2014). Peter's *Flipped Leadership Doesn't Mean Reinventing the Wheel* (Corwin Press, Connected Educator Series) and *Climate Change: How Do I Foster a More Inclusive School Climate* (ASCD, Fall 2014) were huge successes. His newest bestselling book (Corwin Press, Sept. 2016), ***Collaborative Leadership: Six Influences That Matter Most*** includes a 3-page Foreword by Dr. Hattie. \*\*

Peter's articles have appeared in education journals at the state, national and international level. He has written for *Principal Magazine*, *Education Week*, *Educational Leadership*, *The Huffington Post*, *ASCD Whole Child*, *Connected Principals*, *Teaching Tolerance*, *Smartblogs*, PBS and *ASCD Express*. He has been interviewed by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), the National Education Association (NEA), the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), PBS and ABCnews.com.

### Testimonials

"Our district has embarked on a multi-year commitment to infuse the Hattie research and practice of *Visible Learning* into our classrooms. As such, we recognize the importance of helping our leaders become expert at providing meaningful feedback that will enhance

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instructional strategy. Our entire district leadership team engaged in a workshop led by Peter DeWitt on the topic of feedback. Peter was well-prepared, engaging, thoughtful and thorough in his workshop. He spent a great deal of time prior to the workshop understanding where we were in the process and our needs to move forward. His workshop was informative and engaging and as such very relevant to our leaders. Peter received among the highest ratings we have seen for leadership workshops. He has the unique combination of credibility as a practitioner and the skills of a seasoned presenter. It is my sincere hope that Peter will return in the near future.” --  
**Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Superintendent, Williamsburg-James City County School District Williamsburg, Virginia**

“Peter DeWitt was a charismatic and engaging presenter. His belief in Instructional Coaching was apparent in his positive energy and passion about Jim Knight’s Coaching Model. His energy inspired the staff to create a book club to continue the momentum as the district moves toward implementing the IC model. Peter has provided follow up support to the district by answering questions through email and Twitter. We look forward to the continued partnership with Peter as we embark on this endeavor.” --**Jennifer Dale, Ed.D. Coordinator of Instruction – Special Education, Worcester School District, MD**

“Peter DeWitt, Ed.D provided the keynote for Wildwood’s opening day of school this year. He made the presentation and team building activity positive and relevant by sharing with staff the good reputation we have in the community. He tailored the presentation to show how our present structures can help us to foster student growth with all of our students which are predominantly hard to reach given our mission and the population we educate. He also gave us some insight into how our personalities and perceptions can be an advantage to how we operate as teams and in our professional learning communities. Dr. DeWitt was engaging and effective throughout the presentation and set the tone not only for our staff days but for the whole school year.” --**Cheryl Marcella, School Leader, Wildwood School, Niskayuna, NY**