Preface

You have been a successful teacher for a number of years but are ready for a change. After all, you want to keep yourself motivated and fresh. You might be looking for a different school or planning to challenge yourself with a new subject or level. Perhaps you wish to step into the role of administrator or contribute your talents to a specialized field, such as staff development. In any event, you probably feel the need to brush up on your job-seeking skills... if you are smart, that is. Even though you already have your foot in the door as an experienced teacher, you will find a lot of competition these days for the jobs within school systems. Do not despair. *The Teacher's Guide to Successful Job Transfers and Promotions* will remind you of all those techniques you used in getting your current job as well as give you some new ideas.

This book leads you through the transfer or promotion process step-by-step. Chapters 1 and 2 help you clearly define your goal and get the big picture of what you need to do to make your dream a reality. Chapters 3 through 5 help you put together the tools you need to make your dream come true. Then Chapters 6 through 10 prepare you for a memorable and successful interview. The final chapter helps you launch into your new job.

Regardless of whether your plan is to continue teaching in another setting or transition to another type of position in education, *The Teacher's Guide to Successful Job Transfers and Promotions* is a valuable resource to help you meet your goals. You might want to read straight through, cover to cover, or sample parts that seem most clearly to fit your current

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needs. *The Teacher's Guide to Successful Job Transfers and Promotions* will help you move logically, with as little frustration as possible, through the process of finding and getting your dream job. Relax and enjoy the journey as you begin your successful job transition.

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