

**Take the Power! Make the Change!**  
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Teachers  
Counselors  
Principals  
Policy Makers  
Remember who you are.  
Why **you** do what **you** do.

Is it for the big money?  
Go on, you can laugh or cry.  
That was a joke!

Is it for power?  
Well, depends on the power!  
Power to make a difference? **Yes!**  
Power to instill knowledge? **Yes!**  
Power to be a guiding light? **Yes!**  
Power to help students grow and discover? **Yes!**  
Power to connect with and enhance the community? **Yes!**  
Power to motivate students to pursue their dreams. **Yes!**  
Power to grow schools? **Yes!**

How do you get the power that you need?  
You must not sit quietly!  
You **cannot** wait!  
You **must** not be slow!  
You must **accelerate!**  
You must **persist.**

Accelerate what?  
Change, of course.

You say you want change?  
Then it's up to you.  
The changes you make,  
Depend on what you do.  
The little word DO is bigger than it looks.  
It's what you DO on the job,  
and what DO for the change.

Are you a policy maker?  
Study, research, inquire.  
Then make the necessary changes.  
You **must** persist.

Are you a school principal?  
Observe, inquire, enlist.  
**Share** your needs,  
then **push** for change.  
You must **persist**.

Are you a teacher?  
Are you a counselor?  
**Do what you do best.**  
Instill, develop, inspire,  
Boost, motivate, build.  
You **must** persist.

**You** know what needs changing.  
You see it every day.  
When teachers transform children  
they accelerate change in society,  
**and** in the world.

Teachers, Counselors, Principals, Policy Makers  
Your **mind must** be **set** on your goals.  
**You** must be the changemakers.  
If **you** don't, who will?  
The change **must** be **significant**.  
The change **must** be **meaningful**.  
You must **accelerate** the transformation.  
You must be **persistent**.

Our children are depending **on you!**  
**Take the power! Make the change!**  
Go on DO what **You DO!**