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Saying 'teaching matters most' is easy, and seems obvious. Making it the top priority for school leaders and staff is not so easy - in fact, it's messy. If we want to change how students write, compute, and think, then teachers must change how they teach. They must transform the old 'assign-and-assess' model into engaging, compassionate, coherent, and rigorous instruction. The authors show school leaders how to make this happen amidst myriad distractions, initiatives, and interruptions.
