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Reallocating Resources:  
How to Boost Student Achievement  
Without Asking for More

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***Chapter Two:***  
***Defining the New Education Strategy***

The hallmark of a successful school is a powerful educational strategy. These decisions will direct program restructuring and resource allocation.

The key to high performance is:

- curriculum
  - instructional programs
  - approach to struggling students
  - professional development
1. Selecting the Core Curriculum and Instructional Program - Needs to be linked to district and state standards, and needs to equip teachers with the ability to help students achieve.
    - What is taught accounts for the major differences in student achievement
    - You can select a packaged plan, grow your own, or pick programs by content area only.
  2. A Strategy for Struggling Students
    - Tutoring, small class sizes
  3. Teacher Professional Development
    - Create time for teachers to learn new practices with their colleagues; this will allow them to improve their overall instructional practice
    - Try to get teachers who are dually certified in the future, perhaps regular education and special education
  4. Summary
    - Most schools need to make heavy monetary and time investments in professional development
    - Professional development is not an add-on or an afterthought... it is important enough to garner significant funds

- Training on how to do the new strategy
- On-going training