Differences and Similarities between Concepts of Good, Great, and Leading Teacher

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Abstract : Good, great, and leading teachers are experienced and respected role models, who are innovative, organized, collaborative, trustworthy, and confident facilitators of learning. They model integrity, have strong interpersonal and communication skills, display the highest level of professionalism, a commitment to students, and expertise, and demonstrate a passion for student learning while taking the initiative as influential change agents. Usually, we call them teacher(s) leaders by integrating three notions such as good, great, and leading in a one-teacher leader. Here are described essences of three concepts: 'good teacher,' 'great teacher,' and teacher leader' as they are inseparable in teaching practices, teacher's professional life, and educational interactions with students, fellow teachers, school administration, students' families and school communities.

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