Leadership is the key to successful schools. You've chosen *Responsive Classroom* as a school-wide approach to transform academic, social, and emotional learning. We're excited to partner with you as you lead schoolwide implementation of the *Responsive Classroom* approach. These steps will assist you with creating successful *Responsive Classroom* leadership.

1. **Prepare to lead the change—create a Responsive Classroom leadership team.** Who will assist you in leading *Responsive Classroom* implementation throughout the school?

2. **Connect *Responsive Classroom* implementation with the school vision.**

   a. **Establish a clear purpose:** Reflect on the current reality and the school vision for success.

      Taking stock: What strengths and challenges currently exist in the school?

      School vision: What is the vision for success for the school?

   b. **Connect the *Responsive Classroom* approach to the school vision:** In what ways do the current reality and the school vision for success connect with the vision of the *Responsive Classroom* approach? ("Research Overview" and "The Responsive Classroom Approach")

3. **Develop a communication plan.** Success with schoolwide implementation of *Responsive Classroom* includes communicating the need for the approach and the desired outcomes with key stakeholders. Resources for communication about *Responsive Classroom* implementation include the *Responsive Classroom* Staff Meeting Plan, printable resources, and information for parents.

4. **Generate excitement for the upcoming training and *Responsive Classroom* implementation.** Choose the option that works best for you and your school.

   a. **Option One:** Use "Responsive Classroom Introduction Staff Meeting" to introduce the Responsive Classroom approach to staff. For staff with previous training in *Responsive Classroom*, reorient them to the school vision and anchor their involvement in the schoolwide training.

   b. **Option Two:** Communicate the upcoming Responsive Classroom training through an email or newsletter by using *"The Responsive Classroom Approach"* overview article and communicating the purpose for bringing the training to the school.

5. **Develop a plan for after the training.**

   a. **Use the** "Leading for Schoolwide Social, Emotional, and Academic Learning with Responsive Classroom" guide to direct implementation steps.

   b. **Schedule the Consultation Observation Feedback Visit** in order to begin the Kaleidoscope goal-setting process.