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### Editorial Review

#### Review

"Beginning teacher education students (and their teachers!) should be excited to encounter this commonsensical, eminently readable account of how they might teach, and the reasons for doing it that way.  
—R.R. Sherman, emeritus, University of Florida **Highly Recommended**

#### From the Inside Flap

#### Making Learning Whole

"One summer I participated in Little League baseball . . . Baseball for me was a triumph of mediocrity. I wasn't especially good at it but I wasn't awful either . . . In the years since those days I've come to an odd conclusion about those early learning experiences: The results were only so-so but the process was pretty good . . . It was pretty good because from the beginning I built up a feel for the whole game. I knew what hitting the ball or missing the ball got you. I knew about scoring runs and keeping score. I knew what I had to do to do well, even though I only pulled it off part of the time. I saw how it fit together."

—from the Introduction In *Making Learning Whole*, David Perkins—a noted authority on teaching and learning and senior co-director of Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education—introduces a new, practical, and research-based framework for teaching. Using learning the game of baseball as a metaphor, Perkins illustrates how teaching any subject at any grade level can be made more effective if students are introduced to the "whole game," rather than isolated pieces of a discipline.

Filled with real-world examples, *Making Learning Whole* describes how learning can be organized for deep and lasting impact by using these seven principles:

- Play the Whole Game
- Make the Game Worth Playing
- Work on the Hard Parts
- Play Out of Town
- Uncover the Hidden Game
- Learn from the Team
- Learn the Game of Learning

At the end of each chapter, Perkins includes "Wonders of Learning," a summary of the key ideas and "I wonder . . ." questions, which can be answered in real contexts of teaching and learning.

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#### Praise for *Making Learning Whole*

"David Perkins is one of the great teachers of our time. In this insight-filled book, you can learn how he

achieves his educational goals and how you can achieve yours as well."

—**Howard Gardner**, Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education; author, *Five Minds for the Future*

"An instant classic! *Making Learning Whole* will be used for decades by those interested in a framework for making classrooms better places for learning."

—**Gary S. Stager**, Ph.D., executive director, The Constructivist Consortium

"A must-read for those serious about transforming education to prepare our youth for success in a rapidly changing world."

—**Dr. Jayne H. Mohr**, associate superintendent, Traverse City (Michigan) Area Public Schools

"David Perkins goes straight to the heart of the matter. Every educator should read this book, and so should policymakers whose work influences whether and how we can finally make school learning whole."

—**Linda Darling-Hammond**, Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education, Stanford University

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