# WELead® Monthly Brief

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Member's Month Meeting January 10, 2026

WE Lead Litchfield, SC March 19-20, 2026





#### ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP: HOW WOMEN CAN LEAD THROUGH UNCERTAINTY

When life gets ambiguous, adaptive leadership becomes critical. Being an effective leader amid uncertainty requires intentionality. There's a moment of truth that comes when you're leading through tough places, whether you're facing tariffs, a global pandemic, a corporate takeover or any other challenge. Having a North Star will help you and your team adapt.

Adaptive leadership has been top-of-mind among female executives... Here are eight ways to practice adaptive leadership and prepare for the inevitable changes and challenges your organization will face in uncertain times. Continue reading...

Maria Doughty/SmartBrief

### BETTER LEADERS MAKE BETTER SCHOOLS

Going back to well before I penned Cage-Busting Leadership in 2012, I've been interested in what it takes for K-12 leaders to drive meaningful change. Such questions loom larger than ever given stagnant achievement, staffing challenges, the emergence of AI, and more. Well, one scholar I find consistently insightful on this count is Harvard University's Liz City. She's co-authored books like Data Wise, Meeting Wise, and Strategy in Action and has taught or mentored thousands of educational leaders. With Rachel Curtis, former assistant superintendent for teaching and learning at the Boston Public Schools, Liz has just published a new book, Leading Strategically: Achieving Ambitious Goals in Education. I reached out, curious to hear what's on their mind. Here's what Liz had to say.. Read the interview...

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## **HOW WOMEN LEADERS ARE** REDESIGNING THE RULES OF LEADERSHIP

We are entering a new age of leadership. One of the biggest changes we're seeing is the influence of women at the top tiers of corporate management. In 2023, the number of women leading Fortune 500 companies reached an all-time high of 52 (10.4% of the total). The best part? Women-led organizations consistently outperform those led by men.. Continue reading...