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In 2003 Dr. McLeod and his CASTLE co-director, [Dr. Joan Hughes](#), created the country's first graduate program designed to prepare technology-savvy school leaders. Since then he has worked with a number of corporate and organizational partners to move schools into the 21st century. Partners and supporters of CASTLE's work have included [Microsoft](#), [IBM](#), the [National School Boards Association](#), the [National Association of Secondary School Principals](#), the [International Society for Technology in Education](#), the [Consortium for School Networking](#), and the [George Lucas Educational Foundation](#). In addition to his technology leadership work, Dr. McLeod has helped numerous school organizations survive and thrive in today's data-driven accountability environment.

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