

Authors and Research

Big Ideas Learning is pleased to introduce a new, research-based K–8 series, ***Big Ideas Math®: Modeling Real Life***. Written by renowned authors Dr. Ron Larson and Dr. Laurie Boswell, this series uses an exploratory approach to engage students' inquiring minds through rich explorations and in-class problem solving. With one voice from Grade K through Grade 8, students make connections through cohesive progressions and consistent, dependable instruction.

The pedagogical approach used in this program follows the best practices outlined in the most prominent and widely accepted educational research including John Hattie's *Visible Learning*, NCTM's *Principles to Actions*, Jo Boaler's *Mathematical Mindsets*, Wiggins and McTighe's *Understanding by Design*, and others.

We created Big Ideas Math because we recognized the need for a truly balanced approach to learning, using discovery learning and scaffolded instruction.

—Ron Larson, Ph.D.



Ron Larson, Ph.D., is well known as the lead author of a comprehensive program for mathematics that spans school mathematics and college courses. He holds the distinction of Professor Emeritus from Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, where he taught for nearly 40 years. He received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Colorado. Dr. Larson's numerous professional activities keep him actively involved in the mathematics education community and allow him to fully understand the needs of students, teachers, supervisors, and administrators.

Students go deeper in their learning when they are motivated to dig in. My passion is to provide effective ways for teachers to begin each lesson.

—Laurie Boswell, Ed.D.



Laurie Boswell, Ed.D., is the former Head of School at Riverside School in Lyndonville, Vermont. In addition to textbook authoring, she provides mathematics consulting and embedded coaching sessions. Dr. Boswell received her Ed.D. from the University of Vermont in 2010. She is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching and is a Tandy Technology Scholar. Laurie has taught math to students at all levels, elementary through college. In addition, Laurie has served on the NCTM Board of Directors and as a Regional Director for NCSM. Along with Ron, Laurie has co-authored numerous math programs and has become a popular national speaker.