

# Preface

## *About This Book*

**T**his book aims to bring together some of the enduring themes and most significant work of Robert J. Sternberg and his collaborators at the Center for the Psychology of Abilities, Competencies, and Expertise (PACE), a center originally at Yale University and now at Tufts University. The book offers a rationale and suggestions for K–12 instruction and assessment based on Sternberg’s theories, and the empirical work based on these theories, to foster in students the capacity for wise, successfully intelligent, and creative learning, problem solving, and living. This book represents an overview of roughly a dozen years of collaborations with teachers in different grade levels all across the United States and abroad. We are grateful to all the collaborators we have had over the years, and dedicate this book to the teachers with whom we have worked.

The book comprises five main parts, providing (1) an introduction, (2) a guide on how to teach for successful intelligence, (3) a guide on how to assess for successful intelligence, (4) a guide on how to teach and assess for wise thinking, and, finally, (5) a synthesis to show how you can bring it all together in your classroom. In each chapter, you will find an overview of the concepts (e.g., successful intelligence, principles for sound assessment, wisdom), followed by concrete, hands-on examples of how *you* can implement these ideas in your classroom. Each part ends with a “your turn” space for you to reflect on and apply what you have just learned in that part. Yes, we will put you to work and ask you to respond to the book!

We hope that you will find this book to be a helpful and inspiring resource.