

# Betekenis geven aan schoolfeedback. Welke attributies maken leraren en schoolleiders?

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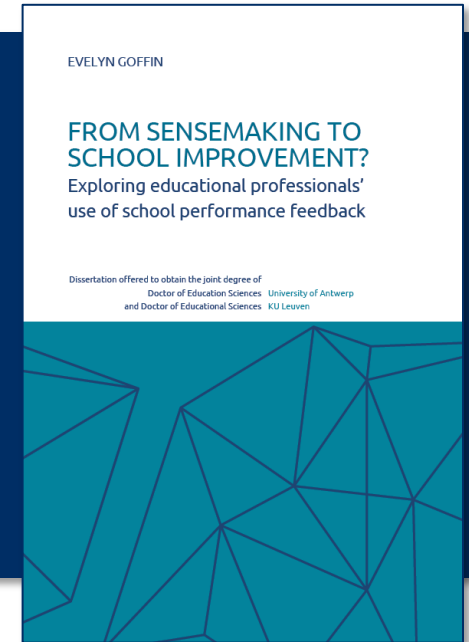
## FROM SENSEMAKING TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT?

Exploring educational professionals'  
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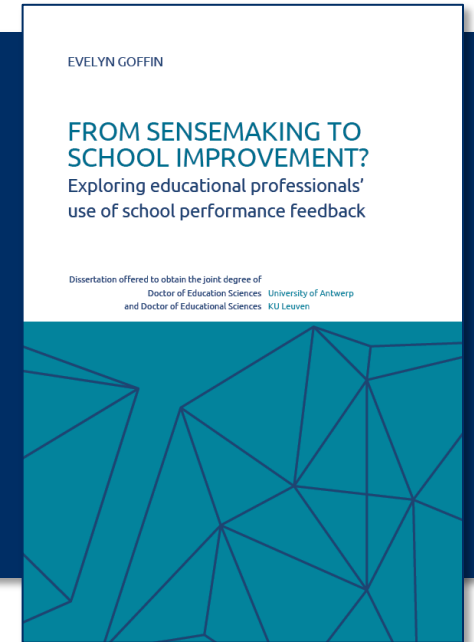
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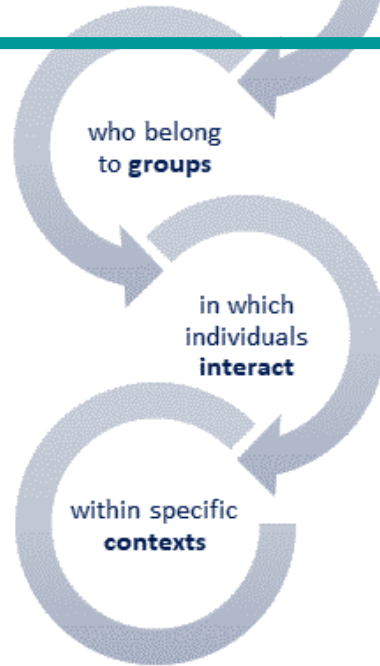
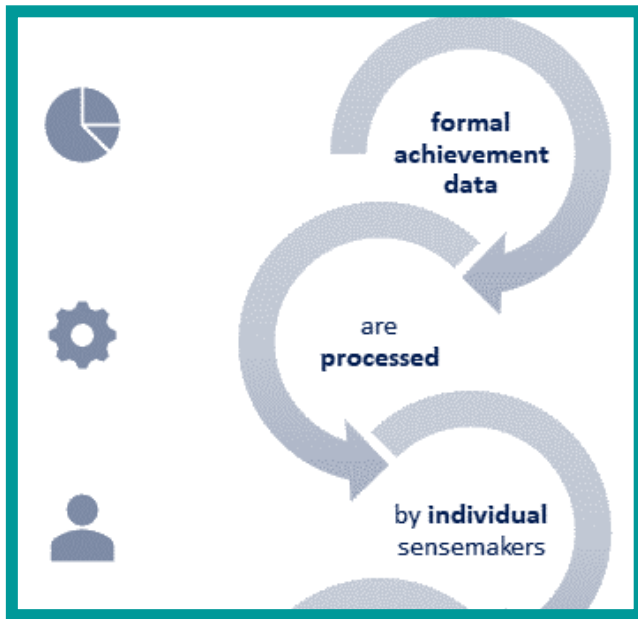


- Data-geïnfomeerd werken
- Schoolfeedback
- Informatiegebruik (schoolfeedbackgebruik) is geen lineair, vanzelfsprekend proces
- Conceptueel kader betekenisgeving (*sensemaking*)
- Empirisch onderzoek in de context van de Vlaamse peilingen

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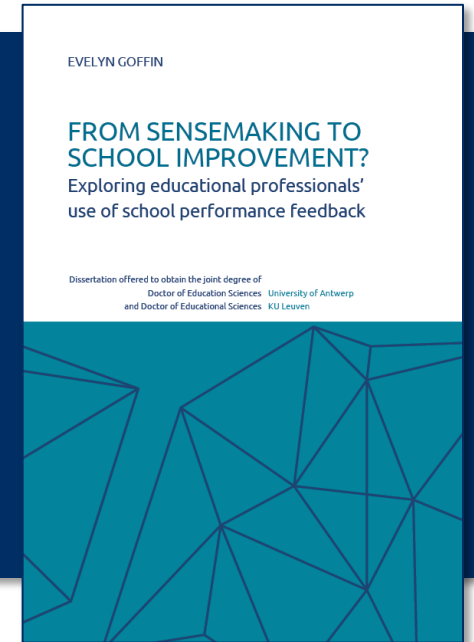




- What raw data mean is not given but constructed.
- Different types of data have different modal affordances.
- Different types of data require and activate different sensemaking processes.
- Data systems have interpretive flexibility.
  
- Sensemaking is a phase in the data use cycle.
- Sensemaking is fundamentally interpretive.
- Sensemaking is not necessarily a rational affair.
  
- Sensemaking is rooted in identity-construction.
- Personal beliefs and assumptions shape sensemaking.
- Sensemaking requires human capacity.
  
- Interpretive sensemaking processes are shaped by the social environment of the sensemaker.
- Factors that influence individual sensemaking, also play a role in group-level sensemaking.
- Organizational conditions impact individual and collective sensemaking at the local level.
  
- Collective sensemaking takes shape in routines.
- Collective sensemaking entails meaning negotiation and co-construction.
- Leaders act as sensegivers.
  
- School-external protocols, interventions and policies shape sensemaking.
- System-level policies are mediated by local sensemakers and sensegivers.
- System-level policies shape local discourse and day-to-day practice.
- Sensemaking is a key to understand why data produce (un)expected and (non)normative outcomes.

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# Probleemstelling

- **Schoolfeedback als spiegel**
- **Diagnose stellen is cruciaal onderdeel van betekenisgeving**

## **Attributie**

Oorzaken aanduiden:

wat gaat goed en moet behouden blijven,  
wat kan beter en moet aangepast worden

- **Input | Output | Proces | Context**

# Probleemstelling

Looking at **internal factors and dynamics**  
is a way of taking **responsibility**  
for student outcomes,  
and is (believed to be) more productive  
in identifying **areas for improvement**

(Schildkamp et al., 2016; Wang & Hall, 2018)



# Onderzoeksvragen

- **RQ1** To which internal and external factors do teachers and school leaders attribute their school's performance on an external assessment?
- **RQ2** Do attributions differ according to the attributor's work role (i.e., teachers versus school leaders)?
- **RQ3** Do attributions differ according to attributors' perceived favorability of the result?

# Theoretisch kader

- **Betekenisgeving**

Rol van persoonlijke referentiekaders

- **Attributietheorie**

*Weiner's attribution-based theory of motivation* (Weiner, 1985, 2010)

>> Locus of causality | Controllability | Stability

>> Intrapersoonlijke en interpersoonlijke attributie

- **Feedbacktheorieën**

Rol van gepercipieerde 'gunstigheid'?

# Theoretisch kader

## ▪ Attributional models

Leerlingen            *extern*

Toets                 *extern / intern*

Klas(praktijk)       *intern / extern*

School(beleid)      *intern / extern*

# Aanpak

- **Kwalitatieve aanpak**
- **Semi-gestructureerde interviews incl. think-aloud**  
Focus op authentieke schoolfeedbackrapporten | Focustoets
- **22 interviews**  
Schoolleiders en leraren uit 13 basisscholen  
Scoreprofielen

Profile	Criterion	Norm	School	Participant	Role	
A	high	higher	01	Valerie	leader	
				Sandra	<b>teacher</b>	
			02	Rebecca	<b>teacher</b>	
				03	Paula	leader
				04	Frank	leader
	Natalie	<b>teacher</b>				
B	high	lower	05	Jenny	leader	
				Melanie	leader	
				Laura	<b>teacher</b>	
			06	Heidi	<b>teacher</b>	
				07	Gina	leader
				Erika	<b>teacher</b>	
			08	Isaac	leader	
			C	low	higher	09
Oscar	<b>teacher</b>					
10	Denise	leader				
	Quentin	<b>teacher</b>				
D	low	lower	11	William	leader	
				Tony	<b>teacher</b>	
			12	Brenda	leader	
				Catherine	<b>teacher</b>	
			13	Andrea	leader	
				Xavier	<b>teacher</b>	

# Aanpak

- **Framework analyse** om aspecten betekenisgeving aan de oppervlakte te brengen
  - Gepercipieerde gunstigheid?
  - Attributies?
  - Locus? (**RQ1**)
  
- **Quantitizing** om patronen te zoeken
  - Volgens functie (**RQ2**)
  - Volgens scoreprofiel / gepercipieerde gunstigheid (**RQ3**)

# Resultaten

**RQ1** To which internal and external factors do teachers and school leaders attribute their school's performance on an external assessment?

- Waaiert aan attributies
- Veel externe attributie
- Alle 'levels' komen aan bod

Category	Code	Locus	Example	Utterances	(total 258)	Participants	(total 22)
<b>Test</b>				<b>43</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>82%</b>
	<b>One-shot nature</b>	external	<i>But I do think it is unfortunate - even though such an assessment is just a snapshot, maybe half of your class was having a bad day. (Oscar, teacher, School 09)</i>	12	5%	9	41%
	<b>Item formulation</b>	external	<i>Are the children familiar with the way the questions are asked? Are they being offered that [by the teacher] and do they practice it? (Andrea, leader, School 13)</i>	11	4%	9	41%
	<b>Content</b>	external	<i>That it has to do with the way the content was provided, because maybe that doesn't quite fit with what we do in the classroom. (Tony, teacher, School 11)</i>	10	4%	8	36%
	<b>Conditions</b>	external	<i>Plus there was that lady who acted super mysterious. [...] The one who comes to administer the tests, she is a very serious person. [She] stands there with the box saying "yes, now, we may open it". Completely different from how I do it and the children aren't used to that either. (Laura, teacher, School 05)</i>	10	4%	6	27%







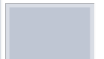
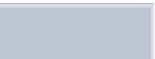

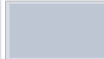


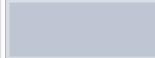


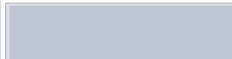
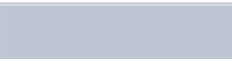

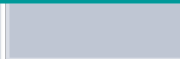
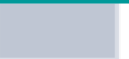
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<b>Student</b>				<b>83</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Capacity</b>	external	<i>Well, with good, clever kids it's easier to get good grades of course. (Ken, leader, School 09)</i>	33	16
	<b>Home and parents</b>	external	<i>We have a lot of students [whose] parents aren't very involved and I think that also plays a very big role. In order to get something done from children, there also needs to be a very strong team behind them at home. (Catherine, teacher, School 12)</i>	17	10
	<b>Language</b>	external	<i>I am looking at the individual students. You might say that this student may have scored less because he's a non-native speaker. (Quentin, teacher, School 10)</i>	10	8
	<b>SES</b>	external	<i>In terms of population at our school, we don't have a lot of non-native students. I know that if you have a lot of non-Dutch-speaking students in the class, that is also a factor that contributes to the fact that the level might go down a bit. (Natalie, teacher, School 04)</i>	8	7
	<b>Well-being</b>	external	<i>We are a school that does not work in the</i>	8	7

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<b>Class</b>				<b>55</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>77%</b>
	<b>Instruction</b>	external	<i>Well, then we actually need to look at whether our teachers are really working to achieve the attainment targets. (Andrea, leader, School 13)</i>	6	2%	4	18%
		<u>internal</u>	<i>Not all children are equally interested but I think you can encourage that in the way you approach your lessons - and for world studies that is easier than for math for example. (Sandra, teacher, School 01)</i>	20	8%	8	36%
	<b>Transfer</b>	external	<i>In the classroom [ ] they go digital very</i>	1	0%	1	5%

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<b>School</b>				<b>77</b>	<b>30%</b>
	<b>Curricular line and emphasis</b>	external	<i>I think it's also a process throughout the children's school career, what have they been offered along the way? (Paula, leader, School 03)</i>	1	0%
		<u>internal</u>	<i>World studies is a bit of a, well, not really a second rate subject but ... we do focus a lot on math and language. (Brenda, leader, School 12)</i>	47	18%
	<b>Location</b>	external	<i>We live in a pretty expansive area here, where the kids have a lot of opportunity to practice and see things. (Paula, leader, School 03)</i>	12	5%
	<b>Staff and collaboration</b>	<u>internal</u>	<i>Like I said it's really convenient for us now that we have a designated traffic teacher, so more traffic lessons are taught anyway and more thought is put into that. (Erika, teacher, School 07)</i>	7	3%

# Resultaten

## RQ2 Do attributions differ according to the attributor's work role (i.e., teachers versus school leaders)?

		Attributions made by:								
		All participants (total: 258)		School leaders (total: 122)		Teachers (total: 136)				
Category										
	Test	43		17%	15		12%	28		21%
	Student	83		32%	25		20%	58		43%
	Class	55		21%	31		25%	24		18%
	School	77		30%	51		42%	26		19%
Locus										
	External	159		62%	68		56%	91		67%
	Internal	99		38%	54		44%	45		33%

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**RQ3** Do attributions differ according to attributors' perceived favorability of the result?

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					Test	Student	Class	School	External	Internal	Positive	Negative	Both
A	School 01	Valerie	leader	positive	0%	13%	0%	88%	13%	88%	75%	25%	0%
A	School 03	Paula	leader	positive	18%	45%	9%	27%	91%	9%	45%	9%	45%
A	School 04	Frank	leader	positive	10%	20%	30%	40%	55%	45%	65%	25%	10%
A	School 01	Sandra	teacher	positive	29%	48%	14%	10%	76%	24%	48%	38%	14%
A	School 02	Rebecca	teacher	positive	7%	40%	33%	20%	53%	47%	60%	20%	20%
A	School 04	Natalie	teacher	positive	20%	20%	20%	40%	40%	60%	70%	0%	30%
B	School 05	Melanie	leader	mixed	75%	0%	0%	25%	75%	25%	25%	50%	25%
B	School 07	Gina	leader	mixed	0%	30%	30%	40%	60%	40%	0%	100%	0%
B	School 08	Isaac	leader	mixed	0%	8%	42%	50%	42%	58%	0%	92%	8%
C	School 09	Ken	leader	mixed	10%	30%	20%	40%	50%	50%	20%	70%	10%
C	School 10	Denise	leader	mixed	11%	33%	11%	44%	67%	33%	0%	100%	0%
B	School 06	Heidi	teacher	mixed	50%	38%	0%	13%	88%	13%	25%	63%	13%
B	School 07	Erika	teacher	mixed	0%	36%	14%	50%	50%	50%	7%	86%	7%
C	School 09	Oscar	teacher	mixed	11%	42%	32%	16%	58%	42%	26%	68%	5%
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B	School 05	Laura	teacher	negative	40%	60%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	90%	10%
D	School 11	Tony	teacher	negative	29%	43%	14%	14%	71%	29%	7%	93%	0%
D	School 12	Catherine	teacher	negative	8%	46%	23%	23%	54%	46%	0%	92%	8%
D	School 13	Xavier	teacher	negative	50%	0%	25%	25%	75%	25%	0%	100%	0%

# Conclusies en implicaties

- **En-en-verhaal:**  
Schoolperformantie / Leerlingprestaties als product van vele verschillende factoren
- **Complexiteit van betekenisgeving**
- **Veel externe attributie | Interne attributie is veelal “collectief”**
- **Verantwoordelijkheid voor het leren van leerlingen?**
- **Verschillen volgens functie**
- **Belang van collectieve betekenisgeving**
- **Weinig verschillen volgens resultaat *maar* attributie gefocust op negatieve aspecten**
- **“Diagnose” = “gebrek” vaststellen??**

# (Aanzet tot) discussie

- **Locus: wat is (echt) intern / extern?**
  - Afhankelijk van de attributor
  - *Individueel vs. collectief* intern
- **Scherp inzicht van participanten dat *alles een rol speelt* of...  
*Onvoldoende in staat om oorzaken vast te pinnen* of...  
Schoolperformantie is *niet mijn verantwoordelijkheid*?**
- **Hoe zou dit verlopen in een authentieke betekenisgevingssetting?**
- **Herkenbaar (al dan niet in de context van externe gestandaardiseerde toetsen)?**

# Betekenis geven aan schoolfeedback. Welke attributies maken leraren en schoolleiders?

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