

SEEKS TO UNDERSTAND
THE BIG PICTURE

OBSERVES HOW ELEMENTS WITHIN SYSTEMS **CHANGE OVER TIME**, GENERATING PATTERNS AND TRENDS

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Size
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Time

HABITS OF A SYSTEMS THINKER

2020 Edition

RECOGNIZES THE IMPACT OF **TIME DELAYS** WHEN EXPLORING CAUSE AND EFFECT RELATIONSHIPS

CONSIDERS HOW **MENTAL MODELS** AFFECT CURRENT REALITY AND THE FUTURE

CONSIDERS AN ISSUE FULLY AND RESISTS THE URGE TO COME TO A QUICK CONCLUSION

USES UNDERSTANDING OF SYSTEM STRUCTURE TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE **LEVERAGE ACTIONS**

CHANGES PERSPECTIVES TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING

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RECOGNIZES THAT A SYSTEM'S **STRUCTURE GENERATES ITS BEHAVIOR**

CONSIDERS SHORT-TERM, LONG-TERM AND UNINTENDED **CONSEQUENCES** OF ACTIONS

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IDENTIFIES THE **CIRCULAR NATURE** OF COMPLEX CAUSE AND EFFECT RELATIONSHIPS

PAYS ATTENTION TO **ACCUMULATIONS** AND THEIR RATES OF CHANGE

MAKES **MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS** WITHIN AND BETWEEN SYSTEMS

FAMILY SCHOOL WORK HOME FAITH

CHECKS RESULTS AND CHANGES ACTIONS IF NEEDED: **"SUCCESSIVE APPROXIMATION"**

More Seasoning

SURFACES AND **TESTS ASSUMPTIONS**

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