Preface to the Updated Edition

In writing this updated version of Mastery Teaching, foremost in my mind was one of Hippocrates’ tenets: “First, do no harm.” Madeline’s work in bringing the science of teaching to the art of delivery was breakthrough 40 years ago and yet is still being validated by continuing research. Her work serves as a sound platform for teacher decision making upon which current practitioners continue to build.

As did many others, I had the tremendous privilege of working closely with Madeline for many years and watched the continual refinement of translating research into practical classroom practice. First as a teacher, then as a staff developer, and currently as a principal I have seen the power of her work in increasing student achievement. I have also seen the transformation of talented individual teachers into consummate professionals who routinely use research findings to guide their practice. This has been a wonderful journey.

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Madeline Hunter’s Mastery Teaching

Madeline Hunter’s work has often been misunderstood and/or misapplied. I hope that in this revision I have done no harm to an outstanding body of knowledge.

—Robin Hunter, 2004

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