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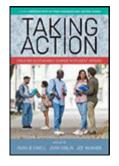
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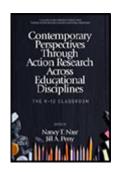
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This first volume of the Action Research Across Educational Disciplines series presents action research findings from a wide variety of K-12 disciplinary settings. In doing so, the first volume of this series aims to highlight the issues that commonly impact practitioners in K-12 STEM, English, Social Science, and even Art classrooms, and illustrate the solutions proposed in these contexts to improve both educator practice and student achievement. Through the use of action research methodologies to address such issues, volume one of this series offers a resource for improving educational practice across diverse K-12 contexts.

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