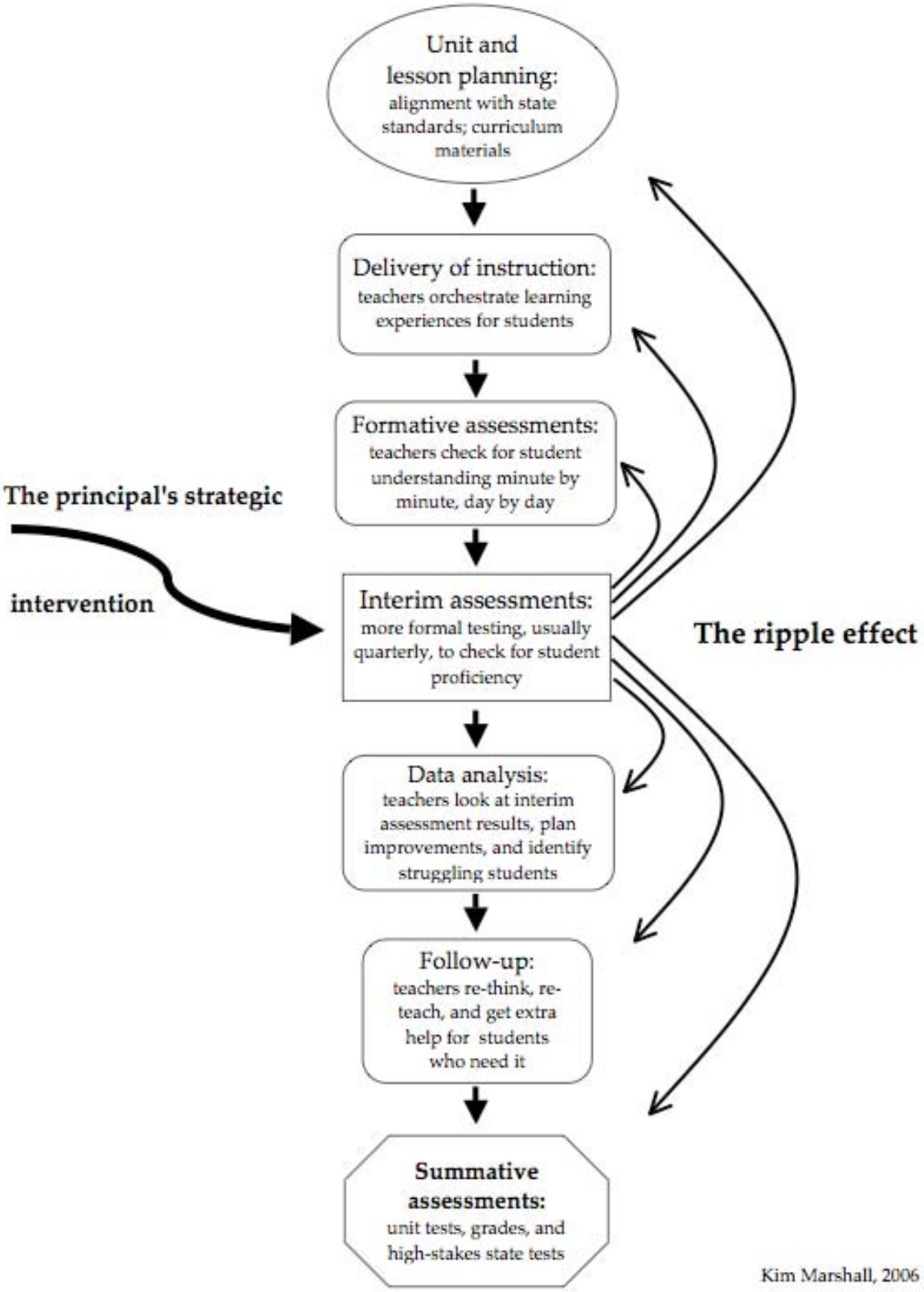
Unit and lesson planning: alignment with state standards; curriculum materials
Delivery of instruction: teachers orchestrate learning experiences for students
Formative assessments: teachers check for student understanding minute by minute, day by day
The principal's strategic intervention
Interim assessments: more formal testing, usually quarterly, to check for student proficiency
The ripple effect
Data analysis: teachers look at interim assessment results, plan improvements, and identify struggling students
Follow-up: teachers re-think, re-teach, and get extra help for students who need it
Summative assessments: unit tests, grades, and high-stakes state tests
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