

## **Personal Leadership Statement**

I am a leader who strives to make a positive difference in the lives of the individuals I serve and serve with. I believe good educators teach students, not subjects, and that a quality education should inspire an unquenchable thirst for learning, ignite a passion for hard work and instill a devotion to the greater good. I believe that these qualities should be internalized to the extent that they become the arts and habits that form an individual's character. The pursuit of knowledge and development of habits needs to be an active, joyful journey for, as the saying goes, "the more we learn, the more we realize how little we know." If the pursuit of knowledge and habits is not enjoyed this realization of ignorance can become overwhelming and will thwart any further desire to learn. But, if the pursuit can be fully enjoyed, then this realization serves as the doorway to a lifetime filled with unlimited happiness.

### **The attributes I will model each day include**

**Honesty:** I will tell the truth and will be accountable for my actions and decisions. I will not blame others for my mistakes.

**Humility:** I will give credit to the team for success and will accept blame for failure. I will only ask individuals to do something that I am willing to do myself.

**Growth Mindset:** I will maintain a reflective nature and willingness to learn and embrace change.

**Work Ethic:** I will be determined and persistent. I will give my best effort every day.

**Positive Attitude:** I will be optimistic, kind, and supportive. I will look for the best in each individual and treat them the way I would want to be treated. I will praise members of the community for a job done well.

**Communication Skills:** I will be a direct and compassionate communicator. I will be a sensitive listener and will try to identify what each individual's needs are, as well as, their wants. I will distinguish between matters of fact and matters of opinion. I will keep the community informed about key decisions and actions.

**Decision Making Skills:** I will be collaborative and decisive. I will not shy away from making tough decisions.

**Problem solving Skills:** I will see challenges as opportunities. I will address these opportunities in a proactive and creative manner examining them from many different perspectives.

### **What I expect of my team members**

**Be a Learner:** Maintain a growth mindset. Learn something new every day and routinely take action to be your best self.

**Be Compassionate:** Remember what it is like to be a child and put their best interests at the center of every decision.

**Be Joyful:** Embrace the blessings of each day.

**Be Committed:** Be prepared. Take pride in your work. Do the best you can every day.

**Be Accountable:** Own your decisions and actions. Ask for help when you are not sure what to do or you have made a mistake. Offer solutions when you present problems.

**Teamwork:** Be supportive of your colleagues. Respect and appreciate their roles and responsibilities.