#### THE CULTURE OF SJCSD

#### ...MISSION AND VALUES DRIVEN



Joseph G. Joyner, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

### THE CULTURE OF SJCSD

#### What Defines Us?

Culture (Webster): A way of thinking, behaving or working that exists in a place or organization.

## THE CULTURE OF SJCSD

Character

Excellent Teaching

Leadership

community

Trust



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Vision

Excellence Relationships

Student-Centered

High Expectations
Service

### Student-Centered

 "Giving priority to the needs and interest of the children."



# WHAT DEFINES US? Student-Centered

- Policy decisions made in the best interest of students
- Focus on each individual...all of them
- Safety first physical, emotional, academic

Sacrifice for our students

### Character

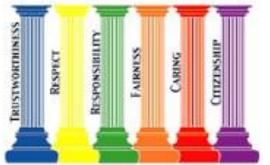
 The way someone thinks, feels and behaves.



# Character CHARACTER COUNTS!







#### 2. EXPECTATIONS OF ALL EMPLOYEES

#### **Category Definitions**

- 25. Meet and deal effectively with the general public, staff members, parents, administrators and other contact persons using tact and good judgment.
- 26. Follow attendance, punctuality, proper dress code and other qualities of an appropriate work ethic.
- 27. Ensure adherence to good safety standards.
- 28. Maintain confidentiality regarding school/workplace matters.

#### 29. Model and maintain high ethical standards.

- 30. Maintain expertise in assigned area to fulfill position goals and objectives.
- 31. Participate successfully in the training programs offered to increase skill and proficiency related to assignment.
- 32. Demonstrate initiative in the performance of assigned responsibilities.
- 33. Each employee of the St. Johns County School Board will model the six pillars (as defined by Character Counts!) of the character education program.



#### STANDARDS AND ETHICS

St. Johns County School District

As a member of the board, I shall promote the best interests of the school district as a whole, and, to that end, I shall adhere to the following educational, character and ethical standards

#### **❖ TRUSTWORTHINESS**

1. Hold confidential all matters pertaining to the educational system that may needlessly harm individuals or the system and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law.

- 1. Recognize that the entire Board as a whole must make decisions and these decisions must be supported
- 2. Work with the Superintendent, neither undermining nor intruding into the areas legally assigned to School

#### \* RESPONSIBILITY

- 1. Focus board action on policy making, goal setting, planning, and evaluation, and insist on regular and impartial evaluation of all staff
- 2. Attend all scheduled board meetings and workshops insofar as is possible and become informed on the issues to be considered at these meetings.
- 3. Inform myself about current educational issues through study and participation in appropriate programs
- 4. Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of all the students attending our public schools and that we must provide appropriate curriculum, facilities, and motivation so that our students will be encouraged to love learning, enabling them to achieve their fullest and highest potential.

- 1. Make policy decisions only after full discussion at public school board meetings, and render these decisions based on available facts refusing to surrender that judgment to individuals or special groups.
- 2. Make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of all children, regardless of ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- 3. Never use my board position for personal or political gain.

#### **CARING**

- 1. Encourage recognition of the achievements of students and staff and of the involvement of businesses and
- 2. Listen responsively to the community and make decisions based on the best interest of the system as a

#### CITIZENSHIP

- 1. Support school personnel in the proper performance of their duties.
- 2. Bring about desired changes through legal and ethical procedures, upholding and enforcing all laws, State Board of Education rules, and court orders pertaining to schools.
- 3. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members and seek systematic communication between the board and students, staff and all elements of the community.
- 4. Support legislation and funding which will help to improve the educational opportunities and environment for students and staff.

### CHARACTER EDUCATION

# Keep it fresh... and relevant!!!

## High Expectations

 The belief and expectation that one can achieve at a superior level.



**Pygmalion Effect** 



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**Golem Effect** 

# Integrity

• The quality of being fair and honest, having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.





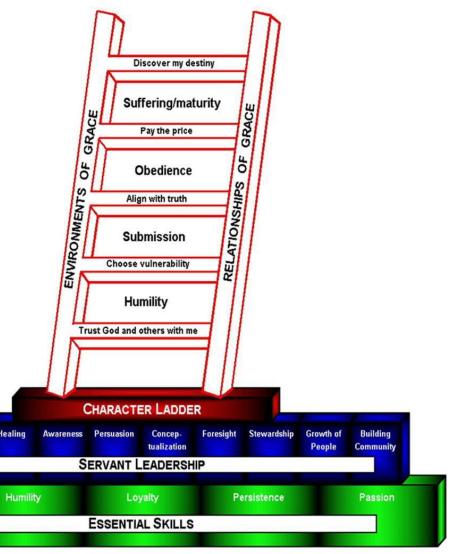
## Service

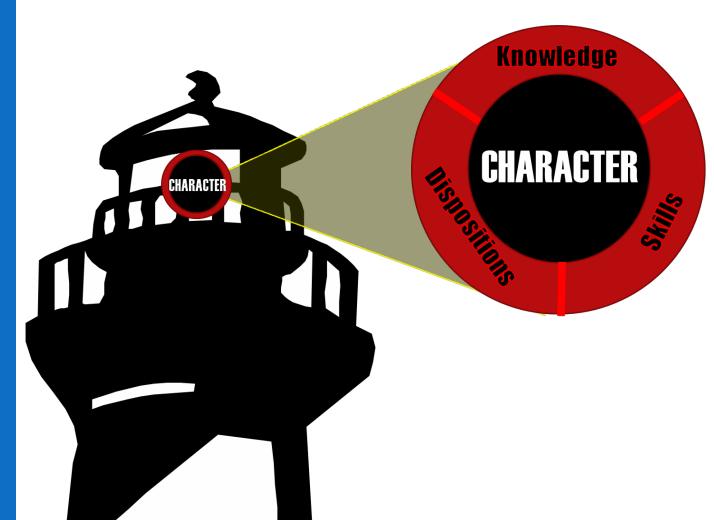
 The action of helping or doing work for someone.





Honesty/Integrity





## Leadership

The action of leading a group of people or organization toward a common purpose.

## WHAT DEFINES US? Leadership

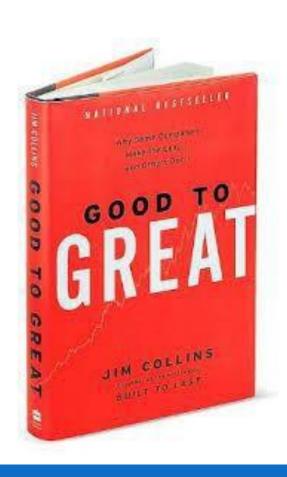


Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet.

Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

~ Helen Keller

#### GOOD TO GREAT



 Level 5 leaders blend the paradoxical combination of deep personal humility with intense professional will. This rare combination also defies our assumptions about what makes a great leader.

## **Trust**

 Assured reliance on the character, ability, strength or truth of someone or something.

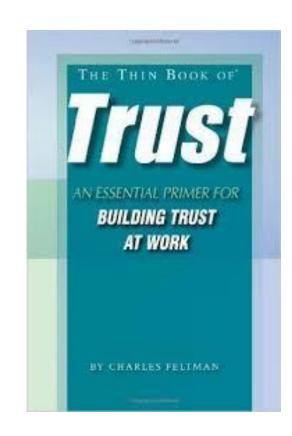


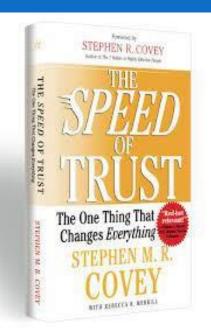
~Merriam-Webster

#### TRUST

### The 4 Distinctions of Trust

- Sincerity
- Reliability
- Competence
- Care





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### TRUST

#### 13 Behaviors to Build Trust

- 1. Talk Straight
- 2. Demonstrate Respect
- 3. Create Transparency
- 4. Right Wrongs
- 5. Show Loyalty
- 6. Deliver Results
- 7. Get Better

- 8. Confront Reality
- 9. Clarify Expectations
- 10. Practice Accountability
- 11. Listen First
- 12. Keep Commitments
- 13. Extend Trust

#### TRUST

"Our future success as a district will be defined in large part by our ability to engender trust with those we serve (students, parents, staff)."

~Joseph G. Joyner, Ed.D.

## Vision

 Having or showing clear ideas about what should happen or be done in the future.

~Merriam-Webster





#### VISION

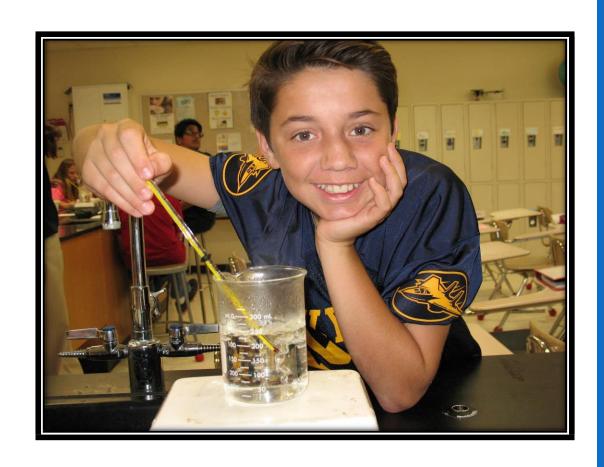
 All students choose a learning path that leads to a well-rounded graduate who demonstrates good character and leadership.

VISIONARY SJVS **NURSES** Associate Teachers Academic Excellence Growth Management Energy Management Strategic Plan Advocacy Digital Learning sales Tax Referendum ased Refresh Plan **Student Leadership** Focus Groups CHARACTER **EDUCATION** Teachers & Leaders **Health Centers** Secretarial Leadership Conference

### Excellence

 The quality of being outstanding or extremely good.

~Merriam-Webster



# **EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS**

St. Johns County schools stay on top

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# County still top performer on tests

>> Third-grade reading score 23 points above statewide pass rate

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testing season shows eral areas. students in the St. Johns of Education's for the Deaf and the Blind end-of-course exams and The Florida Depart- and the Florida School made gains on perfor- a statewide science test.

Released on Friday 2015. County School District were scores for the Florida Standards Assessment, six

Although the FSA was first administered in 2015, these results are the first scores for the language

until January. This is the first year there will be repercussions for FSA

bar, Florida students continued the overall trend

release.

All of Florida's standardized tests use a five-

"Even with a higher level scoring system,



#### **EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS**

#### **District Graduation Rate Trends**

St. Johns	Grad Rate	State	Grad Rate
2014 -15	90.5%	2014 -15	77.8%
2013 - 14	87.8%	2013 - 14	76.1%
2012 - 13	86.7%	2012 - 13	75.6%
2011 - 12	86.0%	2011 - 12	74.5%
2010 - 11	85.8%	2010 - 11	70.6%

## EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT SUPPORT





# EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS



















# EXCELLENCE IN CHOICE













# EXCELLENCE IN FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS











# EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS & FISCAL SERVICES



# EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



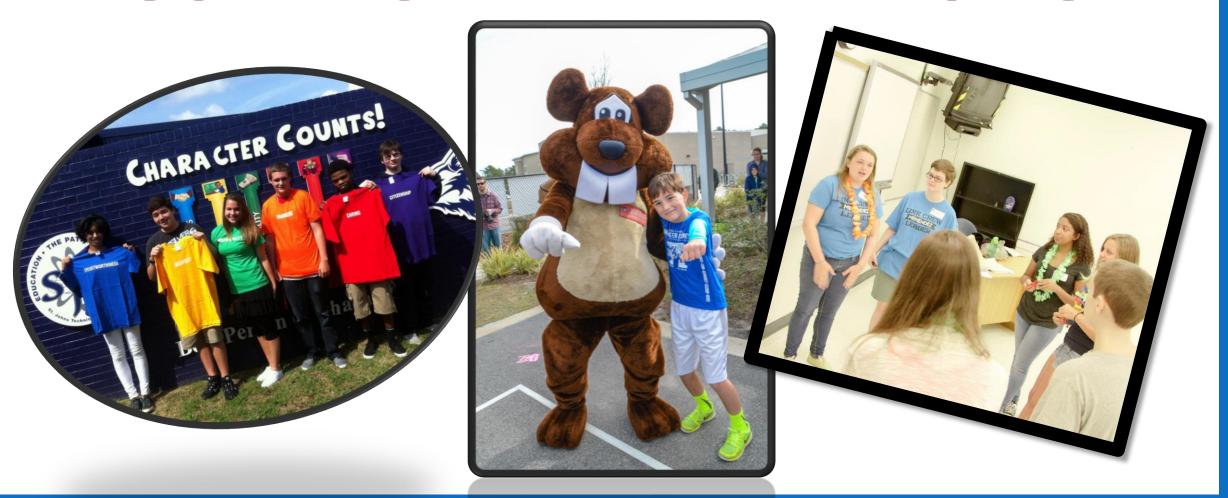


# EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS





# EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY RELATIONS



# EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCES



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# Community

 A group of people with common interest living together within a larger society.

~Merriam-Webster



## **Community**





























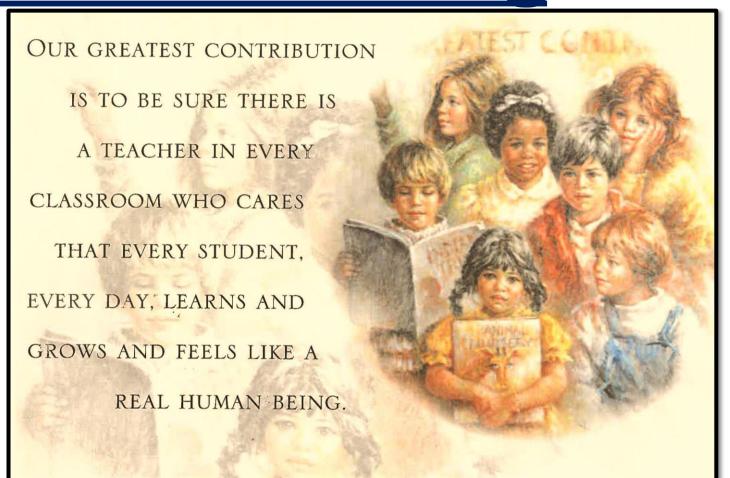


### COMMUNITY

"One of the greatest threats to the continued excellence of our school district would be the loss of trust by our community."

~2010 Strategic Plan/Critical Issues

# WHAT DEFINES US? Excellent Teaching



~The Gallup Organization Mission Statement

# EXCELLENT TEACHING 3-Legged Stool

CONVAIR/ACCIDER

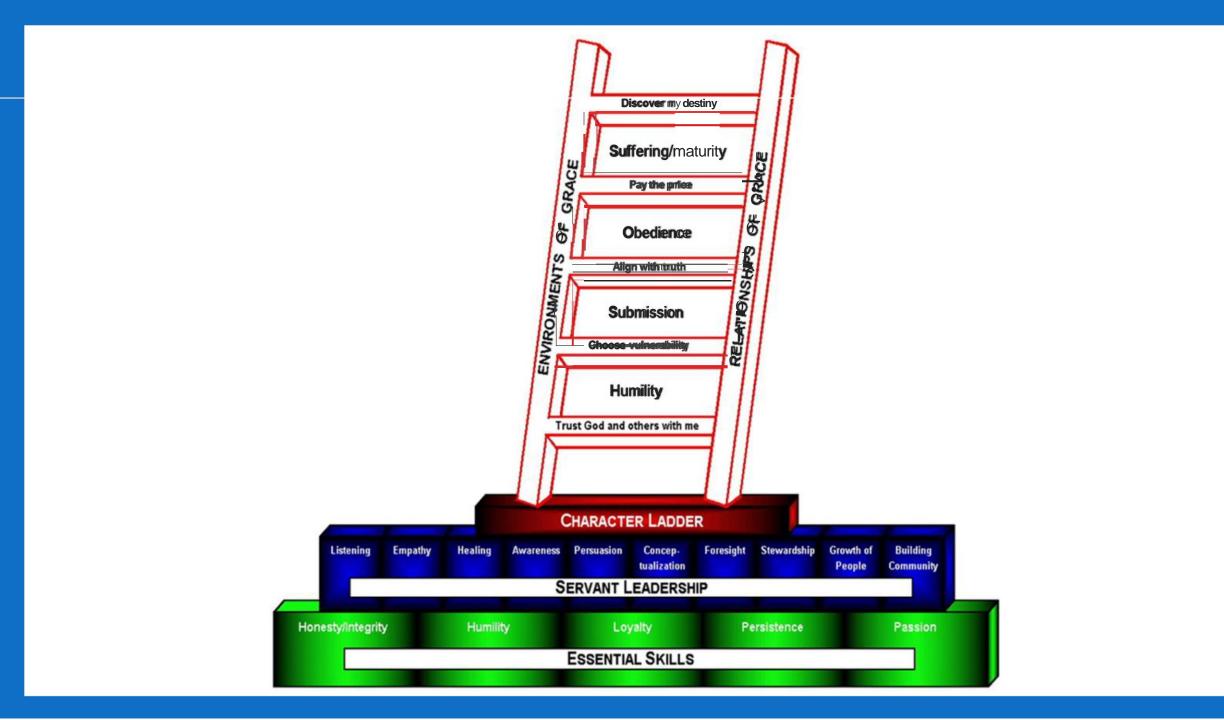


## Relationships

 An emotional or other connection between people.

~Merriam-Webster





#### LIVING IN A CODE ORANGE WORLD

In a code orange world, we cannot go it alone. We must believe and act on the belief that we are in this together. One of the great challenges for leaders is to bring people together, to heal and to build understanding. And, we also must know we need that same mutual support from each other. ~Paul Houston

