

# INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL RENEWAL GREAT SCHOOLS FRAMEWORK

Goal: to Foster the Development of Great Schools

## School-wide Commitment to Professionalism, Positive Growth and Continuous Improvement

### Collaborative Leadership

- Principals and district leaders understand and implement shared educational leadership
- Teachers understand and seek leadership roles they can assume in the school
- Grade level teams plan and work horizontally and vertically
- There is shared responsibility for all students' success
- The faculty develops and implements a school-wide continuous improvement plan

### Effective Teaching & Learning

The faculty understands and implements:

- Research-based strategies to develop literacy across content areas
- Developmentally appropriate practices
- Culturally-responsive teaching
- Constructivist approach to meaningful curriculum and engaging instruction
- Active learning and mutual inquiry
- Assessments for learning

### Positive School Culture

- Relationships among students, staff and parents promote appreciation and respect for the unique individual
- Parents are actively engaged in the learning process
- There are clear expectations for appropriate behavior
- Rituals and celebrations are used to support learning
- Teachers and students demonstrate enthusiasm for learning

Professional learning community focusing on success for all

Meeting/exceeding academic standards

High expectations and mutual respect for all (students, teachers, families, community)