

## ~ OUR MISSION ~

The Mountainside Public School District is committed to academic excellence and providing an equitable, whole-child education for all K-8 students to ensure they are well-prepared for high school, and empowered with the knowledge, literacy, and social and emotional skills needed to be lifelong learners and shape the world around them. The District promotes a collaborative and supportive learning environment, infusing a comprehensive curriculum with 21st century skills that encourage communication and innovative, creative and critical thinking. It is our goal that all our students become informed, empathetic and productive citizens who are responsible on a personal, community and global level. The Board of Education, administration, and staff, working together with students, parents and the community, are accountable for achieving this vision.

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## ~ OUR DISTRICT GOALS ~

1. The Mountainside School District will continue to improve its ability to utilize data to inform instructional programming and implement strategies that target individual growth for all students.
2. Mountainside School District will address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, with an emphasis on learning core competencies, including health, wellness, and social awareness.
3. The Mountainside School District will evaluate instructional programs and support services, while analyzing the budget and various grant opportunities to determine the best approach both educationally and fiscally to continuing them upon the expiration of recent Federal Grants.

# WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE:

- that children are society's most valuable asset and every decision should be in their best interest.
- that schools should give all students opportunities to achieve and succeed to the best of their abilities.
- that schools should provide a safe, positive, and welcoming environment that emphasizes integrity, pride, acceptance, and mutual respect and will allow students to become responsible and caring adults.
- that students must understand the value of education and the opportunities it provides.
- that schools must address the needs of the whole child in areas such as: social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and civic preparation.
- that schools should create a comprehensive curriculum incorporating 21st Century creative and critical thinking, technology, communication, entrepreneurial, and problem-solving skills imperative to succeeding in a global society.
- that well-rounded academic and extracurricular experiences (athletics, fine arts, clubs) should be available and encouraged for all students.
- that parents are essential to the success of the educational process.
- that faculty and staff members should be knowledgeable in their subject areas, with a vigorous emphasis on professional development and creative, innovative instructional methods to ensure all students achieve at their highest levels.
- that when facing budgetary and economic issues, the district will find the best funding resources available to support its mission and to provide efficient, effective, and safe school facilities and infrastructure.
- that an excellent school system is crucial to the economic development and vitality of the community.
- that community involvement is critical in the educational process.
- that we must commit to continually improving communication and maintaining a strong relationship between the schools, residents, and the Mountainside community at large.