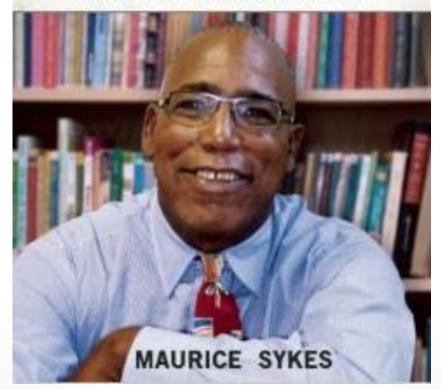
# DECISIONS, DECISIONS: EIGHT LEADERSHIP **QUALITIES THAT** ADVANCE THE RIGHT **CHOICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN**

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# Doing the Right Thing for Children

#### Eight Qualities of LEADERSHIP

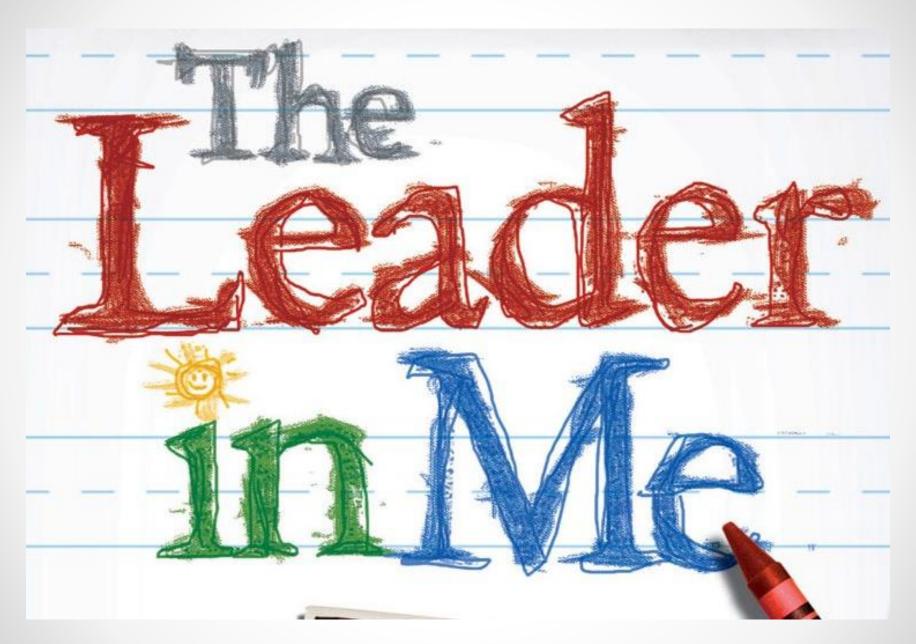
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"The time is always right to do the right thing."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.







# LEADERSHIP CAPACITY TO TURN A DREAM INTO REALITY.



leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and example.

# Child-Focused Leadership

- Leadership that focuses attention and effort on improving children's learning
- Leadership that guides the learning of individual professionals
- Leadership that guides what has been called "system learning"

# THIS IS WHAT EXTRAORDINARY LEADERS DO

#### Keeping it Energized

- Vision
- Spiritual
- Passion
- Values
- Purpose

#### Keeping it Grounded

- Mindfulness
- Defusing
- Thoughts
- Feeling

#### Keeping it Connected

- Relationships
- Accountability
- Mentoring
- Coaching

#### Keeping it Real

- Physical needs
- Good habits
- Routines

## **CORE VALUES**

Core values are interdependent – no one value is more important than the other. They serve as a blueprint/roadmap for your leadership journey and those who choose to follow:

#### CORE VALUES.....

They frame your organizational culture

 They establish the habits of mind, the way you think and behave

They bond you to your organization

 They guide and inform your heart and your practice

 They give voice and vitality to your vision and values

# THE LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

# WHO ARE WE AS LEADERS?

# THE EIGHT LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

- HUMAN POTENTIAL
  - KNOWLEDGE
  - SOCIAL JUSTICE
    - COMPETENCE
- FUN AND ENJOYMENT
  - PERSONAL RENEWAL
    - PERSEVERANCE
      - COURAGE



# 1. HUMAN POTENTIAL

Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit...the potential for greatness lives within each of us.

Wilma Rudolph

### What is Human Potential?

Equalizing the Playing Field

 Valuing Human Potential in Children

 Valuing Human Potential in Adults

Human potential, though not always apparent, is there waiting to be discovered and invited forth.

William Purkey

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"Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom." - Aristotle

### 2. KNOWLEDGE

Perplexity is the beginning of knowledge.

Khalil Gibran

# The Knowledge Economy

Knowledge of Self

Knowledge of Others

Knowledge of Craft

Knowledge of Leadership





# 3. SOCIAL JUSTICE

Great teaching is about so much more than education; it is a daily fight for social justice.

Arne Duncan

Promoting Social Justice

 The Early Education Achievement Gap

Leadership and Social Justice

 Social Justice at the Individual Level

 Social Justice at the Organizational Level

 Social Justice at the Classroom Level





## 4. COMPETENCE

Competence as a leader is having all the tools for what ever the occasion and knowing when to use what tool. It's ignoring that path of least resistance and doing what is best for everyone involved.

Russell White

Technical Competence

Emotional Competence

Political Competence





# 5. FUN AND ENJOYMENT

People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing.

Dale Carnegie

 Fun and Enjoyment at the Individual Level (Unearthing Your Inner Child)

 Fun and Enjoyment at the Organizational Level

 Fun and Enjoyment at the Classroom Level He who does not get fun and enjoyment out of every day... needs to reorganize his life.

(George Matthew Adams)

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## PERSONAL

## RENEWAL

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## 6. PERSONAL RENEWAL

As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world...as in being able to remake ourselves.

Mahatma Gandhi

 The Significance of Personal Renewal

 Personal Renewal at the Individual Level

 Personal Renewal at the Organizational Level



# PERSEVERANCE IS STUBBORNNESS WITH A PURPOSE

#### 7. PERSEVERANCE

Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

John Quincy Adams

### Defining Perseverance

 Perseverance at the Personal Level

 Perseverance at the Organizational Level

 Perseverance at the Classroom Level



Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained.

(Marie Curie)

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### 8. COURAGE

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Winston Churchill

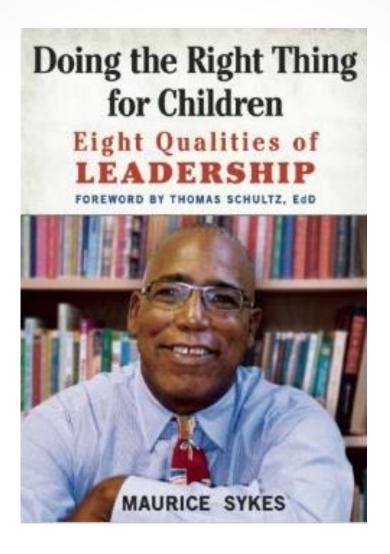
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