

# The Benjamin School District 25

## 2009-2010 School Year

### VISION

Achieving high levels of excellence in academics and supporting students in developing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills such as collaboration and problem solving

### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide each child with the best educational opportunity to become a lifelong learner, achieve the highest personal growth and be a contributing member of society.

### **DISTRICT BELIEFS** (order does not set priority)

#### Guiding Principles

- All children can learn
- Education should have the child at its focus
- Education is the collaborative responsibility of students, parents, educators/support staff, and community
- Each child has value and can be a contributing member of society
- Learning is a lifelong experience

#### Roles and Expectations

- Parents are the primary lifelong teachers of children
- A well-prepared staff willing to grow professionally is essential for learning
- Children should learn to make responsible choices
- Learning takes place through personal effort, collaboration and taking reasonable risks
- Children need a safe, supportive environment in which to learn
- District 25 participates in a global community of learning resources

#### Expectations for Excellence

- High expectations stimulate growth
- All children must learn **how** to learn
- Each child should be challenged and given the opportunity to individually succeed in an ever-changing world
- A positive self-concept must be fostered
- Each child's unique learning style should be considered

### **DISTRICT GOALS**

#### **Goal 1: Focus on the achievement of all students**

- 1a. Analyze data from sources such as ISAT and MAP assessments to determine an effective course of action for improving teaching and learning**
- 1b. Complete math curriculum common maps and develop draft of common maps for language arts and other curricular areas**
- 1c. Provide professional development aligned to the learning needs of students**
- 1d. Integrate the use of technology with learning, teaching and communication**
- 1e. Hire and retain highly effective staff**

#### **Goal 2: Continue to increase the communication about the Benjamin 25 schools and with stakeholders**

- 2a. Emphasize and communicate the schools' noteworthy educational programs and the accomplishments of students and staff**

#### **Goal 3: Ensure organizational efficiency and fiscal stability**

- 3a. Further improve the efficiency of the organization**
- 3b. Maintain fiscal stability**