# **Stephanie Eldridge's CORE VALUES**

## √ High Achievement for All

Our school is dedicated to teaching students to be involved, active learners who work hard, think critically and creatively, and communicate effectively. We emphasize high expectations for all students, and support them to reach their full potential in all aspects of achievement, especially in academics, social skills and civic participation, all of which prepare students for success in their lives after high school in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **✓** Excellence in Teaching

Passionate, knowledgeable, highly qualified teachers are the core strength of our school system. We expect our faculty and staff to provide a dynamic, rigorous, and rewarding learning experience for students. Excellent teaching begins with strong relationships between faculty and students and is nurtured by collaboration among colleagues. We are committed to supporting a professional community that creates and sustains an atmosphere of intellectual excitement, innovative instruction and personal growth. Staff and administrators must have high expectations for themselves and their students; and work together to meet those expectations.

#### **✓** Collaboration and Teamwork

Students, staff members, parents, administrators, and community members work together to develop and maintain a dynamic student-centered learning environment. Through collaboration we find new sources of learning and strength. We seek out partnerships with community organizations that add value to our school system.

#### **✓** Respect for Human Differences

We are committed to acknowledging and celebrating the diversity within our community while affirming the importance of our common humanity. By promoting a safe environment for questioning and challenge, we foster the growth and value that comes from different perspectives, cultures and experiences. Our commitment is to create an atmosphere of safety in which to acknowledge and express difference while advancing true acceptance and respect for all.