### "Engage Your Students: STRIVE for Excellence"

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"Why do we strive for excellence when mediocrity is required?"

# "I Do It For Me"

"So, how good do you want to be?"

"You can achieve the unachievable."

"The cleverest people at school are not the most successful."

#### The Fundamentals

- +Energy
- +Enthusiasm
- +Emotion
- +Hard Work

#### "Leader's Creed"

- + Do not seek praise, seek criticism.
- + It's all my fault.
- + Don't look for the next opportunity. The one you have in hand <u>IS</u> the opportunity.
- + Accentuate the Positive.
- + Eliminate the Negative.
- + Don't promise what you can't deliver.
- → When it can't be done, DO IT. If you don't do it, it doesn't exist.
- + If you can't solve a problem, it's because you're playing by the rules.

#### "OOPS!"

- +The person who doesn't make mistakes is unlikely to make anything.
- +Fail, fail again, fail better.
- +It is wrong to be right!
- +It is wrong to be wrong!
- +Don't be afraid of silly ideas.

# SALE

## Pre-Fire Sale

#### *You...*

- +Give yourself some spin!
- +It's not WHAT you know, it's WHO you know.
- +Don't give a speech, put on a show.
- +Don't be afraid to work with the best.
- +Do not try to win awards.

"Awards are badges of mediocrity."

-Charles Ives

You don't have to be creative to be creative.

# How you can make your\_ great.

# We can ALL make a difference.

# We are all in SALES!

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