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**Partnering** Altogether to Raise **Achievement** 

## Key Takeaways

- How I can grow personally
- How I can grow professionally
- Building upon my strengths and weaknesses
- Learning how to work together

### Achievement?

- What is your definition of achievement?
- Activity #1:
  - Write down your definition of achievement and share it with your neighbor.
  - What does this look like for Students,
     Staff, School, Families/Communities?

## Achievement

#### Noun. [uh-cheev-muhnt]

- a thing done successfully, typically by <u>effort</u>, <u>courage</u>, or <u>skill</u>.
- Example: "Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Leverage

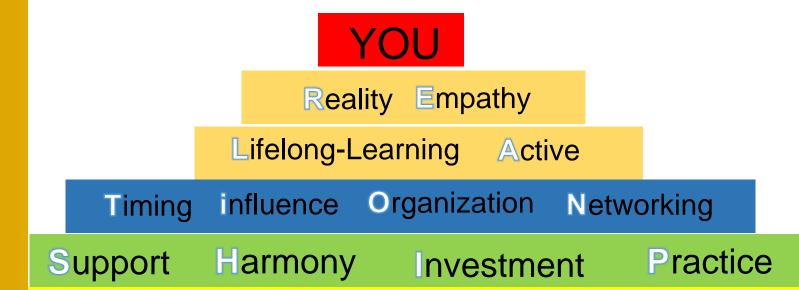
 Harnessing the power of <u>achievement</u> from all sources

Students

 What is the number one thing we can leverage to <u>raise</u> achievement? Parents Achievement Staff

Community

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## SUSTAINABILITY

## Educator's Role

- ✓ leading small group instruction designed by the teacher
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- √ facilitating interactions between students
- ✓ adapting lessons under the teacher's guidance
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# Reality

#### Noun. [ree-al-i-tee]

- the state or quality of being real.
- a real thing or fact.

- Example: "We are more often frightened than hurt; and we suffer more from imagination than from reality".

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

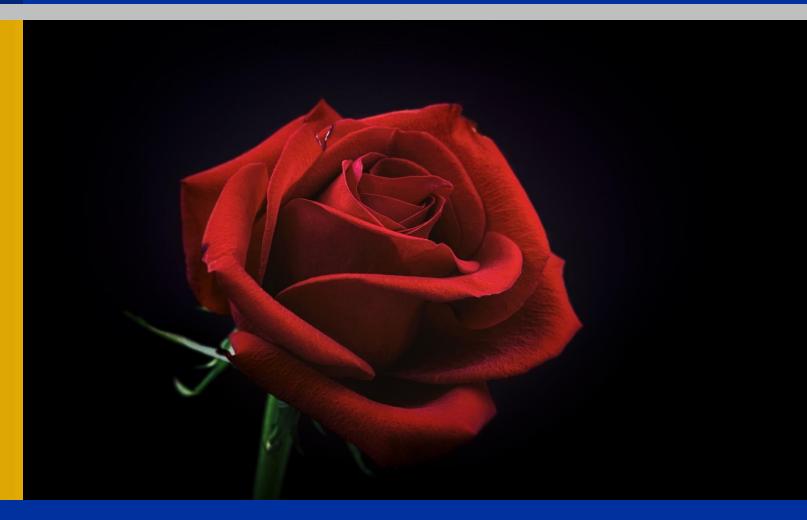
# reality vs "reality"

Are you living in reality or "reality"

- Activity #2:
  - Hold up the sign to which you believe the picture represents reality or "reality".
  - Share with your partner.



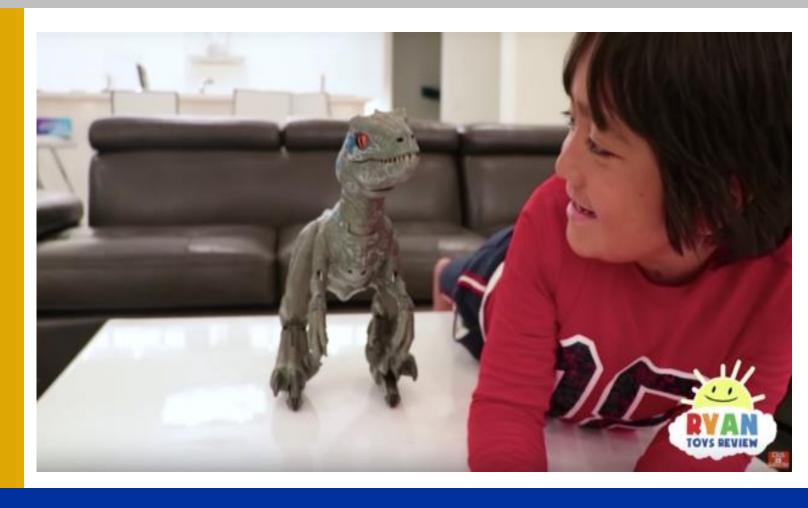
Learning by: example, exposure & experience



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### \$22 Million in 2018



### \$18 Million in 2018





Learning by: example, exposure & experience

# Reality

- People's perceptions (reality) about the world around them are being shaped by media.
- Media now consumes most people's time.

Hours of TV American Households Watch Per Day

Mobile devices now can be taken anywhere.

Intro of iPhone (streaming services)

# Reality

What do you think about:

this child >



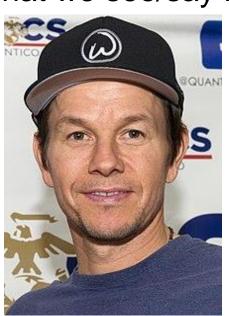


< this parent

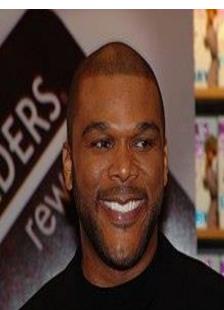
### Reality & Achievement

- Thoughts about people's looks/behaviors determines how we treat them.
- We must constantly keep our perceptions about what we see/say in check.









#### Noun. [em-puh-thee]

- the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
- Example: "It's the ability to step into the shoes of another person, aiming to understand their feelings and perspectives, and to use that understanding to guide our actions"

Roman Krznaric, Ph.D

#### 3 Habits to Build Strong Empathy

- Challenge Prejudices and Discover Commonalities
- 2. Listen Hard and Open Up
- 3. Try Another Person's Life

#### Making the Connection:

- Students
- Parents
- Staff

#### Student Example

Storyline: Samuel is in an inclusion class and has a diagnosis of ADHD. Samuel is hyperactive in class and cannot stay in his seat on a daily basis. On Friday, Samuel had a rough day and ended up running another student over while in line. You see Samuel coming down the hall running on Monday morning as the bell rings.

- What are you thinking?
- What are you going to do?

#### Parent Example

Storyline: Ms. Johns has been called 4 times this week concerning her child Zavion and his continual misbehavior (disrupting class, picking on other students, not completing work). She just called back and told you that she's working and doesn't have time to talk to you nor come visit.

- What are you thinking?
- What are you going to do?

#### Staff Example

**Storyline**: Mrs. Weathersby has been very short with a lot of staff members the last week or so. You just saw her yell at a student in the hallway and then go into the workroom and use another person's code to make copies. Rumor has it that she is getting a divorce from her husband of 15 years, but no one really knows.

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- What are you going to do?

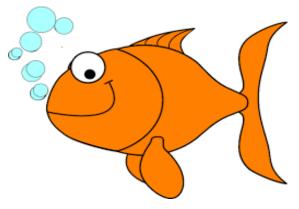
### Pity vs Empathy

- Pity and often times <u>aggression</u> destroy opportunities for people to use what they know about someone to support them in areas they need help in.
- Childhood Trauma at an early age actually damages the areas of the brain that help people have empathy.
- 3 Common Situations
  - Where a student lives
  - How many jobs a parent is working
  - The latest gossip for a staff member true or false

### Seeking to Understand

- Where a student lives
  - "That's no excuse why they don't have pencils for class"
  - "By having class materials for Sam, we can focus on his learning"
- How many jobs a parent is working
  - "They are going to have to loose money and come and sit with their child ALL this week"
  - "Let's plan to try and visit the home so mom can meet us"
- Gossip for a staff member: true or false?
  - "I don't like spreading stuff but did you here about Mel?"
  - o "I noticed this week Mel hasn't been herself, I'm going to Legartalk-witbyeeard-ութթեպիցերթենթանի առաջարանի առաջարանի առաջարանի առաջարանի առաջարանի առաջարանի առաջարանի առաջարանի առաջարաներ առաջարանի առաջ

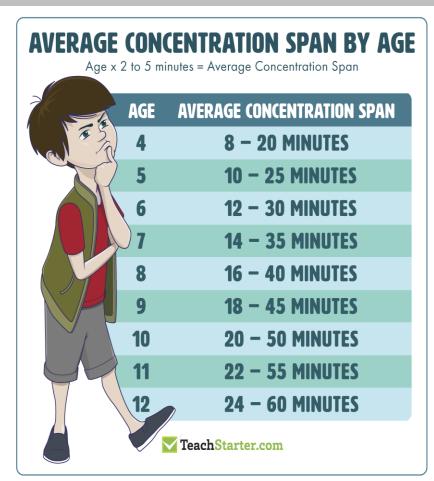
## Attention Span



Goldfish - 9 Seconds



People - 8 Seconds



# Lifelong-Learning

#### Noun. [lahyf-lawng lur-ning]

- Knowledge acquired by systematic study in a any field or scholarly application.
- Example: "Wisdom is not a product of schooling, but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it."

Albert Einstein

### Do You Know?

How much do you know about your most difficult student/parent?

- Activity #3:
  - Write down 1 thing your most difficult student is good at/likes?
  - Write down 1 thing your most difficult parent loves about their child?

### Event



## Experience





Learning by: example, exposure & experience

## Neuroplasticity

#### **Current Brain Research (benefits)**

- Recovery from brain events like strokes.
- Recovery from traumatic brain injuries.
- Ability to rewire functions in the brain (e.g., if an area that controls one sense is damaged, other areas may be able to pick up the slack).
- Losing function in one area may enhance functions in other areas (e.g., if one sense is lost, the others may become heightened).
- Enhanced memory abilities.
- Wide range of enhanced cognitive abilities.
- More effective learning (Promising for ADHD Diagnosis)

https://positivepsychologyprogram.com/neuroplasticity/

### Leaders are Readers

#### Bill Gates Top 5 Books for 2018

- Educated by Tara Westover
- 2. Army of None by Paul Scharre
- 3. Bad Blood by John Carryrou
- 21 Lessons for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Yuval Noah Harari
- 5. The Headspace Guide to Meditation and Mindfulness, by Andy Puddicombe

How many books have you read this year?

## Learning Hurdles

- ✓ assisting students to complete directions given
  by the teacher
  - Students do the same thing every time, what have you done differently?
  - √ facilitating interactions between students
    - Students often do have personality conflicts with each other.
  - ✓ executing other, often unseen, but very important tasks for the classroom community
    - Do you feel "valued" as one who has to perform other duties not often written out?

RELATIONSHIPs are the key!

## Active

#### Adjective. [ak-tiv]

- Engaged in action; characterized by energetic work, participation, etc.
- Example: "Observation is a passive science; experimentation an active science" Claude Bernard

# The Act of Sitting



### Pro-Action: Brain Breaks



## On The Move

- When there is an energy imbalance, often it is because we are not as active as we should be.
- Children need to be active sixty minutes each day.
- Adults should be active 30 minutes each day.

\*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *The Association Between School-based Physical Activity, Including Physical Education, and Academic Performance*. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 2010

## "Active" Kids Today

Fortnite made Nearly \$290M in the month of April 2018.

#### **Devices**

- PS4, Xbox 1, Tablets, Phones
   Games
- \$\$Fortnite\$\$, Call of Duty, Badland Grand Theft Auto

Addictive Engineering = Truth About Tech
DOPAMINE HIGH!!!

#### 60 Minutes of Activity Daily

- Vigorous activity: Running, jumping rope
- Moderate activity: Walking, playing games, yard work
- Muscle strengthening: Wall climb, push-ups
- Flexibility activities: Stretching, yoga

#### 10 minutes at a time







## Active in the Class

#### Students:

- Greet students at the door.
- Walk around the room during instruction.
- Play with students during recess

#### Parents:

 If you know certain parents, share information with the teacher.

#### Staff

 Work with other paraprofessionals regarding classroom management, collaboration, etc.

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Lots of things in so little time!

# Timing

#### Noun. [tahy-ming]

 the selecting of the best time or speed for doing something in order to achieve the desired maximum result.

 Example: "You don't have to swing hard to hit a homerun. If you've got the timing, it'll go". Yogi Berra

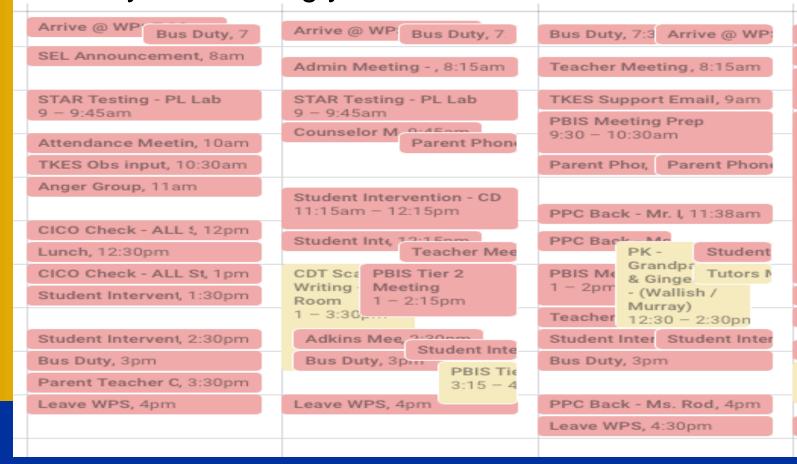
## Timing Strategies

Three strategies to help improve your time for personal, family & professional growth.

- 1. Know How You Spend Your Time
- 2. Set Priorities
- 3. Avoid Multi-tasking

## 1. Know How You Spend Your Time

 Keeping a time log is a helpful way to determine how you are using your time



#### 2. Set Priorities

- Determine what is important versus what is urgent.
- Most important tasks are usually not the most urgent, but we spend time on these.

Urgent	Not Urgent
Important	Not Important

Covey, S. R., Merrill, A. R., & Merrill, R. R. (1994). First Things First: To Live, to Love, to Learn, to Leave a Legacy. New York: Simon & Schuster.

MacKenzie, A. (1990). The Time Trap (3rd ed.). New York: American Management Association.

## 3. Avoid Multi-tasking

- Recent psychological studies have shown that multi-tasking does not actually save time
- You lose time when switching from one task to another, resulting in a loss of productivity
- Routine multi-tasking may lead to difficulty in concentrating and maintaining focus when needed. (conversations with people)
- Example: During planning time (copying papers, filling out newsletters, + answering email).

Rubinsteim, J., Meyer, D. & Evans, J. (2001). Executive control of cognitive processes in task switching. *Journal of Experimental Psychology – Human Perception and Performance*, 27(4), 763-797

## influence

#### Noun. [in-floo-uhns]

- the capacity or power of persons or things to be a compelling force on or produce effects on the actions, behavior, opinions, etc.; of others
- Example: "Be selective about your external influences. Your multi-dimensional brain is influenced by everything you see, hear, read, smell, touch, feel or say".

Brian Tracy

#### Detect Your Influence

3 ways you can determine if your influence is real or fake:

- 1. Authenticity
- 2. Trust
- 3. Unity

# Authenticity

- Authenticity lives in the details we share about our lives.
- We have more in common than we think.
- Influence is not about "showing someone up", but recognizing we all have areas to improve on.
  - Ex: "This is my line, get in it!"
  - Ex: "That parent lets their kid run over them.

## Trust

- Trust is earned through consistent radical honesty that starts with intention.
- Trust comes from a sense of common values and beliefs
- How willing are you to trust other people with your lives?

Activity #4:

Falling (10 Volunteers)

# Unity

"And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken"

- Ecclesiates 4:12
- Technology is uniting us like never before, but also changing how we make, maintain and grow our relationships.
- In a recent YPulse survey 48 percent of 13–34 year olds said they have connected with someone they never met.
  - People sometimes are more cordial and respectful to people they've never met vs people they know. (family)

https://www.adweek.com/brand-marketing/3-ways-to-determine-if-an-influencers-impact-is-real-or-fake/

# Organization

#### Noun. [awr-guh-nuh-zey-shuh n]

- to form as or into a whole consisting of interdependence or coordinated parts, especially for united action.
- Example: Teams that consistently perform at the highest levels are able to come together and be unified across the organization staff, players, coaches, management, and ownership. When everyone is on the same page, trust develops, and teams can grow and succeed together.

- Jerry Reinsdorf

# We Are the System



## Communication

- Communication is critical, not only to the success of the students in the classroom, but also to the collaborative relationship.
- Both teacher and paraprofessional can improve on their communications with each other, set and follow expectations, and discuss issues frequently.
- Communicating effectively is vital to keeping lessons on track and quickly resolve miscommunications or misunderstandings.

https://susanfitzell.com/collaborating-with-paraprofessionals/

## Teacher/Parapro Classroom Plan

- Establish a plan (policy & procedure)
  - Write it down, allow it to be visible
  - Create expectations for Teacher + Student
  - Plan your system so you have options
  - Model your plan
- Documentation (implementation)
  - Create a Behavior/Discipline Log
  - Document EVERYTHING that goes on
    - Emails, texts, Chats, Class Dojo
    - Phone Conversations, Conferences

## Information

#### 5 Ways to Handle Information you receive:

- 1. Throw it away, delete it, or otherwise get rid of it.
- 2. Delegate it: give it to someone else to do, file, or respond.
- 3. Act on it yourself. Then throw it away or file it.
- 4. File it temporarily until it needs action or until additional information is received.
- 5. File it permanently where you can easily find it later.

Dodd, P., & Sundheim, D. (2005). The 25 Best Time Management Tools and Techniques: How to Get More Done Without Driving Yourself Crazy. Ann Arbor, MI: Peak Performance Press, Inc.

# Networking

#### Noun. [net-wur-king]

- Supportive system of sharing information and services among individuals and groups having a common interest.
- Example: "Giving connects two people, the giver and the receiver, and this connection gives birth to a new sense of belonging."

Deepak Chopra

# Social Experiment

- We have an innate ability to find people that have the same beliefs as us.
- We are social creatures by design.

#### Activity #5

- When the announcer asks if you like or associate with the following: - stand up.
  - o Avon
- Comedies
- Passport
- o Fried Chicken o Tom Cruise o Cruise

- Georgia FB
   Soap Operas
   Facebook

## PSC Rules Connection

# Old F.L.A.T. View of Professional Learning

- F Failed to Connect
- L Lacked Relevance
- A A One Size Fits All Model
- T Totally Useless

## PSC Rules Connection

#### Job Embedded Learning will focus on

- Working on the work
- Working smarter
- Working collaboratively
- Using workshops and other resources to support the work of teaching and learning
- Learning to use protocols to guide professional learning

## PSC Rules Connection

New R.O.U.N.D. View of PL

- R Relevant
- O On-Going
- U <u>Utilizes Team Talents</u>
- N <u>Neutralizes Barriers</u>
- D Designed with Student Learning in Mind

# Support

#### Verb. [suh-pawrt, -pohrt]

- to bear or hold up; (a load, mass, structure, etc.); serve as a foundation.
- Example: "Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them".

Dalai Lama

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# School Support

#### **Academic**

- Tutoring
- Small Group
- Remediation

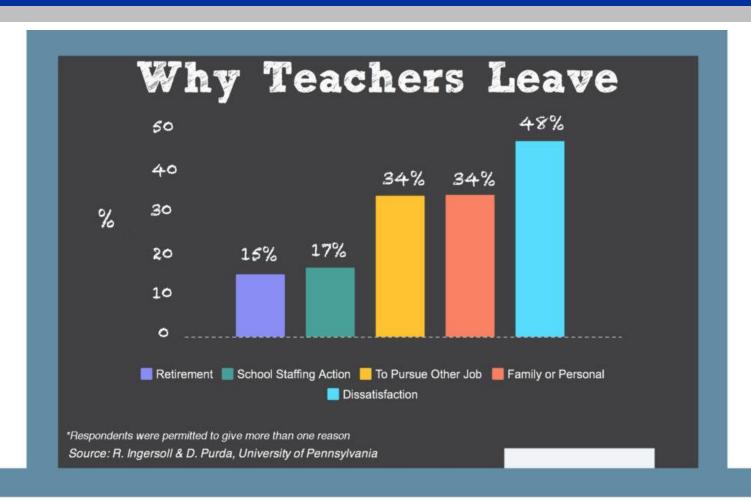
#### **Behavior**

- PBIS
- SEL
- Love and Logic

Implement with FIDELITY



# Teaching Data

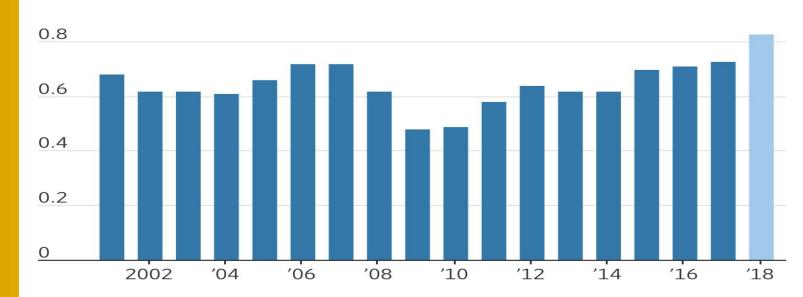


## Education Data

#### School's Out

Average monthly quit rate among public education workers, seasonally adjusted

1.0%



Note: 2018 reflects rate through October

Source: Labor Department

# Harmony

#### Noun. [hahr-muh-nee]

- a consistent, orderly, or pleasing arr angement of parts; congruity.
- "Always aim at complete harmony of thought and word and deed. Always aim at purifying your thoughts and everything will be well".

Mahatma Ghandi

# Getting Everyone on Board

- Learning should be transformational for all learners
- Trust and honest open feedback are critical for building relationships
- Know yourself and those around you



# Types of People



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## Investment

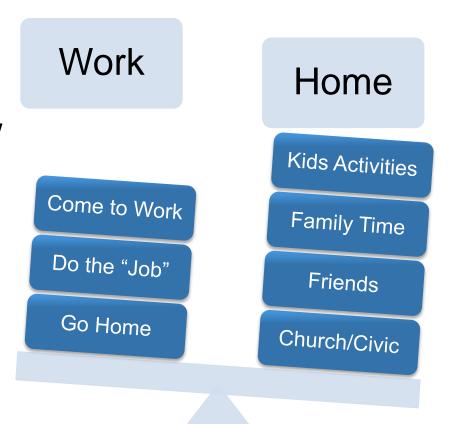
#### Noun. [in-vest-muh nt]

- to use, give, or devote (time, talent, etc.), as f or a purpose or achieve something.
- Example: "No other investment yields as great a return as the investment in education. An educated workforce is the foundation of every community and the future of every economy".
   Brady Henry

#### **Current Investments**

Activity #6: Draw out what you are investing your

- √ time
- ✓ energy
- ✓ money

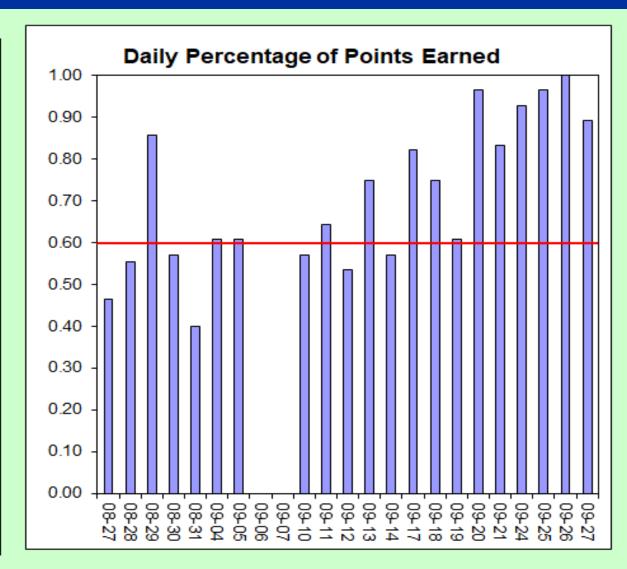


# IN or OUT



### Data: Worse to Better

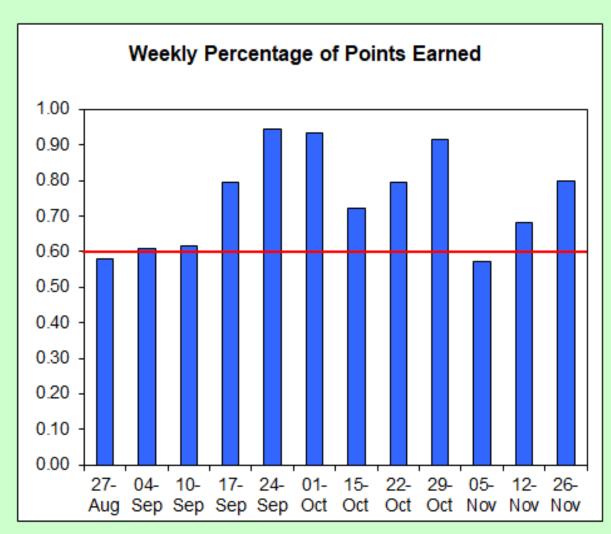
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8/28/2018	56	31	0.55		
8/29/2018	56	48	0.86		
8/30/2018	56	32	0.57		
8/31/2018	40	16	0.40		
9/4/2018	56	34	0.61		
9/5/2018	56	34	0.61		
9/6/2018	56	0	0.00		
9/7/2018	56	0	0.00		
9/10/2018	56	32	0.57		
9/11/2018	56	36	0.64		
9/12/2018	56	30	0.54		
9/13/2018	56	42	0.75		
9/14/2018	56	32	0.57		
9/17/2018	56	46	0.82		
9/18/2018	56	42	0.75		
9/19/2018	56	34	0.61		
9/20/2018	56	54	0.96		
9/21/2018	48	40	0.83		
9/24/2018	56	52	0.93		
9/25/2018	56	54	0.96		
9/26/2018	56	56	1.00		
9/27/2018	56	50	0.89		



#### Data: Worse to Better

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9/4/2018	112	68	0.61
9/10/2018	280	172	0.61
9/17/2018	272	216	0.79
9/24/2018	224	212	0.95
10/1/2018	280	261	0.93
10/15/2018	376	272	0.72
10/22/2018	280	223	0.80
10/29/2018	280	256	0.91
11/5/2018	280	160	0.57
11/12/2018	280	191	0.68
11/26/2018	280	224	0.80
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#### R.E.L.A.T.i.O.N.S.H.i.P.-S

How much time are we willing to invest in building strong relationships with?:

- Students
- Parents
- Staff
- Family

## Practice



# Hierarchy of Educational Excellence

Content Knowledge

Presence + Dedication

Common Vision + Culture

Love Children

# Final Thoughts

Coming Together
is a beginning
Keeping together is progress
Working together is success
- Henry Ford