## Dignity... The Key to Belonging

What it means and how to apply the essential elements

## Welcome! **To Springton Lake** Middle School

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#### Our Goals for tonight...

01 Introduce... Dignity: What is it? 02 Explore... The Essential Elements of Dignity.

#### **O3** Listen, Share, Apply... The impact of Dignity on our own lives and those around us.

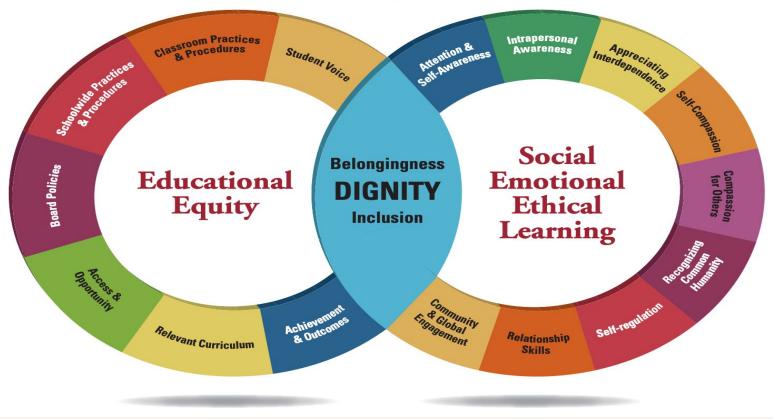
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Understand... How Dignity connects each of us. Inclusivity & Belonging... Our Vision, Our Why

The RoseTree Media School District cultivates and supports an inclusive culture where everyone belongs and each person's inherent dignity is honored.



#### **INCLUSIVITY & BELONGING**



#### What is in your folder?

- 10 Essential Elements of Dignity Card
- 10 Temptations to Violate Dignity Card
- Handout packet to help with writing down thoughts and ideas. (Take it out now, please to refer to during the short video up next.)
  - On your folder is a label with your group number and location for the break-out session.

#### Short Video from Donna Hicks <u>Donna Hicks, Dignity</u>



What is Dignity?

### Dignity is the inherent value and worth of a human, we are all born with it.

# Dignity vs. Respect

#### The Essential Elements of Dignity

#### Acceptance of Identity

No negative judging No prejudice or bias.

#### Recognition

#### Acknowledgement

Validate & give credit to others.

Give people your full attention.

#### Inclusion

Make others feel that they belong.

Safety

Psychological and Physical

#### Fairness

Treat people justly & with equality.

#### The Essential Elements of Dignity

#### Independence

Empower others to act on their own behalf.

#### Understanding

Actively listen, what others think matters.

#### **Benefit of the Doubt**

Start with the premise that others have good motives & are acting with integrity.

#### Accountability

Take responsibility for actions & apologize for dignity violations.

#### **Essential reads and our resources....**

