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Board of Education Resolution

Belief Statement

We believe that:

- All children can learn at the highest levels;
- Teaching and learning should be differentiated and child-centered;
- Social and emotional learning is critical to the learning process;
- We should have challenging learning experiences for all educations and children;
- Children learn best by constructing a new understanding of their relationship to the world around them (i.e., constructivist approach)
- Children should become lifelong learners and well prepared for post-secondary life experiences.

Mission Statement

The Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen offers our life-long learners a robust curriculum through the partnership of home, school, and community. We expose our children to important literature and ideas, to master fundamental skills, and develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills. We promote social responsibility encouraging students and staff to set high personal goals.

Vision Statement

Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen will treat each and every child as a scholar to be prepared to meet the challenges of their future.

District Goals

High Quality Curriculum and Instruction

The Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 will develop and implement a high quality curriculum, instruction, and balanced assessment model for all students. All staff will implement evidenced-based practices including high yield instructional strategies that increase higher order thinking, collaboration and creativity, and student engagement.

Leadership and Innovation

All members of the Valley Stream Union Free School District 13 community are valued and seen as contributors to the goals of the district. Allocation of resources will support job-embedded professional development dedicated to promoting creative problem-solving. We will seek district-wide expertise and insights to realize measureable achievement gains for educators and students.

Systems Thinking

The Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen will continually create benchmarks for success that align targeted resources to evaluate and enrich the quality of our instructional and operational goals. Every student and educator will meet and exceed local and national measures of achievement.