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Philosophy of Education

I believe that quality education is fundamental to a progressive community. To educate our youth is to empower them. As educators it is our responsibility to serve our students by continually looking for new solutions to challenges we are facing. Through powerful collaboration and careful planning of strong and effective school programs, we will inspire teachers to teach creatively and motivate students to engage deeply in learning.

A quality education grows from a positive school environment. Nurturing a collaborative culture grounded in common goals and relational trust will enable our district to reach beyond complying with state mandates and search for what our students need and deserve. This safe environment is one in which our teachers become risk-takers and our social capacity grows, allowing us to be innovative while looking for continuous opportunities to meet the needs and challenges of our students in the 21st century.

A district wide RTI (Response to Intervention) program is the crux to school improvement. It allows us to level the playing field for at risk students and push the status quo to provide an ever improving education to all of our students all of the time. Continuous school improvement is a necessary component of a quality education. A quality education is provided by teachers who are committed to life-long learning, and as principal and a life-long learner, I will lead teacher learning through active participation. Using, interpreting, and analyzing data will guide us in creating a system of strategies where instruction can be shaped and interventions can be implemented effectively to improve learning and achievement for all students.

As the new principal of Guilford Elementary I am committed to building a trusting culture in which school improvement is a constant priority. I am anxious to work collaboratively with the Board of Education, teachers, parents, students, and community members to provide a safe and encouraging environment where all students may experience success. I invite each of you to join in this partnership, which builds on each other's strengths, to provide a quality education for our students.