## What is the teachers' mission for East?



Based on three after school workshops for East faculty in June 2016, a mission focused on creating an *empowered graduate* and *productive citizen* was drafted. A vision of what that looked like was also brainstormed. (These terms captured the essence of what teachers wanted; they need to be polished.)

# What is the teachers' vision of the graduate who is an empowered graduate?

#### Vision of the empowered graduate:

- An independent thinker who "knows goals"; understands how to "obtain goals"; and is willing to take risks to "reach goals"
- Has a purpose and voice
- Intrinsically motivated; self-motivated
- Realizes hopes and dreams
- Perseveres
- Is resourceful; knowing where to find needed information and support
- Takes ownership
- o Investment
- Has pride
- o Confident in self, school, community and future
- o Is literate
- o Skilled
- Thinks critically
- o Good listener and communicator
- Culturally aware
- Is a catalyst for change
- Is an innovator
- Takes responsibility for self and others
- Knows when to rely on others and when to rely on self
- Advocates for self and others
- Gives back to community willingly
- Is a leader who advocates for others, positively impacts others, motivates others and are is role model

# What is the teacher's vision of the graduate who is a productive citizen?

## Vision of the productive citizen:

- Is employable
- Actively contributes locally and globally

Active Engagement Valued Member of Society Positive Contributor Productive citizens actively contribute to Hemselves, their commonity, society as a whole, It is made possible by social, emotional, ethical, and academic abulities.

- Is a person who participates in their community through volunteering, voting, serving on committees/advocacy groups etc.
- Identifies and utilizes skills to better yourself and society. Skills necessary are literacy, communication, advocacy,
- Advocates for social justice
- o Contributes to self, family and the community
- o Helps fellow students/advocates for self and others
- $\circ$  Civic minded
- Is compassionate toward others
- Exercises rights responsibly
- Is ethical.
- Is a person of strong character
- Thinks critically
- Engages in decision making, critical thinking, self and relationship management, and leadership
- Is a person who uses skills such as critical thinking, communication and listening...
- o Has foundational academic skills to make educated decisions
- Critically questions
- Collaborates with others
- Considers other people's needs and perspectives/empathetically listens to others viewpoints
- Respectfully disagrees
- Appreciates diversity/accepts differences
- Recognizes/appreciates contributions of others
- Aware of strengths and weaknesses
- Set goals and meets them.
- Can function independently in the world
- Uses one's voice
- Owns their choices
- o Is motivated
- o Learns from mistakes