

# Teacher Leadership Academy

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# What is teacher leadership?

- Teacher leaders provide a variety of supports for students and teachers to facilitate teaching and learning.
- The concept of teacher leadership suggests that teachers rightly and importantly hold a central position in the way schools operate and in the core functions of teaching and learning.
- Teacher leadership programs help to recruit, retain, motivate, and reward accomplished teachers.
- Teacher leaders are both teachers and leaders.
- Teacher leaders impact student learning.



# Goals of teacher leadership

- To improve job satisfaction.
- To facilitate the actualization of teachers' visions.
- To remain in the classroom, as a teacher, but contribute more broadly to teacher teams, your school, and your district.
- To build a cadre of informal leaders whose work will help enhance culture and climate.
- To be a more agentive contributor to the school community.



# Our Summer Launch

- 26 faculty members attended: a mix of K-12 teachers, counselors, child study team members, etc.
- Community building
- Unpacking teacher leader standards
- Identities and values work
- Future planning





# Early Feedback

- “The best part of the launch of the teacher leadership program was feeling like I am a part of something bigger.”
- “Being surrounded by colleagues with similar goals. The support that was felt at these meetings.”
- “Feeling like we were all equal. I felt heard, comfortable and optimistic.”
- “I think the best part was being part of a group that really wants to make a change.”



# What's Next? Future Directions

- Monthly gatherings.
- Shared professional learning around teacher leader interests and goals.
- Pursuit of passion teacher leader passion projects.
- Formation of extend leadership team.



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**Questions?**

