



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- SUPPORTIVE, ACTIVE, INVOLVED PARENTS AND COMMUNITY
- A HIGHLY QUALIFIED, INVESTED STAFF OF EFFECTIVE EDUCATORS
- GOOD KIDS!
- CLASS SIZES THAT ALLOW CARE AND ATTENTION FOR EVERY STUDENT



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- A DISTRICT CULTURE BASED ON:
 - COLLABORATION
 - COMMUNICATION
 - VISIBILITY AND AVAILABILITY
 - HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL
 - RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY
 - FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- A SCHOOL CULTURE WHERE STUDENTS:
 - ENJOY COMING TO SCHOOL
 - ARE SAFE
 - ENJOY LEARNING AND EXPLORING KNOWLEDGE
 - CONNECT WITH THEIR SCHOOL THROUGH A VARIETY OF SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS
 - PERFORM EXCEPTIONALLY WELL ON ALL STANDARDIZED INDICATORS



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- DRIVE TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE
FOR EXAMPLE:
 - COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY
 - K-8 MATH
 - TITLE 1 PROGRAM FOCUSED ON MATH
 - ELL PROGRAM
 - ACHIEVEMENT GAPS (ON-GOING)



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- A RICH CURRICULUM AT ALL GRADE LEVELS
 - INCLUDES MUSIC, ART, DRAMA, WORLD LANGUAGES, HEALTH & P.E., AND RESEARCH SKILLS
 - CONSISTENT WITH CULTURAL VALUES OF COMMUNITY
 - ENHANCES STUDENTS' ABILITY TO LEARN AND REACH THEIR POTENTIAL (OUR MISSION)



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- CURRICULUM SPECIALISTS WORKING WITH STAFF
 - TO INTERPRET AND HELP IMPLEMENT CHANGING AND CHALLENGING LEARNING STANDARDS
 - IDENTIFY & MODEL BEST PRACTICES
 - TO HELP BRING CONSISTENCY ACROSS SCHOOLS AND CLASSROOMS



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- A STRONG FOCUS ON EARLY LITERACY
 - SUPPORTED BY A LOWER STUDENT/ADULT RATIO, ESPECIALLY IN GRADES K AND 1
 - SPECIALISTS MODELING FOR TEACHERS AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS,
 - LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS AVAILABLE TO SUPPLEMENT IN-CLASS LEARNING



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- A COMMITMENT TO SPECIAL NEED STUDENTS
 - QUALITY, COST-EFFECTIVE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
 - IN THEIR HOME SCHOOL WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
 - WHILE KEEPING PER-PUPIL SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS FLAT IN FY 01 & 02 AND LOWER IN FY 03 & FY 04



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- TECHNOLOGY THAT IS INTEGRATED INTO CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES
 - TO SUPPORT LEARNING AND RESEARCH
 - TO BUILD TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- NURSES IN EACH SCHOOL
 - PROMOTING STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY
 - PROVIDING PARENT SUPPORT AND INFORMATION
 - CARING FOR A GROWING NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH SERIOUS OR FRAGILE MEDICAL MEDICATIONS



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

- ABILITY TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN HIGHLY QUALIFIED, INVESTED TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERS
- MENTORING AND INDUCTION PROGRAMS FOR ALL NEW TEACHERS
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT IS IN-DEPTH, ONGOING, AND FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICES FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

It comes back to:

- SUPPORTIVE, ACTIVE, INVOLVED PARENTS AND COMMUNITY
- GOOD KIDS!
- A HIGHLY QUALIFIED, INVESTED STAFF OF EFFECTIVE EDUCATORS--
- **YOU!**



WHAT MAKES SPS EXEMPLARY?

We have delineated some of what we believe makes SPS exemplary, but we would like to hear from you.

Please share your thoughts and reasons so that we can add to this presentation.

Send your thoughts to

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Thank you, John R. Brackett