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TO: Board of Education

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SUBJ: INFORMATION ITEM (High Expectations)

Attached is part of the presentation I will be making later this week during our Leadership Academy. Each year we have a theme to guide our work. In years past we have had accountability as a theme and the theme last year was fidelity, doing things the way we are supposed to. This year, the theme is High Expectations.

This information is presented for your information.

I am available to answer any questions you might have.

# Building a Culture of High Expectations

Dale Ellis

# High Expectations Start with US

“High expectations are the key to everything.”

- Sam Walton

# And then….

“I don’t have high expectations anymore. Maybe they’ve just been beaten out of me.”

-Actress Elisabeth Shue

# The Victim Mentality

- Educators have a victim mentality, especially right now.
- I agree that this feeling is not totally misplaced.
- But, we can not make victims of our children because of what is happening in Raleigh.
- We can not make victims of our children because WE don't think they can do the work to be exceptional.
- The adults are victimizing kids when we set low expectations!

# Greatness is not Easy….

"My job is not to be easy on people. My job is to make them better.“ – Steve Jobs

High Expectations start with US!

# No More Status Quo

