

# OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## The Story of P.W. Moore

### Discussion guide

The guiding belief that fuels many educators is that every child deserves a quality education, regardless of what circumstances they are born into. That belief is at the heart of one community school in eastern North Carolina: P.W. Moore Elementary School.

EdNC, a nonprofit news outlet, embedded in P.W. Moore Elementary School in Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools during the 2024-25 school year and produced a documentary about their growth. From the first day of school through the last day of school, this film documents the power of the community school model for students, educators, families, and the community.

Thank you for watching our documentary. Below you will find several discussion questions to guide your conversation.

1. P.W. Moore is a historic school that has long been an anchor for its community. What do you think a school needs in order to become an anchor for its community?
2. Many of the staff members that work at P.W. Moore also went to the school as students. Do you think their personal history with the school impacts their relationship with their work today?
3. “Dedication” and “care” are both words that staff members used to describe part of the school’s culture. What do you think is needed to create a positive and impactful school culture?
4. The community school model has four pillars: integrated student supports, extended and enriched learning time and opportunities, active family and community engagement, and collaborative leadership and practices. Can you think of ideas of these pillars for your school and community?
5. What is your dream for your school? What kind of resources are needed to make that dream a reality?

