

# **West Jefferson High School Leadership Institute**

*Learning How to Lead \* Building Successful Futures \**

*Every Student \* Every Day*

## **IMAGINE.....**

Imagine a school setting in which high school students, as an inherent part of their curriculum, are taught core leadership principles, sound decision making processes, and are exposed to some of the most influential leaders in America. Designed as a two-part program, this initiative will help equip West Jefferson students to be wise decision makers and effective and influential leaders in whatever career path they choose.

### **School component**

Classes on leadership – from leadership development to advanced leadership development will be offered as elective courses. Within these courses, students will be taught the fundamentals of leadership, what constitutes good and effective leadership, how to develop leadership qualities and study the habits and attributes of effective leaders presently and throughout history. An inherent component of this curriculum is how to develop a good decision making process that will lay the foundation for learning how to make good choices throughout life.

### **Seminar component**

Given my career, I have been blessed to work with a wide spectrum of some of the most influential leaders in America in the sectors of government, law, business, and politics. Drawing upon that experience, I would put together a week of seminars, “Leadership Week at West Jefferson,” in which world renowned leaders would come to West Jefferson High School to speak on a range of topics pertaining to leadership throughout the week. The speeches would be set up seminar style so that after the speech, students would be able to informally interact with the speaker to ask questions and have interactive dialogue. This would be set up as an annual event.

The initiative would provide West Jefferson a leadership program unlike any other high school program in America. The initiative has been preliminarily titled The West Jefferson Leadership Institute and would be provided to the district and school at no cost.

**Program Description:** The West Jefferson Leadership Development Program will combine experiential and project-based learning to empower students to make a difference on their campus, community, and the world. Through small and large group discussions, team building activities and community engagement, students will actively pursue topics such as collaborative leadership, leadership styles, ethics and decision-making while exploring the power of risk taking, communication and facilitation.

**Scope and Sequence**

<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Instructional Topics</u>
4 weeks	Introduction	School Culture Setting/context for servant leadership Structure Leadership 101 Planning
8 weeks	Leadership Basics	Personal Leadership Development Dealing with Failure Preparing to make a Difference
6 weeks	Group Dynamics	Accountability to Others TEAM
8 weeks	Ethics	Defining Ethics Morality Community + Citizenship + Morals

4 weeks

Communication

Working Together

Marketing

Social Media

Digital Citizenship

Facilitation