## Seven Habits of Collaborative School Leaders

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- 1. Avoid comparisons of school districts—especially unequal districts!
- 2. Don't allow test scores to define your school—fully embrace Every Child a Graduate.
- 3. Inspire your employees with a "Successory" program—if you don't feed the teachers they will eat the students.
- 4. Use stories to overcome the Villains of Communication—avoid the data trap.
- 5. Put a face on children of poverty—tell the stories of <u>individual</u> students.
- 6. Plan celebrations of success—use technology to connect and inspire.
- 7. Intentionally build connections with faith organizations, first responders, and veterans to retool our image and rekindle public support.

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