

### ***Mission Statement***

The mission of the Southern Humboldt Unified School District is a commitment to excellence, high expectations, and a comprehensive program that promotes the success of all students by empowering them with the skills and attitudes necessary to confidently meet the challenges of a changing world.

### ***Vision Statement***

Students are inspired by a rich, diverse curriculum, by teachers and other staff who share their love of learning, and by community members who demonstrate their support for education through active involvement.

Students value their remarkable gains in achievement as they master increasingly complex concepts and skills. Their lives are enriched by participating in a wide variety of learning experience from core academic curriculum to music, drama and art to salmon restoration, construction trades, and broadcast journalism.

Students develop personal integrity by being immersed in a joyous learning community that encourages respect and responsibility. They appreciate and care for an appropriately designed, carefully furnished, beautifully maintained school.

Students explore, understand and appreciate the importance and uniqueness of the natural and cultural environment in which we live. They assume responsibility for protecting and enhancing their communities.

## **Core Values**

### Student Learning

We are guided by the principle that all students can learn, and will continue to strive for their personal best.

- a. A safe and nurturing environment is essential to learning.
- b. Every student in our district regardless of gender, special needs, or social, ethnic, language or economic background has a right to a high quality education that challenges the student to achieve his or her fullest potential.
- c. Early identification of learning and behavioral difficulties contributes to student success.
- d. Recognize and mitigate factors that affect a student's ability to learn, including but are not limited to social, health, nutrition and economic conditions.
- e. Parental involvement is essential.

### Stakeholders

All individuals within the community value education and, as a result, their lives are enriched.

- a. Our community provides a valuable resource to our educational program.
- b. Our diversity of students, staff, and community enriches the learning experience.
- c. Effective communication with all stakeholders builds trust and support for district.

### Educational Community

The accountability of educational program is shared by the entire educational community, with the ultimate accountability resting with the Board as the basic embodiment of representative government.

- a. A highly skilled and dedicated staff that has a direct and powerful influence on students' lives and learning is valued by the entire community.
- b. Communication, trust, respect and teamwork among Board members and the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent is essential to effective decision making.
- c. The educational community will recognize and celebrate student and staff accomplishments.

As a result students will be critical-thinking, contributing members of society who embrace life-long learning.