# Tough Kids

It's okay to copy cat as long as it's the right cat.

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Trained up Teen Boys

High school is straight crazy

Go getters don't usually find the environments

What is a tough kid?

Those students that is most difficult to help them learn

Various back grounds

The Key is: Whoever is in the house knows how to parents

Using the family to partner to rise up the children . . .

Children abandon and abused have trust issues; but you do not have confidence that others will stick around

We watch others and how they have healthy relationships; so we watch how other work with relationships

Why should kids listen to you if you don't have healthy relationships?

Kids are smart and they can read a situation without asking a questions

Cultural:

Kids are looking at the school from her own cultural lens

We have an expectation gap

### Poverty doesn't make you act a certain way ... You may still be poor but you can still

- Manners
- Expectations
- Achiever
- Use your situation to grow your strength

Challenge those to build grit

Build a strong sense of what I can influence

"Leadership is communicating people's worth and Potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves." Stephen Covey

Build a growth mind set; that I will practice and I can always get better

Looking for strength – Switch; Heath

Look at the strategy of change - "Find the Bright Spots"

Focus on your strengths and work on your weakness

Work on the sphere of influence:

Leader in Me addresses: Classism, Racism, and Sexism

The moment you walk in the building you have to be mature continuum

We have to choose to be mad; Habit 1 Proactive

Public Victory: principal center leadership

Some Media: Promote emotional unstable

# Public Victory: the principle is responsibility, purpose, and integrity

Common knowledge is not always common practice

Self discipline and personal mastery

Deep long lasting highly effective relationships!

Keep the communication open with the teenagers; mutual benefit, team work, listening, renewal

We need to practice renewal and eliminate burn out

Lay out the mission, the big rocks, sharing the relationships – communication, I have a common language with my students

We need share when you fail and when you are blue

### Why This Works

- 1. We must believe every child is a leader
- 2. Universal Principal is at the center of **building** leadership characters
- 3. <u>Involves</u> teachers, students, and parents set up win-win agreements with parents
- 4. **<u>Ubiquitous approach</u>** everywhere, all the time. It was the system was within me.

Significantly enhanced student self-confidence

Surround the kids in a new culture and a new environment

# **<u>4 Core for Developing Leadership in Students</u>**

- 1. Model Leadership
- 2. Teach students leadership
- 3. Empower students
- 4. Develop a leadership culture

We are strategically placed to be here to build up those tough kids!