**Commitment to Student Learning**

As cliché as it may sound, children are our future. They have the opportunity to create a better world than the one we were born into. And no, not every child is expected to grow up and save the rainforest, find the cure to deadly disease, save a life, or even donate to the Red Cross. But if given the right tools, children can succeed in life. Start their own business, create a technology that will improve the lives of others, help someone not as fortunate as them to prosper, or be part of a happy and successful family of their own. I believe that many of us have lost what makes us humans: kindness, empathy, dedication, motivation, selflessness, and caring, to name a few. Caring. This word means more than any other. We have forgotten how to care; care for ourselves, care for strangers, and how to care for our children. Day after day children enter our classrooms, our schools, and our lives with no one caring for them. But we need to remember, these children hold the future and they cannot be ignored. As educators we have an opportunity to believe in our students, show them that we care, and let them know that they have the power to succeed because we believe in them, which gives them the courage to believe in themselves. If a student fails, they will not stand back up and try again if everyone is telling them to quit. Teachers must be a constant and let that child know that they have the power to succeed and we will not let them fail because I believe in them too. Children are our future, its time we remember that.