

**QUOTE ACTIVATOR**  
**Leadership Dinner~Shrewsbury High School**

**Directions:** Please circle the quote that most resonates with you this evening. Reflect on your quote for a minute or two. Record your thoughts and be prepared to share the following with your group:

1. Why did you choose this quote?
2. In what ways does this quote resonate with you?
3. How might this quote inform your professional practice?
4. Does this quote make you think of a past or present experience? If so, how/why?

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“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

Coretta Scott King

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“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.”

Anthony J. D’Angelo

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“The need for connection and community is primal, as fundamental as the need for air, water, and food.”

Dean Ornish

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“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

Marian Wright Edelman

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“We are constituted so that simple acts of kindness, such as giving to charity or expressing gratitude, have a positive effect on our long-term moods. The key to the happy life, it seems, is the good life: a life with sustained relationships, challenging work, and connections to community.”

Paul Bloom

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“You cannot motivate a student you do not know.”

Ted Sizer, founder of the Essential school movement

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“For leaders to get results they need all three kinds of focus. Inner focus attunes us to our intuitions, guiding values, and better decisions. Other focus smooths our connections to the people in our lives. And outer focus lets us navigate in the larger world. A leader tuned out of his internal world will be rudderless; one blind to the world of others will be clueless; those indifferent to the larger systems within which they operate will be blindsided.”

Daniel Goleman, *Focus: The Hidden Driver of Excellence*

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“We need to help students and parents cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community-and this nation.”

Cesar Chavez

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“SEL is defined now more specifically as ‘a process for helping children and even adults develop the fundamental skills for life effectiveness (including)...recognizing and managing...emotions, developing caring and concern for others, establishing positive relationships, making responsible decisions, and handling challenging situations constructively and ethically.’”

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“In so many ways, the whole science of child development and the best philosophy of education agree completely on the fundamental truth that learning is a relationship and that the success of education depends almost completely on the strength of the social and emotional dimensions of that relationship. The real core is just that: the social and emotional dimensions of the learning relationship.”

Timothy P. Shriver and Jennifer Buffett

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“Test scores and measures of achievement tell you where a student is, but they do not tell you where a student could end up.”

Carol S. Dweck

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“The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.”  
George Bernard Shaw

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“The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes of mind.”

William James

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