



5 Minute Activity

Education is a Partnership Between the Schools and the Community

Read the following excerpt from *Leadership Values of the Clovis Unified School District* (p. 95) and then discuss one of the prompts below.

We are STEWARDS of our community's resources.

Doc always said, the establishment and operation of a school district must be the responsibility of the district's leaders, teachers, and parents. Without a smooth working relationship among all members of a school community, problems develop that can erode the confidence in the educational system and the ability of the practitioners to complete their job, which is education of the community's youth.

To better understand this value let's look at the definitions of three important words: stewards, community, and resources from the *Cambridge Dictionary*.

Steward (noun)

a person whose job it is to organize a particular event, or to provide services to particular people, or to take care of a particular place

Community (noun)

the people living in one particular area or people who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, social group, or nationality

Resources (noun)

a useful or valuable possession or quality of a country, organization, or person

Discussion Prompts:

Emerging Leaders (101): Look carefully at these three definitions. Thinking about your school and/or department come to a consensus on who you serve as a steward, the community you deal with on a regular basis, and the resources of your school and or department.

Established Leaders (201): Clovis Unified believes that education is a partnership between the school and the community. As a leader, think about this philosophy to determine your responsibilities in ensuring a successful partnership between the district and the community.

Tenured Leaders (301): Dr. Janet Young used to say Clovis Unified isn't perfect but that we were working hard to be, just that, perfect. Over the years we have had several challenges. Think about a challenge your school and/or department has encountered recently. Identify the challenge and describe how it might have shaken the confidence in your site and/or the Clovis Unified School System. What could you, as a leader, have done differently? What kind of support did you receive and from whom? What further support did you need?