

# New York Mills Union Free School District

The New York Mills Board of Education commits itself to our district core beliefs and vision for education, and most importantly, to our responsibility to our students in supporting their present and future successes.

## VISION

Our vision is to create the best K-12 school district in New York State that is highly regarded for its academic excellence, pride and its contribution to actively serve and improve the community in which it operates.

## CORE BELIEFS

We believe:

- everyone should have learning experiences that expand beyond the classroom;
- everyone should have the opportunity to reach his/her full academic, physical, and social-emotional potential in order to have a productive life;
- everyone should be a responsible and accountable contributor to society through leadership and service to others and through demonstrating respect, honesty, and integrity as part of maintaining good citizenship;
- everyone has value and worth and is part of a greater whole than just himself/herself;
- everyone should have the technological awareness, problem-solving, and analytical skills for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century world, so s/he can resolve problems and transfer those skills to real life situations;
- everyone should be treated fairly and equitably, although fair and equitable are not always the same;

- everyone should experience positive statements and actions to empower him/her and change lives;
- everyone should acknowledge that competition exists, and we learn and grow from both success and failure; and
- everyone's thoughts, input and conversation are valued.

### **Mission**

Through combined efforts of students, staff, parents and other community members, our mission is to provide the confidence, knowledge, thinking skills, character and hope to foster a positive work ethic; to create an environment that harbors tolerance and respect for each other; and to ignite an attitude of inquiry and enthusiasm for learning that will enable students to become productive responsible citizens and confident builders of their future.