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Leadership Vision

A leader can be defined as a person who rules, guides, or inspires others. I believe it is the goal of all good teachers to do exactly this in their classroom, to guide and inspire their students. I see good administrators who are capable of leading, guiding, and inspiring their staff members in a way that will result in a trickle down effect reaching the students. By assuming a position in educational leadership, I feel I can have a greater impact on a larger number of people and work towards the common goal of creating students who are intelligent, healthy, ethical and overall good citizens. In order to prepare myself for a position in educational leadership there are a few things I must do. First I must continue my education and training; second I need to be involved; finally I need to lead by example.

To be an outstanding teacher it is important to continue to grow intellectually and keep up with the changing times. The same goes for the pathway to a leadership position. I may have the qualities and traits of a great leader, but that does not mean I know how to apply them in an educational leadership position. It is important that I obtain my education and degree in educational leadership because it will provide me with the knowledge and qualifications necessary to be in an educational leadership position.

Not only do I need to be educated and qualified, but I need to be involved. To be involved, I need to seek out leadership positions that I can fulfill now. It is also important that those who seek leadership positions know what is going on not only in their class room, but in the rest of the school, the district, and the community. I think it is

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important that I take on roles that are not necessarily required or asked of me. A leader gets involved and does not sit back and wait for something to be asked of him or her.

A true leader will not just share ideas and directions, but will lead by example. Many teachers are full of ideas that can help make a school or classroom a better place, but a true leader will implement the ideas and guide others. In order to gain the respect of staff, parents, and students, an educational leader has to practice what he or she preaches. As an educational leader, I will live by and the philosophies and ideas that I expect others to adhere by.

By continuing my education, being involved with the school, and leading by example; I believe I will reach my goal to obtain a position as educational leader. In a leadership position I feel I can have a greater affect on the entire school and community than I can as a teacher. In a leadership position I can share my skills, knowledge, and ideas resulting in our goal of creating intelligent, healthy, ethical and overall good citizens.