



Leadership through Service Scenarios

Here are some scenarios that you may encounter as you develop and carry out your leadership through service project. Think about ways in which you and your leadership team might address these situations. Your ideas could come in handy!

1. Most of the students in your school really want to make a difference in the world but are not the type of people who will run for school office or take on responsibility for a service project by themselves. How can you help others become leaders, even if they are not the “typical” captain/class officer/public speaker type of school leader?
2. Your school community has decided to take on a community service project this year, but there are so many different opinions about what the project should be, whom it should serve, and how it should take place. How can you as a leadership team come to a decision about the selection and implementation of a project?
3. Whether yours is a high school, middle school, elementary school, or a preK-12 central school, there are many different ages and developmental stages/abilities among your students. How can you make sure that all grades and ages are meaningfully included in the service project and have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership?
4. There are some students at your school who think that it isn’t “cool” to be involved in community service. How can you engage them in becoming part of the process?
5. You know that the best way to get everyone at school involved in your community service project is to schedule it during the school day, but some teachers worry about taking away from classroom instructional time. How can you convince them that this is a worthwhile learning experience?
6. The impact of your service project will be much greater if you can get support and publicity from individuals or organizations outside of school. What are some ways in which you can interest others in supporting your project?