



School District of Indian River County

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Dr. David Moore - Superintendent

Vero Beach High School
Freshman learning Center

Dear Family,

Many factors affect a child's chance of success in school – academics, like math and reading, for sure, but also non-academic factors, such as classroom behavior, attitudes and approaches towards learning and even how they get along with others.

Our school will be using a digital program called Ripple Effects as a tool to build social emotional skills, connect students to community, and improve academic success. Through the program, your child will be developing a core set of social-emotional abilities that have been shown to help students have a stronger, more positive sense of self, do better in school, respect others, and build skills that can help them make good choices about drugs, violence, and other life challenges. These key abilities are:

Knowing yourself
Controlling yourself
Being aware of others
Connecting with others
Decision-making

We have chosen this program because:

- It's based on rigorous research about what works in increasing young people's chance of overall school success
- Its personalized, adaptive design allows each student to privately leverage their strengths to work on areas that are challenging
- We've been able to customize the program based on our local district guidelines, needs, and constraints.

With the use of Ripple Effects we hope to develop a learning environment in which every student is inspired to become their personal best.

Sincerely,

Shawn O'Keefe, Principal

"Educate and inspire every student to be successful"

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