

# Celebrating the 5 Cs of Teacher Leadership

## Appreciating Teachers

May is **Teacher Appreciation Month**. While we emphasize expressing appreciation and kindness throughout the entire year, it is important to have a special time to acknowledge this profession and focus on the many ways teachers help students, families, and entire communities.

Teachers perform many acts of kindness. They serve as mentors and inspire others. When we thank teachers for what they do, it is also important to acknowledge who they are! Think about the leadership attributes that teachers embody.

### The 5 Cs of Teacher Leadership



#### Courageous

addressing important issues including diversity, equity, and inclusion



#### Creative

drawing the best from students during challenging times



#### Collaborative

working in partnerships with families and peers



#### Committed

being selfless and dedicated



#### Change-agent

demonstrating growth mindset, flexibility, and adaptability



#### RESPOND to the 5Cs: Colors of Teacher Leadership.

Use this list to spark conversations with and about teachers. How does reflecting on these leadership qualities help you express your appreciation for educators?



**CONNECT** your thoughts about leadership with the way you see teachers work with students, families, colleagues and the community. Add additional special skills and mindsets to the list, since being a teacher leader involves more than five attributes.



**CREATE** a sketch that shows an individual teacher or teacher team demonstrating these leadership attributes. What scene comes to mind? Illustrate examples of teachers letting their superhero qualities shine.



**PRESENT** your artwork to a teacher or an educator team. Your art could feature a solo superstar or represent many educators from your school or community. Sharing your art is a special way to express your appreciation!