

# MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 53

*"Committed to Excellence"*

Warsaw Middle School

Grades 5-8

Ms. Kristen Gilbert, Principal

## Warsaw Middle School Compact

### Acknowledgement

The 5-8 students, staff, parents/guardians and principal of MSAD #53 Warsaw Middle School have high expectations of themselves as individuals and as a school community. In recognition of these expectations, we will strive to provide the highest quality academic experience for the children in our schools. We will work hard to build a strong foundation that encompasses academics, athletics, music and the arts. In order to provide "one voice" for the school community that summarizes our goals and objectives, the schools and parents have developed this compact. It sets forth our understanding of the responsibilities involved in this partnership.

### MSAD #53 Middle School Students

I recognize that it is my responsibility to be at school and to work with my parents/guardians, the teachers and staff to achieve the goals we have set. I will do my best to...

- be a good listener and follow directions
- respect other people's space, property and opinions
- practice reading, writing and math at home and at school
- be responsible for my actions
- have a good attitude and try my best
- give my parents/guardians all notices and information received from my school everyday
- work to the best of my ability individually and as a part of a group/team
- maintain a student portfolio that contains a sampling of my work throughout the year

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents/Guardians

I realize that my child's education is very important and I want my child to succeed. I also recognize that my participation in my child's education is essential to his/her achievement, self-confidence and behavior. I agree to carry out the following responsibilities...

- ensure my child's daily, prompt attendance at school
- assure that my child has the proper learning environment and guidance to complete homework, is well rested, healthy, and prepared for school
- monitor and set limits on my child's TV/video/computer activities
- provide opportunities for learning at home by checking in on homework assignments and projects
- teach respect of others and responsibility for one's own actions
- listen to and talk with my child each day to develop his/her self-respect and self-esteem
- show an interest in my child's schoolwork and progress
- reiterate that school is a priority
- communicate openly with staff regarding my child's progress
- be supportive of my child's responsibilities and activities at school
- monitor how my child gets along with peers and adults
- attend school activities that include my child (Band concerts, Literacy Night, Student -Led Portfolio Conferences, etc.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**MSAD #53 Warsaw Middle School Staff**

I understand the importance of the middle school experience to every student and the impact of my position as teacher and role model. I agree that it is my professional responsibility as a middle level educator to...

- provide a high quality curriculum and instruction through a variety of opportunities that have clear expectations and challenge each student
- create a safe and caring environment that challenges students and respects children as learners
- communicate regularly with parents/guardians
- encourage participation in students' education through parent conferences and quarterly progress reports
- provide opportunities for parents/guardians to volunteer in the schools
- listen to all children and respect their opinions
- set clear, consistent boundaries for behavior with positive reinforcements
- help students face developmental as well as academic growth
- recognize and address the intellectual, social, and emotional development of young adolescents at the middle level
- commit to my responsibility to my students as a Fish Group advisor as well as a teacher

Faculty/Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Warsaw Middle School Principal**

As the principal, I applaud and support the goals and objectives summarized within this compact. As an educator, I recognize the importance of a dedicated, professional staff, concerned, involved parents and students who strive to be their best academically and socially. It is my responsibility to ...

- empower and encourage Warsaw Educators to grow professionally
- provide an environment that allows for positive interaction among students, staff and parent/guardians
- ensure that teachers regularly provide assignments that will reinforce classroom instruction and that will challenge the students
- maintain open, clear, honest communication with the students, staff and parent/guardians
- guarantee a safe environment for everyone
- ensure high standards for students and staff
- ensure that parents, students and teachers recognize the importance of academic and social development during the middle years

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_