The following words were identified as important to school progress by parents, teachers, and administrators from Bond, Colemon, Cook, Calumet, Cuffe, Earhart, Fort Dearborn and Gresham Schools at the School Leadership Institute on August 16, 2005.

- Accountability.
- Collaboration.
- Commitment.
- Communication.
- Consistent.
- Continuous evaluation
- Cooperation.
- Dedication.
- Determination.
- Effectiveness.
- Good leadership.
- Loyalty.
- Patience.
- Persistence.
- Respect.
- Results.
- Teamwork.
- Tolerance.
- Understanding.

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