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DELAWARE *Principal* FOR A DAY

GUIDELINES FOR BUSINESS LEADERS

WHAT WILL YOU DO AS A GUEST PRINCIPAL?

Delaware Principal for a Day is a one-day commitment from 7:30 a.m. (to greet students as they begin their day) through dismissal, which is usually between 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. You need not stay all day, but we do ask that you stay through lunch.

The primary purpose for a business leader to become a guest principal is to experience the issues that a principal faces on a daily basis. Your visit will result in a higher level of awareness and will help strengthen business-education partnerships. You will participate in everything from bus duty, meetings with parents, teachers or student government, to cafeteria duty, observing a class in progress or addressing issues with students.

Guidelines for getting the most out of your day:

- Ask the principal for an agenda and review it before arriving at the school.
- Observe a class in progress.
- Ask the principal how the school prepares students with the soft skills (punctuality, attendance, appropriate dress, teamwork, etc.) they need to be successful in the workplace. Share with the principal the critical skills that you need in an employee.
- Speak with teachers and/or address the student body or other student groups.
- Discuss ways the business community could most help the school, teachers and students.
- Ask the principal how resources are used to raise student achievement.
- Ask about the constraints and regulations that a principal must observe, such as student safety and disability accommodations.
- Spend some time in the school cafeteria to talk with students.
- Share with the principal the problems you face in hiring and retaining quality employees.
- Many schools are looking for organizations to partner with, can you find a way for your business to get more involved with the school you are visiting?

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