



SCS Leadership Learning Series

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Date & Time	Session Focus
February 19, 2020 4:00-6:00 p.m.	The Courage of Leadership

Overview: The Courage of Leadership-Leviticus Pointer, Principal of Gordon Achievement Academy

Are you a courageous leader? The question often leads the imagination to extreme examples such as rushing into a burning building without hesitation in order to save someone. And it's easy to assume that someone simply has the ability to be courageous or they don't. Yet not only is the example flawed, the subsequent assumption is flawed. Let's make the question more relevant. Would you speak up for a coworker if your boss was speaking inappropriately about them, or is that something you just pretend you would do?

Courage is a critical yet complex component of character-based leadership, and has two components: physical and moral. We focus on the physical aspect of courage the most, because we think it's the stuff heroes are made of. However, without the foundation of moral courage and wisdom those actions might simply be reckless. Moral courage is at the heart of our resiliency to resolve internal strife, and it is all about choice not genetics.

Over Arching Question: *How can a lack of courage adversely impact one's leadership practice?*

Goal(s): To understand that courage does not equate to mean, rather being grounded in one's own belief system to ensure the best or all you serve.

Outcome: To carefully stand without vacillation—for all students and staff as to what is best for them and the school because of the supreme knowledge one has of the people and school for which one serves. To do what needs to be done, despite the fear you may feel. Participants leave knowing how to act with Courage and Conviction.

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