

**MSAD 54 Mission Statement:** Each member of the MSAD 54 community will create a caring and safe environment which will encourage every student to strive to achieve high academic standards, develop character, be a life-long learner, and be a responsible, contributing member of society.

**MSAD 54 Vision for our School Community:** All individuals in our schools feel safe, welcome and respected for who they are.

### **MSAD 54 Guiding Beliefs**

Students learn in **different ways** and in **different time frames**.

Students learn best in a **trauma informed environment** that is **welcoming, orderly, accepting, and safe**.

Students learn best in a **supportive school community** where **every student feels connected** and part of their school.

Students **want to be successful** in their learning and **have unique interests that heighten their motivation for learning**.

Student **learning styles differ**, and learners demonstrate their intelligence in many different ways.

**Habits of work are essential** and should be taught, fostered, and acknowledged, as well as assessed separately from academic progress and achievement.

Learning is **a shared responsibility** and requires a commitment among the student, teacher, parent and community.

Learning is enhanced when **teachers collaborate within and across disciplines**.

Learning is enhanced when **connected to real world contexts and challenges**.

Learning is enhanced with **frequent feedback specific to a clearly articulated learning goal**.

Learning is enhanced when students **are encouraged to take risks, understanding that mistakes are inherent in the learning process**.

Learning is enhanced **with timely interventions** and **multiple opportunities to demonstrate proficiency**.