

Keeping our Promise...

This we Believe

First developed for the Upper St. Clair School district, where Donald Eichorn, one of the founders of the middle school movement and author of *The Middle School* (1966) first restructured the high school to focus on the needs of the adolescent learner, this program revisits the notions and application of middle school philosophy.

Keeping our promise... this we believe provides an opportunity to reassess the purpose, spirit and shape of your middle school. To reconnect with what gives life and meaning to the education of young people in a distinct stage of life.

Within the context of Middle School Best Practices you will answer the following questions:

- *What we want for our students*
- *What we commit to*
- *What we know to be important*
- *What we will do*