

# What Do We Look For in Prospective Teacher Leaders?

- Curiosity about mathematics and their own thinking about mathematics;
- Curiosity about the mathematical thinking of their students;
- An eagerness to think with colleagues about mathematics teaching and learning in their classrooms in order to strengthen their own mathematics teaching practice; and
- A commitment to ongoing learning.

# What Are Some Important Teacher Leadership Roles?

- Expressing excitement about and enthusiasm for mathematics teaching and learning;
- Sharing samples of their students' work in order to have more grounded conversations about what students are learning and where they struggle;
- Taking the lead in grade level team planning and debriefing meetings;
- Opening classrooms to colleagues during mathematics lessons in order to have more grounded conversations about their mathematics teaching practice;
- Partnering with coaches and other teacher leaders to offer school-based and district-wide professional development; and
- Showing a commitment to the strengthening of mathematics teaching and learning school-wide and district-wide.

# What Needs to Be in Place to Take Advantage of Teacher Leadership?

- Structures that provide opportunities to examine mathematics teaching and learning at the school level and district level in order to identify and learn from successes and challenges; and
- Structures that support opportunities for teacher collaboration within grade levels and across grade levels in order to teachers, teacher leaders, and administrators to learn from each other.

# **What Supports are Needed to Nurture and Sustain Teacher Leadership?**

- Clear expectations about what it means to be a teacher leader;
- Opportunities for feedback on their classroom practice and teacher leadership practice; and
- Opportunities to continue to develop their own mathematics teaching practice and their teacher leadership practice.

# Challenges and Questions?

- How can we ensure the development of teacher leadership in *each* of our elementary schools?
- What is the role of the principal in nurturing and sustaining teacher leadership in his or her school?