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Pursuing Excellence

Excellence and the quest to achieve it is such a winding journey. Many talk about it, even define it for their organizations. The results can vary because it is not always established with rooted cultural behaviors. Let's attack excellence from the standpoint of establishing a mindset and then a set of actions that can pave the way to achieving it.

Here are three quotes to help us with our mindset:

Excellence is not an accomplishment. It is a spirit, a never-ending process.
- Lawrence Miller

If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it's a prevailing attitude.
- Colin Powell

Excellence can be attained if we:

- Care more than others think is wise.
- Risk more than others think is safe.
- Dream more than others think is practical.
- Expect more than others think is possible.

-Military Cadet Maxim

What is the secret to establishing this kind of mindset?
The secret is that there is no secret!

We just need to do the following over and over again:

- Consistency over intensity.
- Progress over perfection.
- Fundamentals over fads.

Excellence is a never-ending process that establishes a prevailing attitude through consistency, progress, and fundamentals. Let's adopt this statement for our teams, families, work groups, school buildings, classrooms, locker rooms and board rooms.

Have a great week!