

Three years ago, Troy School District embarked on a journey to answer the question What do we want our students to be like as adults, after they graduate? Our community, teachers, and students came together and charted a course to make it a reality and their dreams for the future helped us identify our destination and provided us the knowledge to create a vision of the 6Cs in action for our district students: the Portrait of a Learner. TSD's Portrait of a Learner seeks to tie together the mission, vision, and core values of the district. The outcomes we identified proved that maximizing every student's learning is marked by more than acquiring knowledge, but also developing the key elements of a learner along the way. When we aspire to have communication, citizenship, creativity, collaboration, character and critical thinking, we can achieve more, we feel better, we care for those around us - we truly learn to flourish. The Portraits: video series launched in the fall of 2024 and runs weekly throughout the school year. Each video focuses on one or more of the 6Cs that comprise our district Portrait of a Learner. While the topics of these videos can be innovative, such as at Bemis Elementary, where there is a school-wide focus on incorporating play into regular activities during the 2024-25 school year, one of our guiding principles in creating these videos is to focus on regular, daily activities to demonstrate that on any given day, you can enter a TSD classroom and see the 6Cs in action. As Portrait of a Learner has become a cornerstone of our district mission, this series is shared widely. Each new video comes out on Wednesday and is shared across all district social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, and YouTube) as well as the platforms of the school in focus for the week. A YouTube link is shared in a district-wide email that gives a brief synopsis of the video and its connection to the 6Cs. The same message is shared in the weekly district newsletter on Fridays. The videos are also compiled on a Portrait of a Learner landing page on the district website, which serves as a handy archive for anyone interested in learning more about our district mission. Portraits: has been essential to sharing with our community how to look for Portrait of a Learner, the 6Cs, and our district mission in action. The videos have excellent numbers across all platforms, bringing attention and audience to our work. The series has raised awareness of Portrait of a Learner, given focus to the 6Cs and how we hope to see them operate in student learning, and tied it all together under our district mission,

giving substance to our message.