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### Why is Lions Quest important?

- Lions Quest is a social and emotional learning (SEL) program. SEL teaches self-awareness, social awareness, responsible decision-making, self-management, and relationship management.
- Research has shown that when students' emotional needs are addressed, children do better academically. **SEL programs can improve academic performance by at least 11%!**
- LQ positively impacts drug prevention, violence prevention, drop out prevention, and problem behavior. It promotes personal physical and mental health, a safe environment, and understanding diversity. LQ addresses these issues not in isolation but together in a holistic, coordinated approach.
- LQ teaches 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce Skills:
  - Cultural literacy and global awareness
  - Higher order thinking and reasoning
  - Real world application of planning and management
  - Personal social responsibility
  - Inventive thinking; creativity
- LQ supports character education – teaching values based skills such as ethical decision-making and social consciousness.
- LQ uses service learning as a hands-on tool to teach these character and SEL skills, and to encourage civic engagement.

### Why is Lions Quest the best?

- **Comprehensive:** Experts agree that comprehensive school programs have much greater impact than fragmented approaches. Lions Quest's sequential lessons build on prior knowledge from kindergarten through grade 12.
- **Service Learning:** Service is one of the best ways to integrate academic content with career and skill based themes. Service learning can improve academic performance, decrease dropout rates, and increase self-confidence and leadership skills. In addition, communities can expand their resources through youth and youth service to address critical issues in their neighborhoods.
- **Highly rated:** Lions Quest has earned the highest ranking, "Select SEL," from the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) for meeting standards of excellence in three areas: outstanding life skills education, evidence of effectiveness, and exemplary professional development. The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has rated Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence a "Model" program.
- **Widely used:** Educators in over 50 countries have been trained to teach Lions Quest, making it the most widely used life-skills/drug abuse prevention program in the world.
- **Parent and Community Partnerships:** Lions Quest integrates community and parents into all programs.
- **High-Quality Professional Development:** The LQ commitment to implementation preparedness requires all educators to be certified-trained as Lions Quest instructors.
- **Long term Sustainability:** Most importantly, Lions Quest has the support of the world's largest service organization, Lions Clubs International, with 1.3 million members in 205 countries and geographic areas. Lions are on the ground, working with schools and passing on the legacy of service to youth.

