INTEGRATED WAYS TO DEVELOP PUBLIC SPIRIT

- **Discuss the ethical issues present in content learning.** Unpack the decision-making dilemmas real and imaginary characters must confront as they wrestle with ethical choices.

- **Promote civic responsibility through classroom service.** Every young children can assume responsibilities that serve the common good, such as distributing materials, managing recycling, and greeting visitors. Older students might provide tech support to make sure computer carts are locked and plugged in to recharge overnight. Students of all ages can vote on book choices, assessment types, and class representatives.

- **Explore opportunities for service learning.** Service learning differs from community service, which is primarily enacted through individual volunteering. While community service does have value, it lacks the reciprocity that comes with service learning, in that students involve themselves in organizations, “working with, not for” others (Boyle-Baise & Zevin, 2013, p. 217). Link curriculum outcomes to projects that benefit the classroom, school, or neighborhood community.

- **Provide opportunities for student input and leadership.** Student representation on school committees; in professional development; and in planning, implementing, and evaluating school events fosters public spirit and can also provide practical solutions to real problems. Create processes to get student insight on these issues. Identify, develop, and deploy young leaders who demonstrate dispositions that lend themselves to being organizing leaders, but who might be overlooked because of academic or behavioral challenges that obscure their talents. These very same qualities, properly channeled, yield some of the very best student leaders.

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