

# THE SECRET TO BETTER SCHOOLS

A New Mindset for Engaging the Community



Advance Praise for ***The Secret to Better Schools: A New Mindset for Engaging the Community***

*" . . . Lukovich's approach goes way beyond parents attending parent-teacher conferences or signing report cards and businesses donating resources . . . Such transformative processes are often time-consuming and frustrating for stakeholders. However, readers will find the tone to be inspirational and affirming, and the strategies to be practical and honest."*

Dr. Bob Pavlik, Assistant Director  
Institute for the Transformation of Learning

*" . . . This book puts forth a roadmap for community engagement, both as strategy and execution. As parents are empowered to choose their child's school, those with a strategy for community engagement will be best suited to deliver results."*

Timothy R. Sheehy, President  
Metropolitan Milwaukee Assoc of Commerce

*"Community involvement is key to a strong education system. Our young people need the support of engaged family members, teachers and area leaders. Keep encouraging, keep inspiring and keep up the good work."*

Tom Barrett, Mayor  
City of Milwaukee

*"For those who understand that "it takes a village" . . . , this book provides practical ways for schools to engage the community. It is not a superficial approach to sharing responsibility, and school leaders who embark on the process . . . need to expect to be challenged. But what Lukovich makes clear, through real life stories of engagement, is that the process can transform the relationships between schools, families, businesses and the community."*

Sister Mary Diez, Ph.D., Graduate Dean  
Alverno College



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