



## **RENAISSANCE SOLUTIONS**

To meet the goals of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), schools are accountable for improvement based on several school quality and student success indicators.

The Vermont Agency of Education has identified specific state goals for improvement and Jostens Renaissance has resources and strategies that can help reach these goals.

STATE GOAL	STRATEGIES INCLUDE
Improve Academic Achievement: Goals for 100% of schools to attain average scale score at midpoint of proficiency in English language arts and math by 2025	<ul> <li>Renaissance Recognition Card Program</li> <li>Renaissance Rallies</li> <li>Renaissance Climate and Culture Idea #102: Test Care Packages</li> </ul>
<b>Raise Graduation Rate:</b> Evaluated by 4-year cohort with goal of 90% of students graduating by 2025	<ul> <li>Commitment to Graduate - Banners, activities and visual reminders</li> <li>The Harbor Season 2, Episode 23: Finishing Strong</li> <li>Commitment to Graduate Idea #105: Sophomores' Keys to Success</li> </ul>
School Climate and Engagement: Data assessed by subgroup performance, which requires full student and staff engagement to address	<ul> <li>The Pulse – Student Recognition Survey</li> <li>Renaissance Rallies</li> <li>Positivity Resources</li> </ul>
<b>Ensure College &amp; Career Ready:</b> Recognizing college and career readiness and postsecondary outcomes as a School Quality and Student Success Indicator for high schools	<ul> <li>The Harbor Season 2, Episode 24: Overcoming the Odds</li> <li>Commitment to Graduate - Idea #189: Senior Acceptance Wall</li> <li>"Yes, You Really Do Need This Class" Poster</li> </ul>





## RENAISSANCE SOLUTION SPOTLIGHT **THE HARBOR**<sup>TM</sup> **BY JOSTENS**

*The Harbor* is an online video series with a uniquely relevant voice. Featuring renowned youth speaker Mike Smith, the episodes cover a wide range of pertinent topics designed to build character in students and culture on campus. New episodes are released weekly throughout the school year, each accompanied by a downloadable classroom discussion guide. *The Harbor* gives students character-building tools, real-life perspectives and a forum for discussion by addressing the challenges and opportunities they face on a daily basis. When students are motivated, encouraged and better equipped to deal with adversity, it pays dividends inside and outside the classroom. *The Harbor* builds lifelong character skills in students, and healthy climate and culture in schools.

Visit www.JostensRenaissance.com/theharbortv to see the full library of episodes.

"The beauty of these videos are that they make a huge impact in such little time. In a society of instant access, our children are most engaged when they are given what they need in a short amount of time. I cannot say enough about the value of these materials and resources."

– Susan Sabo
 Vickery Creek Middle School
 Cumming, GA

"I use The Harbor by adapting the critical thinking questions that are provided by adding my own ideas to create activities for my students. The episodes are not only relevant but designed to reach as many students as possible. This valuable resource gives a voice to both students and teachers. My students benefit from hearing they are not alone with the life struggles they are going through, and I am given a platform to speak to my students on a more personal level outside of my content teaching subject."

Joanna Schley
 Austin High School
 Decatur, AL