

CORE BELIEF STATEMENTS

Original

Recommendations

EQUITY

We celebrate the diversity of our community, respect and honor each individual's heritage, and commit to giving each child what they need, while holding them to high rigorous standards.

We believe in celebrating the diversity of our students with respect to race, culture, heritage, exceptional needs, gender and sexual orientation; teaching them with the highest of expectations, and supporting them to find joy and success in their education.

QUALITY, EXCELLENCE & GROWTH

We believe in the ability of each student to thrive in schools, and we are committed to ensuring that they achieve college, community and career success in the 21st century.

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NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

We believe in full service community schools where students and adults are lifelong learners actively invested in the potential of every child attending our neighborhood community schools.

We believe in full service community schools that - in addition to providing high quality education - act as an integral part of the health and wellness of our neighborhoods, offering lifelong learning opportunities and support for our students and community members.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR SHARED DECISION MAKING

We believe that students are most successful when parents, families and community stakeholders are engaged in schools and included meaningfully in district-wide decision making.

We believe that students are most successful when all of us - students, families, and community members from all backgrounds and neighborhoods - can meaningfully and equitably participate in making shared decisions and improving conditions at the district level, school site or in the community.

RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT

We are committed to the transparent and sound management of our resources in order to ensure the success of our current and future students.

We believe in the fair and transparent management of our resources in order to ensure the success of all current and future students.

ADDITIONAL BOE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Feel strongly about sticking with the phrase "shared decision making" in the belief about community and family engagement. We might want to explicitly name student and educator voice in this one.
- Want to create a new belief statement about the importance of safe schools and students.
- Want to create a belief statement about the recognition that we need more resources than we have to meet student needs.