

# DECLARATION OF VALUES FOR PROVISIONS FOR LEARNING

**PREAMBLE** Recognizing the diversity of the ideals, values and cultures, we offer the following human values to reframe dialogue and open spaces of possibility for transformation of ourselves, of the other, of our communities, and of the world.

**BELONGING** We ensure the perception of being included in diverse and multiple communities.  
People belong in school, at home, in the family, and in the community.  
Whatever the situation people find themselves in, they belong.  
In our comfort together we rediscover what it means to be human.

**WELL-BEING** We offer an ethics of care for health in all dimensions.  
We are engrossed, energized and committed to caring and being cared for in a manner natural and accessible to all human beings.  
We enable groups and individuals to think critically and question commonplace assumptions towards the construction of an ethical ideal, a true goodness.  
We maintain a caring attitude in order to repair our world, so we can live in it as best as possible.

**RECIPROCITY** We are, ourselves, becoming and changing, in a passionate, compassionate, and aesthetic relationship with those whose lives we wish to enhance.  
In the exchange with each other, as allies in action, we disarm power and privilege.  
We are willing to be disturbed and have our beliefs changed by what others think and who others are.  
Reciprocity and mutuality enable us to co-construct what it means to be a human being living and working together to create a more ideal society through reflective practice.  
We thrive in the aesthetics of our being together.

**PARTICIPATION** We invite the participation of all into creating our possibility and defining our opportunity through our interaction.  
We offer physical spaces, social spaces, languages, means of expression, time, and organizational systems that are open and somewhat indefinite.  
School is a form of community life.  
We hold the solutions to the problems we face.  
We have a vocation, a calling, to be fully human, and we humans want to be together.

**JOY** We playfully open-up and take-in to experience our relatedness.  
We cultivate and cherish spontaneity, laughter, wonder, curiosity, vibrancy and energy.  
We feel joy in relation to persons, living things, and ideas that encourages growth in an ethical ideal.  
Joy arises in being reflective of our condition enabling us to discover something deeper about our fundamental reality.  
Joy is the emotional expression of the courageous *yes!* to one's own true being.

**WHOLENESS** We conceive of others, young and old, as whole, capable human beings, connected to others.  
Humans are an indefinite, integrated complexity, with bodies, minds, emotions, creativity, history, cultures and identity.  
People are not bearing needs, nor are they immature or incomplete.  
Those we encounter, their families, and members of their communities, are competent.

**TRUST** We listen carefully to discover the ways of being of others, as we stay truthful ourselves.  
What others choose to do is how they are today, in this here and now; it says nothing of the future.  
We maintain our faith and love in human goodness, unconditionally.  
We listen.  
We invite others to step forward expecting to experience their goodness.  
Responsibility emerges through trust.