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PRESCHOOL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CELEBRATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VISION, MISSION, AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

VISION STATEMENT

Every day we embrace each child's wonder and curiosity, and with our partners, engage all children in rich, diverse opportunities to ensure they reach their greatest potential in life, thereby creating socially equitable opportunities for all.

MISSION STATEMENT

We serve and act on behalf of the welfare of all young children birth through third grade. We will foster every child's inherent physical, social-emotional, linguistic, cultural, creative, and academic potential.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

High Quality, Child-Centered Opportunities

We will be intentional and strategic in providing our delivery of high quality, developmentally appropriate, research-based experiences for all children birth through third grade. We value and invest in leaders who are passionate for and committed to children. The well-being and success of children will be the central focus of our decisions so that we continuously move toward making our vision a reality.

Equitable Access

We will work to ensure all children, including those with special needs and dual language learners, have access to, and can fully participate in, high quality, research-based practices and services.

Family Engagement

We will ensure families are authentic collaborators in our work with children. We will actively welcome and seek families' engagement, as their child's first teachers and strong advocates for their child's well-being and success.

Authentic Collaborations for Transformational Systems Change

We are committed to building authentic public and private collaborations comprised of stakeholders such as school districts, city and county government, community agencies, and private funders. We will build our relationships on a foundation of integrity in order to support interest-based collaborations. This work will serve as a catalyst for systems change as we seek new paradigms and take calculated risks **ALL** in the best interest of young children.

Commitment and Sustainability

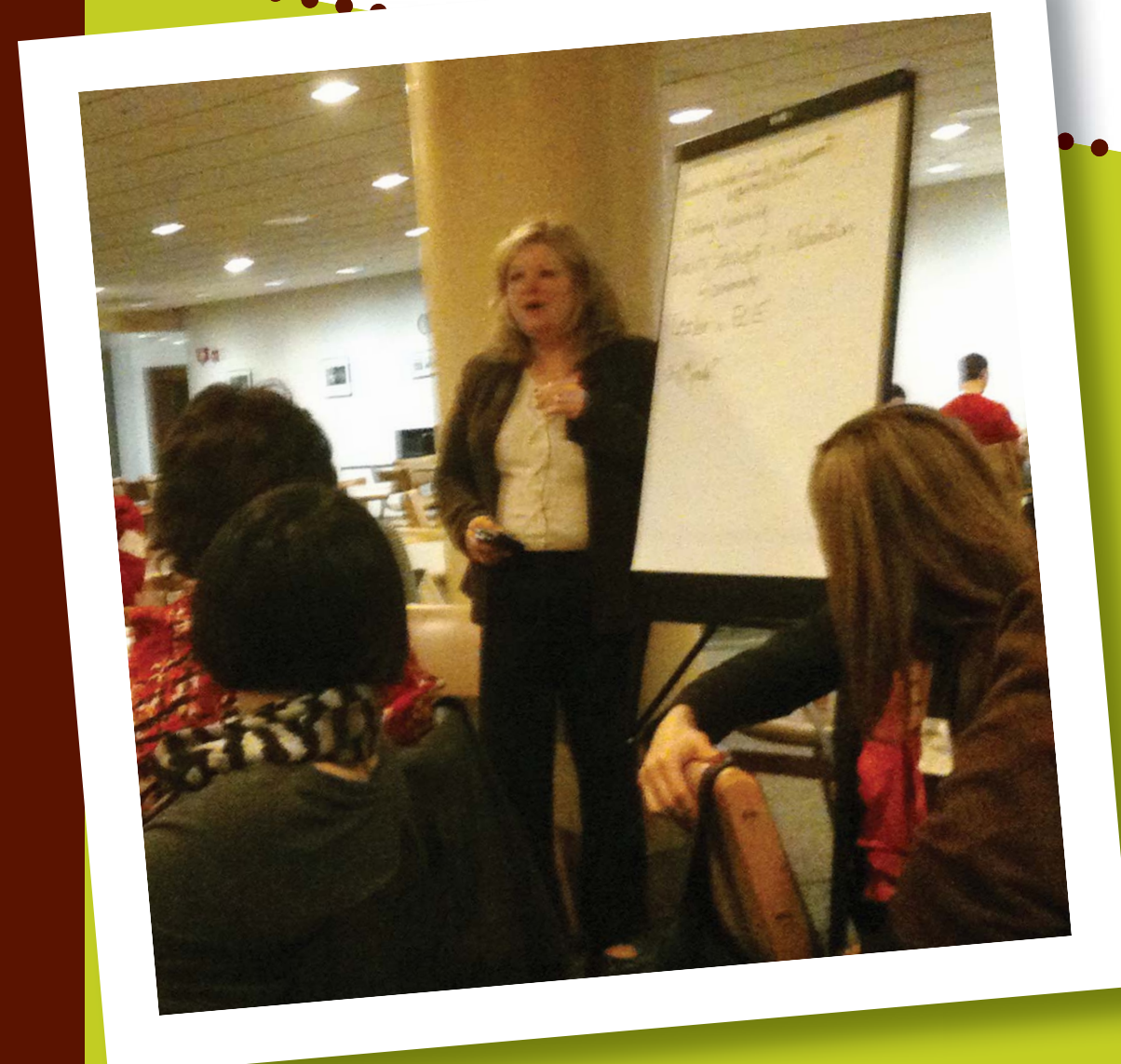
We are committed to ensuring that our collective work is sustained over time.

"We will implement our vision by applying integrity every day in our work."



"We will build on children's strengths and individuality and tailor our instructional practice for **each** child."

How will **YOU** bring **OUR WORDS** to life every day in your work?



"We will support our staff to achieve excellence. We will expand and build upon our use of evidenced based practices in our classrooms."



"We will empower our families to be authentic partners in their children's education."

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