

Our Goals as Educators

VOL. I

- *Facilitate in creating a knowledge base that will support, inspire, excite and direct their learning for the service of all (community).*
- *To create a safe, supportive environment that will allow students to take "risks" in discovering who they are and where they are going.*
- *To learn as I teach*
- *Instill a love for learning and appreciation for life (life-long learning).*
- *Supply and help create with them the tools necessary for future success.*
- *Model and prepare individuals to become productive and responsible citizens ready to serve and commit themselves to social changes that will promote and support equality.*

Judith De Los Santos

- *To evolve, mold and be molded by my children through their experiences of learning.*
- *The thrill of watching when a child understands the idea you are communicating.*

Ivette R-Boyron

- *My motivation is to help them draw their first geometric shapes in hopes of future changes in the city's landscape!*
- *My motivation is to learn from them; to question again...*

Marcos Colon

- *To teach every child in my class to learn how to read English and Spanish, and to improve their reading and writing skills as much as possible.*

- *To teach them to think critically and to become independent learners.*
- *To motivate them to value their lives, their culture, and others;*
- *To teach them to become better human beings.*
- *To create an environment where children feel safe and are interested in learning.*
- *Allow them to learn to work cooperatively and to apply what they have learned.*

Jose A. Cornieles

- *Life long learners*
 - *Learn about different sources that will influence their lives in a positive way.*
 - *Conquer all learning obstacles.*
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- *For my students to become life-long learners, readers, writers and thinkers.*
- *For my students to feel confident in taking risks as they learn from each other.*
- *To help them gain power and knowledge.*

Katherine Baldwin

- *To built my students self-esteem*
- *To help my students acquire the second language*
- *To help them improve their reading and writing skills*
- *To help them become part of the society they belong*

Migdalia Diaz

- *As a teacher, it is my goal to help form students into life-long learners, and to help them discover a love of reading and writing.*
- *It is my goal to empowered students through the discovery of their unique voices.*
- *I want students to take ownership of their education, to set high standards for themselves, and to achieve them.*

Ruth Richardson

- *To create an environment where students feel welcomed and safe.*
- *Where they become life long learners and learn to love reading and writing.*
- *To help students see themselves as generators of knowledge; their experiences and ideas are valued.*
- *To help students become leaders and develop a strong voice in their communities and society.*

Kathy Nolan

Me

- *Students will love coming to my ESL class!*
- *To help children feel a sense of success and accomplishments.*
- *To instill a love of learning in children.*

In Children

- *To help each child develop their individual talent.*
- *To instill a love of reading and writing.*
- *Children will be excited about learning.*

To create who

- *Children will be able to take control of their lives, continue their education and get a job.*
- *To make children feel a sense of success*
- *To help children get along and respect each other*
- *To teach children to solve conflicts in a peaceful, communicative way.*

Brenda Weiss

- *To promote excellence*
- *To eliminate incompetence*
- *To teach the students how to think deductively and inductively*
- *To teach traditional values*
- *To help the students develop social skills*
- *To help students acquire a taste for reading and learning*
- *To help students develop a system of values*

Ada Donahue

- *To teach the students to be life long learners, readers and writers.*
- *To teach my students how to read, to write and speak effectively and express their ideas, thoughts and feelings intelligently.*

- *To develop acceptance and tolerance for others thoughts, ideas, cultures, languages, races and religion.*

George Schneider

Some of my goals are to give students the best of me, and make sure that I can touch each and everyone of their lives in a positive way.

Ines Perez-Ruiz

My goal as an educator is to empower my students with diverse and rich knowledge so they become better human beings with high self-esteem and respect for others.

Jose R. Ballet

- *Promote literacy*
- *I believe that each child is able to learn and they must have the opportunity to learn.*
- *One day to be a principal!*

Mrs. Pineda

- *To nurture my student's natural motivation and empower them to discover the world.*
- *To help them transform their reality manipulated by other's interests.*

Cielo Ramirez

- *Support bilingual teachers to become life long learners*
- *Provide sound and meaningful staff development on issues pertaining to bilingual education.*

- *Continue to grow as a life long learner myself.*
- *To always maintain and have an open mind and tolerant heart even under the most difficult and trying time (situations)!*

Nilsa I. Gonzalez

- *Encourage and empower my students to achieve their goals.*
- *To enlighten and challenge my students to go above and beyond what is expected.*
- *To create a sense of enjoyment and yearning for learning.*
- *To teach students to appreciate and encourage new experiences.*
- *To foster the uniqueness among individuals and be able to learn from others!*

Michele Silva

- *To transform their thoughts and to fight for what they feel is right and equal in their education.*
- *To create awareness of their right as bilingual students and possibilities of getting and achieving a strong substantial education.*

Isaura Luna

- *To instill a love of learning*
- *To empower the students to accomplish their dreams*

Louise Nelson

- *My goal as a bilingual teacher is to facilitate to my students a*
- *Learning environment in which they feel that learning is crucial for all human beings.*
- *An environment in which they realize they are the future of our society.*
- *And that, our society needs them as leaders.*

Bienvenida Gardinet

- *To assist teachers to become better educators.*
- *To transfer my love for teaching to other teachers.*

Valentin Acabeo

- *To have all students dream high and wake-up in the morning of their dream.*
- *To always keep a good sense of humor and mature within their heart desires.*
- *To value and respect their cultural background, regardless of their situation!*
- *To stretch their hands and reach others for a better tomorrow.*
- *To be truthful to oneself...*
- *Empower them with all knowledge and wisdom that will help make a better world.*

Romulo Macias

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I want to make a difference

*I want to touch student's mind and help him/her
respect him/herself.*

*I want to open their minds to take risks and help them
face challenges with strength and perseverance.*

*I want each student to understand and believe that they
can trust me to do my best to guide them.*

*I want them to believe in themselves and believe that I
believe in them.*

*I want them to help me be a better person and change
the world!*

Ms. Maria Esponda

To make a difference in the lives of children.

To empower them to accomplish their dreams.

Motivate them to continue their education.

To have them recognize and value education as a means to achieve their goals.

To teach them to embrace education.

Renzo Martinez

Son preservar el idioma, la cultura y los valores familiares de mis estudiantes. Además me gustaria influir en la vida de todos mis estudiantes, pero si eso no es posible, me conformaria con tocar la vida de , aunque sea, uno a la vez y ser recordada por eso.

Mercedes sereika

I would like to make learning an experience of discovery and transform my classroom into a safe place to make mistakes and learn from them.

In my classroom I would like to foster the acquisition of high self-esteem, respect for others, and pride in one's culture.

Lucy Velez

To simply communicate and interact within our own uniqueness

To touch the lives of students as the teacher who really helped

To overcome my own inner obstacles...

I know I can...

To make learning fun and come from within.

To have students always smiling...

Maryluz Alvarez

- *To create an environment for my students that will promote a community of life long learners, researchers, explorers, artist, authors and investigators.*
- *Another goal for me as an educator is to create love for our own unique cultures and celebrate our uniqueness.*

Martha Fabre

As an educator of a New York City public school, my goals are very real and simple:

- 1. Serve as a catalyst to promote social change*
- 2. Have my students become powerful individuals in today's society.*
- 3. Help them become productive citizens.*

4. Convey that making mistakes is acceptable and to built on new experiences.

5. Help students use their multiple intelligence to convey their thoughts.

Ingrid De La Cruz

The most important goal I have for my students is to have them share their voice.

Timothy McGoey

- *Help students achieve their highest potential and...*
- *To celebrate their importance to our society.*
- *To love and support our students in good and bad times!*

Aida Ruiz

- *To respect the uniqueness of themselves and others...*
- *To develop the love of reading and writing...*
- *Always maintain their cultural identity.*

Camille Nales

- *To help my students become productive citizens by nourishing their intelligence with a variety of strategies...*
- *To help them become respectable members of society by respecting their language and cultural background.*
- *Life is full of trials and errors. I want my students to look at failure as the thread that helped them knit the skirts of wisdom and not as failure.*

Aida Matos

- *To give hope to the hopeless*
- *To wake dreams in those who say they do not dream*
- *To make children understand that today's predicament is not tomorrow's destiny*
- *To make children understand that there is another way to life...that wanting to change our way of living is not negative...it is not an abandonment of our culture but an extension of our culture.*

M. Robelo

To transform children's lives

To provide them with a variety of opportunities to express themselves

To encourage students to work cooperatively to develop tolerance for diversity

To teach them that it is their responsibility to make a difference in their world.

Aileen Colon

As an educator, my most important goal is to provide teachers with the kind of support that will enable them to empower their students through knowledge and love of self, family and humanity.

Zoraida Pabon

To be a catalyst for social change

To built the students' self-esteem

To help preserve the student's identity, language, and culture.

To prepare the citizens of the future making the students to function and succeed in a multiple society.

To open the knowledge to different cultures promoting respect and acceptance.

To help students become independent learners.

Elida De Jesus

- *To be a catalyst for social change*
- *To built the students' self-esteem*
- *To help preserve the student's identity, language and culture.*
- *To open the knowledge to different cultures, promoting respect and acceptance.*
- *To prepare the citizens of the future, making the students able to function and succeed in a multi-cultural society.*

Ada Brinas

To develop as change agents

To create an environment that is comfortable to exchange views, discuss ideas, and keep current with the times.

To instill in students an awareness of cultural diversity.

Giorgio Olivieri

- *To be a catalyst for social change*
- *To built the students' self-esteem*
- *To help preserve the student's identity, language and culture.*
- *To open the knowledge to different cultures...promoting respect and acceptance...*
- *To prepare the citizens of the future...making the students to function and succeed in a multicultural society.*

Mirna Roman

- *To create better humanbeings to confront the outside world...*
- *To create a positive environment inside the classroom*
- *To build students self-esteem*

Zairy Saez

- *To change the world*
- *To move children/adults from where they are to the next step*
- *To become more educated (open minded) myself*
- *To develop in children a voice to influence*
- *To feed my own process*
- *To orchestrate an environment that will create memories for the rest of their lives*
- *To create....*

Emma Suarez Baez

- *As a bilingual staff developer for grades 3-6, my goals are:*
- *Empower the bilingual teachers to develop a community of learners and share their voices.*
 - *Empower the teachers to seek and share their teaching success.*
 - *Turnkey my learning experiences in a non-threatening manner.*

Laura Alicea-Reyes

To help them to make education their choice, not only their responsibility.

To teach them to make wise decisions

To help them think on their own

To motivate them to continue learning

To help them take their place in our community

To help them to get out of the norm. To be what they set their minds to be disregarding their background, their race, or anything else that may be an obstacle to their performance.

To be themselves, but also to be proud of where they come from.

E. Lissette Vallejos

To impart a sense of pride in each and every student under my care. I want to create an environment that

*will lead to exploration and discovery in the classroom.
I want for every child in my class to feel he/she is
important and accepted by me.*

Violet Geff

- *To make a positive change in the lives of our students.*
- *To make our students the leaders of the future*
- *To help our students understand the importance of education*
- *To help our students and parents overcome their fears.*

Maria Quiles

*Facilitate learning and build capacity to make choices
Help students acknowledge their strengths and talents*

Enable students to express themselves however they want (writing dancing...etc.)

Encourage and support

Listen to students and let them listen to themselves

Teacher is not the only valid voice in the classroom

Challenge students to challenge themselves

Reciprocal teaching

Andrea Bongarzone

To help students find their own voice...

To provide an environment in which students feel comfortable experiment with thoughts, feeling and actions.

To empower students with the ability to acquire knowledge and information as individuals and members of a community.

Christine Basulto

Make students productive and leaders.

To make a difference in the lives of each student no matter how minimal.

Make students comfortable to explore and share their experiences in the classroom.

Help student enjoy reading and writing on an everyday basis.

To learn along with the students

Create a reciprocal classroom setting

Share and learn about all our cultures (diversity)

Carmen Perez

*To inspire their curiosity and their ability to question
To develop their thirst for knowledge and thereby
rescue them from complacency and unthinking
conformity.*

*To not accept blindly, but to trust that there are
possibilities, solutions and hope for all things.*

A. Blasini

Validate what the ELL bring with them

- *Their language, culture, customs in order to
build upon their individual foundation.*

To create a strong bilingual program in the district

*To create a passion for the NL component among the
bilingual teacher...*

Margaret Pabon Vega

To really teach students

To be concerned about students

*Must reach all parents of students instead of only
teaching to teach*

*Make students aware that "titles" mean nothing
without the knowledge and concern for others; and for
the real effort you put into it.*

Mirna Gutierrez

To make a positive change in the lives of my students

To enhance my student's lives with real life experiences

*To involve the parents; make them feel comfortable in
my class*

To teach self respect and a higher self-esteem

*To say something positive to every student on a daily
basis*

*Allow students to feel comfortable in class; almost like
"home"*

Maryellen Sasaquay

Create a comfortable and safe environment

Make students leaders

Make students and parents equal to teachers

Inspire their ability to question, challenge and explore

To inspire them to use their own voice

School community should validate ELL students

Become independent and active learners

Create a reciprocal classroom setting

Become analytical individuals

Rescue students from complacency

District II

*Provide students a positive and enriching environment
where they can grow intellectually and culturally*

*To help students become more aware of their natural
resources; so they can have an active voice to preserve it*

*To help children develop a sense of success and
responsibility that help them become better citizens and
productive professionals*

Dinorah Peguero

