

## **Core Beliefs and Board Goals 2018-2019**

**The District uses data to create a learning-oriented culture for both staff and students which defines success in terms of improvement and progress.**

1. **WE BELIEVE THAT OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS AND RESOURCES**
2. **WE OPERATE WITH TRANSPARENCY, TRUST AND INTEGRITY, GOVERNING IN A DIGNIFIED, PROFESSIONAL MANNER, TREATING EVERYONE WITH CIVILITY AND RESPECT**
3. **WE ARE ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE, DISTINGUISHED AND ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT ENSURES ALL STUDENTS LEARN TO THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL**
  - ❧ A. Build the capacity of board and district staff in developing and monitoring data related to goals and priorities specifically in the area of cultural responsiveness and educational equity
  - ❧ B. A key concern and priority for this governing board is improving the accuracy and consistency of grading which should measure what students know, as they play a crucial role in every aspect of students' academic lives and future lives as global citizens. Areas of concern are: 1) Grades reflect progressive and mastery of content. 2) They are predictable and understood by parents and third parties. 3) That non-academic factors are graded separately. 4) The system adopted is not overwhelming for teachers.
  - ❧ C. The district will continue to develop School Safety protocols.
    - ❖ Annual Report by Educational Services
4. **WE ARE ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO MEET THE HOUSING AND EDUCATION NEEDS OF OUR CHANGING STUDENT POPULATION AND A VISION THAT PROMOTES AND SUPPORTS THEIR FUTURE**
  - ❧ A. Continue the Cottonwood Elementary School modernization
    - ❖ Annual Report by Business Services
5. **WE ARE FISCALLY TRUSTWORTHY AND DEDICATED TO RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY**
6. **WE BELIEVE IN AND PROMOTE PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**