

### **Social Justice Mission Statement**

I will strive for social justice in my classroom by:

- Learning about my students, their background, family and interests while incorporating different views into my instruction and activities
- Using gender neutral language and appropriate textbooks or resources to encourage a diverse range of interests in my students
- Including texts written by various authors of diverse backgrounds and experiences
- Creating a welcoming and comfortable environment where all students are safe and able to learn
- Ensuring that the needs of all students are met (i.e. snacks, lunches, learning environment etc.)
- Providing access to a variety of role models through texts and guest speakers
- Providing students with a multicultural education, for example, through art and PE
- Being aware of influences on the classroom (i.e. peer pressure, families, media) and ensuring that students feel comfortable expressing their opinions, while doing so in a non-threatening or harmful manner
- Treating all students equally and with respect