







## K-12 Partner Schools Human Growth and Development Shared Belief Statements

- 1. Parents/guardians are the primary teachers of sexuality education, and the best place for discussion to provide the values and preferences of the family is in the home. Sexuality education is a lifelong process that continues to evolve with formal and informal influences.
- Schools will instruct curriculum in a manner that promotes and supports communication between students and parents/guardians. Sexuality education includes formal public school programs in line with best practice and current research.
- Every decision has outcomes, some of which can result in undesired consequences. For students to make responsible decisions regarding sexuality, they need accurate information, respect for others, and a framework of values.
- Abstinence supports physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being and is the only completely reliable way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections.
- Sexuality is a natural and healthy part of living.
- 6. Relationships should be respectful, never coercive or exploitative.
- 7. Every student has the right to develop their own sense of identity, experience healthy relationships, and feel safe and supported.