SCHOOL-FAMILY-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
Well-defined school-family-community partnerships are based on mutual trust and respect, and shared responsibility between the school and the families. Schools that engage families as key partners in their children’s learning are tapping into a rich source of cultural information and expertise that helps build communities.

LEADERSHIP
Educational reform efforts must begin with leaders who demand high expectations for all students. Educational leaders must challenge any attitudes and beliefs, including their own, that accept the underachievement of the children they serve.

TEACHING AND LEARNING
An equitable curriculum, strong pedagogical skills, and effective assessment are essential components for creating an educational system that fosters a just and inclusive pluralistic society for all students.

SCHOOL CLIMATE
Strategies that build a positive school climate focus on both the learning culture and the culturally diverse learning community. It is this premise that creates and supports the development of a holistic culturally responsive learning environment.

PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY
A culturally relevant approach to professional learning that supports and sustains innovation is essential for educators to gain new knowledge and continue their professional growth.