

Philosophy of Teaching and Learning

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“Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.”

- Rita Pierson

To me, this quote shows that every individual has the power to accomplish their goals, but they need a support structure to be able to do that. It is important that every child knows that their teacher is not only a guide for them but also a cheerleader who will encourage and support them in the endeavours that they wish to pursue. This quote also shows the importance of children feeling safe in the classroom and being given a place where they can explore and try new things. This will take considerable work for both the student and the teacher. I intend to tie this quote into the journey to reconciliation, I will educate my students on the truth that has come out about the past (and current) treatment of Indigenous peoples in a way that empowers my students to strive towards reconciliation themselves. As Marie Wilson says, "It's not going to be fast, and it's not going to be easy, but it's going to be rich and uplifting for us all."

In the classroom, I will demonstrate this quote by getting to know my students well and taking an interest in their interests and goals. I will forge connections with them by greeting them personally everyday. They will know that I will be there for them when they need me and that I will gently push them towards the greatness that I know they possess.