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NSRF Mission Statement, Core Beliefs and Journal Prompt

Developed by educators affiliated with NSRF.

The mission of the National School Reform Faculty is to foster educational and social equity by empowering all people involved with schools to work collaboratively in reflective democratic communities that create and support powerful learning experiences for everyone.

The National School Reform Faculty (NSRF) is rooted in four beliefs:

- that school people, working together, can make real and lasting improvements in their own schools;
- that teachers and administrators must help each other turn theories into practice and standards into actual student learning;
- The best way to improve practice is to make it public for the purpose of getting feedback that provides a basis for improvement.
- that the key to this effort is the development of a “learning community” based on public, collaborative examination of both adult and student work;
- that to create this community, practitioners need high-quality training and sustained support.

Journal Prompt

Imagine, for a moment, that this mission statement and its related beliefs are more than the usual wallpaper. If every one of these core beliefs were implemented in your school, what would happen? How would your school operate differently from the way it does now? What do you suspect would have to change? How would students benefit from these changes?