The Resilience Manifesto

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- 1. A wellspring of resilience is inside us. We are stronger than we think.
- 2. We were born with individual and collective resilience. Our quest is to find our way to these internal springs and nourish them.
- 3. We cultivate resilience so that we can thrive, not simply to survive.
- 4. Resilience is cultivated through daily habits and thoughts that strengthen dispositions.
- 5. It is a human right to explore and express emotions.
- 6. To help students build their emotional intelligence and resilience, we must simultaneously tend to our own emotional intelligence and resilience.
- 7. Powerful and effective educators talk about emotions at work.
- 8. How we interpret events and tell our story matters. In our interpretation, we exercise the freedom to choose our attitude.
- 9. We are all connected and responsible for each other: Caring for the other is caring for the self.
- 10. We cultivate our resilience and become stronger so that we can help others become stronger; we cultivate our resilience so that we have energy to heal and transform the world.

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