I love to laugh.

The people of the NWT love to laugh. Laughter is a sign of happiness and promotes wellbeing by reducing stress. In schools, good teaching and learning is more than listening and practicing skills. Happiness can be an important part of success. Laughter helps students and staff deal with challenges in their lives and supports healthy relationships. Education Renewal promotes schools that are fun places to learn and grow; where safety, belonging and laughter are key parts of a strong school community.

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I want to learn my language.

Tamara Deneyoua-Nahanni
and Ava Erasmus
STUDENTS
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I am more than ABCs.
Sí la athee ets’edetł’éh goço aht’é.

Language is an integral part of who people are. It is an essential aspect of culture; the two go hand-in-hand. The NWT has great language diversity. The use and revitalization of northern languages is important, as identity and pride are rooted in culture and language for northern people. Education Renewal believes that with local leadership and support, schools can play an active role in promoting and teaching the community’s language.

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I want to consider all points of view.

I am more than ABCs.
Sį la athee ets’edetł’éh goro aht’é.

Considering other points of view is important in the classroom and in life outside school. Every day, people with different opinions come together to talk about or work through situations. Groups are stronger when they are made up of a diversity of people and ideas. Education Renewal believes schools are improved when people with different backgrounds, opinions and experiences help build the school community.

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I want to serve my community.

I am more than ABCs. Sį la athee ets’edetł’éh goọo aht’é.

Schools and communities are an essential part of each other. Schools serve their community by being a place to gather that is safe, friendly and welcoming to everyone. Students serve their communities by being part of school programs, volunteering, and helping community members. Students can find solutions and create ways to improve their community. Community members can have an active role by sharing their knowledge and experience inside and outside the school building. Education Renewal supports schools and communities working together.

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I want to experience the land.

I am more than ABCs. Sį la athee ets’edetł’éh goço aht’é.

A connection to the land is an important part of living in the North. When experiences on the land are embedded in schools, learners will feel more grounded and have richer educational experiences. Traditional skills and learning our place in the natural environment have always been part of the way of life for northern peoples. Education Renewal promotes place-based, on-the-land learning experiences rooted in culture, language and a relationship to the natural environment.

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I want to be successful.

Sadie Tsetso and Layla Cli
STUDENTS
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I am more than ABCs. Sj Ia athee ets’edetl’êh gozo aht’é.

Success means different things to different people. It can be related to small accomplishments or big life goals. Everyone needs to feel they are successful in order to have healthy self-esteem and motivation. Mistakes are opportunities for learning and challenges are bumps along the way to success. Everyone has the right to set their own definition of success, and everyone wants to be successful. Education Renewal values schools that see the potential in each student and support all types of student success.

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I am proud of who I am.

I am more than ABCs.
Sį la athee ets’edet’éh goɂo aht’é.

We are all different, and we all belong. Genuine northern education includes learning about the place we live, and deepening our connections to each other and the land. Elders and families help us learn the skills, knowledge, and values to be proud, capable members of our communities and world. Students should have support in pursuing their goals and expressing themselves. Education Renewal promotes opportunities for students to get to know who they are and who they want to be. It also ensures that classrooms and schools support a diversity of learners who understand their place in the school and the community.

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I have valuable experience.

I am more than ABCs.
Sį la athee ets’edetl’éh goço aht’é.

Sharing experiences can help create a foundation for renewal. All NWT students should have the opportunity to learn about the people of North and their history. All people – school staff, Elders, leaders, parents, students – have knowledge and expertise. Learning experiences are stronger when they involve a diversity of people and ideas. Education Renewal believes schools should be places where everyone has the opportunity to share and build knowledge together.

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I am always learning.

I am more than ABCs. Sį la athee ets’edet’él'éh googo aht’é.

Learning is not something that begins in Junior Kindergarten and ends in high school. We spend our entire lives learning. People are naturally curious and interested in new things, or finding new ways of understanding familiar things. The best learning takes place when people are invested in what they are doing and experience the right amount of challenge with the right amount of support. Education Renewal sees schools as places where supported lifelong learning is a natural part of the environment, and everyone is a learner.

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I am more than ABCs. Sį la athee ets’edetł’éh goòo aht’é.

Imagination is at the heart of human accomplishments. It has enabled us to survive and thrive. Schools must be places where students are encouraged to be themselves, think for themselves and be creative. This is how they will discover their gifts – what and how they will contribute to their community. Stimulating creativity in school should be as important as learning the ABCs. Education Renewal encourages schools to embrace their students’ differences, provide stimulation for their imagination, and the opportunity to discover who they are.

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I want to know the history of the NWT.

I am more than ABCs.
Sį la athee ets’edetl’éh goço aht’é.

Learning the history of the NWT helps people appreciate the experiences and traditions of those that have lived here for centuries. It is important for all people to understand the history and legacy of residential schooling. This allows us to appreciate the resilience, strengths, and challenges of NWT people. Education Renewal has developed courses to teach students and educators about the history of the NWT.

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I will honour the past.

It is important to learn about the past to appreciate the strengths and challenges of people who have lived in the North for centuries. Learning this history is more than knowing where its people come from and how others might be different, it helps us all to belong and live respectfully and responsibly in the NWT today. Education Renewal promotes genuine northern education, including learning about the place we live, its people, and our connections to this land.

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Challenges are part of everyone’s life. It’s what we do with those challenges that matters most. It takes many tries to learn something new and can mean lots of falling along the way. Mistakes are an important part of learning. It is critical not to give up when you fail, but get back up and try again. Learners of every age should have the supports for learning and succeeding in whatever path they choose. Education Renewal believes in schools that help build resilience, and offer supports for challenges to become successes for learners of all ages.

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I will face challenges.

I am more than ABCs.
Sį la athee ets’edetɁ’éh goɂo aht’é.

Challenges are part of everyday life. It takes many tries to learn something new and will mean lots of falling along the way. Mistakes are an important part of learning and build resilience. Patience, support, and guidance at home and at school is necessary for challenges and failures to become successes. Education Renewal encourages schools to help students see mistakes as opportunities and build resilience.

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I am more than ABCs. Sį la athee ets’edetł’éh goço aht’é.

Today’s world of work is fast changing. It is important for students entering the workforce to have good knowledge and skills - being happy in the right job is often more than that. Finding, or creating, a job that is the right fit is as important as taking the right courses. Education Renewal is making learning relevant to the workplace, as well as creating more supports, courses, and experiences that will better prepare students to make the right choices for them and reach their goals.

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I use technology.

I am more than ABCs. Sj la athee ets’edetl’éh gooo aht’é.

Knowing how to use new technology gives learners of all ages the power to connect to endless amounts of information, ideas and expertise. It can feed curiosity and creativity. New tools allow students and teachers to connect with people across the NWT or anywhere in the world. The teacher’s role has shifted from being the only knowledge expert. They are also the coach who shows students how to find, choose, work with and create information. Education Renewal supports teaching and learning in today’s information rich world.

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I need to be well to work well.

I am more than ABCs. Sì ḥa at-hee ets’edetłéh goōo aht’é.

The wellbeing of every member of the school is critical for improved learning and school success. Students learn best when all their needs are met. The same is true for school staff. To best support student and teacher success, positive relationships must be fostered and the varied needs of students must be addressed. Education Renewal promotes improved wellness in schools through healthy foods, resiliency, and self-regulation programs. It also advocates for safe and caring schools, wellness supports for teachers, and a team approach to addressing student needs.

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I am building relationships.

I am more than ABCs. Sį la athee ets’edet’ěh goᵒo aht’é.

All children are born with a desire to build relationships. Strong, positive, and trusting relationships between students and teachers are important for learning. Education Renewal promotes relationship building between parents, students, school staff, community members, and governments. These strong relationships allow everyone to play an active part in supporting learning and success.

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I am going to graduate.

Gina Hardisty-Isaiah and Amaria Tanche-Hanna
STUDENTS
FORT SIMPSON

I am more than ABCs. S’la athee ets’edetl’éh goono aht’é.

High school graduates have more life choices. Graduates can become apprentices, go to college or university, train for jobs, or create a unique opportunity for themselves in line with their identity and goals. Education Renewal believes in providing all NWT students with strong career orientation and learning experiences leading to a variety of options after high school, including a range of opportunities leading to employment, and to prepare students for the demands of a fast changing world.

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I was born to be creative.

I am more than ABCs.
*Sj la athee ets’edetl’eh gohgo aht’é.*

People are born creative, and practice creativity in their own way. Fostering this creativity creates new pathways and ideas. Stimulating creativity in school is as important as learning the ABCs. Education Renewal encourages schools to embrace everyone’s gifts and provide stimulation for imagination and creativity. It promotes schools giving students the opportunity to explore different ideas and challenges in new and innovative ways that mean something to them.

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I want to achieve my goals.

I am more than ABCs.
Sį la athee ets’edet’êh goço aht’é.

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I want to make a difference.

We are all connected to each other, and together make up a strong Northwest Territories. Everyone has something to offer, a unique gift to share. No matter what it is, we all have the choice to use our gifts to benefit each other. Students should have opportunities to make a difference in their school and community. Education Renewal believes in educators who create learning environments where students are empowered to discover their gifts and have opportunities to share them meaningfully.

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I need to feel safe and be safe.

I am more than ABCs.
Sį la athee ets’edetɁ’eh goo aht’é.

Everyone needs to be healthy and feel safe to reach their full potential. Stress in one area of life affects all others, and the ability to learn. A safe and caring school environment helps students and teachers succeed by considering their social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual needs. Education Renewal supports a positive and safe school environment where students and staff feel safe and cared for.

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