



## Edward F. Leddy Preschool Professional Development School Partnership with Bridgewater State University

### *Our Mission [what we do]*

Through developing and supporting prospective teachers, it is our mission to foster powerful and relevant learning experiences for all students. The Professional Development School Partnership between Bridgewater State University and the Edward F. Leddy Preschool will serve as a model for innovation and collaboration in teaching and learning amongst preschools in the Commonwealth and throughout the nation. The Edward F. Leddy Preschool thrives on collaboration with BSU, ancillary agencies, Head Start, and other local preschools to provide an excellent foundation for our students at Leddy Preschool. Our collective students will mutually benefit from a strong partnership and their students in turn will benefit from strong teachers trained in excellence and collaboration.

The Edward F. Leddy Preschool students and faculty will flourish within an environment that includes diverse BSU candidates and professors who:

- Exemplify outstanding role models.
- Regularly participate in collaborating with preschool staff to create inclusive and engaging learning environments.
- Excel at the highest levels and both share and promote the college experience with children.
- Support personalized, differentiation instruction that is tailored to meet the educational needs of every student.

The Bridgewater State University candidates and professors will flourish within an environment that includes:

- Participating in innovative authentic learning environments.
- Immersion in a diverse community of learners, including special populations, i.e., English language learners, students with disabilities, students of diverse economic means, etc.
- Supportive and highly qualified classroom teachers and administrators who seek to make a difference.

### *Partnership Goals [what we hope to accomplish in the near future...]*

**GOAL #1** – Increase interest in BSU candidates on campus - model for partnerships

**GOAL #2** – Increase placements of speech language pathologists, special needs and early childhood BSU students

**GOAL #3** – Increase collaboration between BSU mentors and staff at the Edward F. Leddy Preschool

**GOAL #4** – Increase placements of special needs and early childhood BSU students at Leddy Preschool

**GOAL #5** – Increase engagement of multicultural students reflective of our diverse population between the BSU students and Leddy Preschool.

### *Our core values [what we believe...]*

**TRUST:** We believe that confidence in each other and a belief in each person's commitment to the educational process create the conditions necessary for children to grow and achieve.

**OPTIMISM:** We believe that vibrant educational environments foster student engagement and joyful learning and help to develop a positive outlook for all.

**RESPECT FOR ALL:** We believe in the importance of accepting and celebrating all human differences, and treating each student, family and staff member with dignity and respect.

**COLLABORATION:** We believe that teamwork and partnerships are essential, and we are stronger and smarter together than we are alone.

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS:** We believe high academic standards keep us motivated and engaged, leading to higher levels of achievement.

**HARD WORK:** We believe that effective effort and a strong work ethic culminate in positive performance.