



Working with the Project Team, Comprised of Oxbow Educators and Frank Wagner Elementary Kindergarten teachers, we came up with the following goal statement to guide the project:

Project goal: Collaborate to fuse formal and informal, indoor and outdoor educational experiences by developing an additive, hands-on program for early learners, with a focus on positive and purposeful relationships within our community and the environment.

For this purpose, the lessons and activities developed for the project will:

- Take place at Oxbow, in-class at Frank Wagner, or in the new school outdoor classroom (to be designed and installed through this EPA project).
- Adhere to the North American Association for Environmental Education's guidelines for excellence in early childhood programs
- Span formal and non-formal education settings
- Be linked across delivery contexts (indoor and outdoor)
- Be seasonally-based
- Include recommended pre-& post lesson activities
- Linked to and supportive of Next Generation Science Standards, specifically focused on those standards already prioritized by the districts
- Support classroom instruction and academic schedule
- Be site-specific for our cohorts but easily adapted for use by educators in different environments