GUIDING PRINCIPLE 1

BELONGING TO A COMMUNITY

Strategy: Changing the Background in Online Platforms

Audience: Kindergarten to Grade 12

What:

- To teach students to change their backgrounds during online classroom meetings

Example:

How:

- Teach students how to change or alter their backgrounds in online platforms
- Blur background feature can help to decrease distractions, reduce visual overload, as well add privacy
- Apply alternative picture backgrounds with preset images or one of your own choosing (i.e., tropical scene, favourite pet, etc.)
- Be creative, ask students to change their backgrounds to different themes (i.e., Please change your background to your dream vacation spot.)

Materials:

- See links for step-by-step instructions for different online platforms

Inclusive Practices to Consider:

- Collaborate with students regarding voice and choice when requesting video cameras be on during remote sessions (i.e., students can have their cameras on during 1:1 session with the teacher or for short intervals of time versus the entire session)

Reference and Links:

Change Your Background for a Microsoft Teams Meeting
https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/change-your-background-for-a-teams-meeting-f77a2381-443a-499d-825e-509a140f4780

Change Your Background in Google Meet
https://support.google.com/meet/answer/10058482?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en

Virtual Background Support for Zoom
https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/210707503-Virtual-Background