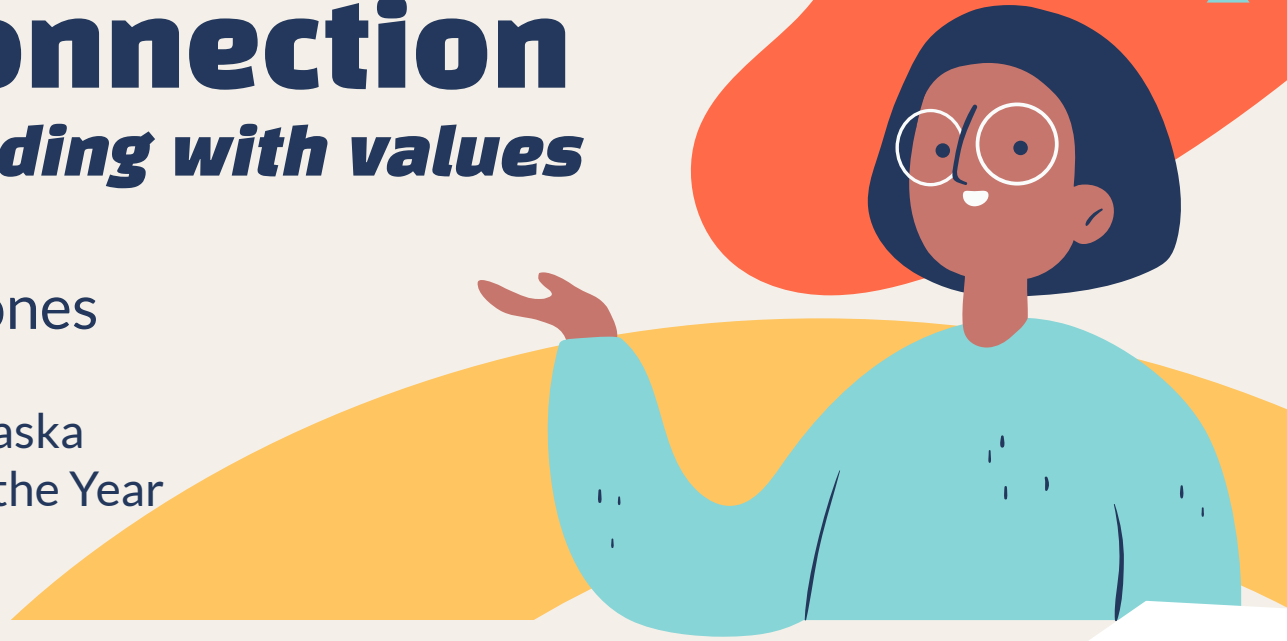


# Connection *before* Connection *Leading with values*

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“Connection is why we’re here;  
it is what gives purpose and  
meaning to our lives”

—**Brene Brown**



# 01

## Your Values

- Trace your hand
- For each finger, write down a personal value



# 02

## Your Connections

- Fold *the second paper* into nine boxes
- In each box, write a time you felt connected while at school





# 03

## Connection Map

- Write the value you identified on each connection box
- Draw a line to connect each value connection

**Use your values  
to lead your  
connection**



# Connection *before* Curriculum leading with values

My example



## Connection

- Recognizing each student as a human first, student second



## Diversity

- Educate myself- expand my knowledge of cultural awareness
- Being aware of my personal bias
- Intentional inclusive curriculum



## Hard Conversations

- Lean into our curiosities.
- Be honest, transparent
- Open the door for a restorative conversation

