**MODERN LANGUAGES PRESENTATION**

**1. Key Issues raised in HFLE Policy and Educational Policy docs?**

* Right to development of the child’s fullest potential, well beyond academic concerns
* All students entitlement to enjoy these benefits, regardless of social, developmental challenges
* Role of parents as critical in the overall development of the child
* Professionalization of teachers is essential to moving the educational objectives forward.

**2. What are some issues affecting young persons as seen in the reports?**

Emotional issues, loneliness, suicidal tendencies, truancy, lack of empathy for other students, violence, drug use and depression.

**3. Is there a role for HFLE only?**

No. All subject areas have as a point of commonality the development of the 6 Essential Learning Outcomes. Of particular interest in the development of the affective part of the child is the focus on Personal Development, Citizenship and Communication, there is an objective to address the needs of students, beyond the cognitive and meta-cognitive.

**4. What do your curriculum documents say?**

*Subject philosophy*

* Learning Spanish affords one myriad cognitive, meta-cognitive, and affective developmental opportunities. Inherent in the study of a foreign language is a value for pluralism, which is essential for building a culturally diverse yet cohesive nation.

*Vision*

* We envisage a curriculum that enables students to go beyond linguistic, geographical,

and cultural boundaries, and to develop a progressively deeper sense of themselves as

citizens of the global society.

It will enhance ... their capacity for sharing and caring, and becoming valuable citizens of their country and of the world.

* The cross-cultural sensitization to which foreign language students are exposed, as they

come to understand and appreciate the traditions and values of other societies, supports

the development of increased tolerance and acceptance of differences, and prepares them

to work cooperatively with other nationals of their own countries as well as with citizens

of other countries.