## 2021-2022 S P A C E B E T W E E N Annual Report

Dearest community,
Happy Fall! We greet you with a deep breath of gratitude for your ongoing support of the wellness and wholeness of all students, educators and adults.

This past year, we have grown and shifted in many exciting ways. After our strategic planning process, we transitioned to a collaborative leadership model, which is more aligned with our mission and work. This model of interconnection, empowerment, equitable voice, shared purpose, and love allows us to best serve our community. Our board and staff are working together to execute this model and other elements of our strategic framework.

In 2021-2022 we grew the number of schools and students we served and expanded to the Lacey and Edmonds school districts. Students and teachers shared how profoundly helpful mindfulness is to their lives. Our favorite quote this year: "mindfulness helped me not punch my brother" ... how's that for a practical skill! Thanks to you, more people have access to these practices so they are able to be more grounded, connected to themselves and others, and express their authentic selves. Your social impact matters and we are grateful for your investment in our work.

Kara-Lee, Kim, Nicole, and Tai - The Shared Leadership Team

My students are also able to regulate themselves better which benefits our whole classroom community. -Educator

I am more focused. I notice my emotions more, and I am better at looking at different perspectives. -4 th grader

## OUR IMPACT

98\%
of students find one or more mindfulness practices helpful
94\%
of students noted positive differences since learning mindfulness (more focused, calmer, less worried, happier, less angry, kinder, less sad)
$\sim 1700$ students served
public school partnerships

97\%
of teachers saw an increase in students' emotional regulation abilities
of teachers noted an improvement in student well-being
average times per week, mindfulness is practiced in classrooms outside of Space Between time
$\sim 1450$
educators, parents and guardians in 24 workshops

I love you. Mindfulness has helped me be happier.
-3rd grader
Mindfulness has helped me when I am mad and I feel like I need to take a break. I would go to my room and take 3 breaths or I would do body movements and it would calm me down

- then I would talk it out with the person. -1 st grader

Breathing practices, kindness and curiosity helped me to maintain perspective and carry on during the rough moments of a very challenging (and rewarding) year.

- Educator


# STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 

MISSION: We facilitate human and school transformation through mindfulness practices.

VISION: We want to ensure all students are well and whole.

VALUES: We believe integrated mindfulness practices promote alignment, authenticity and connection.

We have been busy implementing our new strategic framework, which includes these core strategies:

STRATEGY I: Champion mindfulness as a path for healing and wholeness.
STRATEGY II: Increase our internal capacity and organizational infrastructure.
STRATEGY III: Expand the breadth and depth of our reach.
STRATEGY IV: Take risks and innovate across programs and partnerships.

## School and Community Partners

Dunlap Elementary
French American School of Puget Sound Hawthorne Elementary John Muir Elementary Leschi Elementary Nisqually Middle School
Sanislo Elementary
South Shore K-8
Scriber Lake High School
Associated Recreation Council
Bainbridge Island Swim Club
Boys and Girls Club of King County
Rain City Rock Camp
Seattle Public Schools
Schools Out Washington
UW Center of Child and Family Well Being
UW Forefront Suicide Prevention
YMCA
Youth Development Executives of King County


MINDFULNESS IN REAL LIFE: A new student at Scriber Lake High School approached one of our facilitators after class and asked how he could use mindfulness practices at his fast food job where customers were sometimes aggressive and angry. He left with some ideas and a desire to practice. Later
that day when the assistant principal asked him about the best part of his day, he said, without hesitation, "Mindfulness time. I really got into that." He explained that he'd found a space to both relax and focus, and that he was looking forward to continuing learning. This student continues to practice and has found mindfulness very helpful for his emotions, focus, work, and school.

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