Guiding Principles articulate a school’s vision, values, hopes and ideals to the design team. Guiding Principles will be used to “test” the decisions that are made throughout the design process, since every element of the building must be created to support the school’s vision and values.

Relief Elementary School’s Guiding Principles:

**CULTURE** – The Relief Elementary school will encompass the culture of the surrounding community to incite a sense of place for each student.

**SAFE** – The Relief Elementary School will be a secure environment that provides the utmost security and supervision for the teachers, students and staff.

**FACILITATES LEARNING** – The Relief Elementary School will facilitate learning in all aspects of the design. Every space in the building will provide opportunities for the student to learn and develop.

**FLEXIBLE** – All learning spaces in Relief Elementary School need to be able to adapt to the ever changing demands of the 21st century. Furniture, fixtures and curriculum must be able to evolve with the building.

**ENGAGING** – The Relief Elementary School will give the students an environment where they are engaged in learning upon entry into the building. The environment will spark invigorating exchanges of information, dialogue and education.