

# Business Declaration

We as employers, businessmen and women, are always looking for the personal life skills listed below in our employees and new hires. We believe that people who learn and practice these skills early in life do better on the job and in their life in general:

1. **Communication**
2. **Self-confidence/self-awareness**
3. **Willingness to listen and learn**
4. **Flexibility/adaptability**
5. **Resilience**
6. **Critical thinking/problem solving ability**
7. **Teamwork**
8. **Dependability**
9. **Honesty**
10. **Leadership**
11. **Positive attitude**
12. **Good work ethic**

These skills are known as personal life skills, and fall into the one of the following categories: *knowing me, managing me, understanding others, and relating to others.*

We strongly urge that personal life skills (*PLS*) be mandated as a stand-alone subject in all our schools and taught just as academic subjects like English, reading, science and math are taught. If we do this, we can improve our workforce, our society, and our nation.

***This all starts with all of our children.***

*I agree that personal life skills are important for our employees, and that those skills should be taught in schools.*

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Signature

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Company

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Printed name

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Date