Mantra of an Innovative Educator:

*I am an educator.*

*I am an innovator.*

*I am an innovative educator and I will continue to ask, “What is best for learners?”  With this empathetic approach, I will create and design learning experiences.*

*I believe that my abilities, intelligence, and talents can be developed, leading to the creation of new and better ideas.*

*I recognize that there are obstacles in education, but, as an innovator, I will focus on what is possible today and where I can push to lead towards tomorrow.*

*I will utilize the tools that are available to me today, and I will continue to search for new and better ways to grow, develop, and share my thinking, while creating and connecting my learning.*

*I focus not only on where I can improve, but where I am already strong, and I look to develop those strengths in myself and in others.*

*I build upon what I already know, but I do not limit myself.  I’m open to and willing to embrace new learning, while continuously asking questions that help me move forward.*

*I question thinking, challenge ideas, and do not accept, “This is the way we have always done it” as an acceptable answer for our students or myself.*

*I model the learning and leadership I seek in others.  I take risks, try new things to develop, and explore new opportunities. I ask others to take risks in their learning, and I openly model that I am willing to do the same.*

*I believe that isolation is the enemy of innovation, and I will learn from others to create better learning opportunities for others and myself.*

*I connect with others both locally and globally to tap into ideas from all people and spaces. I will use those ideas, along with my professional judgment, to adapt the ideas to meet the needs of the learners in my community.*

*I believe in my voice and experience, as well as the voice and experiences of others, as they are important for moving education forward.*

*I share because the learning I create and the experiences I have help others.  I share to push my own thinking and to make an impact on learners, both young and old, all over the world.*

*I listen and learn from different perspectives because I know we are much better together than we could ever be alone.  I can learn from anyone and any situation.*

*I actively reflect on my learning because I know looking back is crucial to moving forward.*(The Innovator’s Mindset)