

# Think Kids: Collaborative Problem Solving



As the Eliot School community continues to grow, our approach to supporting students' social-emotional learning also evolves. To help support us with this process we are excited to partner with [Mass General Hospital](#) and [Think: Kids- Collaborative Problem Solving](#). We have implemented a coherent Kinder 1- Grade 8 strategy to support social emotional development for every Eliot learner.

## "Kids Do Well If They Can" Engaging Student Voice

The Think Kids mindset empowers students to work together with staff to solve challenges in the moment in authentic situations. Students receive support throughout this process by engaging in a dialogue with staff members/students that validates, and appreciates both concerns, and collaboratively builds a solution that will support both needs.



- Step 1** Identify and understand the child's concern about the problem to be solved and reassure him or her that imposition of adult will is not how the problem will be resolved.
- Step 2** Identify and share the adults' concerns about the same issue.
- Step 3** The child and adult work to brainstorm solutions together to assess potential solutions and choose one that is both realistic and mutually satisfactory.