A BRIEF ON SEE LEARNING / SECULAR ETHICS IN EDUCATION

FOR H.H. THE DALAI LAMA

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SEE Learning (Social, Emotional and Ethical Learning) is the culmination of over two decades of academic cross-cultural collaboration between Emory University and the Dalai Lama, who has long called for an education of heart and mind.

On April 4-6, 2019, in New Delhi, India, H.H. the Dalai Lama historically launched the SEE Learning program to bring secular ethics into all levels of education on a global scale. Over 1,000 educators attended from 37 countries and thousands more watched the event online.

Dr. Daniel Goleman, one of the founders of the Social Emotional Learning movement, said “SEE Learning has been brilliant in finding ways to integrate all these pedagogic innovations into the classroom. I’d call SEE Learning SEL 2.0, showing the way to the future direction for this critically important educational approach.”
HERE ARE SOME UPDATES ON THE SEE LEARNING PROGRAM SINCE ITS LAUNCH:

**Global Reach**
Over 13,000 educators have engaged in SEE Learning training through the free online SEE 101 course. These educators come from 145+ countries.

This free course will soon be available in languages besides English.

In addition 1,000+ educators have completed live in-person or online workshops in SEE Learning.

270+ facilitators ("teacher trainers") from around the world are completing certification to train educators in SEE Learning to support this.

**Curriculum and Resources**
Published:
- SEE Learning Companion
- Early Elementary Curriculum
- Late Elementary Curriculum
- Middle School Curriculum


Thanks to the generosity of H.H. the Dalai Lama, these materials are provided for free in multiple languages.

**Large-Scale Implementation**
Large-scale formal implementation directly supported by Emory University and its affiliates is now taking place at school, city and national levels in 30 countries across 6 continents. A few examples include:

- Citywide implementation of SEE Learning is taking place in Tulua, Colombia with all schools in the city participating and support from the Mayor.
- Regional implementation in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in collaboration with the Education Secretariat of Belo Horizonte.
- Nationwide implementation is underway in Ukraine with all 25 regions having at least one school that is piloting the program. This is supported by the Ukrainian Ministry of Education.
- The establishment of SEE Learning India as a primary affiliate to spread SEE Learning throughout India, and other primary affiliates in key strategic regions and countries. The Piramal Foundation of Education Leadership in India is planning to roll out the program in 22 states and reach 5 million children in 5 years.
- 15+ schools (public, private and charter) and several school districts in the US are now implementing SEE Learning.
Research
SEE Learning has established a multi-disciplinary research program and an advisory research council. The research program has developed instruments to track implementation quality, engage in feasibility studies, and eventually lead international outcome studies.

Response to Coronavirus Pandemic
The pandemic has interrupted some SEE Learning activities but created other opportunities as well.

At-home activity sets have been developed for parents and children so that emotional hygiene can be learned at home and not just in the classroom.

International Network
Emory University has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU’s) with 22 institutions from 11 countries. These affiliates support implementation locally in their countries.

International organizations including the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Education and Peace, The Charter for Compassion, Think Equal, and others, have reached out to endorse SEE Learning and offer help in promoting secular ethics in education worldwide. SEE Learning has been invited to be part of the “Global Collective of Governments and Relevant Stakeholders for Social Emotional Learning and Digital Learning” by UNESCO MGIEP.

Translation
SEE Learning materials are being translated into 18 languages, including the 6 UN languages as well as Hindi, Tibetan, Portuguese, Korean, German, Mongolian, Italian, Ukrainian, Czech, Romanian, Swedish, and Catalan.
SEE Learning is also offering worksheets and graphics for at-home use or remote learning for parents, educators, and children during the pandemic and beyond. These free, easy-to-use materials teach the basic concepts and skills of secular ethics and emotional hygiene directly to children or people with no prior training.