Stop and think for a few minutes about your family. Write your responses here or on a separate page. Compare and discuss your answers with anyone else involved in school decision-making (e.g., your spouse or other parenting partner). Keep your notes handy to use later in your school hunt.

What values, needs, strengths and challenges stand out about your family?

- Values about what your child should learn and achieve through school

- Values about how children should behave and learn at school

- How you and your child interact with the school community, socially and otherwise

- Your family’s practical constraints (scheduling, transportation, finances, child care, your other children’s schools)