

## Guiding the Conversation

This learning guide is designed for use by professional learning communities, learning coaches, teacher-leaders or as a self-paced study to facilitate critical reflection about the experiences of newcomer students and the ways that schools can support their adjustment.

This conversation guide is intended to be used after viewing the video "New Moves."



### Questions for discussion

Brainstorm a list of the social and academic challenges that these students face. Which ones do students in your school face?

In your experience, what other examples have you seen of challenges that newcomer students and/or their parents encounter?

Were there any challenges these students mentioned that surprised you? Were there any challenges arising from behavioural expectations that are taken for granted in our schools? How could these challenges have been avoided?

What could you do in your class or school that would address some of the challenges discussed?

What common themes emerged about the immigrant experience?

What are the implications of increasing numbers of immigrant students entering our school system?

### Video Guide

#### Synopsis:

Newcomer students describe their feelings about the experience of settling in Canada

Newcomer students explain aspects of the Canadian school system that they found confusing or difficult

Students identify what they found helpful for their adjustment and give advice to other newcomers

School staff share their observations of the challenges faced by newcomers

