**Safe and Supportive Environments**

In a school community, both the adults and children can perform at their best only when they communicate well and feel connected to one another. Everyone needs to feel safe, nurtured, and supported— or teaching and learning are compromised.

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### Social and Emotional Connectedness of the School Community

#### Connectedness among professional colleagues, teachers, and administrators

- **This school**
- **The state**
- **NA: Too few responses to report**

#### Teacher Responses

- **Percent who report they agree or strongly agree that:**
  - My job lets me use my skills and knowledge.
  - I help decide how school policies ought to be changed.
  - Teachers on my team or grade level respect each other’s ideas and opinions.

#### Percent who report they are satisfied or very satisfied with:

- Co-worker stimulation and support
- Opportunities to accomplish something worthwhile

#### Percent who report that most of the time or always:

- There is a group spirit among the staff.

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### Connectedness between students and teachers

- **This school**
- **The state**
- **NA: Too few responses to report**

#### Student Responses

- **Percent who report that most of the time or always:**
  - Teachers take a personal interest in students.
  - Interact with children in ways that show interest and respect.

#### Teacher Responses

- **Percent who report they agree or strongly agree that members of their team or grade level:**
  - Teachers on my team or grade level respect each other’s ideas and opinions.
  - Use positive approaches to help children behave constructively.

#### Advisory Programs

- **Building-principal Responses**
- **Teacher Responses**

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### Connectedness throughout the school community as a whole

- **This school**
- **The state**
- **NA: Too few responses to report**

#### Parent Responses

- **Percent who agree or strongly agree that:**
  - The school views parents as important partners.

#### Student Responses

- **Percent who report that most of the time or always:**
  - They have a sense (feeling) of belonging in this school.

#### Teacher Responses

- **Percent who agree or strongly agree that:**
  - It is essential for schools to provide instruction on conflict or violence reduction.