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**Engaging Families and Community**

### Communicating and working with parents

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*The percentage of students in the school whose parents responded to the SALT Survey*

#### Parents

- **Percent who agree or strongly agree:**
  - That the community supports this school.
  - The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program.

#### Students

- **Percent who report that:**
  - They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week.

#### Working with parents

- **What Teachers Say**
  - Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:
    - Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.

#### What Parents Say

- **Percent of parents who report that the school does well:**
  - Contacts me if my child does something well or improves
  - Contacts me if my child is having a problem
  - Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time
  - Has a parent-teacher conference with me
  - Asks me to volunteer at the school

#### Teacher practices and attitudes

- **What Teachers Say**
  - Percent who report that at least weekly:
    - They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.
  - Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.
  - Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.
  - They use parents as school resources or volunteers.