Safe and Supportive Schools: Connectedness

Social and Emotional Connectedness of the School Community

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. (Only students in 4th grade and above take the SALT survey.)

Connectedness among professional colleagues, teachers, and administrators

- 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.
  - 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.

Connectedness between students and teachers

- Percent who report:
  - Teachers take a personal interest in students.
  - Get individual help and advising from teachers.
  - Interact with children in ways that show interest and respect
  - Use positive approaches to help children behave constructively

- Percent who report that:
  - Members of their team or grade level:
    - There is a group spirit among the staff.

Connectedness throughout the school community as a whole

- Percent who agree or strongly agree that:
  - The school views parents as important partners.
  - Including parents on school committees such as curriculum, budget and school improvement
  - They have a sense (feeling) of belonging in this school.
  - Students in this school have trouble getting along with each other.
  - It is essential for schools to provide instruction on conflict or violence reduction.
  - Students in my class disrupt what others are doing.
  - Students in my class enjoy working together.

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