The single most important aspect of a child’s education is having a good teacher. And teachers overwhelmingly cite student success as their principal motivator. To be maximally effective, teachers need to feel sure that their professional judgment is always vital to school improvement, to school-wide decision-making, and to anything that affects the welfare of their students.

Highly qualified teachers

Recruiting and Supporting Teachers

SALT Survey findings and barriers to reform

Teacher Participation Rates 2004-05

What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who report that the following are a moderate to major problem:

Lack of time necessary for adequate planning and/or implementation

Lack of support from teachers and/or other staff

Lack of training for teachers

Lack of developed curriculum

Lack of information for teachers about the reforms and/or what is expected for school improvement

What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who say they agree or strongly agree that:

I am encouraged to make my own decisions.

My team or grade level shares professional material and information with each other.

Student discipline/behavioral management

School-wide goals

Percent of teachers who say that their team or grade level has much or very much decision-making authority regarding:

The opportunities they have to take part in decisions

The extent to which teachers and staff support school improvement

Additional teacher-quality indicators

Teachers with emergency certification (%)

Classes not taught by a highly qualified teacher (%)

This School This District The State

Teachers with emergency certification (%) 0% 2% 1%

Classes not taught by a highly qualified teacher (%) 16% 21% 25%

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