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.

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

- The most important aspect of a child's education is having a good teacher.
- Their professional judgment is always vital to school improvement.
- They feel encouraged to make their own decisions.
- Their team or grade level shares professional material and information with each other.
- The opportunities they have to take part in decisions are moderate to major problems.

SALT Survey findings and barriers to reform

Teacher Participation Rates 2004-05

Percent of teachers who responded to the SALT Survey

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 what is expected for school improvement

Teacher efficacy

This school

R.I. middle schools

Teacher Participation Rates 2004-05

Percent of teachers who responded to the SALT Survey

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
- 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% 1% 1%
Classes not taught by a highly qualified teacher (%) 24% 21% 24%

Too few responses to report
? Inadequate data submitted