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  - 2004-05
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  - 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

#### Teacher efficacy

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  - 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 (%)
  - This School: 0%
  - This District: 0%
  - The State: 1%

- Classes not taught by a highly qualified teacher (%)
  - This School: 30%
  - This District: 27%
  - The State: 25%