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. Data on this report comes from the annual SALT Survey.

### Connectedness among professional colleagues, teachers, and administrators

- **Teacher Responses**
  - 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.
    - There is a group spirit among the staff.
  - Percent who report they are satisfied or very satisfied with:
    - 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.
    - 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

- **Student Responses**
  - Percent who report that:
    - 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 they often:
    - Question not asked at this grade level.
    - Question not asked at this grade level.

### Advisory Programs

- **Building-principal Responses**
  - Not relevant at this grade level.
- **Teacher Responses**
  - Not relevant at this grade level.
  - Percent reporting that their school has a 'teacher-led' advisory program.
  - Percent of teachers who report they serve as an advisor in the school's advisory program.

### Connectedness throughout the school community as a whole

- **Parent Responses**
  - 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.
  - Percent who report that the school does well at:
    - Question not asked at this grade level.
    - Question not asked at this grade level.

- **Student Responses**
  - Percent who report that:
    - Question not asked at this grade level.
    - Question not asked at this grade level.
  - Percent who agree or strongly agree that:
    - Students in this school have trouble getting along with each other.
    - Students in this school disrupt what others are doing.

- **Teacher Responses**
  - Percent who agree or strongly agree that:
    - It is essential for schools to provide instruction on conflict or violence reduction.
    - Students in my class enjoy working together.