Parents and guardians are any school’s strongest allies for helping students achieve and thrive to their fullest potential. Robust two-way communication with students’ families cultivates a relationship between the home and the school that puts the families squarely on the school’s team when working with students.

**Community support**

This school

R.I. elementary schools

The percentage of students in the school whose parents responded to the SALT Survey

**Parent Participation Rates**

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*Too few responses to report?

**What Parents Say**

Percent of parents who report that the school does well:

Parents

Percent who agree or strongly agree:

That the community supports this school.

Teachers

Percent who say they are satisfied or very satisfied with:

The extent to which parents and the community are supportive of the school and its program.

Students

Percent who report that:

They are home unsupervised 3 or more hours a day, 3 or more days a week.

**Working with parents**

Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:

Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.

Contacts me if my child does something well or improves

Contacts me if my child is having a problem

Responds to my concerns and requests within a reasonable time

Has a parent-teacher conference with me

Asks me to volunteer at the school

**Teacher practices and attitudes**

Percent who report that at least weekly:

They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.

Teachers on their team or grade level maintain positive relationships with students’ parents.

Two-way communication between home and school is essential to effective education.

Percent who report that at least monthly:

They use parents as school resources or volunteers.