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.

### SALT Survey findings and barriers to reform

The percent of teachers who responded to the SALT Survey is shown in the chart below. The bars indicate the percentage of respondents from this school, R.I. high schools, and the state. The data is presented for the years 2004-05 and 2005-06.

### 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 their team or grade level has much or very much decision-making authority regarding:**
  - 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.

- **Percent of teachers who say they are satisfied or very satisfied with:**
  - The opportunities they have to take part in decisions.
  - The extent to which teachers and staff support school improvement.

### Teacher efficacy

- **This school:**
  - 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.

- **R.I. high schools:**

### Additional teacher-quality indicators

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* Not all districts submitted data on grievances.