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:**
  - Teachers on my team or grade level work well together as a unit.
  - I help decide how school policies ought to be changed.
  - Teachers on my team or grade level respect each other’s ideas and opinions.

**Teacher Responses**

- **Percent who report that at least several times a month:**
  - Classroom curricula and topics are integrated across subject areas.
  - Staff are involved in school-improvement planning and decisions.
  - There is a group spirit among the staff.

**Teacher Responses**

- **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 most of the time or always:**
  - Teachers take a personal interest in students.
  - Get individual help and advising from teachers.
  - Classrooms in which curricula and topics are integrated across subject areas.

**Teacher Responses**

- **Percent who report that they agree or strongly agree that members of their team or grade level:**
  - Teachers on my team or grade level work well together as a unit.
  - I help decide how school policies ought to be changed.
  - Teachers on my team or grade level respect each other’s ideas and opinions.

**Advisory Programs**

- **Building-principal Responses**
  - Percent reporting that their school has a ‘teacher-led’ advisory program.

- **Teacher Responses**
  - 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.

**Student Responses**

- **Percent who report that most of the time or always:**
  - They have a sense (feeling) of belonging in this school.
  - Students in this school have trouble getting along with each other.

**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 disrupt what others are doing.
  - Students in my class enjoy working together.