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

- **Teachers on my team or grade level work well together as a unit.**
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. middle schools: 60%
- **I help decide how school policies ought to be changed.**
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. middle schools: 60%
- **Teachers on my team or grade level respect each other's ideas and opinions.**
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. middle schools: 60%

Student Responses

- **Teachers take a personal interest in students.**
  - This school: 60%
  - R.I. middle schools: 40%
- **Get individual help and advising from teachers.**
  - This school: 40%
  - R.I. middle schools: 20%

Teacher Responses

- **Interact with children in ways that show interest and respect.**
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. middle schools: 60%
- **Use positive approaches to help children behave constructively.**
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. middle schools: 60%

Advisory Programs

- **Percent reporting that their school has a 'teacher-led' advisory program.**
  - This school: 60%
  - R.I. middle schools: 40%
- **Percent of teachers who report they serve as an advisor in the school's advisory program.**
  - This school: 40%
  - R.I. middle schools: 20%

Parent Responses

- **The school views parents as important partners.**
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. middle schools: 60%
- **Including parents on school committees such as curriculum, budget and school improvement.**
  - This school: 60%
  - R.I. middle schools: 40%

Student Responses

- **They have a sense (feeling) of belonging in this school.**
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. middle schools: 60%
- **Students in this school have trouble getting along with each other.**
  - This school: 40%
  - R.I. middle schools: 20%

Teacher Responses

- **It is essential for schools to provide instruction on conflict or violence reduction.**
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. middle schools: 60%
- **Students in my class disrupt what others are doing.**
  - This school: 40%
  - R.I. middle schools: 20%
- **Students in my class enjoy working together.**
  - This school: 80%
  - R.I. middle schools: 60%