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.

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**Parent Participation Rates**

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

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**Parents**

- Percent who agree or strongly agree:
  - This school
  - R.I. elementary schools

**Teachers**

- Percent who say they are satisfied or very satisfied with:
  - This school
  - R.I. elementary schools

**Students**

- Percent who report that:
  - This school
  - R.I. elementary schools

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**What Teachers Say**

- Percent of teachers who agree or strongly agree:
  - Parental involvement in school governance is essential to effective education.

**What Parents Say**

- Percent of parents who report that the school does well:
  - 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

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**Teacher practices and attitudes**

- Percent who report that at least weekly:
  - They meet with individual parents to solve problems and provide assistance.

**What Teachers Say**

- Percent who report they agree or strongly agree that:
  - 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.

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**Engaging Families and Community**

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