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.

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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.

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**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**

This school

R.I. elementary schools

- 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.
- They use parents as school resources or volunteers.