Recruiting and Supporting Teachers

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 schoolwide decision-making, and to anything that affects the welfare of their students.

SALT Survey findings and barriers to reform

This school  
R.I. elementary schools

Teacher Participation Rates

2005-06 2006-07 2007-08

The percent of teachers who responded to the SALT Survey

What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who say that the following are a moderate to major problem:

Lack of time necessary for adequate planning and/or implementation
Lack of adequate team planning time
Lack of training for teachers
Lack of developed curriculum

What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who say that most of the time or always:

Things are pretty disorganized

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.
Staff push themselves to do their best work.
Student discipline/behavioral management
School-wide goals

The opportunities they have to take part in decisions

What Teachers Say

Percent of teachers who say that their team or grade level has much or very much decision-making authority regarding:

This School  This District  The State

Teachers with emergency certification (%)  
0%  0%  1%

Classes not taught by a highly qualified teacher (%)  
5%  5%  4%

Teacher in the field of education more than 25 years  
?  18%  17%

Teacher in the field of education less than 1 year  
?  0%  1%

Teachers in the building 3 years or less  
?  16%  29%

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