School Connectedness

Improving School Climate to Support Student Achievement

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Truly Connected

With a partner, share a time in your own education when you felt truly connected to your school experience.

What factors contributed to this connection?

We will share and record responses on a piece of flip chart paper.



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In your standing circle groups, sort the provided cards.

Which are the measures of being connected to their school experience for students, according to this research?



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School Connectedness: Better Places to Learn

- **I feel close to people at this school**
  - Peers
  - Every student should have a caring adult
- **I am happy to be at this school**
  - A "destination"
- **I feel like I am part of this school**
  - A sense of belonging
- **The adults at this school treat students fairly** (not identically)
  - Fairness = Listening
- **I feel safe** (*physically, emotionally and intellectually, culturally, etc.*) **in this school**



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