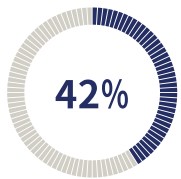


## THEME B Create safe, engaging and inclusive school environments



**42% of parent focus group responses** mention academic programming and scheduling as an important interest and opportunity, including a variety of content areas, and experiential and physical activities (top mention).

Through instructional support, educators will enhance their knowledge and practice in effectively leveraging the lived experiences of students and staff. For example, teachers might incorporate culturally responsive teaching methods that draw on students' backgrounds to make lessons more relevant and engaging. This approach will also help teachers assess how to best cultivate student interests and self-expression both in and out of the classroom, perhaps through personalized learning plans or opportunities for students to showcase their work to the community.

Ultimately, our goal is to create safe school environments that promote positive behaviors, enhance student engagement, and reduce violent incidents and suspensions. Initiatives such as restorative justice programs, mindfulness practices, and social-emotional learning curricula can significantly improve the overall school experience for students, staff, and families. We believe these efforts will lead to more vibrant, inclusive, and supportive school communities where every student can thrive.