

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL STAFF SURVEY



Merced City Elementary 2024-2025 Main Report

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PREFACE

HYPERLINK FEATURE

The digital version of this report has been hyperlinked. Click on the title of a section or a table in the List of Tables and you will be automatically directed to the actual content section or table in the report.

This report provides the detailed results provided by teachers, administrators, and other school staff on each question in your 2024-25 administration of the *California School Staff Survey* (CSSS), presented in tables organized by topic.

The CSSS, along with its companion student and parent surveys—the *California Healthy Kids Survey* (CHKS) and the *California School Parent Survey* (CSPS)—form the California Department of Education’s *California School Climate, Health, and Learning Surveys* (CalSCHLS) System. CalSCHLS is the largest, most comprehensive state effort in the nation to regularly assess students, staff, and parents to provide key data on school climate and safety, learning supports and barriers, and stakeholder engagement, as well as youth development, health, and well-being. Exhibit 1, at the end of the Preface, presents the major domains and constructs assessed by CalSCHLS.

These surveys grew out of the California Department of Education’s (CDE) commitment to helping schools create more positive, safe, supportive, and engaging environments and to promoting the successful cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of all students. They provide a wealth of information to guide school improvement and **Local Control and Accountability Plan** (LCAP) efforts, particularly in regard to the state priorities of enhancing school climate, pupil engagement, parent involvement, and addressing the needs of vulnerable groups.

Factsheets, guidebooks, and other resources to help in understanding and using CHKS results are available for downloading from the CalSCHLS website (calschls.org). The California Safe and Supportive Schools website (ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org) provides information and tools helpful in implementing effective strategies to address the needs identified by the survey.

The CalSCHLS technical advisor team offers data workshops and coaching to help identify local needs and develop action plans to meet those needs.

SURVEY PURPOSE

The CSSS was developed for CDE in 2004 to fulfill the requirement in the *No Child Left Behind Act* of 2001, Title IV, that schools conduct an anonymous teacher survey related to student drug use and violence. Recognizing the opportunity this requirement presented, CDE expanded the content to collect other data to guide school improvement efforts, to meet LCAP state priorities, and to enable the perceptions and experiences of school staff to be compared to those of students on the CHKS. Schools can also add questions of their own choosing to meet other local data needs. Because the results are anonymous and confidential, the survey provides staff with an opportunity to honestly communicate their perceptions about the school.

The CSSS grew out of CDE’s commitment to: (1) helping schools promote the successful cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of all students; and (2) fostering positive school working environments, particularly to help address the growing problem of low teacher retention. This CSSS report provides data on the degree to which staff perceive that their school has a learning and working environment that is safe, supportive, caring, collegial, challenging, and engaging, with norms and standards that encourage academic success. CSSS data enrich a school’s ability to create a positive school climate that promotes quality teaching, school connectedness, academic achievement, and overall well-being among both students and staff.

SURVEY ADMINISTRATION AND SAMPLE

Schools are provided with detailed survey planning and administration instructions. CDE guidelines call for the CSSS to be administered online at the same time as the CHKS, among all staff in grades 5 and above. Staff participation is totally voluntary, anonymous, and confidential. The tables in the Survey Sample and Demographics sections of this report provide the numbers of respondents who completed the core module; their roles at the school (e.g., teacher, administrator, counselor); the length of their employment at the school and in their positions; and their races/ethnicities. The number of respondents who completed each additional module is also provided at the beginning of the set of tables for that module.

SURVEY CONTENT OVERVIEW

The CSSS survey questions were selected with the assistance of an advisory committee to assess the key variables that research and theory indicated as most associated with successful learning and teaching, particularly in regard to school climate. Like most school climate surveys, it focuses on individual behaviors, patterns of communication and interactions, and professional and student supports.

Core Section (Section A)

All staff answer the questions in the first part of the survey, which provides background information about the characteristics of the staff respondents and assesses the following main domains:

- How **supportive and inviting** the learning and working environment is in general;
- School **norms and standards** that promote achievement, including the rigor and relevance of instruction, and a shared sense of responsibility for school improvement;
- **Staff supports, professional respect, and collegiality** within the working environment, factors that surveys of California teachers have shown to be key to teacher retention;
- Staff and student **safety**;
- **Student developmental supports** in the school environment—caring staff/student relationships, high expectations, and opportunities for meaningful participation and decision-making—that resilience research has linked to school and life success;
- **Equity**, respect, and cultural sensitivity, which are particularly germane for closing the achievement gap;

- Student **behaviors that facilitate learning**, including the degree to which students are ready and motivated to learn and are well-behaved;
- The level of **problems the school experiences** that are related to 14 student behaviors or conditions (e.g., truancy, violence, bullying, substance use, mental health, and physical health);
- The nature, communication, and enforcement of rules and policies related to **discipline**; and
- Staff **professional development needs**.

The same questions asked of students in the CHKS supplemental School Climate Module are included in the CSSS so that staff and student results can be compared. CDE recommends that all districts include the School Climate Module in their CHKS administration. The questions, reported in Section 6 (Learning Conditions), provide staff perceptions on five key constructs:

- Supports for Learning;
- Discipline and Order;
- Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Supports;
- Positive Peer Relationships (anti-bullying related); and
- Respect for Diversity.

Student Supports Questions (Section B)

A second section of the survey is focused on student supports and is designed to be answered only by staff who provide services or instruction related to health, prevention, discipline, safety, and/or counseling. These questions assess a school’s programs, policies, supports, and services that address nonacademic barriers to learning and promote healthy youth development. The results can be compared to the level of student need as indicated by staff perceptions of problems (from the first section of the CSSS) and student report (from the CHKS).

Supplemental Modules

In addition, four supplementary modules are available that districts can elect to add to the survey. For information, call the CalSCHLS helpline at 562.799.5460.

- The **Staff Trauma-Informed Practice Module** was developed in 2022 in collaboration with a state advisory group to provide LEAs with data to assess staff perceptions of trauma-informed practice implementation, the extent to which the school has a trauma-sensitive environment, and staff attitudes related to trauma-informed care. The questions assessing staff attitudes related to trauma-informed care come from the Attitudes Related to Trauma-Informed Care (ARTIC) scale developed by the Traumatic Stress Institute and Dr. Courtney Baker from Tulane University. Scores on these scales can be used to monitor staff readiness to implement trauma-informed practices and progress in changing attitudes. For more information about the full ARTIC scale, see www.traumaticstressinstitute.org/the-artic-scale.
- The **Special Education Supports Module** consists of 12 questions designed to be answered only by staff who have responsibilities for teaching or providing related support services to

students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). It provides data to better understand issues involving (1) effectively meeting the needs of students with IEPs, and (2) recruiting and retaining special education staff. Districts can request custom reports that compare CSSS results reported by staff who have special education responsibilities to those reported by other staff.

- The **Military-Connected Schools Module** allows schools to gather the views of staff about their schools related to the educational and other needs of students who have parents connected to the military, in order to foster more military-friendly and supportive school climates.
- The **Student Wellness Module** contains 33 questions that assess student mental health needs, school mental health supports, barriers to accessing services, and staff wellness.

THE REPORT

Results are provided in tables with data from all school levels assessed presented separately. The usual school levels are elementary (grades 1–6), middle (grades 7–8), high (grades 9–12), and nontraditional (ungraded, such as continuation high schools with 16 years being the earliest age of admittance).

The tables are organized into topical sections, as outlined in the Table of Contents. They provide the percentages of staff responding to each response option for each question. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. Summary tables at the beginning of the sections provide a quick overview of key indicators, with a reference to the table where the detailed results can be found.

Supplemental Reports

On request, custom reports can be prepared that disaggregate the survey data and compare the results based on the characteristics of respondents (e.g., race/ethnicity), job responsibilities (e.g., special education compared to general education staff), or based on how staff responded to a particular question (e.g., whether they agreed or disagreed that the school had a supportive and inviting learning environment).

ONLINE DATA DASHBOARDS

Public Dashboard. Anyone can examine online key state, county, and district CSSS results on the public CalSCHLS Data Dashboard (calschls.org/my-surveys/). The dashboard can be used to graphically display statewide, county, and district key indicators from the CSSS, trends over time, and disparities in survey outcomes across groups. Group differences by race/ethnicity, role (teacher, administrator), and tenure at the school can be examined. Trends in results over the past 11 years can be displayed. In addition to displaying results interactively on the web, dashboard results can be exported as Image and PDF files for dissemination. District data are publicly posted on the dashboard by the end of November of the year following survey administration.

The District Dashboard Option. Districts may purchase a two-year subscription to a password-protected, private data dashboard that displays up to 11 years of CalSCHLS data at the district level and individual school level. The dashboard provides designated staff with graphical data displays for

the district as a whole, for all schools in the district on the same page to enable comparisons across schools, and for a single, individual school. At both the district and school level, viewers can:

- compare their data with district and state averages;
- make comparisons across groups such as race/ethnicity, staff serving in different roles at the school, and staff tenure; and
- examine data trends over time overall and by group.

Viewers at both the district level and the school level have the option to download data displays as a PDF document which can be shared with stakeholders.

UNDERSTANDING THE DATA

Care must be taken to fully understand the survey; the context within which the data were collected; and the factors that can impact the quality, validity, and generalizability of the results. The following are a few of the key issues that should be kept in mind.

Representativeness

Among the most important factors affecting the quality of survey results is the level of staff participation. The validity and representativeness of the results will be adversely affected if the staff response rate is lower than 70 percent (see Table A1.1 and Appendix I for staff counts and participation status by school). One indication of the survey's representativeness is how accurately the characteristics of the sample (see Section 3) reflect the characteristics of the staff as indicated by personnel records. Even if the response rate is low, the results provide an indication of what those staff who did respond felt about the school and their experiences and behavior. Strategies for increasing participation are discussed below.

Changes Between Surveys

Many factors besides real changes in behavior, attitudes, or experiences among staff may account for changes in results from administration to administration. Changes may be due to differences over time in the characteristics or size of the sample of staff who completed the survey, changes in the questions themselves, or differences between time periods in which the survey was administered.

Data Comparisons

Comparing results to other district, county, and state data provides a broader context with which to assess the local situation. This can help you determine whether local changes are unique or may be part of a broader trend. Ultimately, however, the most fundamental concern should be what the survey results say about your schools and what improvements need to be made. Results from all districts in the state that conducted the CSSS may be downloaded from the website: calschls.org/reports-data.

IMPROVING PARTICIPATION

One of the most important strategies for improving voluntary staff participation is raising awareness among staff of the value of the survey to the school and the value of staff perceptions to school improvement efforts. To that end, it is important that staff are informed about the results and any

school improvement efforts that are undertaken in response. Staff must perceive that their voices are heard and valued.

RESOURCES

CalSCHLS.org contains numerous guidebooks and other resources for using and understanding survey results.

- CHKS and CSSS **factsheets** analyze key topics at the state level, show how data variables are related, and offer suggestions for how data can be analyzed at the local level (calschls.org/resources/factsheets/).
- *Making Sense of School Climate* provides a discussion of CalSCHLS survey items that relate to school climate (data.calschls.org/resources/S3_schoolclimateguidebook_final.pdf).
- The **California Center for School Climate** (ccsc.wested.org) website houses school climate resources and guides, and archived virtual events.
- The *California Safe and Supportive Schools Newsletter* provides monthly announcements of resources, tools, webinars and workshops, and research. Sign up on ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org/subscribe/.
- CDE's **California Safe and Supportive Schools** website (ca-safe-supportive-schools.wested.org) contains a wealth of information and tools related to school climate improvement and social-emotional learning. It includes factsheets analyzing CalSCHLS data and *What Works Briefs* that provide guidance on strategies to implement.
- The **CalSCHLS Item Crosswalk** (calschls.org/resources/#resources_and_tools) is a handy table listing all the constructs and questions that are on two or more of the CalSCHLS surveys, along with the report table number where results can be found, to assist in the comparison of findings among students, staff, and parents.

NEXT STEPS

Receiving this report is just a beginning step in a data-driven decision-making process of continuous improvement. The following describes some additional steps you should take and some custom services (additional fees apply) available from the CalSCHLS team. These will help in fostering effective use of the results and provide additional information to support school and program improvement efforts and the LCAP process.

Engage Students, Staff, and Parents in Reviewing the Results and Action Planning

Engage students, parents, and school/community stakeholders in reviewing and exploring the meaning of the results. Obtain their input into how the school might better meet the identified school and student needs and into developing a detailed action plan to guide school/community collaborative efforts. This communicates to stakeholders that you value their input into how to improve the school/community and gives them an opportunity for meaningful participation. By enlisting their collaboration, you also increase the prospect that the identified needs will be successfully addressed.

As part of this process, WestEd staff also can facilitate a *Data Workshop* designed to identify local needs based on the survey results and engage adult stakeholders in developing a detailed plan and timetable for meeting those needs using evidence-based strategies. For more information, contact your CalSCHLS technical advisor (calschls.org/contact) or email calschls@wested.org.

Compare Results with Other Data

The value of your CSSS results will be greatly enhanced if examined in the context of the following sources of related data.

- **Student and Parent Surveys.** If your school district has administered the CalSCHLS parent surveys, obtain these results and your student results and compare them to those provided by staff. It is important to determine how consistent are the perceptions and experiences of students, staff, and parents. To facilitate these comparisons, the CalSCHLS Item Crosswalk (calschls.org/resources/#resources_and_tools) lists all the constructs and questions that are on two or more of the CalSCHLS surveys, along with the report table number where results can be found. If your district did not administer the companion parent surveys, urge them to do so next time.
- **Other Data.** Examine how the results compare with other data collected within the district that relate to the variables assessed. Other relevant school-related data include discipline referrals, school demographic information, school vandalism costs, and behavioral observations in classrooms.
- **Statewide Results.** The latest aggregated data from all CSSS administrations over a two-year period can be downloaded from the website (calschls.org/docs/statewide_2123_csss.pdf). If there is a school district that you consider similar to your own, you can also check to see if they have administered the survey and download the results for comparison (calschls.org/reports-data/search-lea-reports/). A comparison to statewide and district results can provide some context to your results, but the most important consideration is what your own staff results say about your schools and your staff's experiences and needs.

Request School Reports

If the schools in the district vary significantly in demographics, programs, or other characteristics, consider requesting individual reports for each school.

Data Workshop

To assist in your review of the survey results, you can request your CalSCHLS technical advisor to conduct a structured, customized *Data Workshop*. In this workshop, a survey specialist works with district stakeholders to promote better understanding of the results and to identify local needs that need to be addressed. The workshops can also include engaging stakeholders in developing a detailed Action Plan and timetable for meeting those needs using evidence-based strategies. For more information, contact your CalSCHLS technical advisor (calschls.org/contact) or email calschls@wested.org.

Request Additional Reports and Data

As you review your data with stakeholders, you may find that additional data needs emerge. The following custom services are available to help delve more deeply into your survey results and foster

more effective use of the results in support of school and program improvement efforts and the LCAP process.

Disaggregated Reports

CalSCHLS staff can produce full reports that look at how results vary by demographic subgroups (e.g., race/ethnicity, role, length of employment at school).

Additional Analysis of Data

The complete dataset is available electronically for additional analysis (calschls.org/reports-data). The dataset enables analyses of patterns in the results, how they are interrelated, and how they vary by different subgroups of staff and across schools within a district. You can also request an analysis by WestEd staff of any topic of interest.

Add Questions to Your Next Surveys

Determine what additional information is needed to guide school improvement efforts and add questions to your next student, staff, or parent surveys. All three surveys are designed so that schools can add additional questions to help them conduct a more individualized and comprehensive assessment.

For more information about survey planning or technical assistance in understanding survey results and developing effective action plans to address identified needs, call the CalSCHLS helpline (562.799.5460) or email calschls@wested.org.

Exhibit 1

Major School-Related Domains and Constructs Assessed by CalSCHLS Surveys

	Student Core	Student School Climate	Student Social Emotional Health	Staff Survey	Parent Survey
Student Learning Engagement					
Academic mindset			✓		
Academic motivation	✓	✓‡		✓	✓
Academic performance	✓				
Attendance	✓			✓	
School boredom	✓				
School connectedness	✓				
Student Social-Emotional and Physical Well-being					
Alcohol, tobacco, and drug use	✓			✓	✓
Behavioral self-control			✓‡		
Bedtime	✓				
Collaboration			✓		
Emotional self-regulation			✓‡		
Empathy			✓		
Gratitude			✓		
Life satisfaction	✓‡		✓†		
Optimism	✓				
Perceived safety	✓			✓	✓
Persistence			✓		
Problem solving			✓		
Self-awareness			✓‡		
Self-efficacy			✓		
Social-emotional competencies and health			✓	✓	
Social-emotional distress	✓‡		✓†		
Violence and victimization (bullying)	✓			✓	✓
Zest			✓		
School Climate Conditions					
Academic rigor and norms				✓	✓
College and career supports				✓	✓
Family support			✓‡		
High expectations	✓			✓	✓
Meaningful participation and decision-making	✓			✓	✓
Parent involvement	✓			✓	✓
Physical environment	✓	✓‡		✓	✓
Relationships among staff				✓	
Relationships among students		✓‡	✓	✓	✓
Relationships between students and staff	✓			✓	✓
Respect for diversity and cultural sensitivity		✓‡		✓	✓
Teacher and other supports for learning	✓†	✓‡		✓	✓
School Climate Improvement Practices					
Bullying prevention	✓†	✓‡		✓	✓
Discipline and order (policies, enforcement)	✓†	✓‡		✓	✓
Services and policies to address student needs				✓	
Social-emotional/behavioral supports	✓†	✓‡		✓	✓
Staff supports				✓	

Notes: †Elementary student survey.

‡Secondary student survey.

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Survey Module Administration

Table 1

CSSS Survey Modules Administered

Survey Module	Administered
A. Core (Required)	X
B. Learning Supports	X
C. Special Education Supports	
D. Military-Connected Schools	
E. Student Wellness	
F. Trauma-Informed Practice	
Z. Custom Questions	

Section A. Core Module

1. Survey Sample

Table A1.1

Core Module Sample

	All	ES	MS	HS	NT ^A
Number of respondents	509	395	114	–	–

Notes: ^ANT includes continuation, community day, and other alternative school types. K-12 schools and Alternative Schools of Choice were classified into elementary, middle, or high schools based on grade-specific enrollment.

Table A1.2

Number of Respondents by Instructional Model

	All	ES	MS	HS	NT
In-school model only	507	393	114	–	–
Remote model only	2	2	0	–	–

2. Summary of Key Survey Indicators

Table A2.1

Key Indicators of School Climate and Student Well-Being

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %	Table
School Supports for Students						
Caring adult relationships [†]	53	57	41	–	–	A6.1
High expectations-adults in school [†]	59	62	49	–	–	A6.1
Student meaningful participation [†]	40	40	38	–	–	A6.1
Promotion of parental involvement [†]	41	43	35	–	–	A6.1
Student learning environment [†]	51	53	43	–	–	A5.1
Facilities upkeep ^σ	31	30	31	–	–	A5.1
Support for social emotional learning [†]	39	41	35	–	–	A7.1
Provides adequate counseling and support services ^σ	45	44	47	–	–	A9.2
Antibullying climate [†]	44	46	38	–	–	A7.1
School Supports for Staff						
Staff working environment [†]	43	45	39	–	–	A5.1
Staff collegiality [†]	50	52	43	–	–	A5.1
School Safety						
Is a safe place for staff ^σ	40	42	33	–	–	A5.1
Is a safe place for students ^σ	45	47	37	–	–	A5.1
Has sufficient resources to create a safe campus ^σ	25	27	19	–	–	B2.1
Fairness, Rule Clarity, and Respect for Diversity						
Fairness and rule clarity [†]	41	42	41	–	–	A7.1
Respect for diversity [†]	44	46	39	–	–	A7.1
Academic Motivation and Student Behavior						
Students are motivated to complete schoolwork ^σ	23	24	21	–	–	A7.4
Student readiness to learn [†]	12	13	11	–	–	A7.1
Cutting classes or being truant moderate/severe problem	18	15	27	–	–	A7.13
Harassment/bullying moderate/severe problem	35	33	42	–	–	A8.3
Substance Use and Mental Health						
Alcohol and drug use moderate/severe problem	12	4	35	–	–	A8.9
Tobacco use moderate/severe problem	9	3	25	–	–	A8.10
Vaping/e-cigarette use moderate/severe problem	16	7	47	–	–	A8.11
Student depression moderate/severe problem	26	22	41	–	–	A8.2

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

[†] Average percent of respondents reporting “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

^σ Percent of respondents reporting “Strongly agree.”

Table A2.2

Key Indicators of Professional Development Needs

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %	Table
Instruction and School Environment						
Positive behavioral support and classroom management	44	44	45	–	–	A10.1
Creating a positive school climate	40	37	50	–	–	A10.1
Supporting Student Well-being and Development						
Meeting social, emotional, and developmental needs	54	53	58	–	–	A10.1
Supporting students exposed to trauma	64	63	68	–	–	A10.1

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

3. Demographics

Table A3.1

School Schedule, Past 30 Days

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
In-School Model	100	99	100	–	–
Remote Learning Model	0	1	0	–	–

Question A.2, 3: Which of the following best describes your students’ school schedule during the past 30 days?... Which of the following best describes students’ school schedule during the past 30 days?

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

In-School Model - Respondents selecting “Most [of my] students went to school in person at the school building for the entire day, Monday through Friday.”

Remote Learning Model - Respondents selecting “Most [of my] students participated in school from home for the entire day on most or all weekdays and did not go to the school in person.”

Table A3.2

Average Days Working from Home, Past 30 Days

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
0 days	94	93	96	–	–
1 day	1	2	0	–	–
2 days	1	0	2	–	–
3 days	1	1	2	–	–
4 days	0	1	0	–	–
5 days	3	4	1	–	–

Question A.4: In the past 30 days, how many weekdays in an average week did you work from home for an entire school day?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A3.3***Role (Job) at School***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Teacher in grade 4 or below	39	50	2	–	–
Teacher in grade 5 or above	22	15	49	–	–
Special education teacher	6	5	10	–	–
Administrator	3	3	4	–	–
Prevention staff, nurse, or health aide	3	2	4	–	–
Counselor, psychologist	4	4	5	–	–
Police, resource officer, or safety personnel	1	1	1	–	–
Paraprofessional, teacher assistant, or instructional aide	11	10	11	–	–
Other certificated staff	3	3	3	–	–
Other classified staff	10	8	16	–	–
Other service provider	1	2	1	–	–

Question A.1: What is your role(s) at this school? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents. Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

Table A3.4***Special Population Service Providers***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Special education	60	56	73	–	–
English language learners	78	82	68	–	–
None of the above	14	13	17	–	–

Question A.5: Do you provide services to the following types of students? (Mark All That Apply.)

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Total percentages may exceed 100% for “mark all that apply” items.

Table A3.5***Length of Employment at School***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Less than one year	11	13	5	–	–
1 to 2 years	14	14	14	–	–
3 to 5 years	20	21	18	–	–
6 to 10 years	22	21	24	–	–
Over 10 years	33	31	39	–	–

Question A.6: How many years have you worked, in any position, at this school?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A3.6***Overall Length of Employment in Position***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Less than one year	8	9	3	–	–
1 to 2 years	8	7	11	–	–
3 to 5 years	16	15	19	–	–
6 to 10 years	22	23	20	–	–
Over 10 years	46	46	46	–	–

Question A.7: How many years have you worked at any school in your current position (e.g., teacher, counselor, administrator, food service)?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A3.7***Race/Ethnicity of Respondents***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	1	1	0	–	–
Asian or Asian American, non-Hispanic	11	13	4	–	–
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	3	3	3	–	–
Filipino, non-Hispanic	1	1	2	–	–
Hispanic or Latino/a	41	42	39	–	–
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	0	0	0	–	–
White, non-Hispanic	35	33	42	–	–
Multiracial, non-Hispanic	2	2	2	–	–
Something else, non-Hispanic	7	7	8	–	–

Question A.8: What is your race or ethnicity? (Mark All That Apply.)... American Indian or Alaska Native... Asian or Asian American... Black or African American... Filipino... Hispanic or Latino/a... Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander... White... Something else.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A3.8***Responsible for Health, Prevention, Discipline, Counseling, or Safety-Related Services***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Yes	57	57	56	–	–
No	43	43	44	–	–

Question A.108: Do you have responsibilities for services or instruction related to health, prevention, discipline, counseling, and/or safety?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

4. Remote Teaching

Results in this section are applicable to staff who indicate that they teach students in a remote setting. Responses from staff who teach students in-person are not included.

Table A4.1

School Instructional Model Implementation (Remote Only)

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
I have had sufficient training and/or experience using distance learning tools to deliver effective remote teaching.					
Strongly agree				–	–
Agree				–	–
Disagree				–	–
Strongly disagree				–	–
Teachers from this school are providing effective instruction.					
Strongly agree				–	–
Agree				–	–
Disagree				–	–
Strongly disagree				–	–
I can provide effective instruction.					
Strongly agree				–	–
Agree				–	–
Disagree				–	–
Strongly disagree				–	–

Question A.101-103: The next set of questions ask about your experiences with remote instruction this year... I can provide effective instruction... I have had sufficient training and/or experience using distance learning tools (video calls, learning management system, etc.) to deliver effective remote teaching.... Teachers from this school are providing effective instruction.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A4.2

Student Remote Learning (Remote Only)

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Students are coping well with remote learning.					
Strongly agree				–	–
Agree				–	–
Disagree				–	–
Strongly disagree				–	–
Students are less engaged in remote classes than in-person classes.					
Strongly agree				–	–
Agree				–	–
Disagree				–	–
Strongly disagree				–	–

Question A.106-107: The next set of questions ask about your experiences with remote instruction this year... Students are coping well with remote learning... Students are less engaged in remote classes than in-person classes.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A4.3

Academic Motivation and Supports for Learning (Remote Only)

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Teachers from this school are motivating students.					
Strongly agree				–	–
Agree				–	–
Disagree				–	–
Strongly disagree				–	–
Students who need the most academic support are receiving the support they need.					
Strongly agree				–	–
Agree				–	–
Disagree				–	–
Strongly disagree				–	–

Question A.104, 105: The next set of questions ask about your experiences with remote instruction this year... Teachers from this school are motivating students... Students who need the most academic support are receiving the support they need.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

5. School Supports for Students and Staff

Table A5.1

Summary of Indicators for Positive Learning and Working Environment

	Percent Responding “Strongly Agree”					Table
	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %	
School Supports for Students						
Student learning environment [†]	51	53	43	–	–	A5.2
Is a supportive and inviting place for students to learn	56	59	46	–	–	A5.2
Emphasizes teaching lessons in ways relevant to students	48	50	40	–	–	A5.2
Facilities upkeep	31	30	31	–	–	A5.9
School Supports for Staff						
Staff working environment [†]	43	45	39	–	–	A5.4
Is a supportive and inviting place for staff to work	51	52	47	–	–	A5.4
Promotes trust and collegiality among staff	44	45	39	–	–	A5.4
Promotes participation in school decision making	39	41	35	–	–	A5.4
Uses objective data for school improvement decisions	43	42	47	–	–	A5.7
Staff collegiality [†]	50	52	43	–	–	A5.5
Have close professional relationships with one another	48	49	43	–	–	A5.5
Feel a responsibility to improve the school	50	53	41	–	–	A5.5
School Safety						
Is a safe place for staff	40	42	33	–	–	A5.4
Is a safe place for students	45	47	37	–	–	A5.2

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

Student Learning Environment

Table A5.2

Student Learning Environment Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Student learning environment					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	51	53	43	–	–
<i>This school... is a supportive and inviting place for students to learn.</i>					
Strongly agree	56	59	46	–	–
Agree	43	40	53	–	–
Disagree	1	2	1	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
<i>promotes academic success for all students.</i>					
Strongly agree	56	59	47	–	–
Agree	41	39	50	–	–
Disagree	3	3	3	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
<i>emphasizes helping students academically when they need it.</i>					
Strongly agree	53	53	53	–	–
Agree	44	45	44	–	–
Disagree	3	3	3	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
<i>emphasizes teaching lessons in ways relevant to students.</i>					
Strongly agree	48	50	40	–	–
Agree	49	47	54	–	–
Disagree	3	2	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	1	0	–	–

Question A.9-11, 13: This school... is a supportive and inviting place for students to learn... promotes academic success for all students... emphasizes helping students academically when they need it... emphasizes teaching lessons in ways relevant to students.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A5.2***Student Learning Environment Scale Questions – Continued***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
<i>This school...</i>					
is a safe place for students.					
Strongly agree	45	47	37	–	–
Agree	50	48	56	–	–
Disagree	5	5	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	–	–
motivates students to learn.					
Strongly agree	48	52	37	–	–
Agree	48	45	59	–	–
Disagree	4	3	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–

Question A.26, 41: This school... is a safe place for students... motivates students to learn.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A5.3***Disruptive Student Behavior is a Problem***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	6	7	5	–	–
Mild problem	33	34	29	–	–
Moderate problem	42	39	51	–	–
Severe problem	19	21	15	–	–

Question A.85: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is disruptive student behavior?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Staff Working Environment

Table A5.4

Staff Working Environment Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Staff working environment					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	43	45	39	–	–
<i>This school... is a supportive and inviting place for staff to work.</i>					
Strongly agree	51	52	47	–	–
Agree	40	38	45	–	–
Disagree	9	9	8	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	0	–	–
<i>promotes trust and collegiality among staff.</i>					
Strongly agree	44	45	39	–	–
Agree	46	45	51	–	–
Disagree	9	9	10	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	0	–	–
<i>is a safe place for staff.</i>					
Strongly agree	40	42	33	–	–
Agree	53	51	59	–	–
Disagree	6	5	7	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	2	1	–	–
<i>promotes personnel participation in decision-making that affects school practices and policies.</i>					
Strongly agree	39	41	35	–	–
Agree	51	51	54	–	–
Disagree	9	8	12	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	0	–	–

Question A.14, 15, 27, 40: This school... is a supportive and inviting place for staff to work... promotes trust and collegiality among staff... is a safe place for staff... promotes personnel participation in decision-making that affects school practices and policies.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A5.5**Staff Collegiality Scale Questions**

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Staff collegiality					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	50	52	43	–	–
Adults who work at this school... have close professional relationships with one another.					
Strongly agree	48	49	43	–	–
Agree	42	41	45	–	–
Disagree	8	8	11	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	2	1	–	–
support and treat each other with respect.					
Strongly agree	51	52	44	–	–
Agree	41	39	47	–	–
Disagree	7	7	9	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	0	–	–
feel a responsibility to improve this school.					
Strongly agree	50	53	41	–	–
Agree	44	41	53	–	–
Disagree	6	6	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	1	0	–	–

Question A.37-39: Adults who work at this school... have close professional relationships with one another... support and treat each other with respect... feel a responsibility to improve this school.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A5.6**Staff Collaborate Regularly**

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Strongly agree	55	54	55	–	–
Agree	41	41	39	–	–
Disagree	5	4	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	1	–	–

Question A.36: Adults who work at this school... are collaborating regularly.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A5.7***School Uses Objective Data in Decision Making***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Strongly agree	43	42	47	–	–
Agree	50	52	44	–	–
Disagree	6	6	8	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	1	–	–

Question A.44: This school uses objective data such as surveys, truancy counts, and test scores in making school improvement decisions.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A5.8***Lack of Respect of Staff by Students is a Problem***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	23	25	17	–	–
Mild problem	39	41	35	–	–
Moderate problem	27	24	36	–	–
Severe problem	11	11	13	–	–

Question A.88: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is lack of respect of staff by students?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Facilities Upkeep

Table A5.9***Clean and Well-Maintained Facilities and Property***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Strongly agree	31	30	31	–	–
Agree	50	49	51	–	–
Disagree	15	16	13	–	–
Strongly disagree	5	5	4	–	–

Question A.29: This school has clean and well-maintained facilities and property.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

6. Student Developmental Supports and Opportunities

Table A6.1

Summary of Indicators for Student Developmental Supports and Opportunities at School

	Percent Responding “Strongly Agree”					Table
	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %	
Caring Adult Relationships[†]	53	57	41	–	–	A6.2
Adults really care about every student	55	59	41	–	–	A6.2
Adults acknowledge and pay attention to students	54	57	43	–	–	A6.2
Adults listen to what students have to say	50	54	38	–	–	A6.2
High Expectations-Adults in School[†]	59	62	49	–	–	A6.3
Adults want every student to do their best	61	64	51	–	–	A6.3
Adults believe every student can be a success	57	60	47	–	–	A6.3
Student Meaningful Participation[†]	40	40	38	–	–	A6.4
Opportunities to decide things	31	33	23	–	–	A6.4
Equal opportunity for classroom participation	50	52	43	–	–	A6.4
Equal opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities	44	43	50	–	–	A6.4
Opportunities to “make a difference”	34	34	38	–	–	A6.4
Promotion of Parental Involvement[†]	41	43	35	–	–	A6.5
School is welcoming to and facilitates parent involvement	42	44	37	–	–	A6.5
Encourages parents to be active partners in schooling	42	42	40	–	–	A6.5
School communicates about student learning expectation	42	45	32	–	–	A6.5
Parents feel welcome to participate at this school	35	38	26	–	–	A6.5

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

[†]Average percent of respondents reporting “Strongly agree” across survey questions that comprise the scale.

Caring Relationships

Table A6.2

Caring Relationships Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Caring relationships					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	53	57	41	–	–
<i>Adults who work at this school... really care about every student.</i>					
Strongly agree	55	59	41	–	–
Agree	40	37	50	–	–
Disagree	4	3	8	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
<i>acknowledge and pay attention to students.</i>					
Strongly agree	54	57	43	–	–
Agree	43	41	52	–	–
Disagree	3	2	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
<i>listen to what students have to say.</i>					
Strongly agree	50	54	38	–	–
Agree	46	42	60	–	–
Disagree	4	4	3	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–

Question A.30, 31, 33: Adults who work at this school... really care about every student... acknowledge and pay attention to students... listen to what students have to say.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

High Expectations

Table A6.3

High Expectations Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
High expectations-adults in school					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	59	62	49	–	–
<i>Adults who work at this school... want every student to do their best.</i>					
Strongly agree	61	64	51	–	–
Agree	37	34	46	–	–
Disagree	2	2	3	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
<i>believe that every student can be a success.</i>					
Strongly agree	57	60	47	–	–
Agree	40	37	50	–	–
Disagree	4	4	4	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–

Question A.32, 34: Adults who work at this school... want every student to do their best... believe that every student can be a success.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Student Meaningful Participation

Table A6.4

Student Meaningful Participation Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Student meaningful participation					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	40	40	38	–	–
<i>This school...</i>					
encourages opportunities for students to decide things like class activities or rules.					
Strongly agree	31	33	23	–	–
Agree	57	56	60	–	–
Disagree	12	11	16	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	0	–	–
gives all students equal opportunity to participate in classroom discussions or activities.					
Strongly agree	50	52	43	–	–
Agree	48	47	54	–	–
Disagree	2	1	4	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
gives all students equal opportunity to participate in numerous extracurricular and enrichment activities.					
Strongly agree	44	43	50	–	–
Agree	46	46	46	–	–
Disagree	8	10	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	0	–	–
gives students opportunities to “make a difference” by helping other people, the school, or the community.					
Strongly agree	34	34	38	–	–
Agree	51	51	51	–	–
Disagree	13	14	9	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	3	–	–

Question A.16-19: This school... encourages opportunities for students to decide things like class activities or rules... gives all students equal opportunity to participate in classroom discussions or activities... gives all students equal opportunity to participate in numerous extracurricular and enrichment activities... gives students opportunities to “make a difference” by helping other people, the school, or the community (e.g., service learning).

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Promotion of Parental Involvement

Table A6.5

Promotion of Parental Involvement Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Promotion of parental involvement					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	41	43	35	–	–
This school is welcoming to and facilitates parent involvement.					
Strongly agree	42	44	37	–	–
Agree	53	53	54	–	–
Disagree	5	3	9	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	1	0	–	–
This school encourages parents to be active partners in educating their child.					
Strongly agree	42	42	40	–	–
Agree	53	54	51	–	–
Disagree	5	4	9	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
Teachers at this school communicate with parents about what their children are expected to learn in class.					
Strongly agree	42	45	32	–	–
Agree	56	53	67	–	–
Disagree	2	2	1	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
Parents feel welcome to participate at this school.					
Strongly agree	35	38	26	–	–
Agree	58	57	63	–	–
Disagree	6	4	11	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	1	0	–	–

Question A.28, 43, 77, 78: This school is welcoming to and facilitates parent involvement... This school encourages parents to be active partners in educating their child... Teachers at this school communicate with parents about what their children are expected to learn in class... Parents feel welcome to participate at this school.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A6.5***Promotion of Parental Involvement Scale Questions – Continued***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
School staff take parents’ concerns seriously.					
Strongly agree	44	45	39	–	–
Agree	54	53	56	–	–
Disagree	2	2	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	1	–	–

Question A.79: School staff take parents’ concerns seriously.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

7. Learning Conditions

Table A7.1

Summary of Indicators of School Learning Conditions

	Average Percent Responding “Strongly Agree” Across Survey Questions					Table
	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %	
Learning Supports						
Support for social emotional learning	39	41	35	–	–	A7.2
Student readiness to learn	12	13	11	–	–	A7.3
Instructional equity	39	40	37	–	–	A7.7
Antibullying climate	44	46	38	–	–	A7.12
Fairness, Rule Clarity, and Respect for Diversity						
Fairness and rule clarity	41	42	41	–	–	A7.5
Respect for diversity	44	46	39	–	–	A7.6
Positive Peer Relations						
Student peer relationships	16	18	10	–	–	A7.11

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Supports for Learning and Student Academic Engagement

Table A7.2

Support for Social Emotional Learning Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Support for social emotional learning					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	39	41	35	–	–
This school encourages students to feel responsible for how they act.					
Strongly agree	42	44	37	–	–
Agree	52	51	56	–	–
Disagree	4	4	6	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	2	–	–
This school encourages students to understand how others think and feel.					
Strongly agree	38	40	30	–	–
Agree	57	56	60	–	–
Disagree	5	4	8	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	2	–	–
Students are taught that they can control their own behavior.					
Strongly agree	40	42	35	–	–
Agree	55	55	55	–	–
Disagree	5	3	8	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	0	2	–	–
This school helps students resolve conflicts with one another.					
Strongly agree	36	36	37	–	–
Agree	58	58	57	–	–
Disagree	5	6	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	–	–

Question A.62, 65-67: This school encourages students to feel responsible for how they act... This school encourages students to understand how others think and feel... Students are taught that they can control their own behavior... This school helps students resolve conflicts with one another.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A7.2***Support for Social Emotional Learning Scale Questions – Continued***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
This school encourages students to care about how others feel.					
Strongly agree	40	42	35	–	–
Agree	56	56	59	–	–
Disagree	3	2	6	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–

Question A.68: This school encourages students to care about how others feel.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A7.3***Student Readiness to Learn Scale Questions***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Student readiness to learn					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	12	13	11	–	–
Students are healthy and physically fit.					
Strongly agree	13	13	15	–	–
Agree	55	59	42	–	–
Disagree	28	25	39	–	–
Strongly disagree	3	3	4	–	–
Students start/arrive at school alert and rested.					
Strongly agree	10	10	9	–	–
Agree	54	56	45	–	–
Disagree	31	27	42	–	–
Strongly disagree	6	6	4	–	–
Students are motivated to learn.					
Strongly agree	15	17	11	–	–
Agree	60	61	56	–	–
Disagree	23	20	31	–	–
Strongly disagree	2	2	2	–	–
Students in this school are well-behaved.					
Strongly agree	11	12	7	–	–
Agree	63	63	62	–	–
Disagree	24	22	29	–	–
Strongly disagree	3	3	2	–	–

Question A.53-56, 70: Students are healthy and physically fit... Students arrive at school alert and rested. [In-School only]... Students start school alert and rested. [Remote only]... Students are motivated to learn... Students in this school are well-behaved.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A7.4

Motivation to Complete Schoolwork

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Strongly agree	23	24	21	–	–
Agree	60	63	53	–	–
Disagree	14	11	22	–	–
Strongly disagree	3	2	4	–	–

Question A.63: Students are motivated to complete their schoolwork.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Fairness, Rule Clarity, and Respect for Diversity

Table A7.5

Fairness and Rule Clarity Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Fairness and rule clarity					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	41	42	41	–	–
This school handles discipline problems fairly.					
Strongly agree	35	36	31	–	–
Agree	47	49	43	–	–
Disagree	15	12	22	–	–
Strongly disagree	3	3	4	–	–
The school rules are fair.					
Strongly agree	45	45	43	–	–
Agree	52	52	52	–	–
Disagree	3	3	4	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	1	–	–
This school clearly informs students what will happen if they break school rules.					
Strongly agree	41	39	47	–	–
Agree	48	49	46	–	–
Disagree	9	10	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	2	2	3	–	–
Students know what the rules are.					
Strongly agree	45	47	40	–	–
Agree	52	51	56	–	–
Disagree	2	1	3	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	1	–	–

Question A.25, 69, 75, 76: This school handles discipline problems fairly... The school rules are fair... This school clearly informs students what will happen if they break school rules... Students know what the rules are.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A7.6**Respect for Diversity Scale Questions**

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Respect for diversity					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	44	46	39	–	–
Students respect each other’s differences.					
Strongly agree	24	26	18	–	–
Agree	55	55	55	–	–
Disagree	18	16	23	–	–
Strongly disagree	2	2	4	–	–
Adults from this school respect differences in students.					
Strongly agree	54	55	50	–	–
Agree	43	42	45	–	–
Disagree	3	3	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
Teachers show that they think it is important for students of different races and cultures at this school to get along with each other.					
Strongly agree	54	55	50	–	–
Agree	44	43	47	–	–
Disagree	2	2	3	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	–	–

Question A.50-52: Students respect each other’s differences (e.g., gender, race, culture, sexual orientation)... Adults from this school respect differences in students (e.g., gender, race, culture, sexual orientation)... Teachers show that they think it is important for students of different races and cultures at this school to get along with each other.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Instructional Equity

Table A7.7

Instructional Equity Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Instructional equity					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	39	40	37	–	–
<i>This school...</i>					
emphasizes using instructional materials that reflect the culture or ethnicity of its students.					
Strongly agree	31	32	30	–	–
Agree	56	57	52	–	–
Disagree	12	11	16	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	2	–	–
has staff examine their own cultural biases through professional development or other processes.					
Strongly agree	22	22	21	–	–
Agree	54	55	52	–	–
Disagree	21	20	25	–	–
Strongly disagree	3	3	2	–	–
considers closing the racial/ethnic achievement gap a high priority.					
Strongly agree	34	34	34	–	–
Agree	54	54	52	–	–
Disagree	11	10	12	–	–
Strongly disagree	2	2	2	–	–
has high expectations for all students, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or nationality.					
Strongly agree	59	60	54	–	–
Agree	38	38	41	–	–
Disagree	2	2	4	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	–	–

Question A.20-23: This school... emphasizes using instructional materials that reflect the culture or ethnicity of its students... has staff examine their own cultural biases through professional development or other processes... considers closing the racial/ethnic achievement gap a high priority.... has high expectations for all students, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or nationality.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A7.7***Instructional Equity Scale Questions – Continued***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
This school fosters an appreciation of student diversity and respect for each other.					
Strongly agree	50	52	45	–	–
Agree	45	44	46	–	–
Disagree	4	4	7	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	–	–

Question A.24: This school fosters an appreciation of student diversity and respect for each other.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A7.8***Staff Treat All Students Fairly***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Strongly agree	50	54	37	–	–
Agree	43	40	53	–	–
Disagree	6	6	9	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	1	–	–

Question A.35: Adults who work at this school treat all students fairly.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Cultural Sensitivity

Table A7.9***Support Provided for Teaching Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Strongly agree	36	36	35	–	–
Agree	54	56	51	–	–
Disagree	9	8	12	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	3	–	–

Question A.42: This school provides the supports needed for teaching culturally and linguistically diverse students.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A7.10***Racial/Ethnic Conflict Among Students is a Problem***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	52	56	39	–	–
Mild problem	37	34	49	–	–
Moderate problem	8	8	10	–	–
Severe problem	2	3	2	–	–

Question A.86: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is racial/ethnic conflict among students?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Student Peer Relationships

Table A7.11

Student Peer Relationships Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Student peer relationships					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	16	18	10	–	–
Students care about one another.					
Strongly agree	21	24	12	–	–
Agree	70	68	77	–	–
Disagree	8	8	11	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
Students treat each other with respect.					
Strongly agree	14	16	9	–	–
Agree	66	67	63	–	–
Disagree	18	16	25	–	–
Strongly disagree	2	1	3	–	–
Students get along well with one another.					
Strongly agree	13	14	8	–	–
Agree	76	76	78	–	–
Disagree	10	9	14	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	1	0	–	–
Students enjoy spending time together during school activities.^Ø					
Strongly agree	33	36	24	–	–
Agree	63	60	72	–	–
Disagree	4	5	4	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	1	–	–

Question A.57, 59-61: Students enjoy spending time together during school activities... Students care about one another... Students treat each other with respect... Students get along well with one another.

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

^ØItem not included in the scale.

Table A7.11

Student Peer Relationships Questions – Continued

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Students enjoy interacting with each other during class activities.^Ø (<i>Remote Only</i>)					
Strongly agree				–	–
Agree				–	–
Disagree				–	–
Strongly disagree				–	–

Question A.58: Students enjoy interacting with each other during class activities.

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

^ØItem not included in the scale.

Antibullying Climate

Table A7.12
Antibullying Climate Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Antibullying climate					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree”</i>	44	46	38	–	–
Teachers make it clear to students that bullying is not tolerated.					
Strongly agree	66	68	61	–	–
Agree	32	31	35	–	–
Disagree	2	2	5	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
If a student was bullied, he or she would tell one of the teachers or staff at school.					
Strongly agree	41	44	32	–	–
Agree	51	50	56	–	–
Disagree	7	5	10	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	0	2	–	–
Students tell teachers when other students are being bullied.					
Strongly agree	35	38	25	–	–
Agree	55	55	55	–	–
Disagree	10	7	19	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	–	–
If a student tells a teacher that someone is bullying her or him, the teacher will do something to help.					
Strongly agree	53	55	47	–	–
Agree	44	43	48	–	–
Disagree	2	2	4	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	1	–	–

Question A.45-48: Teachers make it clear to students that bullying is not tolerated... If a student was bullied, he or she would tell one of the teachers or staff at school... Students tell teachers when other students are being bullied... If a student tells a teacher that someone is bullying her or him, the teacher will do something to help.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A7.12
Antibullying Climate Scale Questions – Continued

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Students try to stop bullying when they see it happening.					
Strongly agree	24	24	21	–	–
Agree	52	57	35	–	–
Disagree	23	17	41	–	–
Strongly disagree	2	2	3	–	–

Question A.49: Students try to stop bullying when they see it happening.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Truancy

Table A7.13
Cutting Class or Truancy is a Problem

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	49	56	25	–	–
Mild problem	34	29	48	–	–
Moderate problem	14	11	24	–	–
Severe problem	4	4	3	–	–

Question A.89: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is cutting classes or being truant?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

8. Student Health Risks and Prevention

Mental Health

Table A8.1

Student Feeling Hopeful About the Future

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Strongly agree	21	24	10	–	–
Agree	68	67	72	–	–
Disagree	11	9	17	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	1	–	–

Question A.64: Students feel hopeful about the future.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A8.2

Student Depression or Other Mental Health Issues are a Problem

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	25	29	10	–	–
Mild problem	49	49	49	–	–
Moderate problem	22	18	34	–	–
Severe problem	4	4	7	–	–

Question A.87: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is student depression or other mental health problems?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Bullying and Fighting

Table A8.3

Harassment or Bullying Among Students is a Problem

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	18	20	11	–	–
Mild problem	48	48	47	–	–
Moderate problem	27	25	36	–	–
Severe problem	8	8	7	–	–

Question A.83: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is harassment or bullying among students?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A8.4

Physical Fighting Between Students is a Problem

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	27	33	11	–	–
Mild problem	47	46	50	–	–
Moderate problem	21	17	33	–	–
Severe problem	5	4	7	–	–

Question A.84: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is physical fighting between students?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Delinquency

Table A8.5

Vandalism (Including Graffiti) is a Problem

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	60	67	36	–	–
Mild problem	30	25	44	–	–
Moderate problem	8	4	19	–	–
Severe problem	2	3	1	–	–

Question A.92: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is vandalism (including graffiti)?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A8.6

Theft is a Problem

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	62	68	42	–	–
Mild problem	31	26	46	–	–
Moderate problem	6	5	11	–	–
Severe problem	1	1	1	–	–

Question A.93: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is theft?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A8.7

Gang-Related Activity is a Problem

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	67	78	30	–	–
Mild problem	24	16	50	–	–
Moderate problem	7	4	18	–	–
Severe problem	2	2	3	–	–

Question A.90: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is gang-related activity?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A8.8***Weapons Possession is a Problem***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	79	86	56	–	–
Mild problem	19	12	38	–	–
Moderate problem	2	1	6	–	–
Severe problem	1	1	0	–	–

Question A.91: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is weapons possession?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Substance Use

Table A8.9***Student Alcohol and Drug Use is a Problem***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	67	82	21	–	–
Mild problem	21	14	45	–	–
Moderate problem	9	3	27	–	–
Severe problem	3	1	7	–	–

Question A.80: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is student alcohol and drug use?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A8.10***Student Tobacco Use is a Problem***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	70	83	30	–	–
Mild problem	21	14	44	–	–
Moderate problem	6	2	20	–	–
Severe problem	2	1	6	–	–

Question A.81: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is student tobacco use?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A8.11
Student Vaping or Electronic Cigarette Use is a Problem

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Insignificant problem	56	70	11	–	–
Mild problem	28	23	42	–	–
Moderate problem	11	5	29	–	–
Severe problem	5	1	18	–	–

Question A.82: For students enrolled in this school, how much of a problem is student vaping or e-cigarette use?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Substance Use Prevention Policies

Table A8.12
School Bans Tobacco Use and Vaping

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
No	4	4	1	–	–
Yes	91	89	95	–	–
Don't know	6	6	4	–	–

Question A.100: Does your school ban tobacco use and vaping on school property and at school sponsored events?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

9. Discipline and Counseling

Table A9.1

Disciplinary Harshness Scale Questions

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Disciplinary harshness					
<i>Average reporting “Strongly agree” or “Agree”</i>	23	24	22	–	–
The rules at this school are too strict.					
Strongly agree	7	7	6	–	–
Agree	10	11	8	–	–
Disagree	55	54	57	–	–
Strongly disagree	28	27	29	–	–
It is easy for students to get kicked out of class or get suspended.					
Strongly agree	7	7	6	–	–
Agree	11	11	10	–	–
Disagree	52	50	56	–	–
Strongly disagree	31	33	27	–	–
Students get in trouble for breaking small rules.					
Strongly agree	6	6	7	–	–
Agree	22	22	19	–	–
Disagree	54	53	57	–	–
Strongly disagree	18	18	17	–	–
Teachers are very strict here.					
Strongly agree	6	6	6	–	–
Agree	25	25	24	–	–
Disagree	55	55	56	–	–
Strongly disagree	14	14	15	–	–

Question A.71-74: The rules at this school are too strict... It is easy for students to get kicked out of class or get suspended... Students get in trouble for breaking small rules... Teachers are very strict here.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table A9.2

Provides Adequate Counseling and Support for Students

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Strongly agree	45	44	47	–	–
Agree	42	43	41	–	–
Disagree	10	11	7	–	–
Strongly disagree	2	2	4	–	–

Question A.12: This school provides adequate counseling and support services for students.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

10. Professional Development Needs

Table A10.1

Areas of Professional Development Needs

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
<i>Instruction and School Environment</i>					
Positive behavioral support and classroom management					
Yes	44	44	45	–	–
No	56	56	55	–	–
Creating a positive school climate					
Yes	40	37	50	–	–
No	60	63	50	–	–
Motivating students through remote learning (Remote Only)					
Yes				–	–
No				–	–
<i>Addressing Needs of Diverse Populations</i>					
Working with diverse racial, ethnic, or cultural groups					
Yes	34	32	42	–	–
No	66	68	58	–	–
<i>Supporting Student Well-being and Development</i>					
Meeting the social, emotional, and developmental needs of youth					
Yes	54	53	58	–	–
No	46	47	42	–	–
Supporting students exposed to trauma or stressful life events.					
Yes	64	63	68	–	–
No	36	37	32	–	–

Question A.94-99: Do you feel that you need more professional development, training, mentorship, or other support to do your job in any of the following areas?... positive behavioral support and classroom management... working with diverse racial, ethnic, or cultural groups... supporting students exposed to trauma or stressful life events (e.g., trauma-informed practices)... meeting the social, emotional, and developmental needs of youth (e.g., resilience promotion)... motivating students through remote learning [Remote only]... creating a positive school climate.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Section B. Learning Supports Module

1. Module Sample

Table B1.1

Learning Supports Module Sample

	All	ES	MS	HS	NT ^A
Number of respondents	164	122	42	–	–

Notes: ^ANT includes continuation, community day, and other alternative school types. K-12 schools and Alternative Schools of Choice were classified into elementary, middle, or high schools based on grade-specific enrollment.

2. Summary of Indicators

Table B2.1

Summary of Indicators of School Learning Supports

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %	Table
Discipline, Safety, and Behavior Management						
Punishes first-time violations of alcohol/drug policies ^σ	37	37	39	–	–	B3.1
Enforces zero tolerance policies ^σ	32	31	36	–	–	B3.1
Has sufficient resources to create a safe campus ^σ	25	27	19	–	–	B3.2
Seeks to maintain a secure campus ^σ	25	26	22	–	–	B3.2
Provides harassment or bullying prevention [§]	48	49	45	–	–	B3.3
Provides conflict resolution or behavior management instruction [§]	50	48	55	–	–	B3.3
Substance Use and Risk Behavior						
Considers substance abuse prevention an important goal ^σ	36	32	47	–	–	B4.1
Collaborates well with community organizations to address substance use or other problems ^σ	26	27	22	–	–	B4.1
Provides effective confidential support and referral services for students needing help due to substance abuse, violence, or other problems ^σ	32	30	39	–	–	B4.1
Provides alcohol or drug use prevention instruction [§]	24	21	31	–	–	B4.1
Provides tobacco use/vaping prevention instruction [§]	23	19	32	–	–	B4.1
Has sufficient resources to address substance use prevention needs ^σ	27	29	22	–	–	B4.1
Physical Health and Special Needs						
Provides adequate health services for students ^σ	35	35	36	–	–	B5.1
Provides opportunities for physical education and activity [§]	66	58	88	–	–	B5.1
Youth Development and Social-Emotional Supports						
Fosters youth development, resilience, or asset promotion [§]	47	48	43	–	–	B6.1
Emphasizes helping students with social, emotional, and behavioral problems ^σ	47	44	56	–	–	B6.1
Restorative practices ^σ	42	37	58	–	–	B6.1
Trauma-informed practices ^σ	31	29	36	–	–	B6.1

Notes: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

^σ Percent of respondents reporting “Strongly agree.”

[§] Percent of respondents reporting “A lot.”

3. Discipline, Safety, and Behavior Management

Table B3.1

Discipline Practice at School

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Punishes first-time violations of alcohol or other drug policies by at least an out-of-school suspension					
Strongly agree	37	37	39	–	–
Agree	52	58	33	–	–
Disagree	9	3	28	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	2	0	–	–
Enforces zero tolerance policies					
Strongly agree	32	31	36	–	–
Agree	48	50	42	–	–
Disagree	17	17	19	–	–
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	–	–

Question A.113, 114: This school... punishes first-time violations of alcohol or other drug policies by at least an out-of-school suspension... enforces zero tolerance policies.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table B3.2***Supports for Safety at School***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Has sufficient resources to create a safe campus					
Strongly agree	25	27	19	–	–
Agree	54	53	56	–	–
Disagree	18	17	22	–	–
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	–	–
Seeks to maintain a secure campus					
Strongly agree	25	26	22	–	–
Agree	40	41	36	–	–
Disagree	20	19	22	–	–
Strongly disagree	15	14	19	–	–

Question A.110, 115: This school... has sufficient resources to create a safe campus... seeks to maintain a secure campus through such means as metal detectors, security guards, or personal searches.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table B3.3***Behavior Management at School***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Provides harassment or bullying prevention					
A lot	48	49	45	–	–
Some	39	38	43	–	–
Not much	11	12	10	–	–
Not at all	1	1	2	–	–
Provides conflict resolution or behavior management instruction					
A lot	50	48	55	–	–
Some	41	43	33	–	–
Not much	8	8	10	–	–
Not at all	1	1	2	–	–

Question A.126, 127: To what extent does this school provide students... conflict resolution or behavior management instruction?... harassment or bullying prevention?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

4. Substance Use and Risk Behavior

Table B4.1

Substance Use Prevention

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Considers substance abuse prevention an important goal					
Strongly agree	36	32	47	–	–
Agree	53	55	47	–	–
Disagree	8	9	6	–	–
Strongly disagree	3	4	0	–	–
Collaborates well with community organizations to address substance use or other problems					
Strongly agree	26	27	22	–	–
Agree	51	53	44	–	–
Disagree	18	16	25	–	–
Strongly disagree	5	4	8	–	–
Provides effective confidential support and referral services for students needing help because of substance abuse, violence, or other problems					
Strongly agree	32	30	39	–	–
Agree	60	60	58	–	–
Disagree	6	7	3	–	–
Strongly disagree	3	3	0	–	–

Question A.109, 116, 117: This school... collaborates well with community organizations to help address substance use or other problems among youth... provides effective confidential support and referral services for students needing help because of substance abuse, violence, or other problems (e.g., a Student Assistance Program)... considers substance abuse prevention an important goal.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table B4.1***Substance Use Prevention - Continued***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Provides alcohol or drug use prevention instruction					
A lot	24	21	31	–	–
Some	44	44	43	–	–
Not much	23	24	19	–	–
Not at all	10	11	7	–	–
Provides tobacco use/vaping prevention instruction					
A lot	23	19	32	–	–
Some	40	40	41	–	–
Not much	25	27	20	–	–
Not at all	12	14	7	–	–
Has sufficient resources to address substance use prevention needs					
Strongly agree	27	29	22	–	–
Agree	50	51	47	–	–
Disagree	21	18	28	–	–
Strongly disagree	2	2	3	–	–

Question A.111, 124, 125: This school... has sufficient resources to address substance use prevention needs... To what extent does this school provide students... alcohol or drug use prevention instruction?... tobacco use/vaping prevention instruction?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table B4.2***School Enforces Policies Banning Tobacco Use and Vaping***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Strongly agree	50	47	58	–	–
Agree	44	46	36	–	–
Disagree	5	5	6	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	2	0	–	–

Question A.112: This school consistently enforces policies banning tobacco use/vaping on school property.

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

5. Physical Health and Special Needs

Table B5.1

Physical Health and Special Needs

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Provides adequate health services for students					
Strongly agree	35	35	36	–	–
Agree	52	54	47	–	–
Disagree	10	9	14	–	–
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	–	–
Provides opportunities for physical education and activity					
A lot	66	58	88	–	–
Some	31	38	12	–	–
Not much	3	3	0	–	–
Not at all	1	1	0	–	–

Question A.118, 123: This school... provides adequate health services for students... To what extent does this school provide students... opportunities for physical education and activity?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

6. Youth Development and Social-Emotional Supports

Table B6.1

Youth Development and Social-Emotional Supports at School

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Provides supports that foster youth development, resilience, social-emotional learning, or asset promotion					
A lot	47	48	43	–	–
Some	44	44	45	–	–
Not much	8	7	12	–	–
Not at all	1	1	0	–	–
Emphasizes helping students with social, emotional, and behavioral problems					
Strongly agree	47	44	56	–	–
Agree	49	52	42	–	–
Disagree	4	4	3	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–
Uses restorative practices to help resolve conflicts					
Strongly agree	42	37	58	–	–
Agree	52	55	42	–	–
Disagree	6	8	0	–	–
Strongly disagree	0	0	0	–	–

Question A.119, 120, 122: This school... emphasizes helping students with their social, emotional, and behavioral problems... uses restorative practices to help resolve conflicts... To what extent does this school provide students... supports that foster youth development, resilience, social-emotional learning, or asset promotion?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Table B6.1***Youth Development and Social-Emotional Supports at School – Continued***

	All %	ES %	MS %	HS %	NT %
Implements trauma-informed practices					
Strongly agree	31	29	36	–	–
Agree	55	54	56	–	–
Disagree	14	16	8	–	–
Strongly disagree	1	1	0	–	–
Provides instructional help to build social-emotional competencies					
A lot	52	53	52	–	–
Some	40	41	38	–	–
Not much	8	7	10	–	–
Not at all	0	0	0	–	–

Question A.121, 128: This school... implements trauma-informed practices... To what extent does this school provide students... instructional help to build social-emotional competencies?

Note: Cells are empty if there are less than 5 respondents.

Appendix

2024-25 CSSS Staff Survey Data Status

Eligible Elementary Schools	Data Received
Ada Givens Elementary	X
Alicia Reyes Elementary	X
Allan Peterson Elementary	X
Charles Wright Elementary	X
Don Stowell Elementary	X
Donn B. Chenoweth Elementary	X
Franklin Elementary	X
Joe Stefani	X
John C. Fremont Elementary	X
John Muir Elementary	X
Leontine Gracey Elementary	
Luther Burbank Elementary	X
Margaret Sheehy Elementary	X
Rudolph Rivera Elementary	X

Notes: Eligible schools listed are based on CBEDS 2024-25 public school and 2023-24 enrollment data files. Directly funded charter schools have been excluded from the list.

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Eligible Intermediate/Middle/Junior High Schools	Data Received
District Personnel	X
Herbert H. Cruickshank Middle	X
Herbert Hoover Middle	X
Rudolph Rivera Middle	X
Tenaya Middle	X

Notes: Eligible schools listed are based on CBEDS 2024-25 public school and 2023-24 enrollment data files. Directly funded charter schools have been excluded from the list.

2024-25 CSSS Staff Survey Data Status

Eligible Non-Traditional Schools^A

Data
Received

Merced City School District Community Day

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