Creating a Culture of Caring

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What kind of cultures are in schools?

Types of Cultures

- High achievement culture
- High respect culture
- High success culture

What does this look like in the school?

“We want to create a school where students, staff and parents are beating down the doors to get in... not out.”
Why a caring school culture??

Take a look....

Every Opportunity
What is your school’s current culture???

What would students say?
What would parents say?
What would visitors/community members say?
What would staff say?
Creating a culture means agreeing to “be” a certain way in your school

What does a caring school

Look like?

Sounds like?

Feel like?
Defining a culture of caring

- Establish a clear mission and vision
- Identify non negotiables
What practices align with a culture of caring?

- Changing or tweaking current practices
Selecting and reinforcing school-wide approaches

Examples:

- Responsive Classroom
- PBIS
- Trauma Sensitive Schools
- Nurtured Heart Approach
How to create your school’s identity?

- Articulating your culture with:
  - Staff
  - Students
  - Parents
  - Community
Keeping the train on the tracks

- Communication - repeat - repeat - repeat - repeat....
- Courageous Conversations
- Anticipate challenges

7 secrets
Next steps....