



MAKING A DIFFERENCE: THE VOICE OF STUDENTS

Meaningful change in schools takes five to seven years to become fully and systemically integrated. This data represents the earliest stages of change in one of our Catholic elementary schools, grades 6-8.

SELECTED QUESTIONS FROM MY VOICE SURVEY	TOTAL IN AGREEMENT		
	2004	2006	Difference
School is a welcoming and friendly place.	69%	76%	7%
I have difficulty fitting in at school.	14%	7%	7%
Teachers care about my problems and feelings.	50%	63%	13%
Students respect teachers.	40%	65%	25%
If I have a problem, I have a teacher with whom I can talk.	41%	47%	6%
Teachers respect students.	57%	74%	17%
Students respect each other.	28%	60%	32%
Teachers recognize students who are kind and helpful.	57%	80%	23%
Teachers recognize me when I try my best.	48%	56%	8%
Teachers enjoy working with students.	57%	70%	13%
I enjoy participating in my classes.	43%	69%	26%
Teachers have fun at school.	38%	53%	15%
Teachers make school an exciting place to learn.	29%	40%	11%
I feel comfortable asking questions in class.	67%	78%	11%
At school I am encouraged to be creative.	49%	69%	20%
My classes help me understand what is happening in my everyday life.	47%	52%	5%
I enjoy learning new things.	60%	71%	11%
Students are supportive of each other.	58%	64%	6%
Teachers help me learn from my mistakes.	56%	66%	10%
I am excited to tell my friends when I get good grades.	60%	67%	7%
I see myself as a leader.	46%	67%	21%
I think about others' feelings when I make decisions.	63%	76%	13%
I know the goals my school is working on this year.	40%	56%	16%
Teachers expect me to be successful.	58%	78%	20%
My parents feel comfortable talking to my teachers.	66%	91%	25%
Teachers let my parents know what I do well.	50%	68%	18%