
CURRENT CONDITIONS

YOUR ASPIRATION COMMUNICATION

*“Education is a social process. Education is growth.
Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself.”*
--John Dewey

Welcome back to another exciting school year! Summer highlights the remarkable variety of human individuality. Ask those who have rejoined you in school what they did and you will discover summers ranging from reading to rock climbing, from tutoring others to taking courses, from painting houses to playing in the park. These personal pursuits are a part of our uniqueness. September challenges us to create a community of learners whose strength *is* its differences. As you walk through your school, your day, or your lesson plans, be mindful that building BELONGING is essential to success in life for each and all.



CONDITION OF THE MONTH: BELONGING

Being a valued member of a community,
while still maintaining one's uniqueness.

5 Strategies for Promoting Belonging

- ✓ Use each student's name daily.
- ✓ Chat with students in the hallways and cafeteria.
- ✓ Learn what interests your students and colleagues.
- ✓ Value students who appear, think, and act differently.
- ✓ Intentionally build community every day.

2006-2007 My Voice© Survey of Over 160,000 High School Students

For Consideration and Conversation

76% of students agree with the statement: "I feel accepted for who I am at school."
Just under half (47%) of all 9-12 students reported that they are proud of their school.

- ◆ How do I teach my students that differences make a group stronger?
- ◆ What do I do to foster a sense of pride in our school?

E-mail your Belonging stories, thoughts, or ideas to qisa@qisa.org

ASPIRATIONS IN ACTION

QISA SUMMER UPDATES

The 8 Conditions that Make a Difference® and Dr. Quaglia are no longer affiliated with Endicott College. The Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations is an independent, non-profit organization looking forward to continued growth and expansion in order to re-invest in today's youth.

NEW AND CONTINUING PARTNERSHIPS

- ❖ Stanford University: Youth Purpose Project, Center on Adolescence
- ❖ Edison Schools
- ❖ International Center for Leadership in Education
- ❖ New Hampshire Department of Education: Follow the Child

DR. RUSSELL QUAGLIA MAJOR SUMMER KEYNOTES

- ❖ Texas Superintendents Association
- ❖ Massachusetts Superintendents Association
- ❖ International Center for Leadership in Education; Washington, D.C.
- ❖ Montana Principals Association
- ❖ Educational Law Conference; Portland, ME
- ❖ New Hampshire Principals Association
- ❖ Follow the Child Leadership Conference

NEW DEMONSTRATION SITES

- ❖ Laconia, New Hampshire School District

NEW RESOURCES

- ❖ My Voice© Parent Survey (coming soon)
- ❖ Aspirations Resource Book

WELCOME TO QISA

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