SUBJECT:

Ten Tips for Teachers...

... THAT FOSTER CONNECTEDNESS TO SCHOOL

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- 1. Help students get to know each other's (and your) strengths.
- 2. Involve students in planning, problem solving, identifying issues and assessing curriculum in the classroom.
- 3. Promote cooperation over competition. Post everyone's best work. Offer opportunities for the class to work together to help everyone achieve their level of excellence.
- 4. Build a strong relationship with each student.
- 5. Convey attentiveness to students and excitement about learning through nonverbal gestures.
- 6. Involve all students (and especially new students) in chores and responsibilities in the classroom.
- 7. Integrate concepts of discipline and respect for classmates through instruction.
- 8. Give students more say in what they will learn.
- 9. Involve students in developing the criteria by which their work will be assessed and provide guidelines so they clearly understand what's expected of them.
- 10. Use first person plural (we, us, let's) when presenting classroom activities.