SUBJECT.

Ten Tips for Administrators...

... THAT FOSTER CONNECTEDNESS TO SCHOOL

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- 1. Brainstorm with students, faculty, staff and parents simple changes that could make school more welcoming.
- 2. Create policies that are based on student, family and neighborhood strengths and assets.
- 3. Turn mistakes into learning opportunities rather than failures that merit punishment.
- 4. Acknowledge and honor accomplishments and all types of competencies (such as helpfulness, good citizenship, most improved performance, volunteerism, participation in decision-making and cessation of negative behavior).
- 5. Set high standards and challenge students to meet them.
- 6. Reinforce explicit expectations for positive behaviors and academic success.
- 7. Encourage highly interactive teaching strategies.
- 8. Create a welcoming environment for all who come to the school.
- 9. Invite family and community members to take active and regular roles in the daily operation of the school.
- 10. Create a common vision of success and keep the vision statement visible.