Administrator Support and Commitment for WSCC Approach – Closed Captioning

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00:00:16.116 --> 00:00:18.696 >> Health and wellness are an integral part of what we do

00:00:18.696 --> 00:00:22.496 because we see what we do as being key

00:00:22.726 --> 00:00:25.136 to kids being academically successful.

00:00:25.286 --> 00:00:28.486 We have to address the needs of the whole child.

00:00:28.516 --> 00:00:31.766 >> We want them to leave their problems at the door

00:00:31.766 --> 00:00:34.596 so many times so that they can come in and they can learn,

00:00:34.946 --> 00:00:37.136 but the truth of the matter is, they can't leave all

00:00:37.136 --> 00:00:38.356 of their problems at the door.

00:00:38.356 --> 00:00:39.706 They bring them to the school.

00:00:39.986 --> 00:00:42.826 And I think the schools are now responsible for trying 00:00:42.826 --> 00:00:46.266 to make sure that they deal with those issues.

00:00:46.946 --> 00:00:50.346 >> By looking up what the research says, it's easy to see

00:00:50.346 --> 00:00:52.826 that in order to get kids where we want them to be,

00:00:52.936 --> 00:00:55.736 we have to make sure their basic needs are met.

00:00:55.736 --> 00:00:57.976 And the WSCC approach helps us to be able to do that.

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00:01:02.446 --> 00:01:04.766 >> I have learned through my time as curriculum director,

00:01:04.796 --> 00:01:08.956 it's near impossible for us to separate out school

00:01:08.956 --> 00:01:10.326 from home from community.

00:01:10.326 --> 00:01:13.136 And so what I love about this model is

00:01:13.136 --> 00:01:16.576 that it doesn't separate those things, it marries all of those.

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at least one consistent administrator who's there

00:01:20.676 --> 00:01:23.136 and who's not just there to sign off on it,

00:01:23.136 --> 00:01:24.666 but who really believes in it.

00:01:24.666 --> 00:01:28.016 >> The WSCC model helps kids to be more academically prepared,

00:01:28.016 --> 00:01:29.356 but it also helps them to be happier

00:01:29.356 --> 00:01:30.506 and healthier within the school.

00:01:30.606 --> 00:01:32.596 For example, when I talk about breakfast in the classroom,

00:01:32.776 --> 00:01:34.616 how many more kids come to school on time?

00:01:34.766 --> 00:01:37.416 How many more kids are here ready for learning?

00:01:37.776 --> 00:01:39.466 How does that impact their day?

00:01:39.736 --> 00:01:41.176 That doesn't necessarily correlate

00:01:41.176 --> 00:01:44.176 into a test score today, but over a long period

00:01:44.176 --> 00:01:46.496 of time it helps kids to

be more successful.

00:01:46.596 --> 00:01:50.066 >> As a superintendant it really is my responsibility

00:01:50.066 --> 00:01:52.456 to make sure that the system is functioning in a way

00:01:52.456 --> 00:01:53.826 that supports students.

00:01:54.316 --> 00:01:59.526 That there are protocols, that there are fiscal allocations,

00:01:59.966 --> 00:02:01.456 that there's policy in place,

00:02:01.916 --> 00:02:05.646 and so it really has become a calling of mine to make sure

00:02:05.646 --> 00:02:08.906 that for my community health and wellness is

00:02:08.906 --> 00:02:10.406 at the top of everybody's list.

00:02:10.616 --> 00:02:16.066 >> Big ships turn slowly, and it takes time for that philosophy

00:02:16.066 --> 00:02:17.376 and that culture to build.

00:02:17.616 --> 00:02:21.356 We have been able to meet the needs of students on a health

00:02:21.356 --> 00:02:24.646 and wellness level, emotional level, physical level,

00:02:24.646 --> 00:02:27.456 nutrition level, and we haven't gone backwards.

00:02:27.456 --> 00:02:30.266 Our kids get 45 minutes of physical activity every day,

00:02:30.476 --> 00:02:33.036 it hasn't impacted their academics negatively.

00:02:33.036 --> 00:02:36.976 >> The administrative support is so important

00:02:37.256 --> 00:02:40.206 because if there's any physical changes that need to take

00:02:40.206 --> 00:02:44.066 in the building, or if you're changing a policy,

00:02:44.096 --> 00:02:47.826 or even changing the lunch time that kids can go outside,

00:02:47.826 --> 00:02:49.826 administration has to be involved.

00:02:49.826 --> 00:02:52.846 I feel very fortunate that we've had strong administrative

00:02:52.846 --> 00:02:54.976 support, definitely supporting the decisions made.

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00:03:00.336 --> 00:03:02.886 >> What is it that we can provide in terms

00:03:02.886 --> 00:03:04.796 of background knowledge for the teachers

00:03:04.796 --> 00:03:06.286 or professional development

00:03:06.776 --> 00:03:09.126 so that they understand the importance of what we're doing?

00:03:09.126 --> 00:03:11.836 But the why is a big part of ensuring

00:03:11.836 --> 00:03:13.476 that you have teacher support.

00:03:14.306 --> 00:03:17.426 >> I'm very proud of the fact that from top

00:03:17.426 --> 00:03:20.656 down administration they're very supportive of the whole child.

00:03:20.656 --> 00:03:22.516 And they really want to see each

00:03:22.516 --> 00:03:25.116 of the children here supported, however that looks.

00:03:25.366 --> 00:03:28.196 So I've really had -- have had the opportunity to look

00:03:28.196 --> 00:03:29.556 at various resources.

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>> Giving the teachers that freedom to navigate

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00:03:39.076 --> 00:03:42.506 If a teacher is in this mindset of restriction,

00:03:42.616 --> 00:03:45.226 and I have to follow this mold or this protocol,

00:03:45.646 --> 00:03:47.776 you're not going to get that creativity, you're not going

00:03:47.776 --> 00:03:50.906 to get that teacher that's going to take that initiation to go

00:03:50.906 --> 00:03:51.976 out and find programs.

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00:03:55.536 --> 00:03:59.026 >> We have teachers who are really into health and wellness,

00:03:59.026 --> 00:04:01.356 whether it's bringing in a farm to school program

00:04:01.356 --> 00:04:05.056 at our middle school, or planting fruits and vegetables

00:04:05.056 --> 00:04:07.406 in a vegetable garden right on school grounds.

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And so I think you'll find that you have a lot of staff

00:04:10.236 --> 00:04:12.216 who are already inspired around this work.

00:04:12.426 --> 00:04:14.956 >> Just opening up the world of an educator to see

00:04:14.956 --> 00:04:18.846 that it's more than just data on a sheet of paper,

00:04:18.846 --> 00:04:21.606 how much kids are learning, and it's as important

00:04:21.646 --> 00:04:24.486 to open their eyes to a different way to live

00:04:24.806 --> 00:04:25.696 that could help them

00:04:25.696 --> 00:04:27.116 to be healthier throughout their lives.

00:04:27.346 --> 00:04:30.646 >> What I like about the WSCC model is that it helps me

00:04:30.646 --> 00:04:33.276 to empower people, see a change in people's lives

00:04:33.276 --> 00:04:34.286 that happens right in front

00:04:34.286 --> 00:04:36.096 of me that's bigger than just academics.

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And we're the ones who have to make the decisions

00:04:38.636 --> 00:04:41.126 and the choices and take the action that's going

00:04:41.126 --> 00:04:42.876 to improve the lives of kids.

00:04:42.876 --> 00:04:46.796 Because they're 100% of our future, and we owe it to them

00:04:46.796 --> 00:04:49.056 to give them the best of our abilities

00:04:49.126 --> 00:04:50.916 to help them reach their greatest potential.

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