

Agenda

Assessing School Climate

May 7, 2015

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

Goals

- Revisit what school climate is and why it is important.
- Explore tools education leaders can use to assess school climate in their school or district.
- Explore characteristics of effective school climate improvement processes.
- Discuss next steps for school leaders and policy makers seeking to improve school climate.

3:00 p.m. Welcome and introduction to the webinar platform by Dr. Elizabeth Greninger, Facilitator (edCount, LLC)

3:15 p.m. Presentation by Dr. Jonathan Cohen, Columbia's Teachers College and President and Co-Founder of the National Center for School Climate

Overview of school climate

Dr. Cohen will provide definitions of school climate and discuss its importance. He will draw on his research to discuss the benefits of improving school climate.

School climate assessment

Dr. Cohen will present different measurable components of school climate and different assessment options for school leaders interested in assessing their school's climate.

Improving school climate

Dr. Cohen will present two major types of school climate improvement processes, and provide additional resources for school leaders looking to embark on a school climate improvement process.

Next steps: School leaders and policy

Dr. Cohen will discuss next steps and guidelines for school leaders and policy makers seeking to improve school climate.

Key takeaways

Participants will be asked to share planned action steps.

Resources

Presenters will provide a list of resources for the audience.

4:20 p.m. Question and answer session

4:50 p.m. Wrap-up and adjournment

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