

Discussion Prompts:

1. What do schools with a positive culture value?

2. What are the traits of the best and brightest teachers?

3. What are the outcomes of a positive school culture for students and staff?

4. How did this principal improve culture “around conversations?”

5. What message does the Purple Cow Program have for your school?

6. As you evaluate your school culture, list strategies from the article that could improve your school environment.

7. Why is “calculated” risk-taking important to improving school culture?

8. Have your school instructional teams discussed innovation and learning and the strategies that connect both?

9. How does a focused professional development program support and improve academic learning?

10. How can your teachers model successful academic learning at your school? List those experiences for your students.

11. How can your school connect culture, expectations, instruction, and innovation to improve academic performance at your school?

12. Does the culture at your school encourage and support teacher innovation?

13. How do teachers at your school design visual, hands-on, and sensory experiences that challenge students to strive for excellence?