

Reading 1 Discussion Prompts:

1. Why are meaningful relationships between students and principals important?

2. The results of national surveys point to teachers as the major influence in student academic success. Why is it important for staff to see the principal building student relationships?

3. Why is the information in figure 1 important to every educator?

4. After discussing the behaviors that increase relationship building in figure 1, give practical examples of actions that would encourage relationship building with students at your school. Discuss actions and strategies that could connect with your students and improve student-teacher relationships.

5. How can improving relationships with students contribute to the school culture?

Return to your group and discuss the following:

6. What strategies does the article encourage to ensure student voice?

7. What was the affect of “In Their Shoes Day” and how does that impact student voice?

8. What strategies from the article might improve student voice at your school?