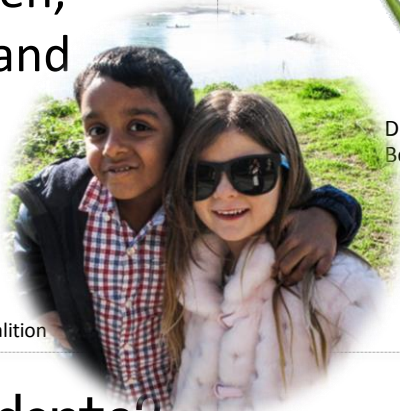


# SCHOOL CONNECTEDNESS

## School Connectedness

is about creating a school community where everyone feels safe, seen, heard, supported, significant and cared for.



Source: BC School Centred Mental Health Coalition

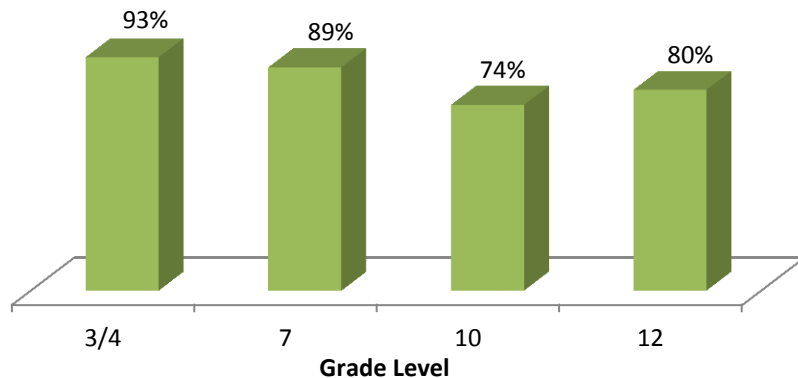
## Matters Because



Source: National Research Council, Institute of Medicine of the National Academies

## How Connected Are BC Students?

% of Students Reporting that at Least 2 Adults at School Care about Them



Source: Ministry of Education School Satisfaction Survey 2012/2013

## How to Foster It

- ✓ **Adult Support:** The time, interest, attention, and emotional support that staff give to students pays-off.
- ✓ **Belonging to a Positive Peer Group:** A stable group of peers can improve student perceptions of school.
- ✓ **Commitment to Education:** Helping students see that school is important to their future, and that the adults in school are invested in their education builds connectedness.
- ✓ **School Environment:** The physical environment and psychosocial climate can make a difference.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Learn more at [www.healthyschoolsbc.ca/schoolconnectedness](http://www.healthyschoolsbc.ca/schoolconnectedness)