



Association of Alaska School Boards
Advocates for Alaska's Youth



ALASKA INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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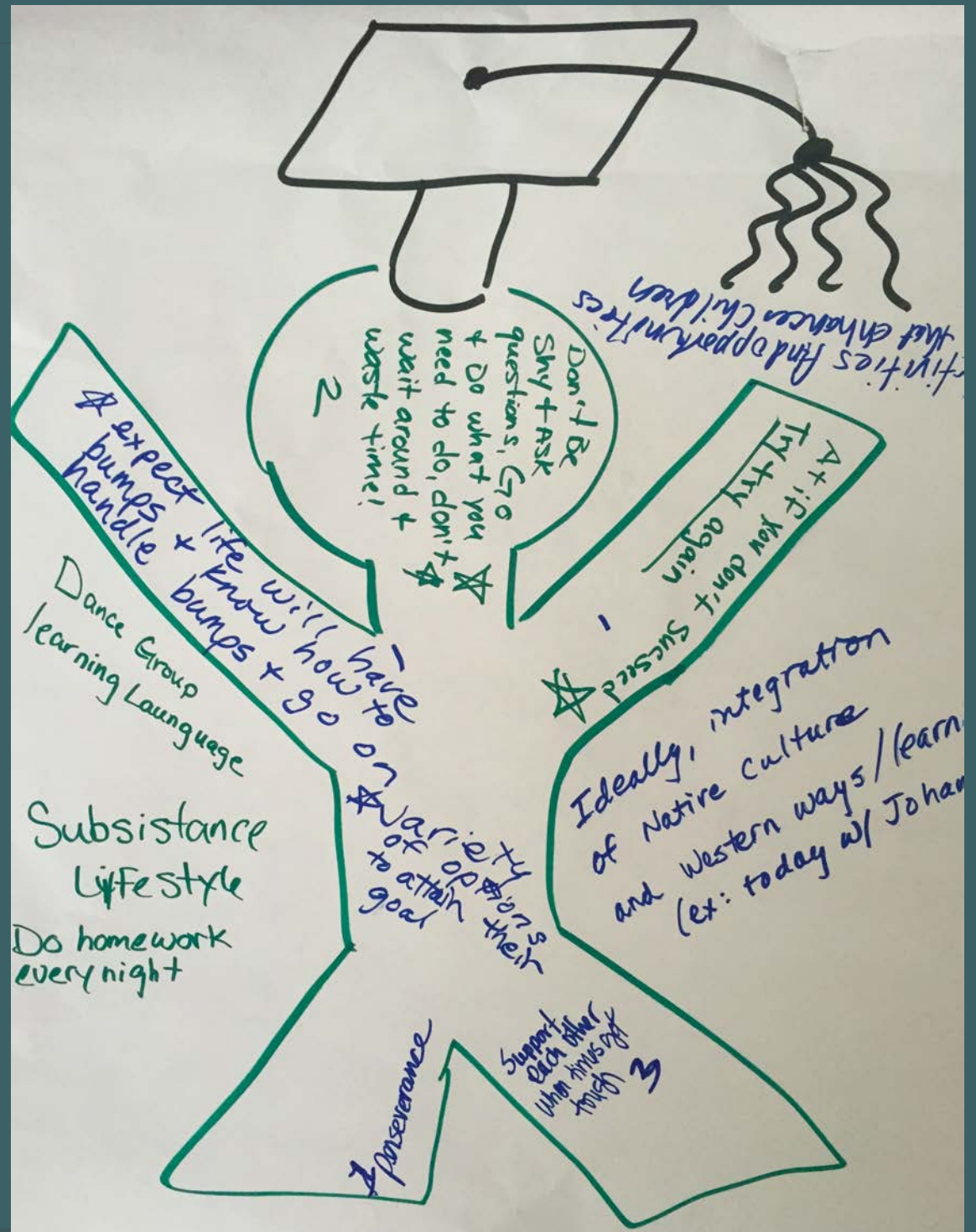
SCHOOL CLIMATES & STUDENT
CONNECTEDNESS IN ALASKA



Partner Share:

Thinking back to
your own time in school...

what helped you to succeed?



A photograph of several children sitting at a table, focused on sorting through a large pile of small red beads. The child in the foreground is a boy with short brown hair, wearing a red t-shirt, looking down at the beads. Other children are visible in the background, also engaged in the activity. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an indoor classroom or activity room setting.

School Climate



Connectedness

STUDENTS: GRADE 5/6-12



School Safety
High Expectations
**School Leadership &
Student Involvement**
Peer Climate
**Parent &
Community Involvement**
Caring Adults
**Social and Emotional
Learning**
Risk Behaviors

“Outside of school and home, I know at least one adult I can talk to, if I have a problem.”

“Students in this school help each other, even if they are not friends.”

“At school, there is a teacher or some other adult who will miss me when I'm absent.”

“I have given up on school.”

“I want very much to get more education after high school.”

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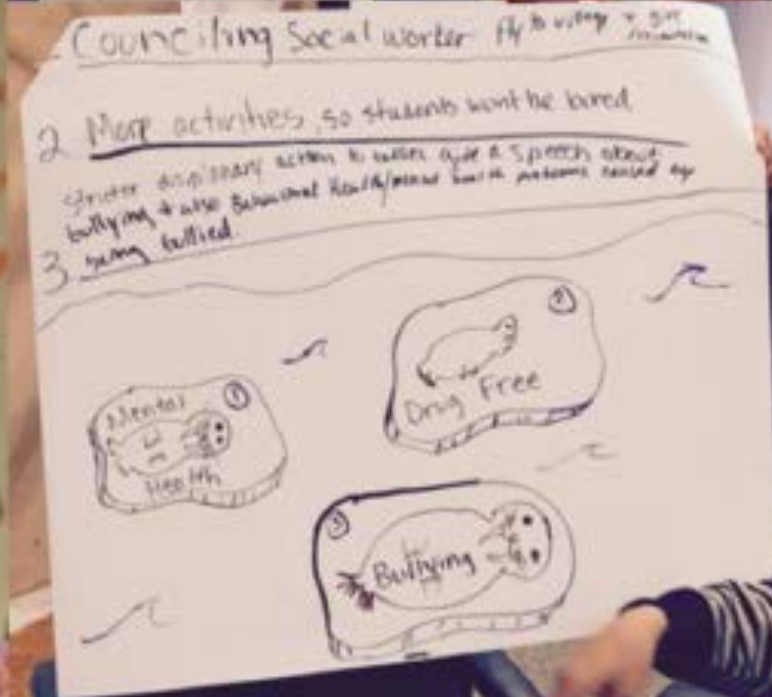
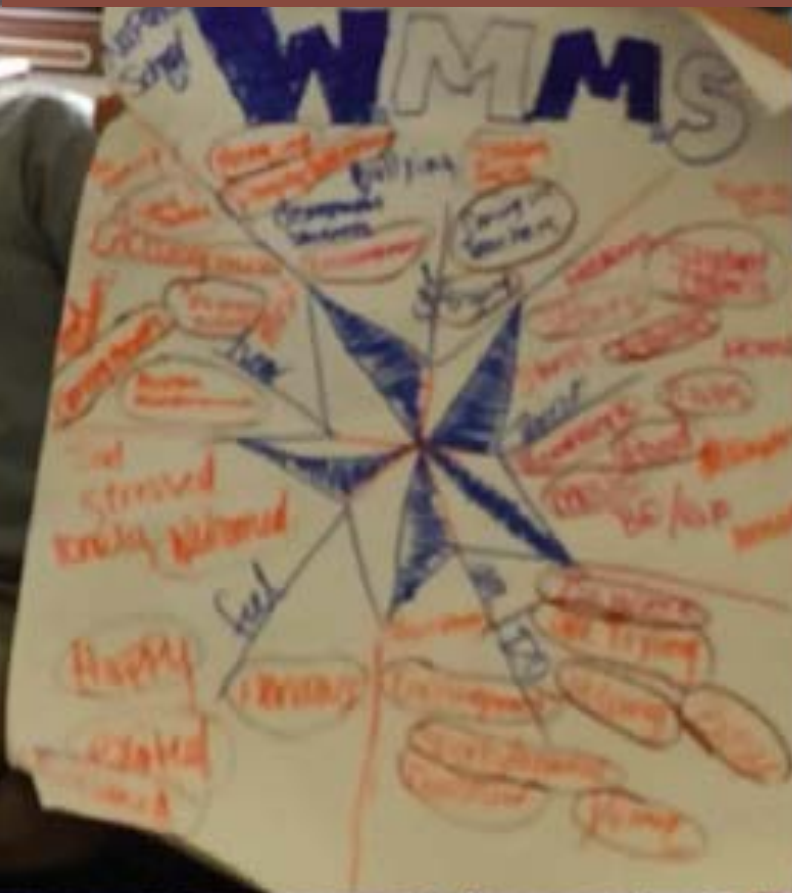


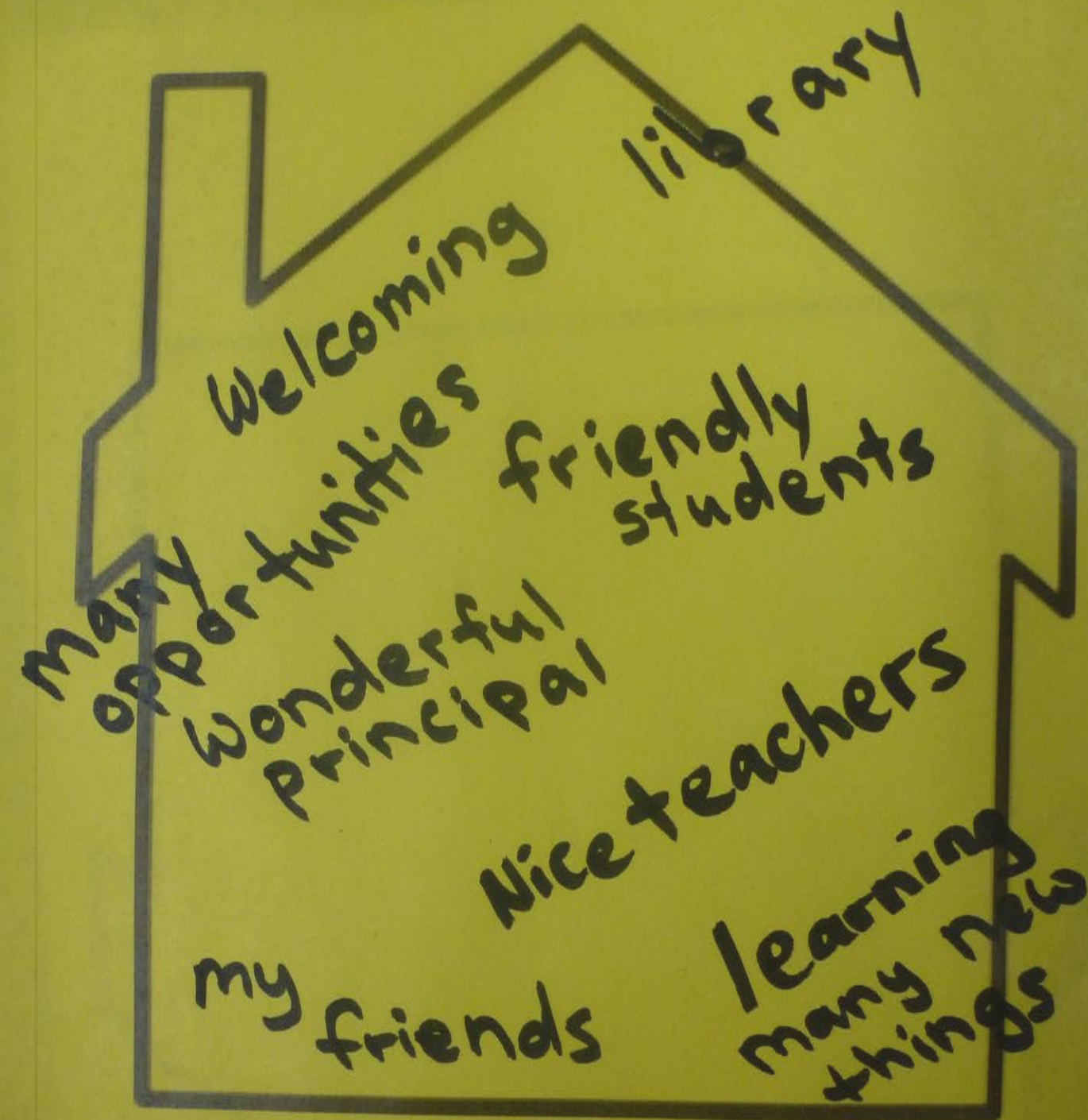
Results used by school board, advisory school boards, school staff, community



“Community engagement is most successful when it respects the wisdom of the community and that wisdom is in the people.”

STUDENT PLANNING





BUILDING CLIMATE AND ENGAGE- MENT

ICE PARTNERSHIPS (30 DISTRICTS)

- Safe and Supportive School Environment
- Increase Community Support For and Involvement with Youth
- Increase Family Engagement and Commitment to Early Learning
- Individual Assets -Supporting Post-Secondary Preparedness and Transitions
- Youth Leadership and Meaningful Roles
- Social and Emotional Learning and Trauma-Informed Schools
- Culturally Responsive Teaching and Project-Based Learning Infrastructure





THESE SUPPORTS BUILD RESILIENCY
RESILIENCY TRUMPS ADVERSE EXPERIENCES and
IMPROVES STUDENT, FAMILY, and



INGREDIENTS OF SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- 1) Coordinated
- 2) Collaborative
- 3) Embedded
- 4) Community/Family Partnership
- 5) Site Administrator Leadership
(key success factor)
- 6) Sequenced
- 7) Focused
- 8) Measured
- 9) Integrates Research and
Community Best-Practices

Research indicates that students receiving quality SEL instruction demonstrated:



Better academic performance: 11 percentile points higher on achievement scores

Improved attitudes and behaviors: greater motivation to learn, deeper commitment to school, and better classroom behavior.



Fewer negative behaviors: decreased disruptive class behavior, aggression, and delinquency.

Reduced emotional distress: including depression anxiety, stress, and social withdrawal.

Durlak, et al. (2011) "The Impact of Enhancing Students' Social and Emotional Learning: A Meta-Analysis of School-Based Interventions." Child Development, Volume 82, Number 1, Pages 405-432.

FOUR CORNERS

- Safe and Supportive School Environment
- Increase Community Support For and Involvement with Youth
- Increase Family Engagement and Commitment to Early Learning
- Individual Assets or Building Blocks (Social and Emotional Skills- Protective Factors)
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ICE TOOLS

Measures &
Workshops

Consistent
on-going
Support

Staff
Training and
Embedding

National/
Alaska
Research &
Innovation

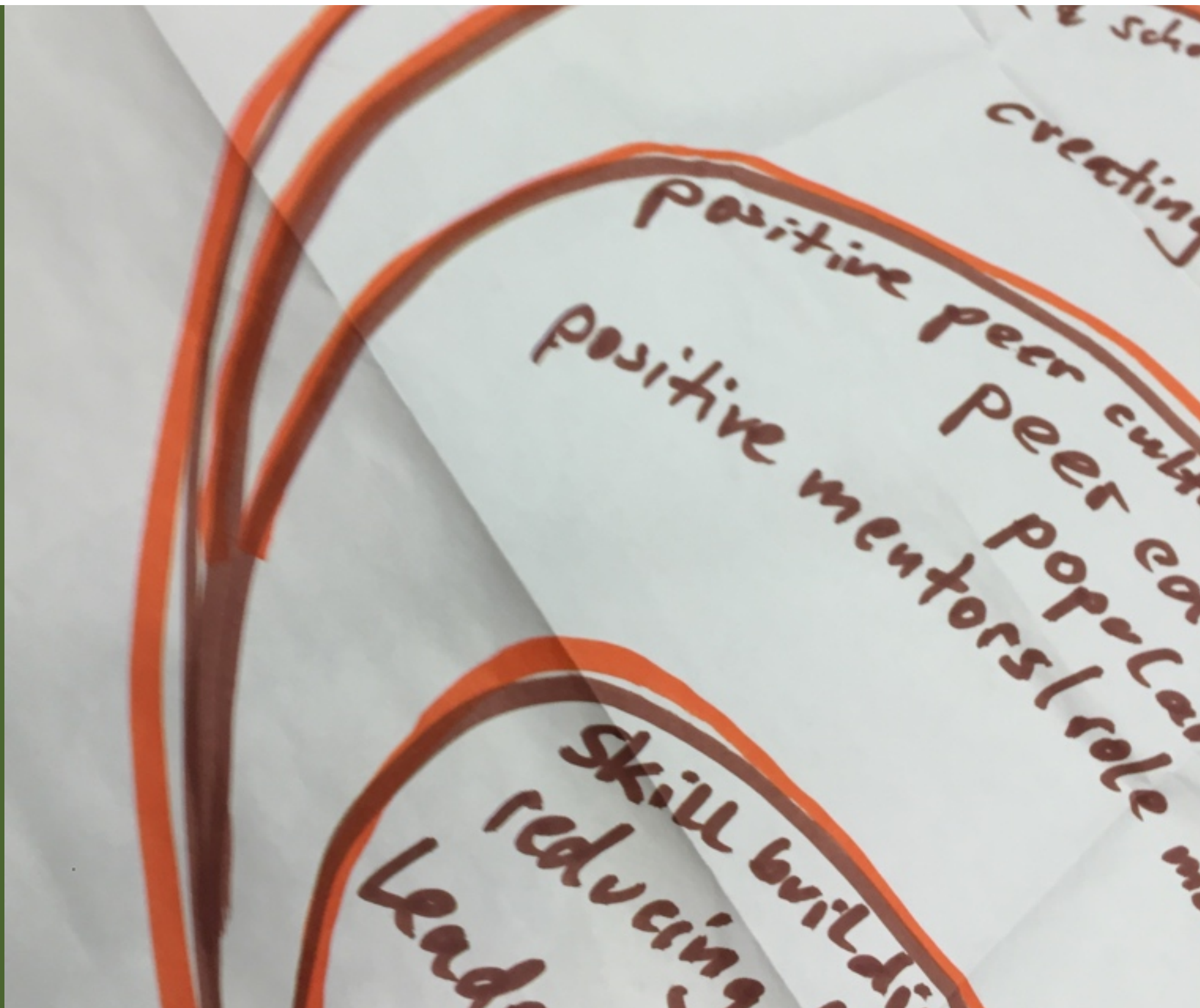
Planning &
Communication

Fun
Strategies &
Tools

Community
Conversation
& Coalition
Building



STRUCTURE: POLICIES & STRATEGIC PLAN



BUDGET: FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP?





ACCOUNTABILITY

MEASUREMENTS
PROGRESS REVIEW



ETHICS:

IS THIS SUPPORT EQUITABLE FOR ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES?

ADVOCACY:

MOVING THE WORK FORWARD - SPREADING THE WORD



SIX WORD STORY

FOR SALE: Baby Shoes Never Worn



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