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Schools thrive when they have strong relationships with their students' families and communities. Here's a 'healthy heart check' that you might want to use to see if your school's engagement with parents and the community is in good shape.

	<b>STATEMENT</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Not sure</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>
1	The school places a high value on parental involvement					
2	The school regularly updates families and the community on what is happening in the school					
3	The views of parents are sought, listened to and acted upon, on a regular basis					
4	Parents are involved in key decision-making processes about the school and their children.					
5	A consultative approach is taken with parents about the school's direction					
6	There is a place set aside in the school that parents can call their own.					
7	Teachers are supported in developing meaningful relationships with parents					
8	The children's needs are managed collaboratively between parents, teachers and children.					
9	The school has an effective and approachable parent liaison officer on the staff					
10	The school is a learning community for staff, students and parents					
11	The principal and teachers communicate personally with all parents on an ongoing basis					
12	The benefits of parental involvement are made explicit to staff in the school					
13	The school goes out of its way to make parents feel welcomed and valued					
14	The school connects with <i>all</i> parents					
15	The school connects with and strengthens the local community					
16	The school leadership demonstrates courage and creativity in reaching out to all parents					