

#### Goal 2 - Safe, Supported, Included, and Empowered

Every student will experience an equitable school community where student health and well-being are prioritized, and student voice is centered.

#### **Selected Measure**

Positive school climate (inclusion and sense of belonging)

#### **Equity Commitment**

We will amplify student voice to inform our approaches, honor students' identities and experiences, and ensure student safety and well-being in an inclusive school climate and culture.

### **Sense of Belonging**

Students' sense of belonging is linked to a variety of positive outcomes.

Those who feel accepted, respected, included, and supported tend to:

- Attend school more regularly
- Have higher grades
- Show a strong self-esteem and belief in their own academic efficacy
- Finish high school

<sup>-</sup> Korpershoek, H., Canrinus, E.T., Fokkens-Bruinsma, M. & ,de Boer, H. (2020) The relationships between school belonging and students' motivational, social-emotional, behavioural, and academic outcomes in secondary education: a meta-analytic review, Research Papers in Education, 35(6).

### Fostering A Sense of Belonging in FCPS

#### **All Schools**

- Start classes with an activity, routine, or ritual that builds community and connects to the work ahead.
- Use engaging strategies to practice SEL skills.
- Close classes with a sense of accomplishment, highlighting key takeaways and future thinking.

Elementary Schools	Middle and High Schools
Morning Meeting and Closing Circle	Responsive Advisory Meeting

# **Showcasing Belonging Around FCPS**

- Stenwood Elementary School
  - Hive Families

- Herndon Middle School
  - Belonging Project Mentoring Program
- Annandale High School
  - Best Buddies Mentoring Program



## **Staying Informed**

The Superintendent will deliver a final 2024-25 update to the Board and to the public related to our Strategic Plan.

#### Strategic Plan Updates

July 17 - School Board meeting

