

# Discussion Guide for *Education Revolution at Somersworth High School*

A closer look at the transformation of Somersworth High School, site of *Who Cares About Kelsey?*, through School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. The film highlights student leadership and data-driven decision making.

## SCHOOL CLIMATE/COMMUNITY

1. Why is it important to create a culture of caring and respect in our schools? What does that type of culture look like?
2. Why is the social/emotional development of students key to educational success?
3. How is the current culture and climate of school different from decades ago?
4. What is the purpose of discipline?
5. What is the impact of zero tolerance policies on youth with emotional/behavioral challenges?
6. Do you think every student possesses some form of resiliency?
7. What is the role for all educators in a “challenging” student’s education?
8. To what extent does it help to know and understand a student’s background and family life?
9. To what extent do our preconceived notions impact our ability to work with students?



Scenes from *Education Revolution at Somersworth High School*, top to bottom: Students Annikah Prinopoulos and Errick Joseph talk in the SHS cafeteria; cheerleaders prepare for a basketball game near signs displaying the schoolwide expectations; Principal Sharon Lampros hands out ice cream to students as a reward for keeping the cafeteria clean.

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These questions were developed through a group discussion comprised of educators, professionals, youth and family members. Many of the questions in the *Who Cares About Kelsey?* discussion guides are also relevant for this film.