POSITIVE TRANSFORMATIONAL CULTURE
STUDENT EMPATHY INTERVIEW

QUESTIONS

1. What is it like for you to be a student at this school? Do you enjoy coming here? Why or why not?
2. Do you feel physically safe at your school? Why or why not?
3. Do you feel emotionally safe at your school? Why or why not?
4. Are there any adults at school who have a good relationship with you (who really know about your interests, strengths, concerns, and needs)? If so, who are those adults? What did they do to get to know you? What would you like to see happen so that more adults at school would get to know you well?
5. Do you feel this school is a safe place to discuss issues related to race, bias and discrimination? What makes you feel that way? Who can you speak to about these issues?
6. When Black students misbehave at school, are teachers and administrators concerned mainly about punishing students, helping students learn how to succeed in school and life, or both? Can you think of an example that makes you think so?
7. In which classes/subjects are you most likely to be excited about learning? Why? What is it about those classes/subjects that makes you excited about learning?
8. If you were a teacher at this school, what would you do to make your classroom or lessons more interesting for students like you?
9. Do you know what you must do as a student to earn good grades and be successful? If so, in which classroom or teacher? What do teachers do to help students understand what your role is to attain success?
10. What happens when you do not understand a lesson or fall behind academically? Do teachers provide support? If so, what does that support look like?
11. Do you have goals as a learner? If so, what are they? How do you know you are making progress towards your goals?

INTERVIEW NOTES

What patterns/trends were noticed in the responses provided by various students?

What patterns did you notice related to race/ethnicity, language background, gender, or other variables?

What factors might have influenced the patterns/trends noticed?