POSITIVE TRANSFORMATIONAL CULTURE
PARENT EMPATHY INTERVIEW

QUESTIONS

1. Does your child like being a student at this school? Do they enjoy coming here? Why or why not?
2. Does your child feel physically and emotionally safe at your school? Why or why not?
3. Do leaders at this school passionately believe that students of color can achieve outstanding learning outcomes? What has happened to make you believe in the capacity of students of color to excel academically?
4. What have school leaders done to bring attention to the academic success of students of color? How have school leaders helped everyone see that students of color can excel?
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? Where can you speak about these issues?
6. Describe something leaders at this school have done that builds trust among families regarding the school's commitment to their children.
7. What do teachers and administrators at this school do to reach out and get to know the families of students of color? What has worked well to build positive relationships? What would you recommend?
8. Do you recall a time when teachers and/or administrators asked your opinion about how to support your child or make improvements to this school? How did you feel about being asked for your opinion? What was the result?
9. Do you believe your child has a good chance of graduating from high school? What makes you believe so? Do you believe your child has a good chance of attending a college or university? What makes you believe so?
10. As a parent, are you aware of your child's goals as a learner? If so, what are they? How do you know your child is making progress toward his/her 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?

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