Research exercise: Dimensions of Support in Schools

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The Learning Environment and How it Affects the Goals of Schools
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In Conclusion:
• Principal support affects student behavior, parent-teacher relationships, and the motivation of teachers
• Teacher behavior affects how Catholic school students learn under guidelines presented to Catholic school
• Socioeconomics of school districts can either hurt or help the learning environment

The learning environment directly affects the outcome of student success.

Poor Support From Principals Leads to:
Disrespectful Students
Students will not value the teacher
Lack of discipline
Disorderly Parents
Parents become too vocal
Threaten the safety of learning environment
Burnt Out Teachers
Teachers lose their motivation
Teacher may leave the field

The Positives and Negatives of a School's Socioeconomics
• Negatives of Affluent Schools: no strong sense of community and multi-morbidity problems in the schools
• Negatives of Underprivileged Schools: high dropout rate, low graduation rate, problems with multi-morbidity, little parent involvement, and students being disconnected with their education
• Positives of Affluent Schools: money and support to offer the students a variety of activities and opportunities
• Positives of Underprivileged Schools: strong community atmosphere built when teachers, parents, and members of the community work together

Catholic Schools

Expectations of Catholic School Teachers
Religious Freedom- Private schools have a right to be associated with a religion and to have specific expectations and standards for their teachers and students to live up to.
Catholic School Contract- The contract of Catholic Schools all have a morality clause. This lists what is acceptable and not acceptable for Catholic School teachers; moreover, teachers are expected to be exemplary, counter-cultural and ministers for the church.
How it affects learning environment- Catholic School Students look to their teachers as the number one example of the Catholic faith. Students are more willing and more enthusiastic about the Catholic mission if their teachers display enthusiasm for the church.