



Mid-Year Educator Feedback February 2024

Introduction

Changing Perspectives (www.ChangingPerspectivesNow.org) is a national, nonprofit organization that works to strengthen school communities through social-emotional learning (SEL), disability awareness, empathy development, and inclusion. Founded in 2014 by nationally recognized educator and change-maker Sam Drazin, Changing Perspectives empowers students and helps build a more inclusive, just, and equitable society.

Changing Perspectives accomplishes our mission by working with individual schools and school districts to educate, empower, and inspire all members of a school community to advance their thinking and practice around social-emotional learning (SEL), disability awareness, and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) practices. Our replicable, scalable programming is relevant to schools of all types and sizes and benefits learners of all ages and backgrounds.

Schools that partner with Changing Perspectives are offered an à la carte menu of options from which to choose the services that best meet their learning communities' needs. These resources include customizable curriculum materials, virtual/onsite coaching, goal-driven professional development, family workshop programs, and site visits.

This report presents findings from a short mid-year survey to educators that was administrated in January 2023. The survey was sent to 709 educators working in 332 of schools who gained access to Changing Perspective resources and supports between September and December of 2023. Respondents were asked to rate their experiences with the program thus far in the school year. A longer, year-end survey will be administered to educators in May 2024. Given the program's highly customizable approach to design and classroom implementation, each educator's instructional choices and style shapes and influences student experiences and students' subsequent feedback about the program.

Sample Size

Between September 2023 and December 2023, Changing Perspectives was actively partnering with 332 schools across multiple states. Based on 2023-2024 school enrollment data, these schools are collectively serving 135,694 learners in preK through grade 12 during the current academic year. A list of partner schools completed this mid-year survey is included in Appendix A. Our school partnerships

have continued to grow since December 2023; our year-end data collection will include the full list of partner schools that implemented the program from September 2022 through May 2023.

For this mid-year survey, data was collected from 177 educators, representing 105 of the 332 partner schools active during the evaluation period. In our analysis, we noted that some educators declined to complete the survey because they did not feel that they had used enough Changing Perspectives materials to provide useful feedback yet.

Findings

Overall, educators surveyed were enthusiastic about the positive impacts that Changing Perspectives has had on their students, classrooms, and own professional skills development. The survey asked them to reflect on four aspects of the program:

1. The value of Changing Perspectives in supporting the needs of their students.
2. Their own professional practice as an educator in supporting the general social-emotional well-being of their students.
3. Students’ engagement with Changing Perspectives.

Survey Question 1: *How helpful has the Changing Perspectives resources been in addressing the social and/or emotional needs of your students?*

Table 1. Helpfulness in Supporting Students’ Social-Emotional Needs

Survey Sample	Not Helpful	Slightly Helpful	Moderately Helpful	Very Helpful	Extremely Helpful
N=135	1% (2)	13% (17)	27% (37)	47% (63)	12% (16)

86% of respondents reported that Changing Perspectives programming has been helpful in supporting students’ social-emotional needs.

Respondents also shared:

- “Creating awareness is the main idea. By presenting informative information regarding social/emotional health can help to eliminate a sense of aloneness.” -Maryland Classroom Teacher
- “The check-ins gave insight into children's lives. When given an open-ended question, I am constantly surprised at their responses. The level of their openness is often humbling.” -Maryland Classroom Teacher
- “As a school counselor, I struggle with how to turn important topics/concepts into an engaging lesson for my students. Changing Perspectives makes lesson planning so easy & fun!” -New Hampshire School Counselor

Survey Question 2: *Has Changing Perspectives improved your knowledge, skills, and interventions to better support your students?*

Table 2. Improved Professional Practice

Survey Sample	No	Yes
N=132	21% (28)	79% (104)

79% of educators reported that Changing Perspectives has helped them improve their knowledge, skills, and interventions to better support students’ well-being.

Educators also shared:

- “It’s just helped me keep my students and their needs at the forefront of my planning as well as my colleagues. It has also opened doors to conversations I wanted to have with other teachers, that couldn’t happen without this lens and focus for our school. Curriculum and content has been the main focus in the past and now we are putting relationships and students needs ahead of that.” -California Classroom Teacher
- “My team and I are learning about ourselves and our emotions too!” -Maryland Classroom Teacher
- “I get a lot of ideas and daily reminders to pay attention, ask questions, give students time to think about how they feel or what they think.” -California Classroom Teacher
- “It has been a useful way for me to connect with my students and allow them to connect emotionally with each other.” -California Classroom Teacher

Survey Question 3: *How engaged were your students in participating in Changing Perspectives activities?*

Table 3. Program Engaged Students

Survey Sample	Not Engaged	Slightly Engaged	Moderately Engaged	Very Engaged	Extremely Engaged
N=126	2% (2)	8% (10)	51% (64)	35% (44)	5% (6)

91% of educators said their students were engaged in the program.

Among their feedback, educators shared:

- “My students have started to understand their emotions and have been able to regulate themselves more quickly.” -Minnesota Classroom Teacher
- “Students were immediately interested and engaged - and seemed willing to be vulnerable in sharing some of their thoughts.” -Vermont School Counselor
- “The Gratitude Cards was very successful in the classroom. The students were very kind to one another during this activity. They took it seriously and gave some very nice compliments to their classmates.” -Maryland Classroom Teacher

Conclusions:

Overall, educators responding to this mid-year survey indicated that having access to Changing Perspectives curriculum resources and supports has helped them improve their teaching practice and support their students' social-emotional needs. Respondents reported that the materials were relevant, easy to use, and engaging for students. Further findings from the 2023-24 school year will be available from the end-of-school surveys administered to our full set of partner schools in May 2024.

Appendix A: Changing Perspectives Partner Schools Responding to the Mid-Year Survey

For a complete list of our partner schools, please visit ChangingPerspectivesNow.org.

School Name	Grades Served	State	City/County
John P. Powell Magnet School	6-8	Alabama	LaFayette / Chambers
Antioch High School	9-12	California	Antioch / Contra Costa
Bayside Martin Luther King, Jr Academy, Nevada Campus	K-5	California	Sausalito / Marin
Del Mar Middle School	6-8	California	Tiburon / Marin
Foster City Elementary School	K-5	California	Foster City / San Mateo
Frank Zeek Elementary School	K-6	California	Ukiah / Mendocino
Kennedy Middle School	6-8	California	Redwood City / San Mateo
Kings Mountain Elementary School	K-5	California	Woodside / San Mateo
Marjorie H. Tobias Elementary School	K-5	California	Daly City / San Mateo
McKinley Institute of Technology	6-8	California	Redwood City / San Mateo
Mill Valley Middle School	6-8	California	Mill Valley / Marin
North Star Academy	3-8	California	Redwood City / San Mateo
Orion Alternative School	K-5	California	Redwood City / San Mateo
Ortega Elementary School	K-5	California	Pacificia / San Mateo
Roosevelt School	K-8	California	Redwood City / San Mateo
Taft Community School	TK-5	California	Redwood City / San Mateo
Valiente College Preparatory Charter School/LACOE	5-8	California	South Gate / Los Angeles
Cowell Elementary School	PK-5	Colorado	Denver / Denver
Goldrick Elementary School	PK-5	Colorado	Denver / Denver
Hutchinson Elementary School	PK-5	Colorado	Lakewood / Jefferson
Kendallvue Elementary School	PK-5	Colorado	Morrison / Jefferson
Kendrick Lakes Elementary School	PK-5	Colorado	Lakewood / Jefferson
Little Forest School	PK-12	Georgia	Atlanta / DeKalb
Ringgold High School	9-12	Georgia	Ringgold / Catoosa

Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani Middle School	6-8	Hawaii	Honolulu / Honolulu
Grundy Center High School	9-12	Iowa	Grundy Center / Grundy
Christian Heritage Academy	PK-12	Illinois	Northfield / Cook
Monroe Elementary School	PK-5	Indiana	South Bend / St. Joseph
South Bend School District	PK-12	Indiana	South Bend / St. Joseph
Washington High School	9-12	Indiana	South Bend / St. Joseph
Gardner Edgerton High School	9-12	Kansas	Gardner / Johnson
Covington Latin School	7-12	Kentucky	Covington / Kenton
St. Paul Elementary School	PK-8	Kentucky	Florence / Boone
St. Timothy Catholic School	K-8	Kentucky	Union / Boone
Clinton Elementary School	PK-4	Massachusetts	Clinton / Worcester
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Compass Program	9-12	Massachusetts	Oak Bluffs / Dukes
St. John's High School	9-12	Massachusetts	Shrewsbury / Worcester
South High Community School	9-12	Massachusetts	Worcester / Worcester
ARISE Academy	9-12	Maryland	Centreville / Queen Anne's
Bayside Elementary School	PK-5	Maryland	Stevensville / Queen Anne's
Centreville Elementary School	3-5	Maryland	Centreville / Queen Anne's
Centreville Middle School	6-8	Maryland	Centreville / Queen Anne's
Church Hill Elementary School	PK-2	Maryland	Church Hill / Queen Anne's
Galena Elementary School	PK-5	Maryland	Galena / Kent
Grasonville Elementary School	PK-5	Maryland	Grasonville / Queen Anne's
HH Garnett Elementary School	PK-5	Maryland	Chestertown / Kent
Kennard Elementary School	3-5	Maryland	Centreville / Queen Anne's
Kent County High School	9-12	Maryland	Worton / Kent
Kent County Public School District	PK-12	Maryland	Rock Hall / Kent
Kent Island Elementary School	PK-2	Maryland	Stevensville / Queen Anne's
Kent Island High School	9-12	Maryland	Worton / Queen Anne's
Matapeake Elementary School	PK-5	Maryland	Stevensville / Queen Anne's
Matapeake Middle School	PK-6	Maryland	Stevensville / Queen Anne's
Queen Anne's County Public School District	PK-12	Maryland	Centreville / Queen Anne's
Queen Anne's County High School	9-12	Maryland	Centreville / Queen Anne's
Stevensville Middle School	6-8	Maryland	Stevensville / Queen Anne's
Sudlersville Middle School	5-8	Maryland	Sudlersville / Queen Anne's
Wye River Upper School	9-12	Maryland	Centreville / Queen Anne's

Medomak Valley High School	9-12	Maine	Waldoboro / Lincoln
Forest Area High School	9-12	Michigan	Fife Lake / Grand Traverse
Lincoln Park Middle School	6-8	Michigan	Lincoln Park / Wayne
BlueSky Charter School	6-12	Minnesota	Bloomington / Hennepin
Rochester Beacon Academy	6-12	Minnesota	Rochester / Olmsted
Frontier School of Innovation	6-8	Missouri	Kansas City / Jackson
Windsor C-1 School District	PK-12	Missouri	Imperial / Jefferson
Community School of Davidson	K-12	North Carolina	Davidson / Davidson
Students to Scholars	5-6	North Carolina	Durham / Durham
St. Wenceslaus Catholic School	PK-8	Nebraska	Omaha / Douglas
Umonhon Nation Public School	PK-12	Nebraska	Macy / Umo N Ho N Nation
Errol Consolidated School	3-8	New Hampshire	Errol / Coos
Mt. Lebanon Elementary School	PK-4	New Hampshire	Lebanon / Grafton
Strafford School	PK-8	New Hampshire	Strafford / Strafford
Oysterponds School	PK-6	New York	Orient / Suffolk
AchievePoint Career Academy	9-12	Ohio	Cincinnati / Hamilton
Fort Frye Middle School	6-8	Ohio	Beverly / Washington
Kenton Ridge Middle & High School	7-12	Ohio	Springfield / Clark
Lancaster Lebanon IU13	PK-12	Pennsylvania	Lancaster / Lancaster
Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter Middle School	6-8	Pennsylvania	Bethlehem / Lehigh
Shaler Area High School	9-12	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh / Allegheny
Shenandoah Valley Jr/Sr High School	7-12	Pennsylvania	Shenandoah / Schuylkill
Wesley High School	9-12	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh / Allegheny
Alburgh Community Education Center	PK-8	Vermont	Alburgh / Grand Isle
Barstow Memorial School	PK-8	Vermont	Chittenden / Rutland
Bellows Falls Middle School	9-12	Vermont	Bellows Falls / Windham
Bradford Elementary School	K-6	Vermont	Bradford / Orange
Bridport Central School	PK-5	Vermont	Bridport / Addison
Brighton Elementary School	PK-8	Vermont	Island Pond / Essex
Bristol Elementary School	PK-6	Vermont	Bristol / Addison
Burke Town School	PK-8	Vermont	Burke / Caledonia
Dothan Brook School	PK-5	Vermont	White River Junction / Windsor
Johnson Elementary School	PK-6	Vermont	Johnson / Lamoille
Lothrop Elementary School	PK-6	Vermont	Pittsford / Rutland

Lyndon Town School	PK-8	Vermont	Lyndonville / Caledonia
Mount Abraham Union High School	7-12	Vermont	Bristol / Addison
Northfield Elementary School	PK-5	Vermont	Northfield / Washington
Proctor Jr./Sr. High School	7-12	Vermont	Proctor / Rutland
Riverside Middle School	6-8	Vermont	Springfield / Windsor
Shelburne Community School	PK-8	Vermont	Shelburne / Chittenden
Sutton School	PK-8	Vermont	Sutton / Caledonia
Williston Central School	3-8	Vermont	Williston / Chittenden
View Ridge Middle School	7-8	Washington	Ridgefield / Clark
Buffalo Middle School	6-8	West Virginia	Kenova / Wayne
École Ste. Anne Immersion	K-8	International	Ste. Anne / Canada
Saint Joseph School	PK-12	International	Santo Domingo / Dominican Republic