

**HANDOUT 4****SECTION 2 ♦ ACTIVITY 1****PRE-ASSESSMENT**

# A New Wave of Evidence:

## The Impact of School, Family, and Community Connections on Student Achievement

Please rate your school, district, or educational institution in the following areas.

**Your institution . . .**

1. Recognizes that all parents, regardless of income, educational level, or cultural background, want their children to do well in school and are involved in their children's learning

1 Rarely	2 Sometimes	3 Regularly	4 Always
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2. Creates policies and programs that will support families in guiding their children's learning

1 Rarely	2 Sometimes	3 Regularly	4 Always
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3. Works with parents to build their social and political connections

1 Rarely	2 Sometimes	3 Regularly	4 Always
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4. Develops the capacity of school staff to work with families

1 Rarely	2 Sometimes	3 Regularly	4 Always
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5. Links family and community engagement efforts to student learning

1 Rarely	2 Sometimes	3 Regularly	4 Always
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6. Focuses efforts to engage families on developing trusting and respectful relationships

1 Rarely	2 Sometimes	3 Regularly	4 Always
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7. Embraces a philosophy of partnership and shares power with families and communities

1 Rarely	2 Sometimes	3 Regularly	4 Always
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8. Builds strong connections between schools and community organizations

1 Rarely	2 Sometimes	3 Regularly	4 Always
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