When asked where they go for information on social skills programming, school administrators said they...

- Don't make these decisions: 13% statewide, 19% in your region
- Don't go to anyone: 20% statewide, 12% in your region
- Go to someone in their district: 28% statewide, 42% in your region
- Go to their ISD: 18% statewide, 8% in your region
- Go somewhere else: 21% statewide, 19% in your region

This means 31% of administrators in your region are either:
- not involved in making decisions about social skills programs
- not going to anyone else for help or information when doing so!

How many administrators find these sources very helpful?
- Their District: 90% statewide, 100% in your region
- Their ISD: 79% statewide, 0% in your region
- Other Sources: 66% statewide, 100% in your region
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