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

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This means **36%** 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**?

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The Michigan School Program Information Project
Statewide & Regional Findings Report

Participant in your region: 40
Statewide total: 361

A random sample of public school principals and superintendents
When talking to administrators in the state, this is what they valued most about different sources of information:

**Their District Trust**

“Our building principals are very curious people and they are frequently looking for solutions to problems. We collaborate a lot, we talk a lot and we share a lot with each other in terms of, ‘Hey we heard about this, I went here, I learned about that’.

- Superintendent

For me to go to my principals meeting and tell them that this program has been fantastic this year and we’re getting great results, I think weighs more heavily than a 5-page research paper that says it works.

- Principal

**Their ISD Capacity**

“...The ISD does a great job vetting a lot of these programs...I mean a lot. And we’re finding that partnership with the school district to be powerful.

- Superintendent

Other districts in other counties don’t have such a proactive ISD like ours. They don’t get exposed to the latest research unless they’re really seeking it out themselves. I just feel fortunate as an administrator in my county to be able to tap into many experts over at the ISD.

- Principal

**Other Sources Networks**

“All of our buildings have consultants that work with them from state and federal programs that say ‘Hey, we went to a conference, we saw this, and it might be a program that might be good for this school.’ Everyone’s got a large network, friends that work in other districts.

- Superintendent

I use my professional organizations and my networking contacts if we’re deciding on anything, so it really needs to be endorsed by people I know or an organization that I know.

- Principal

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What’s next?

**Want MORE?**

CONTACT US at mispi@msu.edu for more detailed information about your ISD/district or if you have questions about the study!