The Michigan School Program Information Project
Statewide & Regional Findings Report

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

Don't make these decisions

Don't go to anyone

Go to someone in their district

Go to their ISD

Go somewhere else

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This means 37% of administrators in your region are either:

- not involved in making decisions about social skills programs
- or
- not going to anyone else for help or information when doing so!

How many administrators find these sources very helpful?

- Their District: 90% (Statewide), 85% (Your Region)
- Their ISD: 79% (Statewide), 70% (Your Region)
- Other Sources: 66% (Statewide), 82% (Your Region)
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

**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

**Their ISD**

**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

**Other Sources**

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

What’s next?

**We are Learning...**

How administrators use their social networks to find information.

What administrators think about research, and how they use it to make decisions about social skills programs.

Want MORE?

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