

Figure 2.6: Guide for Engaging Educators in Identifying School Purpose

Purpose (mission): The core reason for a school's existence and the fundamental belief that drives action.

1. What core purpose do you see driving the decisions and actions at your school? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Preparing students for college and career readiness
- ☐ Fostering a safe and inclusive learning environment
- ☐ Promoting lifelong learning and curiosity
- ☐ Upholding high academic standards
- ☐ Building strong community partnerships
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

2. Using the following prompts, describe what you believe the school's purpose is.

What outcomes should your school aim to achieve for your students and community?

What are the most important goals that guide your daily work and long-term planning?

What do you believe is the ultimate purpose of your school?

3. How would you summarize your school's purpose based on what you observe in daily practices?

4. Provide examples of how the school's purpose is evident in the actions of staff, leadership, and the broader school community.

5. Do you feel that the school's purpose aligns with your personal beliefs and values about education? Why or why not?

6. Have you participated in any activities or discussions aimed at defining or refining the school's purpose? If yes, please share your experience.