School Culture Discovery Audit

This assessment helps educators discover the current characteristics of their school's or district's culture. You can use the results of this audit later with the "Culture Types and Outcomes" tool to help determine your organizational culture type as well as your culture's strengths and weaknesses.

What is your school's primary focus? Academic excellence Write words that describe your school's vision: Community engagement Innovation Tradition Student well-being Other:
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☐ Innovation ☐ Tradition ☐ Student well-being
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□ Other:
How do you see this vision Provide examples:
reflected daily?
Purpose (Mission) What is the core purpose of □ College and career prep Summarize the purpose
your school?
☐ Lifelong learning
☐ High standards
☐ Community partnerships
□ Other:
How does this purpose show in Provide examples:
actions by staff and leaders?

Section	Question	Options (Check all that apply.)	Open Response
Values and Beliefs	Which values do you see demonstrated?	☐ Respect	Describe values that guide your work:
		☐ Collaboration	
		☐ Innovation	
		☐ Accountability	
		□ Equity	
		☐ Compassion	
		☐ Other:	
	What core beliefs guide interactions?	☐ Honesty	Provide examples of an unspoken belief:
		☐ Fairness	
		☐ Diversity	
		☐ Student centered	
		☐ Tradition focused	
		☐ Open conflict	
		□ Other:	
Norms	What are the unspoken rules here?	☐ Collaboration	Describe norms you notice:
		☐ Conflict avoidance	
		☐ Open feedback	
		☐ Caution with new ideas	
		☐ Hard work	
		☐ Other:	
Rituals and Traditions	Which rituals shape your culture?	☐ Staff meetings	Describe meaningful rituals:
		☐ Student celebrations	
		☐ Schoolwide events	
		☐ Community activities	
		☐ Social gatherings	
		□ Other:	

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Climate	Describe the school atmosphere	☐ Welcoming	Describe how climate affects morale:
		☐ Competitive	
		☐ Focused	
		☐ Tense	
		☐ Energetic	
		☐ Other:	
Celebrations	Which achievements are celebrated?	☐ Academics	Describe meaningful celebrations:
		☐ Athletics	
		☐ Staff awards	
		☐ Community service	
		☐ Student progress	
		☐ Arts	
		☐ Other:	
	How are achievements recognized?	☐ Formal ceremonies	Explain recognition that matters most to you:
		☐ Informal praise	
		☐ Public displays	
		☐ Personal notes	
		☐ Group outings	
		□ Other:	
Communication and Network	What communication methods are effective?	□ Email	Describe how information is shared:
		☐ Face to face	
		☐ Team meetings	
		☐ School announcements	
		☐ Social media	
		☐ Other:	

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Symbols	Which symbols represent your school's identity?	☐ Mascot	Describe symbols that capture your culture:
		☐ Logos	
		☐ Events	
		☐ Mottos	
		☐ Other:	
Heroes	Who embodies your values?	☐ Teachers	Identify role models that impacted you:
		☐ Students	
		☐ Community leaders	
		☐ Founders	
		□ Other:	
Stories	What stories do you share about your school?	☐ Student success	Summarize stories that define your culture:
		☐ Overcoming challenges	
		☐ Community impact	
		☐ Historical events	
		☐ Other:	