Chapter 2 Book Study Questions

As a staff, explore the concepts presented in this chapter and reflect on how they are evidenced in or might impact your school culture. As you read each of the following questions, think about how you would respond based on your individual role. If you are an administrator, think about these questions as you reflect on how you support your staff. If you are a teacher or support staff member, think about these questions as you reflect on how you support students.

1. What is one thing you learned about adolescent development that you would like to incorporate into how you lead the students in your classroom?

2. What is one takeaway about the impact of social determinants of health on students that you want to remember when establishing your school culture and climate?

3. Does your school create safety for students to feel safe to try, fail, and grow? Does it provide safety for staff to try, fail, and grow?

4. Do you feel like there is a cultural divide between you and your students or between adults and students in general in the school? How might you bridge that gap to improve relationships and increase a sense of safety?