

## NEXT STEPS FOR A COLLABORATIVE AND CONNECTED CULTURE

The following tool details some steps you can take to experiment with strategies for creating a collaborative and connected culture. For each step, note the date you tried it and reflect on how it went. *What did you do? How did it go? What would you change? What's next?* There are spaces available at the end for you to plan additional steps you can take toward teacher leadership.

| Next Steps Tried   | Date Tried | Reflection |
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| Think about the context in which you teach and what opportunities and challenges are presented by this context.  |            |            |
| Identify a challenge that you and a colleague have in common, and decide on one step you will take together to address it.   |            |            |
| Identify what process your school uses to make teaching assignments. Determine whether it is working well, and locate one thing you could do to make it work better.   |            |            |
| Keeping in mind Amir Taron Ayres's (2022) comment, "What really matters to parents and guardians is whether or not we can express that we see and understand their children," challenge yourself to write a brief but specific description of each of your students. |            |            |

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| Collaborate with colleagues to increase the consistency of expectations that you share with families. |  |  |  |  |
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**Reference**

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