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2022

## The Power of Mentoring



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gradient Learning Poll 2022

"Regardless of the structure, staffing, and goals of the program, mentoring programs in schools have shown to be a cost-efficient way of increasing the positive relationships students have in their lives, while also having the potential to boost factors that can lead to educational success."

National Mentoring Resource Center

What is a mentor?

A mentor is a trusted adult who gets to know and supports a student to pursue and achieve their academic goals. Two-thirds of parents with school-aged children are concerned about their child's emotional well-being as a result of the COVID driven disruptions in their learning lives.<sup>2</sup>

Now more than ever, student social and emotional well-being is a top priority for educators, families, and caregivers. With a sense of urgency spurred by the pandemic, school and district leaders are seeking new and innovative ways to keep students engaged and supported in and outside of the classroom.

Young adults who have a mentor are<sup>3</sup>:

- 55% less likely to skip school
- 78% more likely to volunteer in their community
- 130% more likely to hold a leadership position

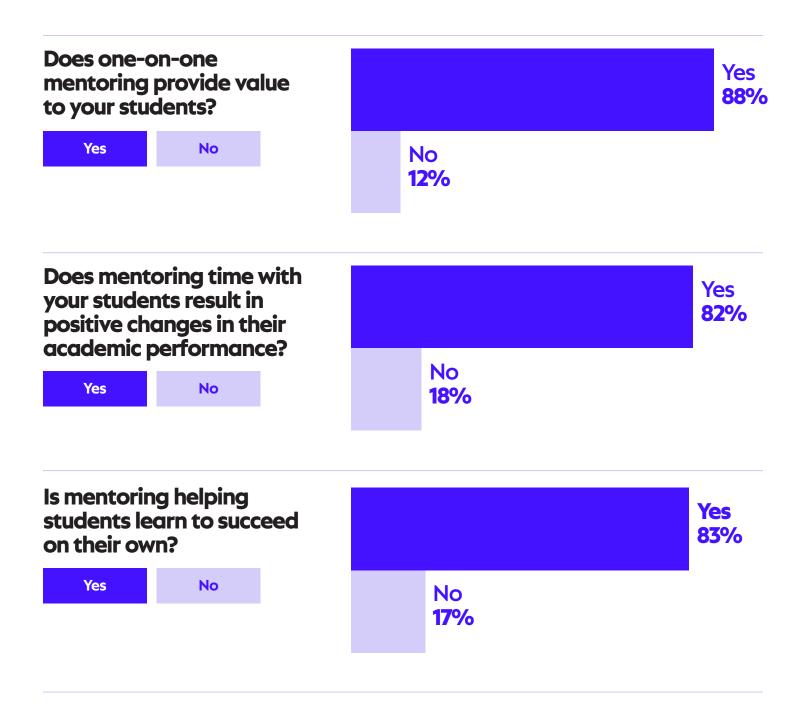
The consensus is clear: mentoring matters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2020-21 Speak Up Research Project

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> MENTOR

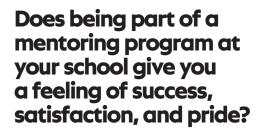
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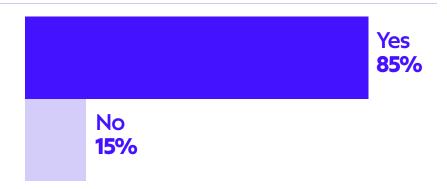
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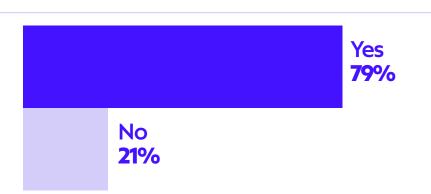
No



### Does mentoring positively impact your school's overall success in student achievement?

Yes

No



"I like getting to know my students as humans rather than just as students. I enjoy being a mentor and seeing them grow and succeed over the year."

Middle School Teacher,

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#### About the Gradient Learning Poll

The Gradient Learning Poll is conducted in partnership with <u>Project Tomorrow</u>, a nationally recognized, education nonprofit organization with a focus on understanding the impact of new learning models and interventions on student outcomes and teacher effectiveness. In Spring 2021, the Gradient Learning Poll conducted an online survey of 1,418 teachers and school leaders across the country to better understand their views on the state of education.

#### Thank you