



### **Suggested Text to Include in a Parent Communication or Newsletter**

**Directions:** *The text below is intended to provide you with sample language for sharing about the Responsive Classroom approach with parents and caregivers. Use what seems helpful and relevant in the communications you provide to your specific school community,*

#### **Sample Text:**

We are excited to share information about the Responsive Classroom approach, a student-centered approach to teaching and discipline. It comprises a set of research and evidence-based practices designed to create safe, joyful, and engaging classrooms and school communities for both students and teachers.

The *Responsive Classroom* approach focuses on engaging academics, positive community, effective management, and developmental awareness. *Responsive Classroom* practices help schools to be places where students develop strong social and academic skills. CASEL, The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, has awarded the *Responsive Classroom* approach their highest designation as a [CASEL SElect Program](#).

Our faculty and staff have participated in a training course to learn the approach and how best to bring it to our school community. We will engage in additional professional learning during the school year and use *Responsive Classroom* resources to build a more cohesive, positive community and best support our students and teachers.

#### **Suggested Closing Paragraph:**

Please join us for the *Responsive Classroom* informational meeting on [insert date, time, location], where we will share a more in-depth look at what the *Responsive Classroom* approach looks like at our school.

OR

We will incorporate an informational session on the *Responsive Classroom* approach at our Back-to-School night on Tuesday, August 15th. We look forward to seeing you there!

OR

Please join us for the Zoom/Meets/Teams *Responsive Classroom* informational meeting on (insert date) where we will share a more in-depth look at what the *Responsive Classroom* approach looks like at our school. We will record this meeting for those who are unable to attend.