



#### SCHOOL CLIMATE LITERATURE

The literature below is clustered by two major themes: Program and Measurement. Within each cluster, literature appears for the following content areas appear: bullying, challenging behavior, character education, health, school climate, school safety, student engagement, and mental health.

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