# Start of a pilot project in French speaking Belgium: benefits and challenges



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# Research design and schedule

|         | 2017-2018 |         |           | 2018-2019 |           | 2019-2020 |           |
|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| SCP     | Pretest   | Level 1 | Post-test | Level 2   | Post-test | Level 3   | Post-test |
| group   |           |         | 1         |           | 2         |           | 3         |
| (n=5)   |           |         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Control | Pretest   | /       | Post-test | /         | Post-test | /         | Post-test |
| group   |           |         | 1         |           | 2         |           | 3         |
| (n=5)   |           |         |           |           |           |           |           |

Data collected: school climate, behavior problems, absenteeism and academic performance + teachers' collective efficacy

# Les étapes du SCP

Exploration

Values and vision of the school

Strenghts/weakne sses and challenges of the school

Priorities of the school

Expected benefits

Prepara-

Creation of a SCP team

Organisation of implementation (choice reward system)

Training and coaching of the whole team

Start implemen -tation

Definition
expected
behaviors
//consequences

Communication expected behaviors

Active teaching expected behaviors

Systematic reinforcement expected behaviors

Full implemen -tation

Matrix with expected behaviors

Data gathering to assess and adapt interventions

Assessment of the quality and fidelity of implementation

# News from the field

|  | School | Type of school | Teachers' buy in                      | Phases of implementation already realised   |  |  |
|--|--------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|
|  | 1      | Elementary     | 100% of the people                    | <b>Exploration phase</b> : missions, vision, strengths/weaknesses, challenges   |  |  |
|  |        |                | attending the presentation            | <b>Preparation phase</b> : choice of values, definition expected behaviors // consequences (playground and hallways)                                      |  |  |
|  | 2      | Elementary     | 100%                                  | <b>Exploration phase</b> : missions, vision, strengths/weaknesses, challenges   |  |  |
|  |        |                |                                       | <b>Preparation phase</b> : choice of values, definition expected bebhaviors // consequences (playground and hallways)                                     |  |  |
|  | 3      | Elementary     | 100%                                  | <b>Exploration phase</b> : missions, vision, strengths/weaknesses, challenges   |  |  |
|  |        |                |                                       | Preparation phase: choice of values   |  |  |
|  | 4      | Middle school  | 89%                                   | <b>Exploration phase</b> : missions, vision, strengths/weaknesses, challenges   |  |  |
|  |        |                |                                       | <b>Preparation phase</b> : choice of values and reward system, choice of values, definition expected bebhaviors // consequences (playground and hallways) |  |  |
|  | 5      | Secondary      | Hasn't been presented to the team yet |   |  |  |

# Implementation experience from the first schools

| Positive factors   | Issues                                |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Teachers' buy in   | Fear to stumble                       |
| School staff support   | Desire to work fast                   |
| Organizational flexibility (to form the team and to organize meetings) | Organizational difficulties           |
| (Re)allocation of resources  | Translation and contextual adaptation |

Addational difficulty: situation of the schools we work with

# Tools used to gather data

| Data    | School climate   | Behavior problems   | Absenteeism     | Academic   | Teachers' collective efficacy                                   |
|---------|--|---|-----------------|--|---|
| Tool(s) | <ul> <li>Delaware school climate survey</li> <li>Georgia school climate survey (LaSalle et al., to be published)</li> <li>Both based on USDOE Safe and supportive schools model (engagement, safety, environment)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Performance classroom survey (Brady at al., 2012)</li> <li>Social, academic, &amp; emotional behavior risk screener (Kilgus et al., 2013; 2015; 2016)</li> </ul> | Absence records | State assessments (diagnostic and/or certificative) in math and French | Teachers' collective efficacy scale (Skaalvik & Skaalvik, 2007) |

#### School climate

Georgia school climate survey (Personal, Parents, Primary school pupils, Secondary school students)

Cross-cultural survey (12 countries)

Translation process

Field trial and cognitive labs

First results French version

- Secondary school students : Cronbach  $\alpha$  from .59 to .91 depending on the dimension (11 different dimensions
- Primary school pupils, personal and parents: in progress

Further data analysis will be conducted (structural modelling equation)

## Behavior problems

- Performance classroom survey (Brady at al., 2012)
- Social, academic, & emotional behavior risk screener (Kilgus et al., 2013; 2015; 2016)

Both: good psychometric properties in English → translation in French

Both tools will be proposed to teachers in order to test the cultural and practical fit

#### Absenteeism

Students' absence records from the schools

→ monitoring days of absence

# Academic performance

Results from state assessments diagnostic and/or certificative in math and French (maybe science) will be gathered

# Teachers' collective efficacy

Teachers' collective efficacy scale (Skaalvik & Skaalvik, 2007)

Good psychometric properties in English → translation in French

Psychometric qualities will be tested in French

# Fidelity of implementation

SET\_fr and TFI\_fr will be conducted at least once a year in both groups (intervention and control)