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Activity: *Cooperative Tarp (Paradigm Shift)*

Guiding Principle: Responsible and Involved Citizen

Objectives:

1. Participants will assess their own level of involvement.
2. Participants will create a list of barriers that they may encounter throughout the week.
3. Participants will create a list of qualities that may help to bring about change in their school.

Materials: Tarp (Size may vary according to group size), game bag

Time: 15 Minutes

Procedures:

1. Lay the tarp out flat, placing the game bag in the middle. Have the group stand on the tarp with both feet.
2. The goal is for the group to flip the tarp over with out stepping off or making contact with the ground around the tarp.
3. The problem has been solved when the group is standing on the other side of the tarp.
4. The game bag may not touch the ground around the tarp.

Processing:

1. Did the group have a plan? Did everyone know what the plan was, if not what prevented you from knowing the plan?
2. How involved were you in the process on a scale from one to four, (four being the most involved)?
3. What kind of effort did it take for the group to make the change and flip the tarp over? Can these same words help you change something in this school that you do not like?
4. Did the game bag present any additional challenges?
5. What kind of “baggage” or barriers may get in our way this week as a group?