

At Middle School 117 in the Bronx, one of the Study and Demonstration schools, Principal Delise Jones described what Turnaround adds to her school: "I see myself as a strong educator and I see my teaching staff as very strong on the instructional side but still, with all the effort, I couldn't make the school move in the way I wanted to. Turnaround brought the missing piece, helping us to know how to deal with kids facing great challenges—whether they were behavioral or academic—and their enormous effect on our school climate and environment. Because of the relationship to Turnaround, my building is calm, my teachers feel empowered to know how to deal with situations they couldn't deal with before and, most of all, our kids are achieving success in a way that was not possible before."