



## NOTE TO SELF

Caring educators cultivate a sense of belonging among their students. These practices are not left to chance and begin with the physical features of the classroom. Conduct an environmental scan of your classroom. Examine the following chart and note actions you take or help others take to create a sense of belonging. After you have finished, examine your reflection. What do you want to strengthen?

CHARACTERISTIC	HOW THIS IS EVIDENCED IN MY CLASSROOM
Students have a designated personal place for themselves and their possessions.	
Materials are accessible to students.	
Classroom agreements are posted, positively stated, and implemented.	
Student work is displayed.	
The classroom is clean and orderly.	
There is space for students to move around the classroom.	