## **Conscious Connection Chart**

LIFE SITUATION	INTERNAL/ SUBTLE RESPONSES (What this can feel like inside)	EMOTIONS (Unconscious or conscious response) / FEELINGS (Conscious, labeling)	EXTERNAL BEHAVIORS (What this can look like)	STRATEGIES (Unconscious or conscious choices we can make)	POTENTIAL OUTCOME
Red Zone FIGHT OR FLIGHT (Spikes)	Heart rate increases Potential cortisol release Blood flow increases to limbs Heart races or flutters	Frustrated Angry Enraged Worried Anxious Fearful Panicked	Yell/scream Tense up Sweat Clench (jaw, fists) Quick movements Jittery	Unconscious/ conscious choice: Being defensive Blaming Avoidance Running away	Get into fights Vocational insecurity Relationship conflict Isolation
Green Zone SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING (Waves)	Steady heart rate Potential dopamine, serotonin, and/or oxytocin release	Joyous Curious Present Safe Happy Calm Hopeful Peaceful	Smile Laughter Asking questions Focused Relaxed Energetic Moving with purpose	Conscious choice of being (way of being)	Personal or professional growth Healthy relationships Improved student engagement
Blue Zone FREEZE (Collapse, flat)	Heavy limbs Heightened levels of cortisol	Helpless Sad Depressed Discouraged Numb Shut down	Flat affect Exhausted Moving away (physically) Fainting	Unconscious/ conscious choice: Apathy Complacency Doing nothing Indecision	Vocational overwhelmingness Mental/emotional fatigue Isolation Compromised immunity

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