Table 1. Background information on selected schools

School	School size	Sample	School values related to collaborative learning and community building
School A (Grades 1-6)	ca. 500 pupils	3 out of 5 fifth-grade classes	Emphasis on - the pupil's perspective and development of social skills - respectful teacher-pupil interaction and home-school
		41 out of 83 pupils Final response rate 65.1%	 partnership longitudinally built constructive community participation in classroom communities and at the level of the whole school appreciating and noticing multiculturalism
School B (Grades 1-9)	ca. 750 pupils	2 out of 3 fifth-grade classes 33 out of 70 pupils Final response rate	Emphasis on - pupils' active roles at school (e.g., student union) and in their own learning (e.g., setting learning goals and evaluating them throughout the school year) - learning life skills, self-knowledge, and personal growth - student-centered and collaborative learning activities and phenomenon-based studies
School C (Grades 1-6)	ca. 550 pupils	70.2% 3 out of 5 fifth-grade classes 48 out of 104 pupils	Emphasis on - pupils' active roles at school (e.g., student union) and in their own learning (e.g., setting learning goals and evaluating them throughout the school year)
		Final response rate 64.0%	 learning life skills, self-knowledge, and personal growth student-centered and collaborative learning activities and phenomenon-based studies
School D (Grades 1-6)	ca. 100 pupils	1 fifth-grade class 11 out of 16 pupils	 Emphasis on the pupil's perspective and active role in learning the pupil's self-awareness, self-expression, and interaction with others
		Final response rate 68.8%	 learning life skills in relation to the ability to take care of oneself, others, and the environment community participation when practicing life skills activating students to take part in and affect school development, activity, and assessment collaborative and reflective learning practices
School E	ca. 450 pupils	3 fifth-grade classes	Emphasis on - shared values in the everyday functioning of the school
(Grades 1-6)		55 out of 77 pupils Final response rate 71.4%	 the pupil's perspective, which is the starting point of all school activities using multifaceted collaborative and participatory working methods to foster the development of interactive skills a joyful atmosphere for educating active and thoughtful individuals