Staying Happy and Healthy in a Demanding Job

What do you notice?	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet
I'm generally content to go to work each day.			
When people ask me what I do, I tell them the positive things about teaching.			
I have some tough days, but overall, the good in my job outweighs the bad.			
I approach problems in my job and try to solve them.			
In five years, I foresee myself teaching.			
Students, not summer vacations, are the best thing about my job.			

Classroom Environment

What do you notice?	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet
Walking into my classroom, it's clear what I value most as a teacher.			
Students and I can find things easily and put them back where they belong.			
Students and I regularly look at and refer to what's displayed on the classroom walls.			
My classroom resources and materials reflect a rich diversity, equal to that of the rich diversity of my students and the world.			
I would want to be a student in my classroom.			

Management, Part 1

Routines and Rituals

What do you notice?	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet
Students need few reminders of what to do, how to do it, and when to do it across various parts of the day/class.			
I spend an appropriate (minimal) amount of time redirecting students who are off task.			
Students can explain to a newcomer, a substitute, or a guest what to expect for different parts of the class.			
I reflect on and check for microaggressions by me and among students regularly, working toward an equitable environment for all.			
There are regular routines that cultivate community and empathy and few that instill hierarchy and power.			

Management, Part 2 Relationship Building

What do you notice?	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet
I know at least two things about each of my students, neither of which have to do with grades or academic performance.			
I feel comfortable arranging my students into almost any group structure, knowing they will treat one another with respect.			
I'm confident that I'm saying everyone's name the way they want it to be said and that every student can do the same for one another.			
Students are deeply aware that I care about them and their well-being.			

Independent Practice

What do you notice?	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet
The bulk of class time is students working on their own or in groups. I am "on" in front of the whole class briefly, if at all.			
Students transition into independent practice smoothly and efficiently.			
Students work as hard or harder than I do during class time.			
Most students produce a high volume of work on a consistent basis.			
I'm able to use independent practice time to coach students and provide immediate feedback.			
Most of my students are able to focus on the work at hand for at least as many minutes as their age, be pulled back for a quick refocusing point, and jump back in again for as many minutes.			

Formative Assessment and Feedback

What do you notice?	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet
My lesson planning reflects where students are at and where they can go next.			
I have a clear sense of what my students are able to do in relation to the grade-level and unit expectations.			
Students have a clear sense of their strengths and what to work on and toward.			
I spend more time doing formative assessments and providing feedback than on grading.			
I have an organized system for keeping data and feedback on my students (that isn't just grades).			

Planning Matters

What do you notice?	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet
For each lesson and unit, I can state what I want students to know, understand, and be able to do by the end.			
Students can consistently answer: "What are you learning to do today? Why? How will you show what you learned?"			
All students are engaged in the lessons, not just the academic performers.			
Lessons build on what came before, and they lead up to what comes next.			
I feel confident in my knowledge of the content and can predict where my students might struggle with it.			
There are multiple ways for students to engage in and be successful with the learning goal.			

Teacher-Led Instruction

What do you notice?	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet	
My whole-class instruction is typically ten minutes or less per lesson.				
My instruction is layered so each student has something to grasp onto.				
My daily instruction leads up to explicit end-of-unit understandings and goals.				
Students can say what they are learning to do and why for any given class.				

Student Talk and Collaboration

What do you notice?	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet
Students talk to one another to build understandings and to help and learn from one another.			
When it's time to discuss, students speak freely and stay on topic.			
I don't have an answer in mind when I pose questions to students.			
The work and thinking students produce together is better than what they do on their own.			

Summative Assessment and Grading

What do you notice?	Yes	Sometimes	Not yet
I spend more time checking for understanding and responding accordingly than grading final work.			
Students accurately predict how they will perform on assessments. I know this because they assess their work before I do.			
Assessments reflect what I have taught and what I most value.			
Assessments allow for multiple ways for students to show understandings.			