



SHOREWOOD SCHOOL BOARD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Topic: School Perceptions Surveys

Date: March 9, 2021

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Recommended action:

- Information only
- Presentation/discussion
- Discussion/action by board of education
- Presentation/action next meeting

Purpose:

To review School Perceptions 2020 survey results, and discuss plans for administering the 2021 survey, including COVID-19 related topics that can inform planning priorities for the 2021-2022 school year.

Additional Information:

The annual presentation of School Perceptions student, staff and parent/community survey trends and information was cancelled due to COVID-19 school closures in spring 2020. Sue Peterson, our School Perceptions consultant, will join the March 9 Board meeting to discuss their survey work and 2021 plans.

School Perceptions has conducted anonymous surveys of parents/community members and staff for the District since 2017. Results of these surveys help us understand what we are doing well and what we need to improve on in terms of systems and management. School Perceptions surveys informed the District's decision to create a dedicated Human Resources department to better support faculty and staff, referendum planning and annual priorities for the schools in recent years including engagement in our ICS for Equity program. Data taken from these surveys is also used by the School Board in our Operational Expectations that are monitored on an annual basis.

Comments provided through this survey tool are kept by School Perceptions and reviewed annually by administrators to provide some context into the data that we receive on the surveys. This was not completed this year due to the pandemic preparation that occurred last summer.

The comments from 2020 and 2021 will be reviewed this year by our administrators during our Summer of 2021 in preparation for the upcoming school year.

My personal reflections on the data regarding district administration has boosted my focus on improving communication with staff from myself and our cabinet. Supporting staff by creating an HR position and maintaining the Director for Equity role are also part of my commitment to continue to support staff during these difficult transformational times.

Student School Perceptions surveys are confidential; they are not anonymous. Student survey data helps us identify and examine patterns and trends in responses about daily learning experiences, engagement and social/emotional wellness, making the alignment of individual responses to District demographic information critical to accuracy of student data grouped by gender, ethnicity, grade, etc.

The spring timeline (posted with the materials) for administration of 2021 School Perceptions surveys is being reviewed and discussed with building leadership to coordinate parent notification, faculty and staff messaging to students in advance of the survey, and needed follow up. The District has also continued discussions with parents, faculty and staff about the continued use of third party and internal survey tools, and revisions to District survey policies and procedures that will be in place July 1, 2021.