

In the spring, the administration launches a community survey to collect feedback from parents, staff, students in grades four through eight, and Pleasantdale graduates. As our District Communication Plan dictates, we administer the state required 5Essentials of Learning Conditions Survey in odd years and a district specific survey in even years. This cycle of survey administration gives us a clear picture of our schools' climate and culture without causing survey fatigue.

The goal of these surveys to get information on constituents' experiences in our schools and use this information to improve our schools. This spring, the district contracted with School Perceptions, a well respected and independent research firm, to develop and execute the survey administration. The survey completion window was two weeks for each constituent group. Below are the response rates for each constituent group.

- Parents: 223
- Students: 424
- Staff: 92
- Pleasantdale Graduates: 39

This is the second administration of this survey, allowing the district to begin compiling trend data. While two administrations does not allow definite conclusions, it does provide data to inform improvement strategies. The data show that perceptions of the district are positive, and constituents report the district is headed in the right direction. Below you will find some highlights from our surveys:

- 93% of parents report that they are overall satisfied with the district.
- 91% of parents report that they are satisfied with communication that comes from the district.
- 85% of parents believe the district is headed in the right direction.
- 81% of staff report that the district has improved over the last year.
- 89% of staff believe that the district is a good place to work.
- 90% of students report that they learn a lot at school.
- 86% of students report feeling safe at school.
- 85% of students report good relationships with adults at school.
- 92% of graduates report that they are well prepared for high school academics.
- 82% of graduates report they were well prepared to make the transition to high school.

With such a detailed survey and a high response rate, there was a sizable amount of data to review. The data suggests that, overall, the district is meeting the needs of students, parents, and staff; however, there are areas for improvement. These areas include providing staff more time to complete job responsibilities, better involving parents in the educational process, and helping students to better manage stress.

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Moving forward, administrators will use data to inform decisions in our professional goals and priorities as we implement the District's Strategic Blueprint. Additionally, data will be analyzed for use on our school improvement goals.

Main Takeaways:

- Survey garnered a high response rate from all constituents.
- Overall positive responses regarding district programs and services.
- Survey data will be used to set goals and move our district forward.