

Mr. Pelofske met with just under 40 students (~10% of the Upper School). The students were selected to be a mix of those with IEP's, 504's, ethnic/cultural backgrounds, new-to-Nova and veteran students, as well as academically strong and challenged students. The student groups aimed to have representation 2+ from each potential demographic of students represented here at school.

US Feedback Survey - Starting 2021-2022 School Year

82% rated the school year a 3 or 4 (comfortable or very comfortable)

Most common challenges?

- Managing & **keeping up with homework, feeling tired & hungry during the day**, and meeting new people/making new friends.
- Only 5 students had concerns about Covid or illnesses happening at school

What has gone well?

Being in class and **at school with my peers**, being **in-class with my teachers**, and feeling settled/back to a **familiar routine** (having a regular class schedule)

What has a teacher done to help you this year?

- Allowed re-takes or corrections, reduced amount of work, and given extra time on an assignment.
- "I do know that teachers will give extensions and had teachers give out extra credit".

From listening sessions:

- Nearly all **felt they could go to teacher(s) for help**, and majority had at least once, but common reasons they didn't was worry about how their peers might see them not feeling like they had time to ask.
- High school students described **feeling more exhausted as the year continues**, not only from schoolwork but "social exhaustion" being around other students & friends/talking during the day (even if getting more sleep than before).
- Very much appreciate when teachers give working time in class, chance to ask for help one-on-one.
- Harder to keep up with homework after school because so tired from the school schedule, more school work in past month especially.