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## MINNESOTA STUDENT SURVERY SUMMARY

#### SURVEY DESCRIPTION

Students at Medford Public School in grades 5, 8, 9, and 11 took the Minnesota Student Survey during March of 2016. The survey is an anonymous statewide school-based survey conducted to gain insights into the world of students and their experiences. The survey is voluntary to both school districts and individual students. It asks students about their activities, opinions, behaviors, and experiences. Students respond to questions on school climate, bullying, out of school activities, health and nutrition, emotional and mental health, relationships, substance use and more. All responses are anonymous.

#### AREAS OF STRENGTH

#### **ELEMENTARY:**

1. Feelings about school

Question: At my school, teachers care about students.

Data: Strongly Agree and Agree

State Boys = 96% Medford Boys = 96% State Girls = 96% Medford = 100%

2. Emotional Well-Being and Distress of 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys

Question: I sometimes feel bad without knowing why

Data: Strongly Agree

State = 12% Medford = 2%

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

1. Substance Abuse numbers are quite low with most drug categories being reported at 100% never used.

Question: No alcohol, marijuana or other drug use in the past year.

Data: 11th Grade Boys

State = 54% Medford = 84%

2. Post-Secondary Planning

*Question:* Plan to attend college, a license or certificate program, apprenticeship, or military training RIGHT AFTER high school.

Data:

State = All grade levels reported between 85% - 95%

Medford = All grade levels reported between 75% - 92% (only 8<sup>th</sup> boys below 83%)

#### **AREAS OF CONCERN**

#### **ELEMENTARY:**

# 1. Anti- Social/Bullying behavior for 5th grade boys

Question: During the last 12 months often have you damaged or destroyed property?

Data: % Once or Twice

State = 14% Medford = 29%

Question: During the last 12 months how often have you hit or beat up another person?

Data: % Once or Twice

State = 17% Medford = 29%

# 2. 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' perception of caring adults at school (caring toward them individually as opposed to caring for other students)

Question: How much do you feel teachers/other adults at school care about you?

Data: % Not at all

State = 2% Medford = 13%

#### **HIGH SCHOOL:**

# 1. Social/Emotional and Mental Health concerns for 8th and 9th girls

*Question:* Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by feeling down, depressed or hopeless?

Data: % of Never Responses

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: State = 53% Medford = 20% 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: State = 50% Medford = 27%

## 2. Social Bullying behaviors of 8th and 9th grade girls

*Question:* During the last 30 days, on how many days have other students at school spread mean rumors or lies about you?

Data: % reporting several times a week or everyday

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: State = 5% Medford = 10% 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: State = 5% Medford = 9%