

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

February 24, 2009

District LifeTrack Exit Surveys: Classes of 2007 and 2008

Board Goal:

I. VISION (c.) goals for individual campuses... LifeTrack program collects follow-up information from graduates to use in campus and departmental evaluation and goal setting;
II. TEACHING & LEARNING (f.) advocate and practice true accountability...LifeTrack data used to identify student needs and design measures to assist student progress.

Purpose of Report:

Update the Board of Trustees regarding the most recent data received from the LifeTrack exit survey of the Class of 2008 compared to the data from the LifeTrack exit survey of the Class of 2007. Baseline Data was presented to the Board during the retreat in October 2007.

Objectives:

- Compare results from first two years of Exit Survey Reports from LifeTrack
- Make available to the Board, District Data expanded to reflect ethnic group responses
- Give Board Members adequate time to study information prior to the presentation of next phase of LifeTrack reports—18 month survey for the class of 2007, expected summer of 2009.

Operational Impact:

No direct fiscal impact. Data is used for building and district level evaluation of student perceptions of curriculum, student services, and school climate on the high school campuses.

Results:

The initial LifeTrack Survey served as a baseline for measuring student perceptions about curriculum, student services and school climate. Campuses and District Directors utilized the data for goal setting purposes. Results of a comparison between the responses of the Class of 2007 and 2008 indicate that there was positive improvement in all areas of student perception. Campus and District goals continue to seek improvement in services that are reflected in the survey. We look forward to the initial exit survey, 18-month to 2 year follow-up report, and the 5 year culminating report for each high school graduating class.

Other Options: Management of the data collection process “in-house” was considered, but the data collection process and reporting offered by LifeTrack is tailored to our needs and has an excellent response record.

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