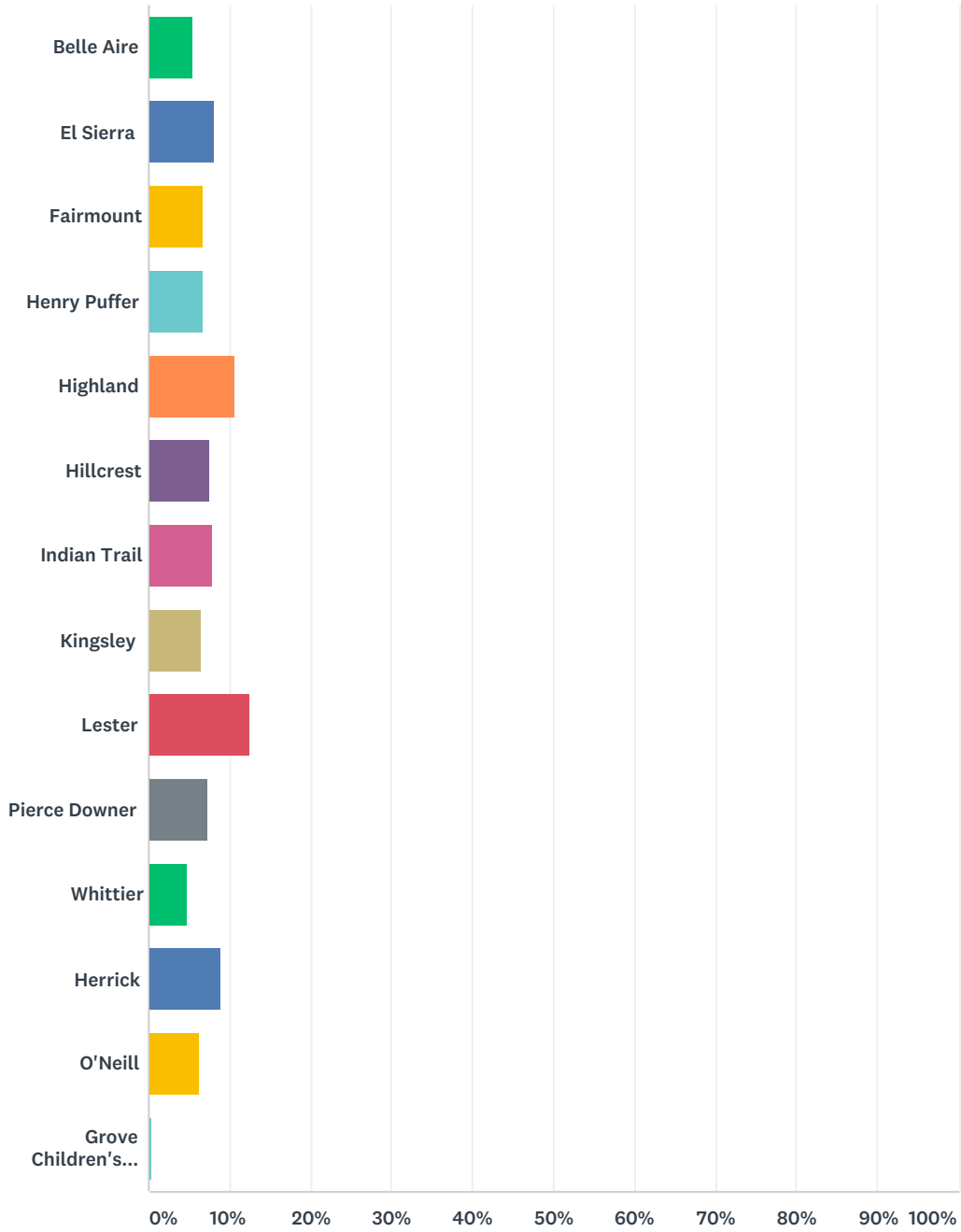


Q1 My student attends

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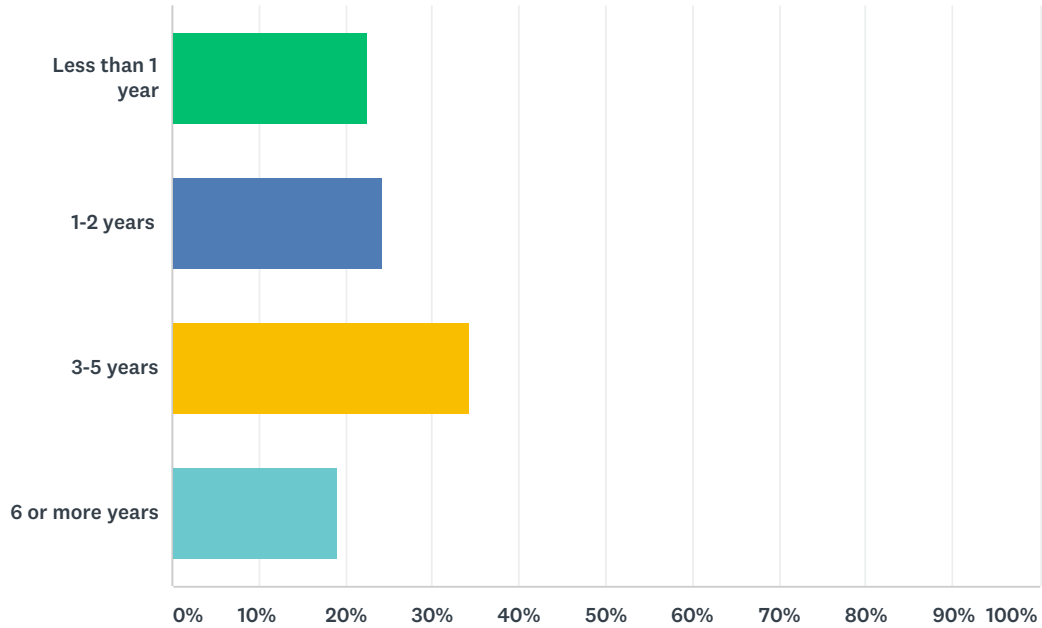
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Belle Aire	5.36%	51
El Sierra	8.20%	78
Fairmount	6.73%	64
Henry Puffer	6.62%	63
Highland	10.62%	101

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Hillcrest	7.57%	72
Indian Trail	7.99%	76
Kingsley	6.52%	62
Lester	12.51%	119
Pierce Downer	7.26%	69
Whittier	4.84%	46
Herrick	9.04%	86
O'Neill	6.31%	60
Grove Children's Preschool	0.42%	4
TOTAL		951

Q2 How many years has/have your child(ren) attended this school?

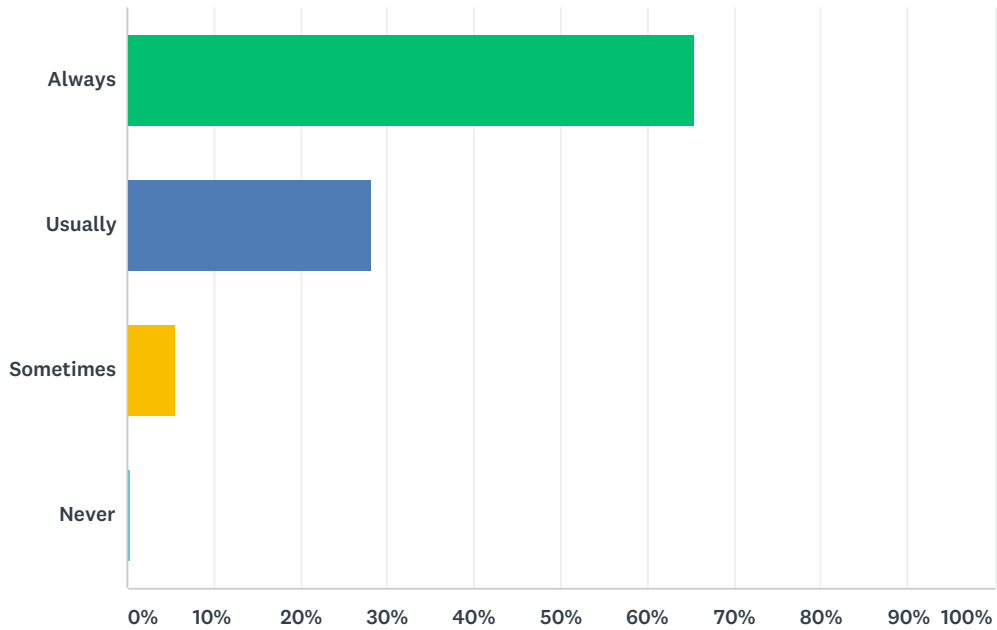
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Less than 1 year	22.56% 215
1-2 years	24.24% 231
3-5 years	34.21% 326
6 or more years	18.99% 181
TOTAL	953

Q3 My child feels his/her teacher(s) really care(s) about him/her.

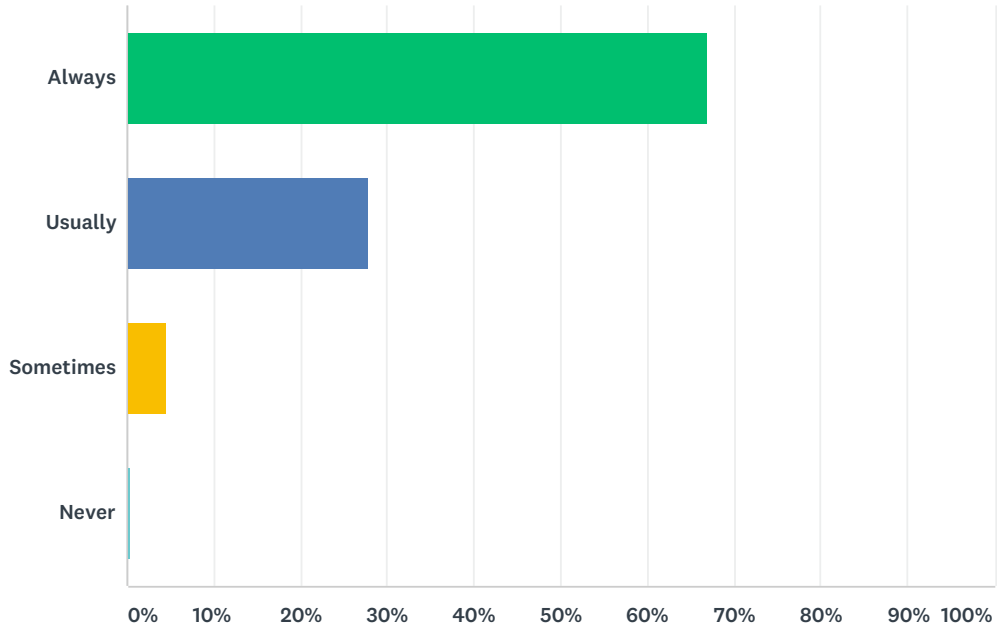
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	65.52%	570
Usually	28.28%	246
Sometimes	5.75%	50
Never	0.46%	4
TOTAL		870

Q4 This school is a supportive and inviting place for students.

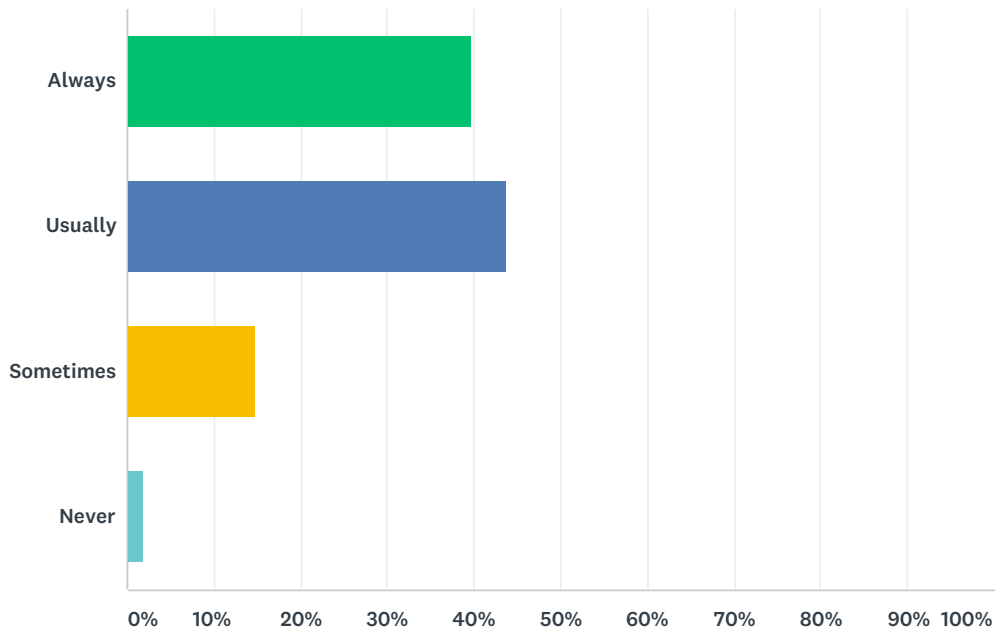
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	67.01%	581
Usually	27.91%	242
Sometimes	4.61%	40
Never	0.46%	4
TOTAL		867

Q5 My child feels comfortable talking to adults in the school about problems he/she may be having.

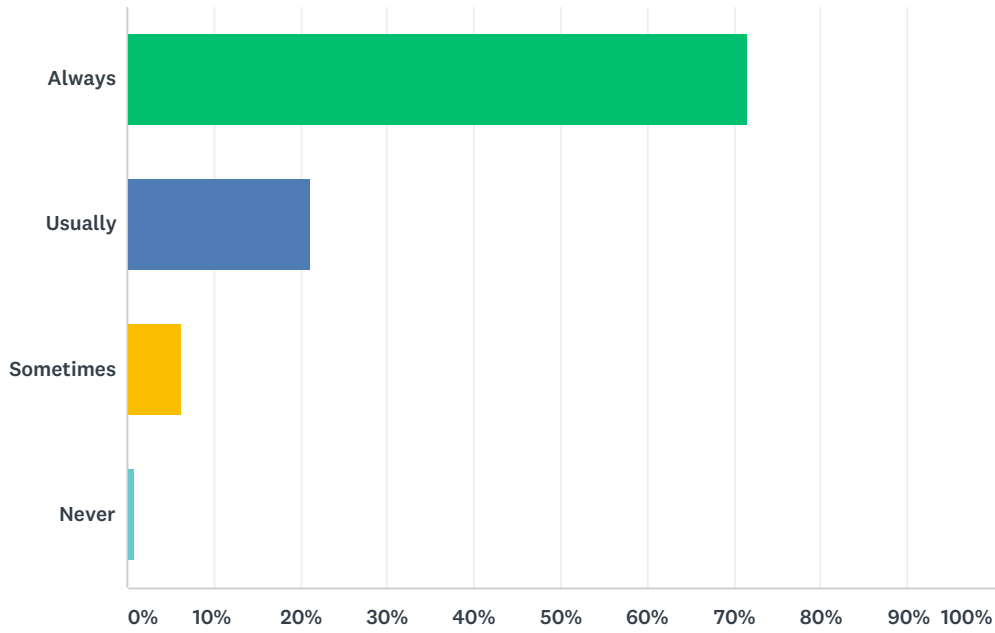
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	39.65%	343
Usually	43.70%	378
Sometimes	14.80%	128
Never	1.85%	16
TOTAL		865

Q6 I have sufficient opportunities to communicate with my child's teacher(s).

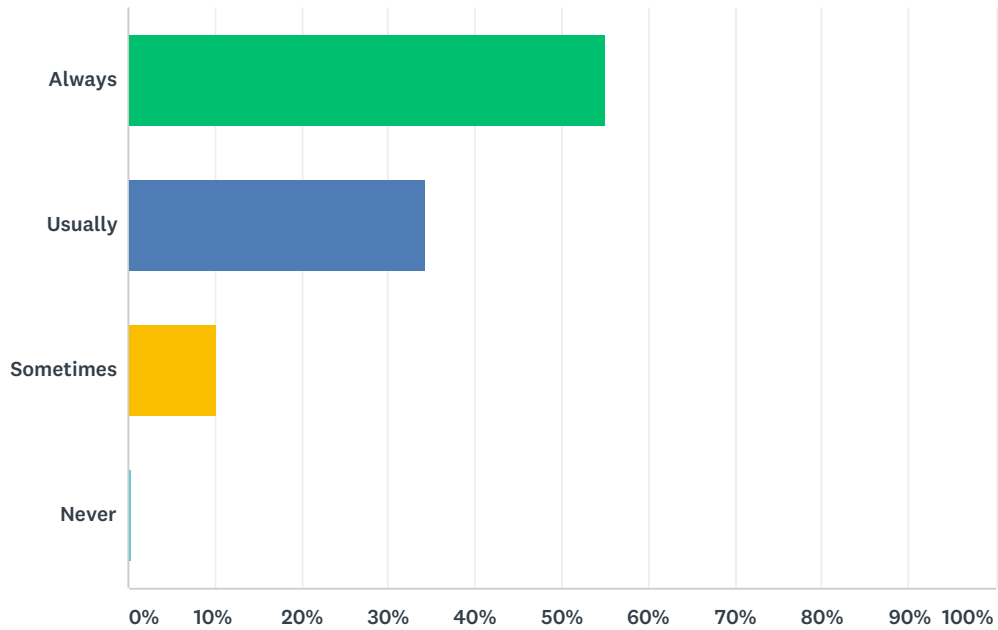
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	71.63%	621
Usually	21.11%	183
Sometimes	6.34%	55
Never	0.92%	8
TOTAL		867

Q7 My child is getting a quality education at this school.

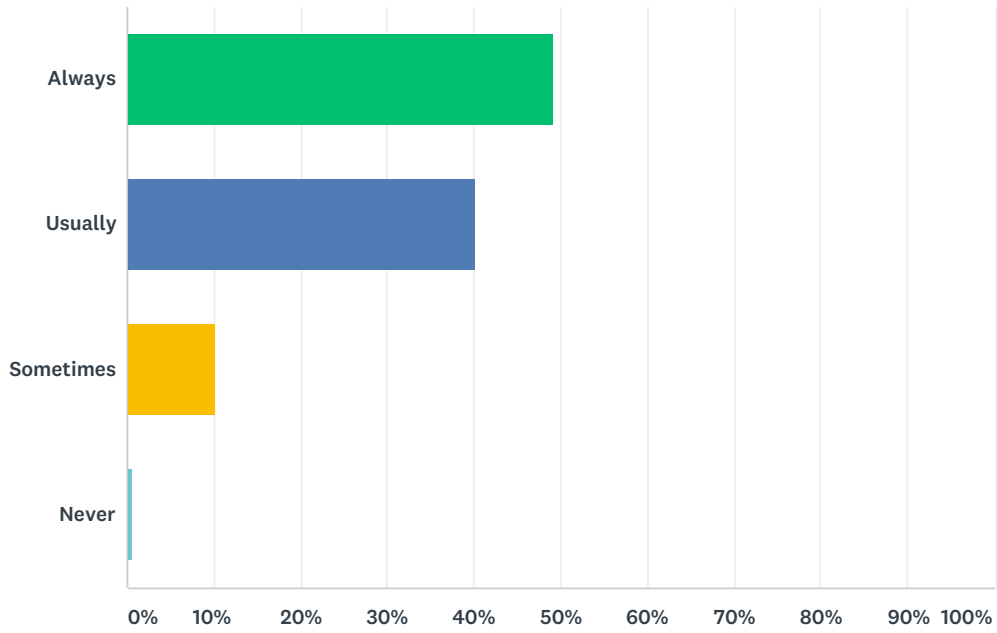
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Always	54.97% 476
Usually	34.30% 297
Sometimes	10.28% 89
Never	0.46% 4
TOTAL	866

Q8 If my child has a problem at school, an adult helps him/her solve it, if needed.

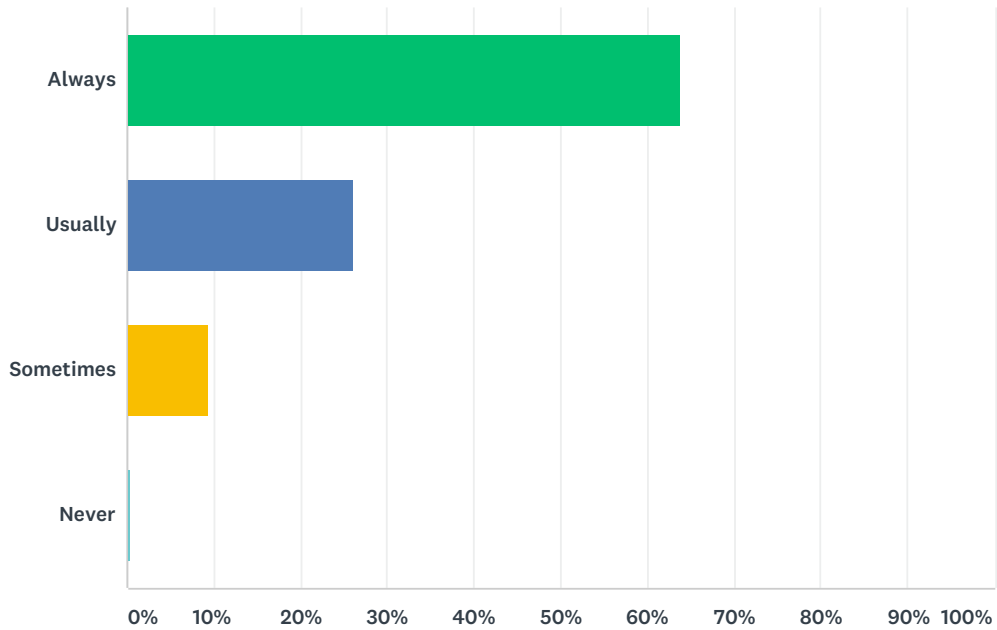
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	49.08%	425
Usually	40.18%	348
Sometimes	10.16%	88
Never	0.58%	5
TOTAL		866

Q9 This school is a supportive and inviting place for parents/guardians.

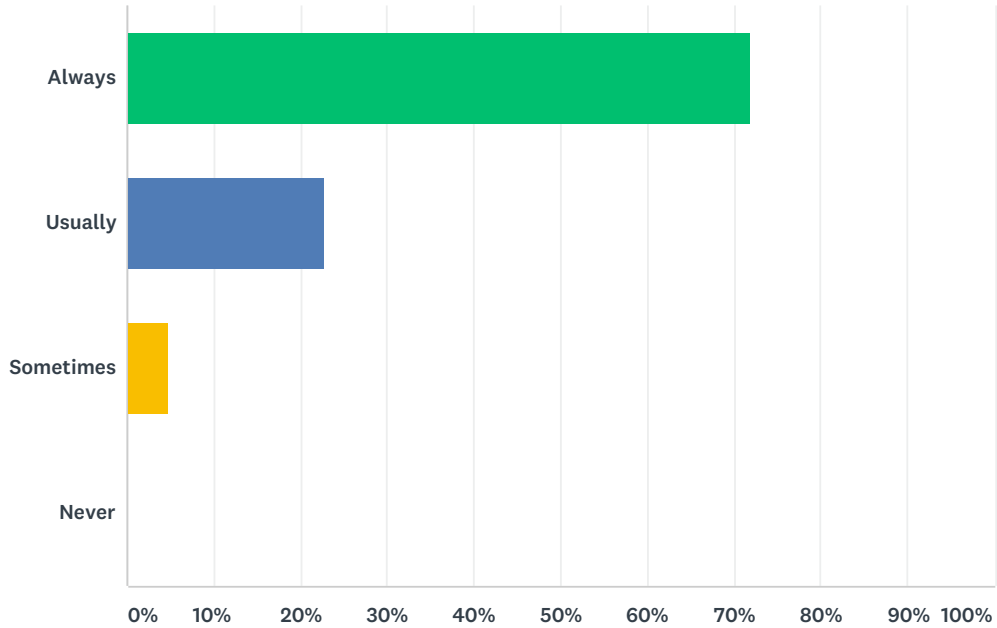
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	63.86%	553
Usually	26.21%	227
Sometimes	9.47%	82
Never	0.46%	4
TOTAL		866

Q10 Adults at this school believe that my child can be a success.

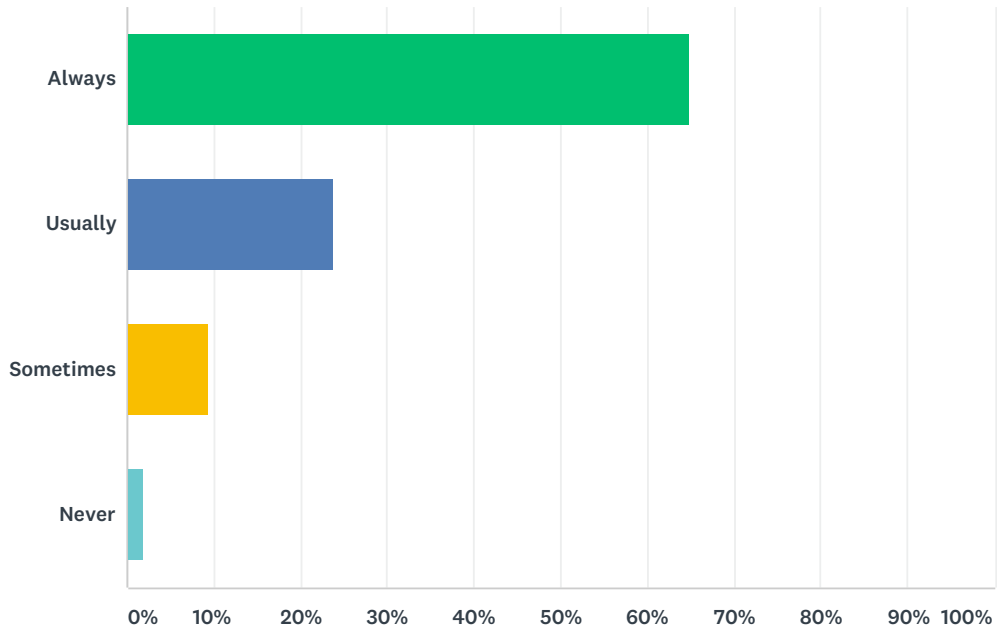
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	72.02%	623
Usually	22.89%	198
Sometimes	4.86%	42
Never	0.23%	2
TOTAL		865

Q11 This school encourages parent/guardian involvement in children's social and emotional development.

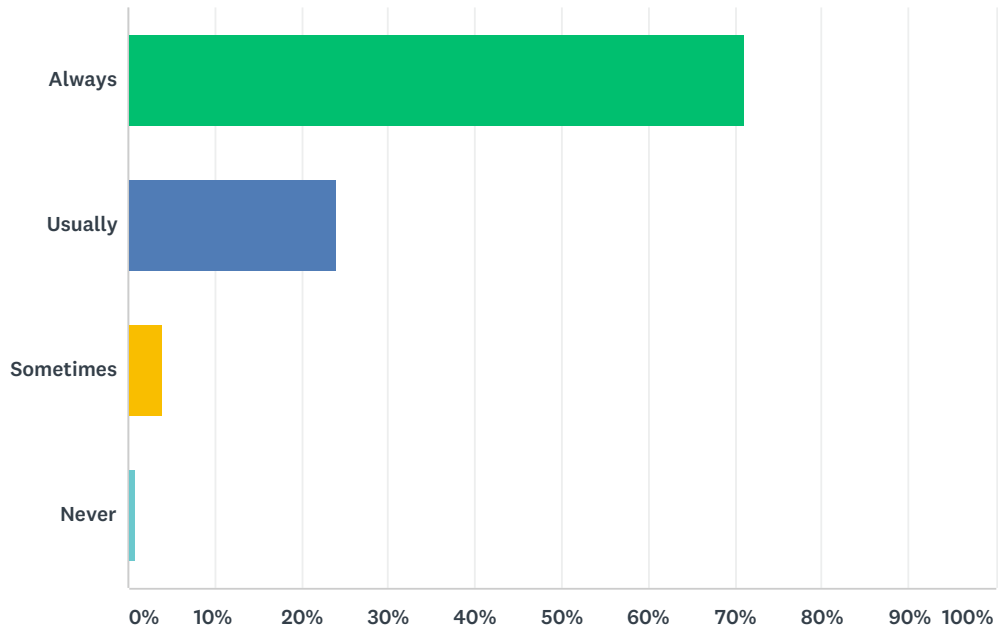
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	64.85%	559
Usually	23.78%	205
Sometimes	9.51%	82
Never	1.86%	16
TOTAL		862

Q12 My child is cared for by the adults at school.

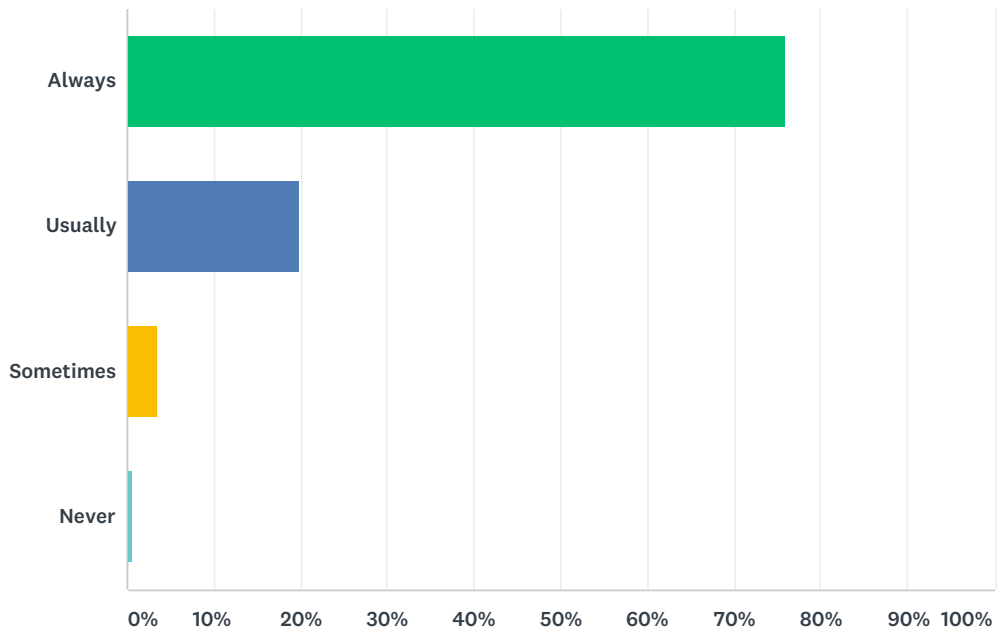
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	71.10%	610
Usually	24.01%	206
Sometimes	4.08%	35
Never	0.82%	7
TOTAL		858

Q13 If my child is injured or not feeling well, an adult at school helps him/her.

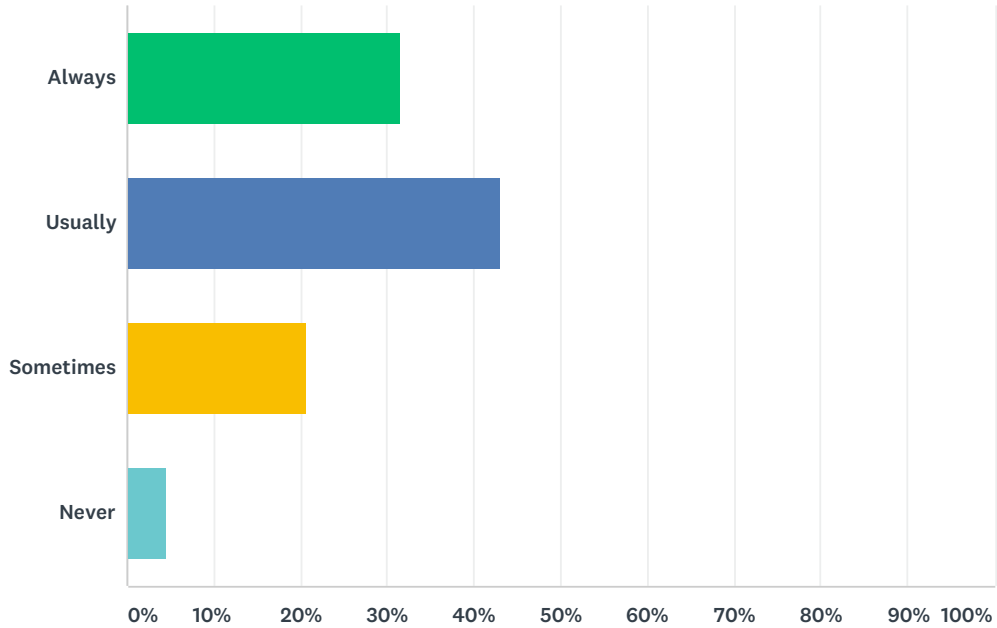
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	75.96%	654
Usually	19.86%	171
Sometimes	3.60%	31
Never	0.58%	5
TOTAL		861

Q14 Parent feedback is considered in the school’s decision-making.

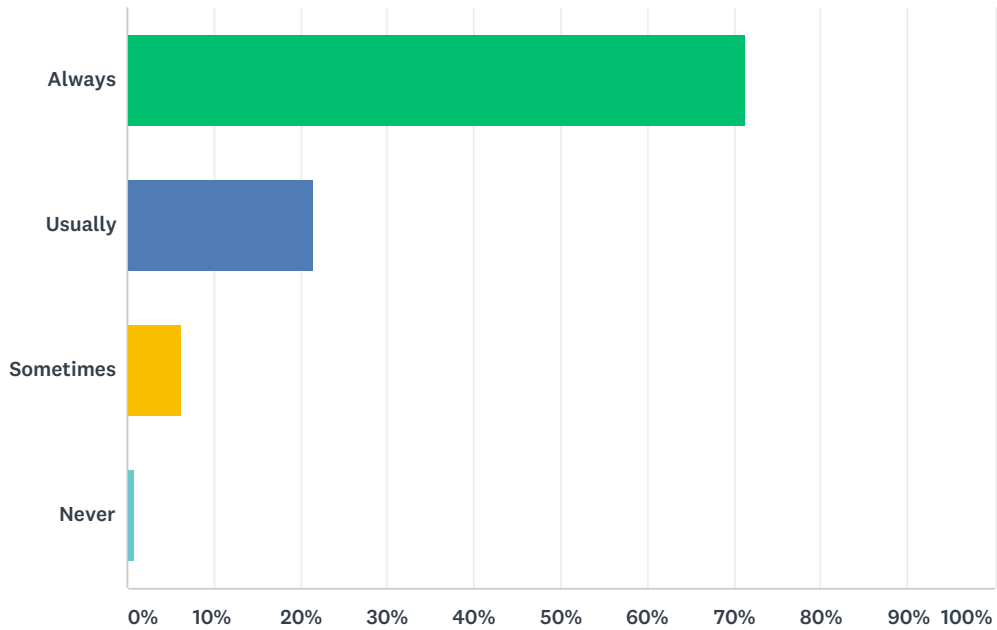
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	31.65%	270
Usually	43.14%	368
Sometimes	20.63%	176
Never	4.57%	39
TOTAL		853

Q15 My child's teacher is welcoming and interested in what I have to say.

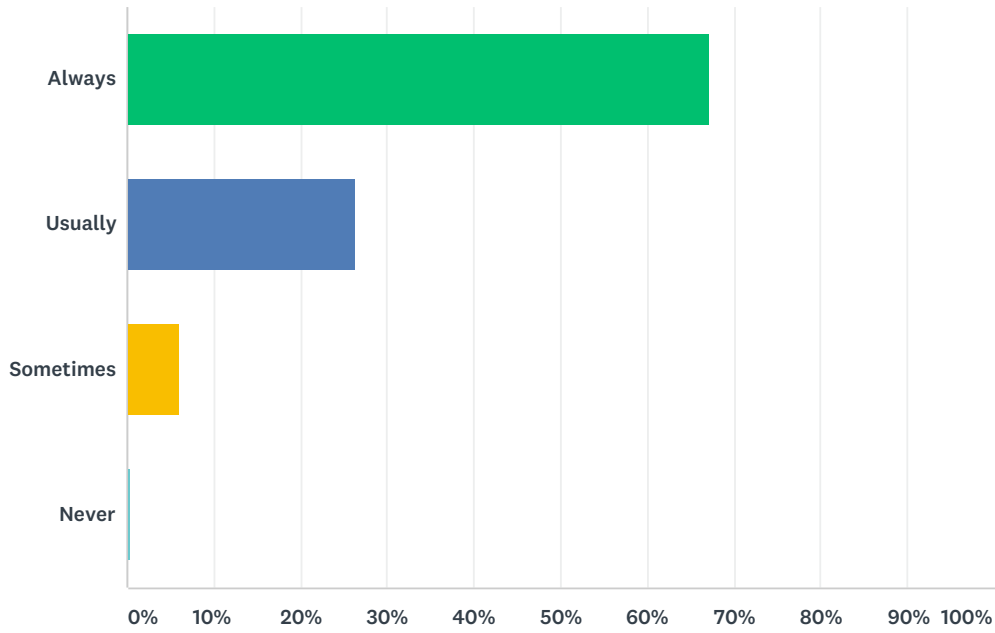
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	71.31%	614
Usually	21.49%	185
Sometimes	6.27%	54
Never	0.93%	8
TOTAL		861

Q16 My child's school is a supportive and inviting place for students to learn.

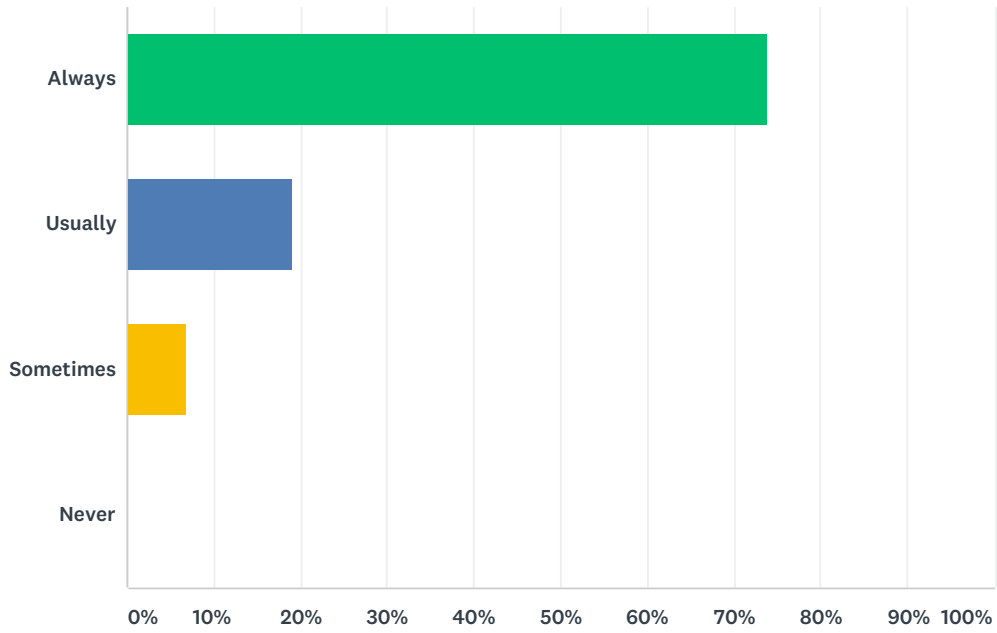
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	67.21%	578
Usually	26.28%	226
Sometimes	6.05%	52
Never	0.47%	4
TOTAL		860

Q17 My child's SCHOOL welcomes parents to school events and activities.

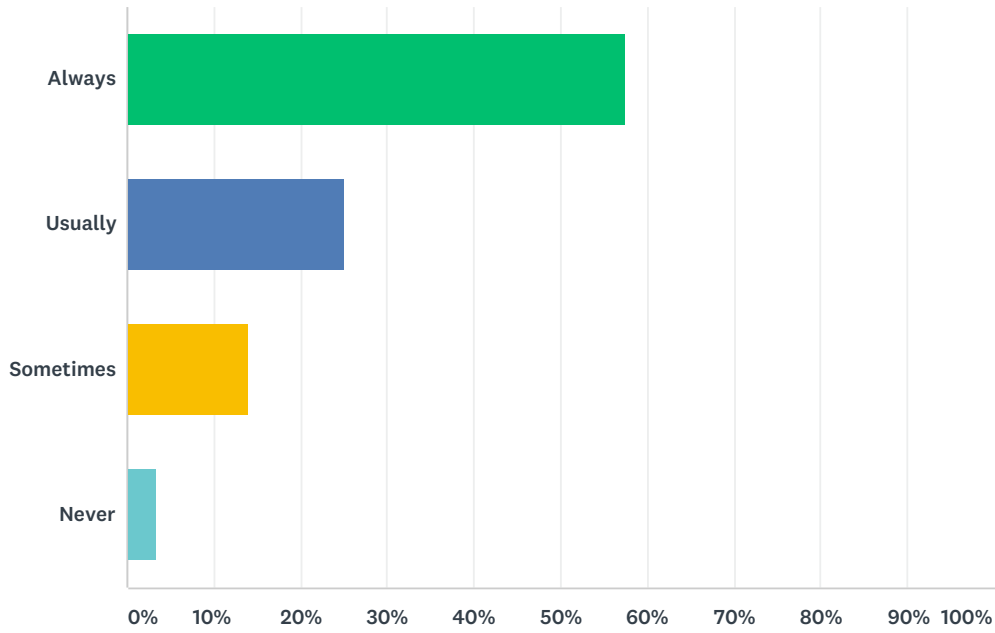
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	73.84%	635
Usually	19.07%	164
Sometimes	6.98%	60
Never	0.12%	1
TOTAL		860

Q18 My child's CLASSROOM welcomes parents to classroom events/activities.

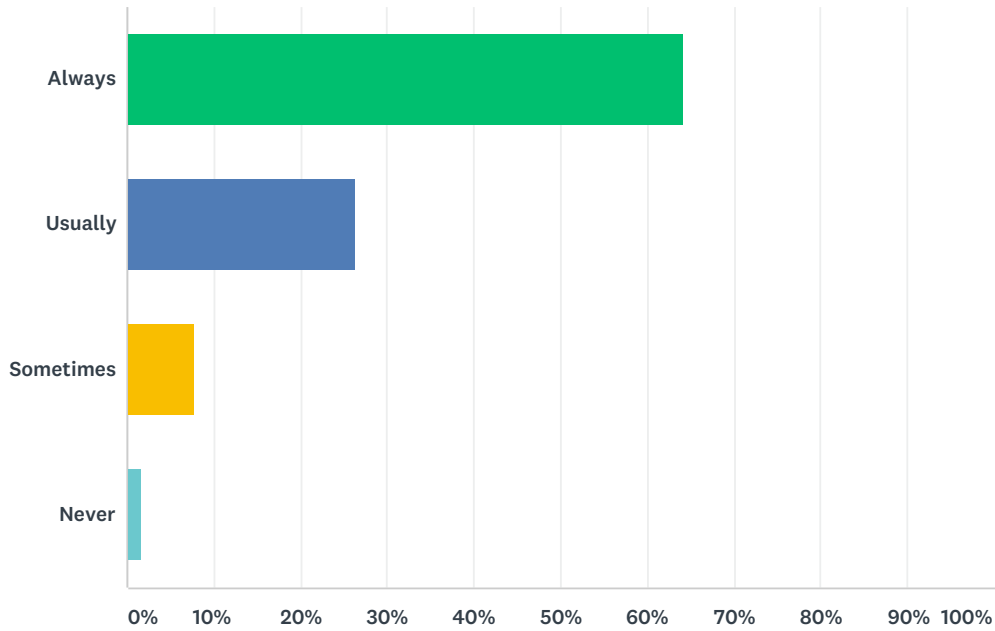
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	57.61%	496
Usually	25.09%	216
Sometimes	14.05%	121
Never	3.25%	28
TOTAL		861

Q19 My child's school fosters an appreciation of student diversity and respect for each other.

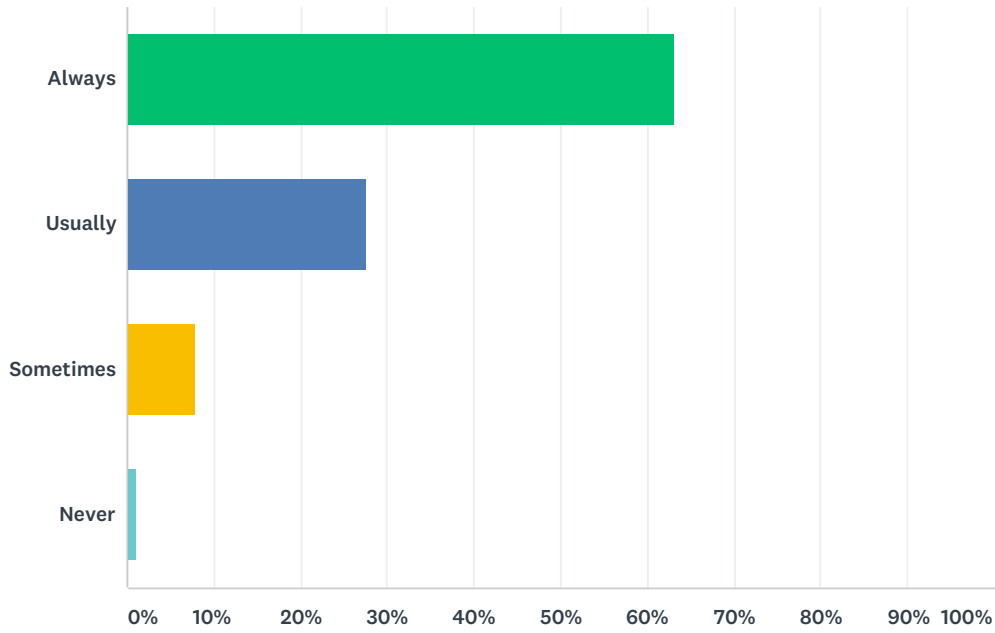
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	64.19%	552
Usually	26.40%	227
Sometimes	7.79%	67
Never	1.63%	14
TOTAL		860

Q20 My child's school focuses on teaching the whole child, including social and emotional skills.

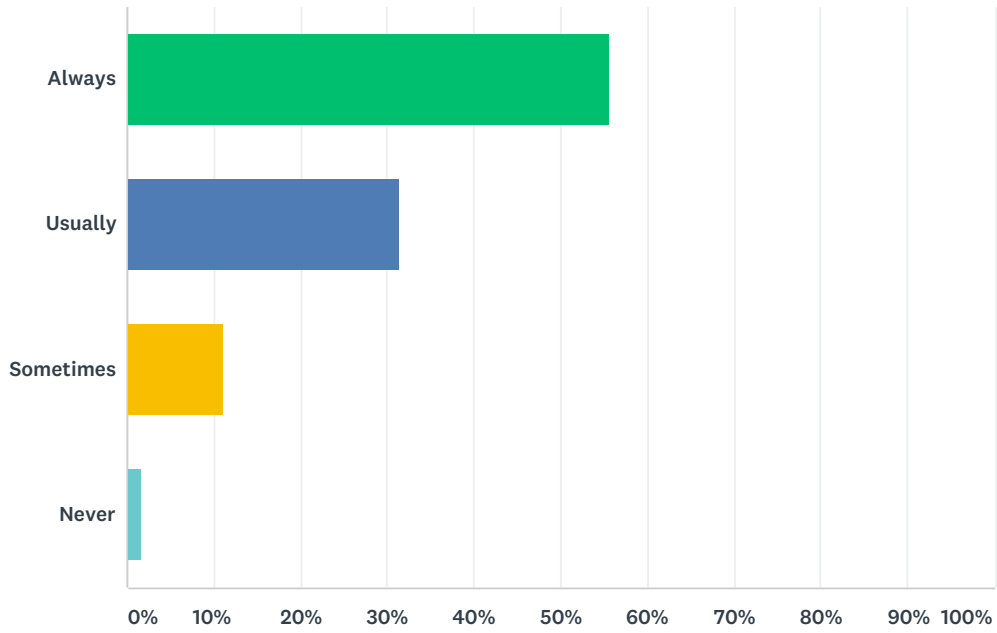
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	63.21%	543
Usually	27.71%	238
Sometimes	8.03%	69
Never	1.05%	9
TOTAL		859

Q21 My child’s teacher(s) communicates with me about my child’s progress.

Answered: 864 Skipped: 88



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	55.67%	481
Usually	31.48%	272
Sometimes	11.11%	96
Never	1.74%	15
TOTAL		864

Q22 What is one thing District 58 and/or your school does well that you would like us to continue?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Love the district communication ' sends out each week, so informative and helpful. Love hearing positive notes about my child and how I can help more at home.	12/22/2017 11:58 PM
2	Provides safe, welcoming environment, that fosters growth academically and emotionally.	12/22/2017 9:20 PM
3	Communication between the school and parents	12/22/2017 8:43 PM
4	keeps us informed weekly; Staff is active and supports PTA; love the different opportunities for families to be involved in the school.	12/22/2017 7:39 PM
5	Communicating with the parents on a daily basis on what our children are learning with the remind app.	12/22/2017 4:31 PM
6	Sending information out to parents	12/22/2017 1:52 PM
7	My child's school (Puffer) does a terrific job of making sure his social/emotional needs are met.	12/22/2017 1:32 PM
8	It's a welcoming friendly school with a great community.	12/22/2017 12:21 PM
9	Building a sense of community.	12/22/2017 11:51 AM
10	Quality teachers!	12/22/2017 11:23 AM
11	Work on better communication regarding activities, expectations and processes used to make decisions- parents are not in the school everyday and if we have young children don't assume or that things are a "given", communication should be detailed.	12/22/2017 10:51 AM
12	From my opinion, great improvement at our school with the principal. She is amazing and the kids and parents love her.	12/22/2017 10:02 AM
13	Our school does a great job connecting the younger students with the older students through their buddy system and family groups. It seems like it is doing a nice job creating a cohesive school community. I also appreciate the socio-emotional curriculum that students work on. Yet the district would benefit from being proactive and taking encouragement of pro-social behaviors and empathy among students a few steps further by adopting an evidence-based bullying prevention program and implementing it across curricula and school activities. If an evidence-based bullying prevention program has been adopted and implemented already, it is important that this information is available on the district website and in district documents and communications.	12/22/2017 9:43 AM
14	It's all good.	12/22/2017 9:37 AM
15	I really respect to all staff of the school because all are very supportive and friendly to student and even with parents too.They always try to brings many more stuffs for learning and other activities for students so I wish to continue as always to this way !	12/22/2017 9:26 AM
16	Communication is great!	12/22/2017 9:19 AM
17	Constant weekly updates about what is going on in the classroom.	12/22/2017 9:10 AM
18	I'm very happy that her school teaches curriculum based on each child's level.	12/22/2017 8:59 AM
19	project based learning	12/22/2017 8:49 AM
20	the musical program	12/22/2017 8:43 AM
21	Our son feels safe at Herrick and it seems that the courses are preparing him for high school.	12/22/2017 8:23 AM
22	Provide opportunities for students that are not in the top tier spots to make up the difference so they could be in a top tier spot later in the year or the next year.	12/22/2017 8:17 AM
23	Parent communication.	12/22/2017 7:08 AM
24	Continue to foster an open environment for parents to participate and share.	12/22/2017 7:00 AM

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25	The teachers are phenomenal! They truly care about my child.	12/22/2017 6:20 AM
26	Communication is great!	12/22/2017 4:11 AM
27	Encouraging my son when he puts too much pressure on himself - help him to relax and learn patience.	12/22/2017 4:02 AM
28	The staff at [redacted] the teachers, principal, and others - all seem to genuinely care about my children. They know their names, and habits, and quirks and I know they are cared for in educational and emotional growth.	12/22/2017 1:06 AM
29	I like the weekly newsletter.	12/21/2017 11:34 PM
30	Varied math groups.	12/21/2017 10:23 PM
31	Involved teachers	12/21/2017 10:15 PM
32	Washington DC trip offering is a huge plus	12/21/2017 10:12 PM
33	Always open to communication between the teachers and the parents.	12/21/2017 10:12 PM
34	Great communication from the staff and teachers.	12/21/2017 10:02 PM
35	Continue to inform about pesticide use at schools	12/21/2017 9:57 PM
36	Seesaw app - it's a great way to see what my child is working on at school and it makes me feel like a part of his day. Teachers respond quickly to emails and messages, even after hours.	12/21/2017 9:20 PM
37	Principal [redacted] makes himself available and, through electronic correspondences, communicates well with families.	12/21/2017 9:12 PM
38	We have our youngest child of 4 still in District 58 and the other 3 already graduated. We have been highly satisfied with the school system.	12/21/2017 9:01 PM
39	Communicating with me.	12/21/2017 8:35 PM
40	Communication	12/21/2017 8:33 PM
41	I feel that Hillcrest keeps extremely opening lines of communication with the parents.	12/21/2017 8:19 PM
42	We love the small school community.	12/21/2017 8:17 PM
43	SEL	12/21/2017 8:07 PM
44	The teachers genuinely care for the children and we/they feel that.	12/21/2017 7:59 PM
45	Encourages the children to learn.	12/21/2017 7:56 PM
46	Lots of reading and library support	12/21/2017 7:44 PM
47	I love the updates via email, Twitter, Seesaw, etc. it's a great way to see what's going on and see the cool things happening. I'm also very impressed with the principal and teachers this year. They have been more than helpful when my daughter needed it and are always supportive.	12/21/2017 7:34 PM
48	Lots of chances for parent involvement	12/21/2017 7:25 PM
49	I am glad you have RIT groups. They have helped.	12/21/2017 7:24 PM
50	Weekly updates	12/21/2017 7:01 PM
51	Offers open communication between all staff and parents.	12/21/2017 6:25 PM
52	Communication is very good between parents and teachers and teachers and students.	12/21/2017 6:19 PM
53	Social emotional curriculum, adequate recess oppoerunities	12/21/2017 6:14 PM
54	Helping gifted kids	12/21/2017 6:11 PM
55	Use of a laptop for homework	12/21/2017 5:38 PM
56	I appreciate parent communication in the form of twitter or a newsletter (Thanks, [redacted] about the curriculum being taught and activities going on in the class.	12/21/2017 5:29 PM
57	Communication from the school and the teachers is pretty consistent which helps bridge the gap between home and school.	12/21/2017 5:28 PM
58	Bonus programming: Science Fair, Reading Games, etc.	12/21/2017 5:28 PM

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59	The Teachers and Staff are very supportive.	12/21/2017 5:18 PM
60	Yes	12/21/2017 5:02 PM
61	Communication	12/21/2017 4:42 PM
62	Parent involvement and the use of seesaw app to see what they are doing.	12/21/2017 4:41 PM
63	Strong curriculum	12/21/2017 4:27 PM
64	The weekly email updates on what is going on at school.	12/21/2017 4:25 PM
65	Communication - Class Dojo, email newsletters, paper newsletter in back pack	12/21/2017 4:19 PM
66	I like the technology out-reach, our teacher communicates via Class Dojo and SeeSaw so we can see what our daughter is doing every day. The teacher is also available via email/text and is fast to respond. Technology is very important in the classroom, and i think it's being used in a very educational way.	12/21/2017 4:19 PM
67	Safety and sense of belonging.	12/21/2017 4:15 PM
68	Great communication from the principal and teachers.	12/21/2017 4:15 PM
69	Each child seems to get individual attention based on their needs.	12/21/2017 4:14 PM
70	Creates an illusion of professionalism & quality education.	12/21/2017 4:10 PM
71	Parent involvement and open communication among parents/teachers/staff and students; it's wonderful.	12/21/2017 4:09 PM
72	Herrick offers challenging academics	12/21/2017 4:00 PM
73	Keep up the good work of trying to teach to the students level instead of an arbitrary standard. That is so important and District 58 should be proud. I would spend less on new curriculum and more on teaching students at the level they need to be at. District 58 administration is on the right path. Keep up the good work.	12/21/2017 3:56 PM
74	Follows current guidelines for curriculum and instruction	12/21/2017 3:55 PM
75	Creates a safe and friendly environment.	12/21/2017 3:52 PM
76	Your survey seems skewed for a particular positive response and frankly, it's disheartening to see it organized specifically for this purpose when there's a real opportunity to solicit better feedback by asking better questions. If positive publicity and reporting to the Board is the goal, I'm certain this will satisfy that need. I like the SEL styles happening at my school. I like that teachers genuinely do care about kids. I love our school's social worker, and librarian.	12/21/2017 3:51 PM
77	One thing I can say about school, my daughter is been bully all the time and the school don't do anything about it, the principal dose very poor job at this school	12/21/2017 3:45 PM
78	Hands-on curriculum. Eg. Science and Honors English curriculum are great.	12/21/2017 3:44 PM
79	Na	12/21/2017 3:42 PM
80	Hands-on learning/curriculum. Eg - science curriculum in 5th grade this year. Science is now my child's favorite subject!	12/21/2017 3:41 PM
81	Too new to make this assessment. I can tell you that we absolutely love our experience thus far!	12/21/2017 3:37 PM
82	El Sierra does a great job building community. Thanks to , all the teachers and staff, and the PTA and school families. District 58 has done a terrible job addressing the communities concerns with our schools PARCC scores, trying to fire librarians while voting to increase the superintendents salary, blowing millions to babysit with iPads and not approving a curriculum for our students until a teacher desperately had to plead in a public forum to effect change for our students. Shame on the District. It seems now the only way to improve our district is to purge the board, and that starts with bringing in a new superintendent.	12/21/2017 3:36 PM
83	Email communication about events/opportunities; communicating about a child's struggles in a timely fashion so that intervention can happen sooner rather than later.	12/21/2017 3:36 PM
84	I really like the more frequent communication with parents, especially those that provide a quick update of what my child is doing in class and what her grades are. I especially like it when the update comes from her.	12/21/2017 3:32 PM

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85	Great education! Terrific improvements over the past several years. Great well-rounded education. My children are successful, happy and supported at school.	12/21/2017 3:27 PM
86	It's hard to name one thing, but Puffer is overall such a welcoming, friendly community of parents, teachers, and administrators who really care about kids.	12/21/2017 3:27 PM
87	Champions!	12/21/2017 3:23 PM
88	Continue to broaden the curriculum . Adding 1 hr of code has been very well received. I am still concerned that foreign language is not offered or implemented at the elementary school level	12/21/2017 3:19 PM
89	Management and Parcc Test	12/21/2017 3:16 PM
90	4 of the 5 teachers my children have had are WONDERFUL, smart, highly qualified, hard working and dedicated. Same goes for the librarian and "specials" teachers. The senior kindergarten teacher at is terrible.	12/21/2017 3:13 PM
91	would like more updates on my child academic progress similar to what we get from North	12/21/2017 3:12 PM
92	does a great job of connecting with students.	12/21/2017 3:12 PM
93	works hard to make kids feel connected to her class.	12/21/2017 3:10 PM
94	My kids make best use of the iPad with variety of the learning apps and subscriptions.	12/21/2017 3:09 PM
95	Family events and activities that includes children and parents.	12/21/2017 3:07 PM
96	Making kids feel good and welcomed at their school.	12/21/2017 2:55 PM
97	After school activities. Using class dojo for communication	12/21/2017 2:54 PM
98	Very good at keeping parents informed about what is going on at the school and encouraging parents to be involved	12/21/2017 2:54 PM
99	social and emotional education	12/21/2017 2:53 PM
100	Weekly updates	12/21/2017 2:53 PM
101	Continue to love my child the way you love yours. Stay honest, caring, and compassionate of your job	12/21/2017 2:53 PM
102	Being part of community	12/21/2017 2:53 PM
103	Teaching the whole student socially and academically and not just for standardized tests.	12/21/2017 2:52 PM
104	Keep parents informed and hires wonderful educators. The teachers and staff knows each of my children - the teachers really know what they are doing and want my children to succeed.	12/21/2017 2:50 PM
105	The office runs like a well oiled machine.' and the crew are great.	12/21/2017 2:48 PM
106	Well rounded education	12/21/2017 2:47 PM
107	Great communication and attention to the individual child. My child feels very comfortable going to the adults when experiencing an issue.	12/21/2017 2:46 PM
108	My school is a supportive and safe place for the children. They love the extra activities included.	12/21/2017 2:46 PM
109	Encourages challenging themselves in many ways	12/21/2017 2:45 PM
110	All of the extra programs - Partners in Art, the clubs, etc - all do a great job of expanding the learning parameters and enriching the kids.	12/21/2017 2:43 PM
111	Administration at is very responsive and always child focused.	12/21/2017 2:43 PM
112	Class Dojo	12/21/2017 2:42 PM
113	Educating a well rounded student.	12/21/2017 2:42 PM
114	Staff is supportive of all children and is aware of needs and helps all children equally	12/21/2017 2:40 PM
115	Everything	12/21/2017 2:40 PM
116	The people are fantastic. Whatever is done to foster that, keep it up!	12/21/2017 2:40 PM
117	fantastic parent/teacher communication available through multiple channels which make it very easy	12/21/2017 2:39 PM

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118	This school seems to value and nurture student friendships, which I love. This school is also VERY tech friendly and I love that.	12/21/2017 2:38 PM
119	Very happy All of the 8th grade teachers - so warm and caring who care about my child	12/21/2017 2:36 PM
120	We enjoy the communication from the teachers and principal.	12/21/2017 2:36 PM
121	communication	12/21/2017 2:33 PM
122	Great job of teaching my child at his level rather than holding him back and waiting for other kids to catch up	12/21/2017 2:33 PM
123	I love fruit break. Thank you for only allowing fruits and veggies instead of other snacks. This is a delicious and nutritious boost that helps the kids. They can always use more recess. Getting active time helps them be ready to sit still and learn.	12/21/2017 11:20 AM
124	The kids at IT are great. My children have made some great friendships and the students seem polite and respectful to each other for the most part. I really like : I feel like my kids enjoy coming to school everyday and they are usually happy when they come home.	12/20/2017 5:35 PM
125	I greatly appreciate the work that the principal has done at' in making new students, in my case, kindergarten parents welcome and informed. From the email blasts to the tweets to being so approachable at school, his efforts are greatly appreciated.	12/20/2017 5:16 PM
126	Continue to offer a safe environment for my children to attend.	12/20/2017 3:35 PM
127	The recent changes in math for 3-6 are amazing! All of the sudden my child who was bored loves math because they are learning. Finally!	12/20/2017 10:42 AM
128	SEL and meeting individual academic	12/19/2017 6:44 PM
129	Teaching the whole-child	12/19/2017 12:11 PM
130	Great communication from most of the teachers My child enjoys many of the clubs	12/18/2017 10:55 PM
131	Sports and club activities	12/18/2017 10:44 PM
132	My son's teacher is great at communicating how my son is doing in her classroom.	12/18/2017 11:13 AM
133	Curriculum aligned to CCSS and efforts towards streamlining them across grade levels; keeping current	12/17/2017 8:27 AM
134	Communication is excellent	12/15/2017 8:44 PM
135	Communication on my child progress	12/15/2017 4:22 PM
136	We couldn't have asked for a better principal at' : Please encourage him to keep up the personal notes that let us know he truly cares.	12/15/2017 10:36 AM
137	Our principal really communicates well with the parents with weekly emails about everything that is coming up or currently going on in the school. She's been a great addition!	12/15/2017 9:41 AM
138	Love that the preschool uses Seesaw and that I get so many pictures/videos on a weekly basis. It really helps with communication about what went on during the school day. My child is so proud to watch himself or look at pictures from his school day.	12/15/2017 9:12 AM
139	Focus on all aspects of personal development. Teach kids to be good people.	12/14/2017 9:26 PM
140	I think the addition of• has been wonderful! She shows a true interest in getting to know each student and his/her family.	12/14/2017 10:13 AM
141	Social media updates are wonderful!! All opportunities for parents to get involved are there - I especially love the watch DOGS program!	12/14/2017 10:03 AM
142	The district has become more diverse and some schools are doing a great job embracing that. I would love for that to continue and expand.	12/14/2017 8:35 AM
143	Excellent teachers	12/13/2017 11:02 PM
144	Keeping parents involved. They do a great job of inviting parents in on their child's education and events. One of my favorites is geography night!	12/13/2017 5:38 PM
145	Keeps the children engaged in their school and its activities	12/13/2017 12:44 PM
146	The open communication between parents and the teachers/principal; the Hillcrest Highlights email sent each week by the principal is informative and keeps parents engaged	12/12/2017 10:40 PM

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147	The communication between parents and teachers is outstanding.	12/12/2017 8:37 PM
148	Excellent leadership and classroom teachers that are truly committed to the well being of their students	12/12/2017 7:46 PM
149	I like the communication and information from the District level. Provides great info! Our school also provides great monthly news letters and communication as needed.	12/12/2017 5:18 PM
150	Lester school's e-newsletter is a fantastic way for parents to be "in the know" of Lester happenings! Love it! Keep it coming to my in box!	12/12/2017 12:19 PM
151	Providing extra help in subjects that they are struggling with.	12/12/2017 10:35 AM
152	Herrick in particular seems to have great teachers who are invested in their students' success. Can't say the same for Whittier.	12/11/2017 8:48 PM
153	To continue encouraging my child to speak up if something happens that should be reported to an adult.	12/11/2017 6:55 PM
154	Making my family and our specific circumstances feel welcome.	12/11/2017 2:58 PM
155	Preparing students for 21st century learning via technology, group work, etc.	12/11/2017 2:19 PM
156	The PTA is phenomenal. It is so active and does so much for the kids.	12/11/2017 12:49 PM
157	I think El Sierra does a nice job of welcoming all types of students into the classes. They make kids feel safe and welcomed.	12/11/2017 11:03 AM
158	Fostering a safe, fun and supportive learning environment	12/11/2017 10:34 AM
159	Good use of technology, communication tools like SeeSaw.	12/11/2017 10:13 AM
160	HELPS MY CHILD WHEN HE STRUGGLES IN CERTAIN AREAS.	12/11/2017 9:32 AM
161	Everyone at Kingsley has been fantastic. I am happy to be a part of this school.	12/11/2017 8:58 AM
162	Communication. I greatly appreciate all of the communication via email and twitter. Principal and the rest of the staff are amazing at what they do!	12/11/2017 8:40 AM
163	I love the twitter feed. Give me a chance to see what is going on in the school.	12/11/2017 5:54 AM
164	Regular and clear communication about child's progress and school activities	12/10/2017 9:13 PM
165	music, art, and physical education	12/10/2017 7:12 PM
166	The communication is excellent from teachers to students as well as teachers to parents. The administration does a great job communicating the overall activities, day-to-day issues, and events.	12/10/2017 3:36 PM
167	They are 100% supportive at El Sierra and we appreciated every effort the staff make that benefit us. Thank you.	12/10/2017 2:53 PM
168	The principle makes students and family feel welcome at the school.	12/10/2017 11:58 AM
169	Open communication. Easy access to teachers and staff.	12/10/2017 11:10 AM
170	Sports	12/9/2017 8:25 PM
171	Student activities and keeping the children interested in learning.	12/9/2017 7:39 PM
172	at El Sierra does a wonderful job building a rapport with Students and Parents. All the staff do. Great Job El Sierra!	12/9/2017 1:36 PM
173	Communication and pushing for students to be independent and responsible for themselves	12/9/2017 12:43 PM
174	El Sierra is a very welcoming place whose leadership and staff are spectacularly supportive of our children's education.	12/9/2017 11:13 AM
175	Principal at is very approachable and dedicated to the success of the school. Herrick offers many different opportunities for kids to be involved beyond just their classroom academic achievements.	12/9/2017 9:23 AM
176	Everything besides class sizes and curriculum update.	12/9/2017 8:08 AM
177	I feel District 58 is a great school district where my children are lucky to be a part of	12/8/2017 9:27 PM
178	Opportunities for parent involvement	12/8/2017 9:26 PM

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179	Treats my children and myself with respect and understanding.	12/8/2017 8:03 PM
180	Seesaw	12/8/2017 6:43 PM
181	El Sierra's reading programs and differentiated grouping is of benefit to the students. Also, like that they have school families where the teachers and students intermix with each other.	12/8/2017 6:35 PM
182	Good education and education help when need i.e.: extra reading classes etc	12/8/2017 6:11 PM
183	I think the communication in District 58 and the school has greatly improved in the last few years with the parents.	12/8/2017 5:12 PM
184	Parent Teacher Conference	12/8/2017 4:57 PM
185	Communication; weekly emails.	12/8/2017 4:30 PM
186	Kind, friendly environment.	12/8/2017 4:25 PM
187	I feel the staff at El Sierra takes a genuine interest in the education and development of each individual child.	12/8/2017 3:56 PM
188	Everything	12/8/2017 3:53 PM
189	O'Neill has been great for my 7th grader. He loves his teachers. I feel that all of his teachers have gone out of their way to get to know him as a person. I was impressed with their Curriculum Night presentations. does a great job of leading O'Neill.	12/8/2017 3:33 PM
190	Small learning groups based on ability level seems to work well.	12/8/2017 3:30 PM
191	Great Teachers and staff. Lots of outside resources too!	12/8/2017 11:21 AM
192	Constantly communicating and sending updates, it's the best part of the week.	12/8/2017 2:42 AM
193	District 58 always communicates the agendas or current status of pending issues	12/7/2017 10:22 PM
194	Working hard on meeting kids needs on an individual basis.	12/7/2017 9:35 PM
195	Emails	12/7/2017 7:03 PM
196	I love how Highland has families and buddies to help older/younger kids get to know each other. I think it helps my young child feel more comfortable around the halls and school when she sees the familiar faces.	12/7/2017 4:41 PM
197	pta is very involved and coordinates lots to make the sense of community strong. i know this isn't particularly the school, but i don't have an item that the school does right now that is particularly fantastic or worthy of mention	12/7/2017 3:57 PM
198	Seesaw ap.	12/7/2017 2:24 PM
199	Indian Trail - teachers my child had in the past and currently has are wonderful. They are welcoming, involved in the development of the child, communicate well, and involve the parents.	12/7/2017 2:12 PM
200	Great parent/teacher communication and love all the school events such as holiday shop and chorus shows	12/7/2017 10:26 AM
201	Excellent, caring teachers and staff at Hillcrest.	12/7/2017 8:58 AM
202	Belle Aire teachers work hard to provide students with the services and individualized instruction. I hope they continue to give teachers the time to plan and work together. I hope they continue to hire positive and learned teachers.	12/7/2017 7:11 AM
203	Focus on social emotional learning	12/6/2017 10:51 PM
204	I like that you incorporate technology into the classrooms. I enjoy updates that the teacher and my daughter post via the various apps.	12/6/2017 8:58 PM
205	My kids love school! They look forward to going everyday. I appreciate the excitement their teachers continually foster in them.	12/6/2017 8:56 PM
206	District 58, 1-6 has amazing Math and Language Arts Programs.	12/6/2017 8:52 PM
207	The staff is wonderful. I love the preschool program. Puffer does a great job making families feel welcome and creates a great family feeling at the school. All families are caring and look out for the children even if they aren't their own.	12/6/2017 8:14 PM

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208	I appreciate the way that the District communicates with the parents. There is a lot of information that gets passed through email which is so helpful.	12/6/2017 7:53 PM
209	Keeping parents informed	12/6/2017 6:50 PM
210	Values community based neighborhood schools	12/6/2017 6:23 PM
211	Seesaw	12/6/2017 6:10 PM
212	Love the use of technology and the new reading resource.	12/6/2017 5:48 PM
213	Great teaching staff that care for students.	12/6/2017 5:15 PM
214	Art and music	12/6/2017 5:15 PM
215	Communication from the classrooms.	12/6/2017 4:46 PM
216	The kids love their teachers!!!!!!!	12/6/2017 4:17 PM
217	Puffer is a very community focused school. Most teachers, staff, parents are very supportive to both the children and adults/parents.	12/6/2017 4:10 PM
218	I wish we had back.	12/6/2017 4:01 PM
219	PDs teachers are incredibly amazing. Keep them happy and we especially love the PE program and goal setting.	12/6/2017 3:54 PM
220	Amazing supportive staff that keep everything in perspective.	12/6/2017 3:19 PM
221	Nothing.	12/6/2017 3:17 PM
222	Some of the teachers in this school go above and beyond to help support my children when they need extra help in either academics and/or social emotional needs.	12/6/2017 2:41 PM
223	Weekly emails from teachers and principals to let us know what is happening within the school and classroom	12/6/2017 11:51 AM
224	Social Emotional Learning; Inviting parents to events, pacing students based on their progress vs. a structured pace	12/6/2017 10:13 AM
225	The school is a welcoming place to be and my child enjoys being there. We're very happy with the breadth and richness of the curriculum. I like that school incorporates fun lunch with warm options a couple of times a month.	12/6/2017 10:06 AM
226	Having teachers email parents about upcoming assignments.	12/5/2017 11:32 PM
227	Communication	12/5/2017 11:27 PM
228	Communication is available from multiple sources.	12/5/2017 10:41 PM
229	I'm very happy with Whittier school, and especially' Principal.	12/5/2017 9:02 PM
230	Making it a positive environment of which my children want to go to daily.	12/5/2017 4:10 PM
231	Compering the Hihland school to a prewiew school (where they came from) It's a really knowledgeable for students as also the parents.	12/5/2017 11:17 AM
232	Breaking students into smaller groups based on skill level for targeted education.	12/5/2017 8:22 AM
233	Assists kids in middle school transition	12/5/2017 7:51 AM
234	email communication from the principal	12/4/2017 9:35 PM
235	Parent-Teacher conferences are a great way to find out how our student is doing.	12/4/2017 3:44 PM
236	Belle Aire has built a great community including students, faculty, and parents. It's a great place to be!	12/4/2017 3:12 PM
237	The teachers that District 58 employs are excellent	12/4/2017 3:11 PM
238	Love the teachers, curriculum, my three kids love school!	12/4/2017 1:22 PM
239	Communication!!	12/3/2017 11:52 PM
240	Being open minded about the curriculum	12/3/2017 11:34 PM
241	I love how our school encourages kindness in so many different ways.	12/3/2017 11:01 PM

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242	I really feel that the PTA and teachers do an amazing job with communication of events.	12/3/2017 9:59 PM
243	I love the teachers in our school. I think they go above and beyond to help their students and the parents of their students	12/3/2017 9:52 PM
244	I love that my child's teacher uses Seesaw. It's such an amazing way to keep us updated in the day to day at school.	12/3/2017 8:47 PM
245	Online conference sign up.	12/3/2017 7:02 PM
246	Communicates with parents well, and respond quickly with questions.	12/3/2017 6:12 PM
247	Highland buddies and families. It fosters respect between different grades.	12/3/2017 6:11 PM
248	I like the email updates from teachers. All of the teachers should do this. It's really nice to hear what the kids are doing.	12/3/2017 5:49 PM
249	Teaching students to be kind and safe	12/3/2017 5:34 PM
250	Social media communication	12/3/2017 4:54 PM
251	Lester Families - I love this program. Also my older child has 1st grade buddies. I love when they pair the younger kids with older kids.	12/3/2017 1:54 PM
252	Hillcrest houses the amazing DLP program, which we feel is a very valuable option for children with differing needs. It allows our son to receive the support he needs while still providing time with his General Education class. This program is unique and we cannot be happier with having this option available for our son. ALSO - the teachers he have, and has had, are amazing!	12/3/2017 1:33 PM
253	Communication has been great from what I can see. Thanks you.	12/3/2017 12:50 PM
254	Fostering a love of reading, classes, DEAR time, and mystery readers are all wonderful examples. Also, fluidity with math classrooms at the innermediate grades.	12/3/2017 11:49 AM
255	My children have always loved going to school in DG58. Thank you.	12/3/2017 7:58 AM
256	District 58 does a great job of teaching and caring for the whole student - academically and emotionally. They also do a great job of helping my child and every child move forward to progress, no matter where they are.	12/2/2017 10:51 PM
257	The openness of staff, esp. the counselors. My child has flourished in the supportive environment.	12/2/2017 9:17 PM
258	Well rounded education	12/2/2017 9:11 PM
259	Welcoming smiles and open communication :)	12/2/2017 9:00 PM
260	N/a	12/2/2017 8:49 PM
261	Please continue to offer a diverse selection of challenging topics that foster critical thinking,	12/2/2017 7:32 PM
262	Communication between school and home	12/2/2017 5:05 PM
263	Families - my children love interacting with the students in the upper grades. does a fantastic job of using Seesaw and I love how much she communicates with parents. More teachers should take note from her.	12/2/2017 12:44 PM
264	Consistent teacher communication	12/2/2017 12:35 PM
265	I really like that the school promotes and influences every child to help and make friends with all of the children. It makes me happy that the district promotes selfless service.	12/2/2017 11:14 AM
266	Weekly emails from principal	12/2/2017 11:07 AM
267	Allowing parents to come volunteer in the classroom	12/2/2017 10:19 AM
268	Hillcrest families	12/2/2017 10:12 AM
269	Incredibly friendly administration and staff - very inviting. I think the overall environment of O'Neill is outstanding	12/2/2017 8:50 AM
270	Caring for my kids like they were their own	12/2/2017 6:08 AM
271	I am always surprised and impressed when I visit Herrick, the staff members are so cheerful, caring, and interested in my child. So much different that when I was in middle school.	12/1/2017 10:20 PM
272	I feel Lester Families has been a really beneficial program, fostering cooperation and communication between kids in different grade levels.	12/1/2017 10:16 PM

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273	The camp Edward trip for 6th graders is great.	12/1/2017 10:12 PM
274	Reading Games was a good thing	12/1/2017 9:55 PM
275	Small community based schools.	12/1/2017 8:59 PM
276	N/A	12/1/2017 8:12 PM
277	teaching SEL	12/1/2017 6:21 PM
278	The transparency among teachers, parents and students	12/1/2017 5:40 PM
279	god communication and really trying to engage the parents in the education process	12/1/2017 5:38 PM
280	Social Work & Speech therapy at Indian Trail are amazing.	12/1/2017 1:57 PM
281	We have been extremely pleased with the level of education and care that our daughter has received through Grove PreSchool. The staff is extremely attentive, communicates very well, and always has hers and the other students well being in mind in the decisions they are making. It is also evident that the program has seen growth and improvement under new leadership. is knowledgeable and attentive to the students and her staff. It is also nice to see that the staff continually strives to be sure that the students are prepared emotionally, socially, and academically for kindergarten in district 58. It has been exciting to see the program grow since our son was in the program.	12/1/2017 1:21 PM
282	Awesome emails from'	12/1/2017 1:12 PM
283	District 58, O'Neill, and the teachers all communicate well via email.	12/1/2017 1:08 PM
284	Genuinely caring for the student welfare and future	12/1/2017 1:08 PM
285	I feel District 58 communicates well via email on a district level and also from the school and teachers.	12/1/2017 1:06 PM
286	Fairmount School communication from the principal and PTA is weekly and excellent!	12/1/2017 12:41 PM
287	use of social media to communicate upcoming events	12/1/2017 12:34 PM
288	Hillcrest School: Phenomenal Principal, Assistant, support team and staff. SEL is fantastic. Opportunities for the kids are abundant.	12/1/2017 11:45 AM
289	School communication	12/1/2017 11:30 AM
290	I feel that Fairmount is a community. Between the teachers, administration, and parents, I feel that everyone is welcomed and encouraged to participate.	12/1/2017 11:27 AM
291	My sons teacher is good about communicating when he is having problems.	12/1/2017 10:20 AM
292	You hire and support excellent teachers!	12/1/2017 10:18 AM
293	I love that Pierce Downer does PD families and I feel that the social emotional learning concept is well taught.	12/1/2017 9:25 AM
294	It is a very caring and nurturing environment.	12/1/2017 8:55 AM
295	My children love school. They feel their teachers care about them and they enjoy participating in many learning opportunities the school offers.	12/1/2017 8:09 AM
296	Chromebooks for 7/8th graders. Thank you!	12/1/2017 8:01 AM
297	Excellent principal	12/1/2017 8:00 AM
298	Teacher communication is amazing! The teachers all go above and beyond to make sure my student has the tools and resources he needs to be successful.	12/1/2017 7:51 AM
299	I appreciate how. and are such a positive presence in the building. As a middle school teacher, I realize how consuming their administrative responsibilities are. However, every time I have had the opportunity to be around the building, their presence is known. I appreciate the welcoming and supportive environment they work so hard to create and maintain.	12/1/2017 7:40 AM
300	Highland is a special school where the staff really knows my son. They have encouraged him to try new opportunities that may have originally been outside of his comfort zone. The teachers are incredibly attentive and knowledgeable about individual student needs.	12/1/2017 7:36 AM
301	Communication about important events and activities.	12/1/2017 7:13 AM

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302	The teachers at our school are extremely supportive and caring, the school has done a great job recruiting and maintaining a strong core of educators.	12/1/2017 6:57 AM
303	Great teachers....keep them happy.	12/1/2017 6:51 AM
304	Teachers are good.	12/1/2017 6:50 AM
305	Use of technology to keep parents informed	12/1/2017 6:46 AM
306	Great Teachers	12/1/2017 6:04 AM
307	Small Team time group for reading/math.	12/1/2017 3:54 AM
308	The school does well with onboarding parents and communicating.	12/1/2017 1:02 AM
309	I really like that they come down hard on bullying.	12/1/2017 12:22 AM
310	is a tremendous teacher. Keep her as long as possible. Her consistent updates are tremendous. She certainly cares about the kids.	11/30/2017 11:46 PM
311	Integration with younger and older students.	11/30/2017 11:16 PM
312	The "Families" program at Henry Puffer has been a huge success.	11/30/2017 10:40 PM
313	Keep communication lines open.	11/30/2017 10:07 PM
314	Teacher are great	11/30/2017 9:50 PM
315	My son's teacher is wonderful	11/30/2017 9:48 PM
316	SEL	11/30/2017 9:34 PM
317	Keeps me well informed of what is going on with my child in class using the seesaw app	11/30/2017 9:30 PM
318	Make every kid feel special.	11/30/2017 9:20 PM
319	The school is very welcoming and encourages parents to participate.	11/30/2017 9:07 PM
320	Great PTA programs	11/30/2017 9:06 PM
321	Open communication with the parents	11/30/2017 8:48 PM
322	Keeping parents informed through technology.	11/30/2017 8:44 PM
323	Communication is very good Staff is kind and receptive	11/30/2017 8:43 PM
324	Fairmount has done an amazing job in providing the resources needed for my child to develop any skills she may be struggling with.	11/30/2017 8:23 PM
325	Learning resource teachers like , have been invaluable to my son's progress	11/30/2017 8:16 PM
326	You guys are doing really well in everything.	11/30/2017 8:15 PM
327	Communication, parent engagement	11/30/2017 8:12 PM
328	Supply access to IXL learning software.	11/30/2017 7:53 PM
329	Communication	11/30/2017 7:52 PM
330	The principals weekly updates	11/30/2017 7:47 PM
331	Our school is a very supportive community.	11/30/2017 7:38 PM
332	My child's teacher does an awesome job of communicating with parents.	11/30/2017 7:08 PM
333	PTA activities	11/30/2017 7:02 PM
334	Henry Puffer school is a great place! and the entire team do a fantastic job!	11/30/2017 6:54 PM
335	Foster a strong school community	11/30/2017 6:16 PM
336	I believe the district communicates well with its families as well as offers many opportunities for parents.	11/30/2017 6:08 PM
337	Our daughter's teacher is excellent.	11/30/2017 5:44 PM
338	Seems to continually review policies and adjust if necessary.	11/30/2017 5:36 PM

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339	Parent-teacher conferences are very important and I appreciate the time the teachers take to prepare for them.	11/30/2017 5:24 PM
340	Offering activity nights for the kids. The Pta is great.	11/30/2017 5:04 PM
341	Encouraging a supportive community	11/30/2017 5:00 PM
342	Foster independence in the student.	11/30/2017 4:38 PM
343	Hillcrest Families is great!	11/30/2017 4:35 PM
344	Communication	11/30/2017 4:31 PM
345	Math, but needs to rely less on standardized testing for placement and more on teacher observation	11/30/2017 4:13 PM
346	Champions Program	11/30/2017 4:07 PM
347	At Herrick I have found there to be a great encouraging environment with no tolerance for bullying. Teacher support is excellent k	11/30/2017 4:07 PM
348	My daughter's teacher is very dedicated to her job. She is quick to get back to me whenever I have a question.	11/30/2017 4:03 PM
349	Communications are terrific!	11/30/2017 3:50 PM
350	Communications - via e-mail are terrific	11/30/2017 3:48 PM
351	the communication from school to home is frequent and encouraging parental involvement	11/30/2017 3:45 PM
352	Keeping the American flag proudly displayed in each room.	11/30/2017 3:42 PM
353	They provide many fun incentives and games for the children.	11/30/2017 3:37 PM
354	My kids' teachers at PD are really wonderful and work hard to make sure the kids are doing well.	11/30/2017 3:29 PM
355	Social/emotional learning (SEL) and Erin's Law.	11/30/2017 3:10 PM
356	Communication	11/30/2017 3:08 PM
357	iPad program.	11/30/2017 3:06 PM
358	Trying new technologies	11/30/2017 3:04 PM
359	Teachers are present and engaged	11/30/2017 3:03 PM
360	Great communication. Also feel like they really treat the jr. High kids with respect and allow them some freedom as well	11/30/2017 3:01 PM
361	Parent and teacher communication	11/30/2017 2:47 PM
362	Teacher and parent communication	11/30/2017 2:46 PM
363	Principal was very responsive when I contacted him about an issue my son was having early in the year.	11/30/2017 2:39 PM
364	They are wonderful at communicating whether or not he has hit goals in his IEP and adjusting his goals	11/30/2017 2:28 PM
365	Please continue to purchase more materials and resources for teachers and students. I am impressed with the Benchmark Reading that is coming home with my child. Keep the higher level of learning for all, not just the identified gifted.	11/30/2017 2:26 PM
366	Pierce Downer has gotten better during the time our children have been there at differentiating instruction based on the student's knowledge and abilities. Could move even farther in that direction.	11/30/2017 2:24 PM
367	Herrick seems like a very comfortable place for the students.	11/30/2017 2:23 PM
368	I find the communication to meet my needs...I never feel like I am uninformed	11/30/2017 2:05 PM
369	Teach to the student's individual level - not to the grade.	11/30/2017 2:04 PM
370	I like the idea of families that Hillcrest has, because I feel like those adults are working on pouring into my childrens lives.	11/30/2017 2:01 PM
371	I love our teachers and i are the best!	11/30/2017 1:52 PM

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372	Communication.	11/30/2017 1:43 PM
373	Continuing to keep me updated on my children's progress. Making suggestions on what activities we can do at home to help my children get to where they need to be.	11/30/2017 1:37 PM
374	My child loves the atmosphere in the classroom and at school and all of the additional enrichment programs that they provide him	11/30/2017 1:30 PM
375	My student's teacher has really helped to put support into place for his "fidgety" activities. Without making a big deal of it she talked with him, gave him tools and he has truly made better strides. This has been amazing.	11/30/2017 1:27 PM
376	I love the Families program!	11/30/2017 1:24 PM
377	Parent / Teacher communication has always been very strong at El Sierra and the principle is amazing! He cares very much about all the students and it shows!	11/30/2017 1:23 PM
378	The teachers are wonderful and genuinely care about the kids in every way. They are unfortunately spread way too thin and don't have the time to meet the real needs of all the kids since they have 27 to 29 kids in their class. The teachers aren't allowed to say anything as they'll be labeled as difficult but they absolutely shouldn't have more than 20 to 22 kids in their class so they have more time for each child.	11/30/2017 1:17 PM
379	I don't think that there is really anything the school does absolutely well. We have better communication from the principal which is an improvement. Overall the teachers are great. There are some that are better than others.	11/30/2017 1:17 PM
380	Involving the parents with their homework. Lots of information gets sent home via paper and through email to keep parents in the loop of what's going on with the school.	11/30/2017 1:12 PM
381	Puffer has wonderful events for children at the school.	11/30/2017 1:07 PM
382	Lots of communication, activities/programs (such as Hillcrest families, inviting parents in the classroom for "Coffee house poetry readings by the kids", etc.), and parent involvement. Truly feel like it is a community effort to care for and educate our children.	11/30/2017 12:54 PM
383	Herrick is a model school. They are simply fabulous in their approach. I have had fabulous interactions with administration and teachers in both grades for multiple children in my family.	11/30/2017 12:49 PM
384	O'Neill is good at keeping the parents informed about what is happening at the school.	11/30/2017 12:47 PM
385	District communication is good, and updates and transparency are appreciated.	11/30/2017 12:46 PM
386	seek ways to improve.	11/30/2017 12:44 PM
387	I really love that they started the EXPLORE program to evaluate their reading level and comprehension level. The kids love doing "elective" classes and it gives the teachers and students some 1:1 time. Great job!	11/30/2017 12:43 PM
388	Communication between teachers/school and parents.	11/30/2017 12:31 PM
389	Talent show	11/30/2017 12:29 PM
390	Openness to diversity and high quality education. (2 things)	11/30/2017 12:28 PM
391	the District seems to always want to be proactive with technology and curriculum and that is great to see.	11/30/2017 12:28 PM
392	Openness to diversity Great line of communication between teacher and parent	11/30/2017 12:25 PM
393	Academic skills	11/30/2017 12:19 PM
394	Involved teachers	11/30/2017 12:17 PM
395	Understanding of situations & providing feedback.	11/30/2017 12:11 PM
396	Middle school is a very welcoming and inclusive environment. Herrick does a good job of tackling a difficult age and fostering success.	11/30/2017 12:10 PM
397	Welcoming parents to be involved in their child's learning experience, and providing needed resources to those who are at a disadvantage, be it financially or educationally.	11/30/2017 12:08 PM
398	The SEL lessons in the school are a nice addition to the curriculum.	11/30/2017 12:07 PM
399	The RISE program has been phenomenal for my child!	11/30/2017 12:05 PM

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400	Offering kids lots of different opportunities and types of learning.	11/30/2017 12:04 PM
401	Growing our professional staff by using student teachers and hiring them.	11/30/2017 11:59 AM
402	Continue to create an environment that fosters respect.	11/30/2017 11:56 AM
403	Excellent Communication.	11/30/2017 11:53 AM
404	Our teachers over the years have always been easy to access and communicate with.	11/30/2017 11:50 AM
405	Utilizes technology to learn	11/30/2017 11:50 AM
406	Working with the kids in a collaborative way and being open with parent communication.	11/30/2017 11:46 AM
407	The principal and PTA communicate events well via FB/emails and backpack mail.	11/30/2017 11:45 AM
408	' new principal, f is a wonderful addition to staff. A definite step up from Way to go District 58 on a good hire!!!	11/30/2017 11:44 AM
409	General building maintenance and management.	11/30/2017 11:41 AM
410	I love PD families and how the entire school welcomes new students. My youngest wishes her class would have a new student as well, now.	11/30/2017 11:40 AM
411	Accountability, various avenues of ensuring work from school to home is completed, accessible and parent/teacher are on same page.	11/30/2017 11:40 AM
412	The focus on a love of learning and open communication.	11/30/2017 11:39 AM
413	Getting the younger kids involved with the older kids in the school	11/30/2017 11:35 AM
414	Social/Emotion Learning and Character Development including Lester Families and Spotted Being Good.	11/30/2017 11:33 AM
415	Keeps a safe and secure environment for my daughter to learn in	11/30/2017 11:30 AM
416	Provide challenges for all levels of students.	11/30/2017 11:29 AM
417	I love the small town feel I get with Whittier. The teachers and staff are wonderful!!	11/30/2017 11:21 AM
418	Differentiation is awesome. Recognizing that children are at different levels of learning and teaching that way is great.	11/30/2017 11:21 AM
419	D58 creates a loving and supportive environment in which students may take risks safely and learn. D58 does not teach to the test which I appreciate.	11/30/2017 11:10 AM
420	Cares about the kids/ families	11/30/2017 11:08 AM
421	Communication	11/30/2017 11:08 AM
422	Communication	11/30/2017 11:07 AM
423	I like that they Discuss other cultures holidays with the kids.	11/30/2017 11:00 AM
424	Communication and dialogue regarding challenges with the individual child.	11/30/2017 10:57 AM
425	Plenty of activities for the kids to participate in.	11/30/2017 10:56 AM
426	Whittier seems to be always willing to try something new to benefit the students. From the theme of the year to bringing in enthusiastic new educators to champions to explore, there is NO sign of an attitude of 'thats the way it's always been done'. Even if not everyone loves every new thing, I think it's fantastic to be part of a school that seems to always be striving to get it right and make it better.	11/30/2017 10:56 AM
427	Communication between teacher and parent	11/30/2017 10:52 AM
428	Holiday activities, book fair, fun run...	11/30/2017 10:51 AM
429	Updating the parents of all lessons and activities	11/30/2017 10:49 AM
430	Supportive teachers that work hard and care about the children.	11/30/2017 10:43 AM
431	Communication is great - from district level to teacher level.	11/30/2017 10:41 AM
432	Our teacher this year communicates really well with parents, using weekly emails and almost daily updates on Class Dojo and SeeSaw. It's fantastic!	11/30/2017 10:41 AM
433	They really care about the children! Keep hiring great staff!	11/30/2017 10:40 AM

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434	We are very fortunate to have a robust gifted program. My son thrives in all those classes and we, especially, love that in those classes, high quality teachers have much more flexibility in their lesson plans. Herrick's gifted program teachers are phenomenal. This plays a big part in how great my son feel about his school. Also, having middle school limited to 2 grades ensures that the appropriate services are in place for kids during those challenging years. This works well.	11/30/2017 10:39 AM
435	All my children's teachers have been wonderful & I have always felt they know both my children well academically and emotionally.	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
436	Communicating during the school year especially about lockdowns, social media issues and other child-safety issues.	11/30/2017 10:37 AM
437	The teachers are warm and approachable. I feel comfortable going to the teacher with any concerns I have.	11/30/2017 10:35 AM
438	accessing where education intervention is appropriate and evaluating each child's needs on an individual basis.	11/30/2017 10:34 AM
439	SEL PD families	11/30/2017 10:32 AM
440	El Sierra has great environment, and DG58 as a whole does a great job with communication. Keep it up.	11/30/2017 10:32 AM
441	educating my daughter in ways that she comprehends. And helps when she doesn't. Very efficient staff!	11/30/2017 10:32 AM
442	District 58 communicates very well with parents and, based on our short experience with Puffer, it appears every child is welcome.	11/30/2017 10:31 AM
443	Digital skills with iPads	11/30/2017 10:30 AM
444	Continue efforts to update and improve curriculum	11/30/2017 10:30 AM
445	Our school really makes an effort to have the kids get to know other kids and teachers. My kids love the Highland Families and having their buddies - they get to know older kids and that is really fun for them. Some of the teachers are awesome about using Seesaw, which I love. It gives me a view into the classroom during the day, which is really fun!	11/30/2017 10:30 AM
446	Activities for the kids; communication with parents is outstanding... keep it up	11/30/2017 10:26 AM
447	I've been consistently impressed with my child's teachers - and how much she loves them. Keep hiring and supporting amazing teachers.	11/30/2017 10:26 AM
448	good, engaging teachers	11/30/2017 10:22 AM
449	I love it when teachers communicate regularly using apps such as Class Dojo!	11/30/2017 10:22 AM
450	Very good at helping the children learn.	11/30/2017 10:21 AM
451	The teachers (at least at Whittier) are wonderful. I would like to see them supported to the fullest extent possible. The school itself is warm and nurturing and a happy place for my child to be. The adults in the school are such positive influences. I also appreciate the efforts toward a differentiated curriculum so kids can work at their own pace.	11/30/2017 10:19 AM
452	I feel our school makes the kids welcome and certainly treats them with respect.	11/30/2017 10:17 AM
453	Belle Aire is always welcoming and I think really excels at promoting a United school community. The older children do a fantastic job including and helping the younger children and making them feel welcome and supported. I think this is because of the standards the adults at the school set(lead through example).	11/30/2017 10:15 AM
454	Communication - I always get multiple emails regarding upcoming events in the school or district.	11/30/2017 10:10 AM
455	parent teacher communication, gifted program, music program, ELA curriculum, (most) teachers, plenty of outside time and breaks during instruction	11/30/2017 10:09 AM
456	Technology. It's good, almost overwhelming, so leave it where it is and no need to add to it. Possibly take a step back and teach things like keyboarding skills before typing on the iPad.	11/30/2017 10:08 AM
457	Good communication!	11/30/2017 10:06 AM
458	Teach cursive writing and Seesaw app	11/30/2017 10:05 AM

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459	Communication from El Sierra is great. , does a great job keeping parents up to date and on top of things. Overall, the district provides good communications on any issues, incidents, etc.	11/30/2017 10:05 AM
460	Interaction with older kids in the school i.e reading buddies & PD families	11/30/2017 10:03 AM
461	I really enjoy the twitter posts (and Seesaw for Kindergarten) that give us parents a glimpse of what goes on during their day. It also allows me to ask my kids questions and further discuss what they learned or what they did that day.	11/30/2017 9:59 AM
462	Children are given wonderful opportunities to learn and experience things outside of the curriculum. I believe that they are being well prepared for a future filled with technology. I appreciate that students are able to have music and art year round and not just for half a school year i.e. not just half a year of music and then switching to art.	11/30/2017 9:59 AM
463	The upper grades breaking the kids down into different math classes is a huge improvement. That should be implemented in the lower grades.	11/30/2017 9:59 AM
464	Amazing qualified teachers and staff.	11/30/2017 9:58 AM
465	Integration of grades (Lester Families)	11/30/2017 9:57 AM
466	I appreciate the closeness of the building and the camaraderie between students, their peers, and their teachers. My children love their school and their teachers and they feel valued as people.	11/30/2017 9:54 AM
467	My son's teachers have all been wonderful so far, which is rare. Our principal is accommodating and takes bullying seriously which I appreciate.	11/30/2017 9:54 AM
468	Communication	11/30/2017 9:52 AM
469	Communication	11/30/2017 9:52 AM
470	continued email updates.	11/30/2017 9:50 AM
471	Communication	11/30/2017 9:49 AM
472	Caring teachers!!!! Thank you!	11/30/2017 9:48 AM
473	The whole learning environment. I think Herrick provides a top-notch environment for students (my daughter) to learn and to grow as a person. It is an extremely safe environment too.	11/30/2017 9:47 AM
474	The school and teacher are very proactive in their communication, which makes it much easier for us to stay involved and support what's being taught at any given time.	11/30/2017 9:46 AM
475	The DG 58 email updates are a great way to send info out to the community	11/30/2017 9:46 AM
476	Caring environment SEL Fundraising for needy causes in the community and world	11/30/2017 9:46 AM
477	The support you give to a child with an IEP or 504 is amazing. Going above and beyond to ensure that the child receives the best.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
478	I feel there are many opportunities for parents to get involved with school activities and in the classroom. This is great.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
479	Communication	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
480	As a kindergarten parent I felt lost a lot. There wasn't a lot of coherent communication. For example, the first two or three times I went into the building (dropping off class supplies, curriculum night) there was no one telling me where to go. I did not know the building so how was I supposed to know where things are located? While I love our teacher I just don't feel connected to the school yet. Perhaps that is just because it is all so new.	11/30/2017 9:43 AM
481	District 58 hires and retains some amazing, loving, smart, kind teachers. Continue making 58 a district that high quality educators want to stay in.	11/30/2017 9:42 AM
482	Sending this survey and hoping survey results are taken seriously. Based on comments ask more questions.	11/30/2017 9:41 AM
483	Safety for the kids outside.	11/30/2017 9:41 AM
484	I like the social-emotional learning opportunities and the community building activities.	11/30/2017 9:41 AM
485	Very open to feedback from parents.	11/30/2017 9:40 AM

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486	Office staff, principal & teachers are always helpful & supportive! Our family is very happy at Lester!	11/30/2017 9:40 AM
487	We thrilled with Highland. We have access any time we want to our son's teacher, and the environment is wonderful. There is a real school spirit there.	11/30/2017 9:40 AM
488	Our neighborhood elementary school does a wonderful job creating a community and fostering confidence in the students.	11/30/2017 9:40 AM
489	The opportunities for academic development outside of the classroom are great, including Reflections, the Science Fair and the Reading Games.	11/30/2017 9:39 AM
490	Caring for students	11/30/2017 9:38 AM
491	Continue to be a welcoming place that encourages learning.	11/30/2017 9:38 AM
492	Community feel for the students, so many special activities Principal communication this year is much improved and accessibility of her to parents	11/30/2017 9:38 AM
493	We love Herrick and credit our overall positive experience to its leadership, and	11/30/2017 9:38 AM
494	I love how kind, welcoming, and helpful all the staff is.	11/30/2017 9:37 AM
495	Provides helpful information	11/30/2017 9:36 AM
496	is a fantastic teacher and really enjoys being in her class!	11/30/2017 9:34 AM
497	communication between teachers and parents	11/30/2017 9:33 AM

Q23 What is one thing District 58 and/or your school could improve upon?

Answered: 514 Skipped: 438

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Communication, caring, telling truth	12/23/2017 12:00 AM
2	PE teacher could communicate with parents what he is teaching and how I can assist my child in doing better. Concerns me that my child has seen him on the phone during class. I have seen information from art and music in my child's folder, but never PE.	12/22/2017 11:58 PM
3	Consistency in workload among teachers of same grade.	12/22/2017 9:20 PM
4	Class size	12/22/2017 7:40 PM
5	I do not like the student led PT conferences (4th-6th)	12/22/2017 7:39 PM
6	Nothing at the moment.	12/22/2017 4:31 PM
7	The use of technology in the schools curriculum and communication with parents is ridiculous. Its nice that they have access to technology and that it is part of the learning experience but it is over-used and thoughtlessly embedded in aspects of the students and parents experience in ways that make the school seem to be beholden to companies seeking to make money off of the children and families. The number of apps parents need to use to have full knowledge of what is going on, the ipad curriculum activities geared toward developing ipad/online habits while having little or no real educational value, the dogmatic way the ipad possession by the students is thrust on the parents all make an otherwise quality school one I would not recommend.	12/22/2017 2:51 PM
8	Nothing	12/22/2017 1:52 PM
9	I believe the administrative leadership needs to do a better job of communicating with their staff. I believe the 58 administrations expects WAY too much of their principals, spreading them too thin. I believe D58 could do a better job of providing more special ed support within each building to support students and teachers.	12/22/2017 1:32 PM
10	Curriculum could be newer and stronger to be more competitive with other nearby schools, especially for kids who are more ahead than others. While the gifted program is nice, it's also only one day per week. In regular school, there is not enough homework to reinforce their in-school learning. I'm worried my kids are not challenged enough to prepare them for the future.	12/22/2017 12:21 PM
11	Listening to parents when there is a concern with a teacher.	12/22/2017 11:51 AM
12	Facilities are outdated, run down and not keeping pace with the demands for capacity.	12/22/2017 10:51 AM
13	When students are placed into the classroom from the best program the general ed students loose instructional time due outbursts in the classroom or in the hallway. My child comes home often and tells me that he is unable to see his specialist because they are taking care of an emergency. This means my child's minutes are not being met.	12/22/2017 10:07 AM
14	Common core should be discontinued. We need a better way to teach kids.	12/22/2017 10:02 AM

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15	At our school (I am unsure whether this is district-wide), I appreciate that there is a week at the beginning of the school year that focuses on saying no to drugs. Given the 53% increase in heroin-related deaths, 100% increase in fentanyl-related deaths, and 370% increase in deaths from fentanyl-heroin mixtures in DuPage County from end of 2015 to end of 2016, prevention of substance abuse and addictive behaviors are important. Though my kids are among the younger ones in the district, it is disappointing that they do not seem to acquire any real skills or knowledge to carry with them for the future during this week. Additionally, the evidence-base for simply taking a pledge to say no to drugs is poor. Such an effort is not effective in the long run due to a reliance on "willpower" that does not account for the power of peer behavior, impulsiveness, and interpersonal skills that may be insufficiently developed. Thus taking a pledge does little to prevent future substance use. This week could benefit from adopting and implementing an evidence-based substance abuse prevention program for grade school age kids, preferably including those 6 years and older, or at least starting in grade 4. I would suggest Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) as a resource to look up prevention programs and their evidence-base. https://www.samhsa.gov/nrepp	12/22/2017 9:43 AM
16	It's all good.	12/22/2017 9:37 AM
17	Sorry but nothing any wish to improve because I'm very satisfied to district 58 and/or Belle Aire too...Thank you !!	12/22/2017 9:26 AM
18	I enjoy the parent nights where you bring in speakers. These are helpful. Maybe more of these.	12/22/2017 9:19 AM
19	I feel that parents are sometimes not given enough time for projects, activities and fundraising events. I think we would all appreciate a notice ahead of time - a month in advance, not just a week or weekend.	12/22/2017 9:10 AM
20	more interesting homework or no homework at all	12/22/2017 8:49 AM
21	Air conditioning for student classrooms, better playground equipment,and more physical activity daily	12/22/2017 8:49 AM
22	PARCC score and providing good motivation to the students for the tests.	12/22/2017 8:43 AM
23	Communicate where the student stands in the class. The first quarter this year was a disaster with our student's grades as he didn't know where he stood and we didn't receive weekly updates as we were told we would receive from all the various teachers. Now that Power school is working again all of his grades have increased as we know and he knows what is going on with his grades. I really don't understand why the grade system can't be tied more towards how the high schools provide grades and less towards how the elementary schools have grades. Don't give pluses, carrots, and stuff like that. Give grades (A, B, C, D, F).	12/22/2017 8:23 AM
24	Keep an eye open for bullies.	12/22/2017 8:17 AM
25	The test scores are very low. School is rated a 7. Used to be a 10. VERY POOR.	12/22/2017 7:08 AM
26	I don't have specific concerns, but as my children get older I see the need for conflict resolution skills when they experience differences in opinion with their peers. A program focused on this with acceptance/inclusion for differences would be a great addition.	12/22/2017 7:00 AM
27	The district is so focused on test scores and iPads but I feel has lost focus on teaching the whole child. Art, music and school lunch is thought of as an expense to offer on a rare occasion vs integrating into the daily learning process.	12/22/2017 6:20 AM
28	I honestly can't think of anything. Our experience at Henry Puffer has been stellar so far.	12/22/2017 4:02 AM
29	More parent involved/planned holiday parties.	12/22/2017 1:06 AM
30	The extend program is not factored into the schedule when scheduling specials (music, gym, art, STEM, LRC). While I understand conflicts are unavoidable, it seems like every year my kid misses the majority of the special programs when they are at Extend.	12/21/2017 11:34 PM
31	Pick up. It always feels so rushed and makes you feel like an inconvenience if your child takes a second getting into the car in the pick up line.	12/21/2017 11:32 PM
32	More time writing and writing instruction.	12/21/2017 10:23 PM
33	Respecting diversity	12/21/2017 10:15 PM
34	Foreign Language and Computing Coding opportunities are drastically lacking	12/21/2017 10:12 PM
35	Put air condition in,change grading system,	12/21/2017 9:57 PM

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36	Nothing	12/21/2017 9:20 PM
37	More diversity and inclusiveness in the curriculum.	12/21/2017 9:12 PM
38	Give the kids more time for lunch both at elementary and jr. high level so they don't have to "shovel " their food.	12/21/2017 9:01 PM
39	Having a before and Aftercare program.	12/21/2017 8:35 PM
40	N/A	12/21/2017 8:19 PM
41	It would be great to see more parent educational speakers like the one you had earlier this year.	12/21/2017 8:17 PM
42	Literacy Curriculum	12/21/2017 8:07 PM
43	More frequent updates regarding their progress and what they are being taught.	12/21/2017 7:59 PM
44	Get rid of PARCC.	12/21/2017 7:58 PM
45	Discipline for disruptive kids in 6th grade.	12/21/2017 7:56 PM
46	Too much emphasis on iPads that are a distraction	12/21/2017 7:44 PM
47	Art and music	12/21/2017 7:25 PM
48	Art needs to be at least once a week in K-5, and it should be available for at least a quarter through 8th grade. The district offers less than half the art minutes of surrounding districts. Art matters for creativity and problem solving, and children need to express themselves. It also helps fine motor. A strong Art program helps schools to become viewed more positively. All kids need it more in the testing environment and technical path that has become school.	12/21/2017 7:24 PM
49	There should be a choice between "Always" and "Usually" on this survey. Always is too absolute, but usually seems too much of a drop. Perhaps "most always." In general, we are very happy with our kids' educational experience at District 58. Some great teachers who really care. We feel fortunate. Thanks!	12/21/2017 7:01 PM
50	Stop telling the children their is not enough money to buy new equipment as we pay Big n tax's and their is no money? The lunch menus r disgusting	12/21/2017 7:01 PM
51	Offering services that are available to students that need help without the parent having to find out from other parents or teachers at other districts.	12/21/2017 6:25 PM
52	Nothing comes to mind.	12/21/2017 6:19 PM
53	More rigor in writing on a consistent basis. Some grades are fabulous 3rd. In others, writing seems non existent.	12/21/2017 6:18 PM
54	Gifted program and more advanced curriculum	12/21/2017 6:14 PM
55	Music teacher	12/21/2017 6:11 PM
56	None	12/21/2017 5:38 PM
57	No iPads at indoor recess! Also music class is failing to make singing and music fun! I want my young children to be playing music games and having fun, not learning about length of notes and using their iPads.	12/21/2017 5:29 PM
58	This year is the first year that the school no longer has power half hour. This means that students are getting 30 minutes less each day of direct instruction at their reading level. I would like to see power half hour return so that the high students are challenged and the struggling students are getting the support that they need.	12/21/2017 5:28 PM
59	Curriculum. There has been too much "piloting" and not enough stability. Why is Downers working so hard to reinvent the wheel? Western Springs, Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills have solid educational systems - why not piggy back their success?	12/21/2017 5:28 PM
60	There are doing very good job	12/21/2017 5:02 PM
61	Playground	12/21/2017 4:41 PM
62	StopThe bullying! It's terrible and the schools do nothing! District 58 rewards bullies even after they have been told about them. Giving them awards for citizenship and Student of the week when some of these students have caused severe mental and emotional trauma to certain students. Teachers who are picking these students have no clue how they truly are outside of the class and how they treat people if they are not their friends.	12/21/2017 4:25 PM

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63	Challenge the children more - in my opinion, the kindergarten curriculum is too easy - my daughter went to a Montessori school and her teacher expected more from her at 4 years old than what is expected of her in kindergarten	12/21/2017 4:19 PM
64	This is our first year in the district, so I don't have anything too specific for the district. Belle Aire school needs better outdoor lighting, when we pick up our daughter at night, it is very dark behind the school.	12/21/2017 4:19 PM
65	The use of Teacher apps. Each teacher can have several different apps that vary by teacher resulting in parents having to monitor an over abundance of apps.	12/21/2017 4:15 PM
66	Continued efforts towards anti bullying education and awareness. I think this has been good but is something that should be reinforced throughout the year.	12/21/2017 4:15 PM
67	In terms of home use, the I-pads are helpful, but they probably create more problems than help. More specific direction on what the I-Pad should be used for at home. Otherwise, I don't think they should be sent home.	12/21/2017 4:14 PM
68	Whittier - starting from the top on down - with exception a few dedicated teachers, is half-assed on most everything done. Whittier! Were Mediocrity Permeates the Culture!	12/21/2017 4:10 PM
69	Advanced notice of musical events the children put on.	12/21/2017 4:09 PM
70	Herrick teachers do not have time to communicate with parents	12/21/2017 4:00 PM
71	Get _____, to calm down and stop acting like he is the most important person in the room. He is arrogant and mean and no child needs to be afraid of asking a silly question. He has a history of being condescending and many children, mine include, fear him. He has a bad reputation among parents, students and staff and we sure experienced it. I do not want him teaching any more of my children. My child loved math until this year. People wonder why teacher tenure gets a bad reputation. Not being able to fire _____ is the prime example of a broken system where bad teachers cannot be fired.	12/21/2017 3:56 PM
72	Guve students the opportunity to learn in new/different ways	12/21/2017 3:55 PM
73	Having more qualifed lunch supervision.	12/21/2017 3:54 PM
74	Again, this survey is skewed for a particular positive response. And what I'm about to write here is what I've written in years past too. I don't like that teachers at our home school (and presumably others) are not given full opportunity or resources to help kids who are excelling beyond what's mandated. The gifted program is disappointing — even when _____ then said it himself and promised better things. If your child learns differently and excels, it is easy for the District and teachers to allow him or her to "slip through the cracks," if you will because there's narrow focus and attention on testing and meeting benchmarks for the whole of the class. Those already meeting those benchmarks are left, in my opinion, to continue doing what they do because they can. In fact, we've made decisions for our other children as a result of our time at D58, and our oldests' experience. While fantastic teachers recognize smart kids who learn differently, there's only so much time and resource that can be devoted. I understand the cap in resources; I'm disappointed with District and Board laziness and their collective delay and excuse. Other public schools in other Districts are building better programs. They are now models. Why can't we at least find our way to another beginning? On that note, I don't like how staffing is stretched thin to accommodate other needs. The District makes cuts in expertise to accommodate budgets for programs like the 1:1 initiative. Again, I understand limits, like the State budget, and how it affects our schools. Still, there's a question of leadership and that's not something our State budget can fix. Also, technology in the classroom is not a wow factor for me. Teachers who are given team to teach critical thinking skills and give/return homework on paper matters quite a bit to me. Communication is also something I feel the District can improve. Recent lead testing reports? The District could have at least taken the time to translate reports so they make sense to someone who's wondering about their child's school and where those fountains might reside. It seemed a rushed communication — get it done, and move on — with the hope questions wouldn't be asked. With some thought, I think the District could have done a better job communicating risk and being open and transparent. Not every principal has time to manage this when the District could have shouldered the burden, as it should. Mostly though, the one thing D58 could improve upon is the reevaluating the gifted program (again, on top of again) and giving teachers greater flexibility and resource to address those needs ... outside technology, always.	12/21/2017 3:51 PM

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75	I have concerns about PE teacher. Both my children tell me he is on his phone during class on a regular basis. I also hear about quite a lot of "free time" where they are allowed to play on the playground equipment, etc. instead of structured activities & games. I feel that communication from PE at _____, is lacking, especially compared to friends with students at other schools in District 58.	12/21/2017 3:47 PM
76	Be kind and other parents need to be down to earth , no need to teach your kids to be mean to others. I had my 3 college went to Whittier , we had better principal , she did fantastic job and better communication with all the parents.	12/21/2017 3:45 PM
77	Air conditioning!! It is way too hot in beginning and end of school.	12/21/2017 3:44 PM
78	More safety measures for kids on the playground no cameras or anything should be implemented to protect our kids.	12/21/2017 3:42 PM
79	Air conditioning! It is way too hot in the beginning and end of school for an effective learning environment.	12/21/2017 3:41 PM
80	Too new to make this assessment. I can tell you that we absolutely love our experience thus far!	12/21/2017 3:37 PM
81	District 58 has done a terrible job addressing the communities concerns with our schools PARCC scores, trying to fire librarians while voting to increase the superintendents salary, blowing millions to babysit with iPads and not approving a curriculum for our students until a teacher desperately had to plead in a public forum to effect change for our students. Shame on the District. It seems now the only way to improve our district is to purge the board, and that starts with bringing in a new superintendent. Also, the district needs to address the concerns of the communities. District 58 is lagging behind the surrounding 15 school districts. Shame on District 58 for letting this happen.	12/21/2017 3:36 PM
82	Figure out this whole thing about the PARCC testing. Even if we are not worried about "teaching toward a test"; make sure kiddos are up to speed to be able to compete academically in high school & beyond.	12/21/2017 3:36 PM
83	_____ doesn't communicate at all with parents about decisions they make or take their feedback in consideration. Our _____ haven't even communicated with the parents via an email.	12/21/2017 3:35 PM
84	More advanced math options.	12/21/2017 3:32 PM
85	More science - daily - and teaching at the 3 dimensional style vs. just STEM activities.	12/21/2017 3:28 PM
86	Parent communication on a more regular basis regarding my child's academic progress.	12/21/2017 3:27 PM
87	Fix the curriculum issues (math and ELA). Update and streamline.	12/21/2017 3:27 PM
88	n/a	12/21/2017 3:23 PM
89	The absurd restriction on fruit break items, restrictions on candy or sweets for parties. Don't have parties if you are not going to make them fun for the kids. The extreme monitoring of food items is just crazy. Everyone needs to relax...good heavens	12/21/2017 3:19 PM
90	Grouping kids that speak different Language at home to go to ELL-even when the kids can communicate English very well.	12/21/2017 3:16 PM
91	GIFTED EDUCATION. Comparable districts have teachers whose sole jobs are to teach and coordinate programs for gifted students. D58 (and Hillcrest in particular) is so great for special ed, but it woefully neglects students at the other end of the "exceptional child" spectrum.	12/21/2017 3:13 PM
92	Rigor of curriculum is seriously lacking.	12/21/2017 3:12 PM
93	Better controls on student ipads. My child has shared that they still look up the F word and bad pictures during the day.	12/21/2017 3:11 PM
94	Curricular rigor is lacking.	12/21/2017 3:10 PM
95	The bathrooms need to be remodeled - modern faucets and updates. More activities for Junior high.	12/21/2017 3:09 PM
96	Not letting kids go to recess below 30 degrees weather	12/21/2017 3:07 PM
97	Improve math curriculum and specify/notify parents what is planned and being currently covered.	12/21/2017 2:55 PM
98	Kids need to be able to bring school supplies and meet their teacher before the first day of school. Absolutely ridiculous that kids have to carry everything themselves on the first day	12/21/2017 2:54 PM

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99	None	12/21/2017 2:54 PM
100	Removing the common core curriculum	12/21/2017 2:53 PM
101	have volunteer opportunities at different times during the day	12/21/2017 2:53 PM
102	Add air conditioning	12/21/2017 2:53 PM
103	I can't think of anything at this time	12/21/2017 2:53 PM
104	If Teachers that have been there for an extended amount of time are crabby & short should be coached to be a respective & responsive person or should be encouraged to consider retirement. The parents are the customer and should be delighted to work with the staff.	12/21/2017 2:53 PM
105	Feedback and access as well as follow through. 1 teach in 5 years and one teacher in 2 years has been good at not being there and thinking only about June July August. and are so much better than the others that it is not comparable. I have 3 and my twin had 4 and we agree. My parents and friends have been there decades. A little more access, a little more inclusion and follow through with less cover up and ignoring would be nice. was so great last year for one of my kids that he gained years of growth in every way. is as always just waiting for Summer so we will need 2nd grade teachers to make up the difference, as always. But you have a strong second grade and 3-6 as well. So we will all be fine. I am Ivy league (Cornell) and do well (retired in 2012 at 32) and I want more. I subsidize Hillcrest with Avery Coonley and worldwide vacations all year round and private tutoring for areas of interest and scholarship not covered, so they will all succeed, but I want more access more accountability and better results for entire classes and I know we need more assistants and resources and how about air conditioning when it is too hot. Please look it up, air conditioning is now affordable and has been for only 6 decades or more in schools nationwide, just not Hillcrest.	12/21/2017 2:52 PM
106	The level of education, challenge students more academically	12/21/2017 2:50 PM
107	Budget to include more items and improvement that goes directly to the school building and grounds.	12/21/2017 2:50 PM
108	Identifying bullying. It goes on more than most of us want to believe. My children both have been many times each year they've been there most if the time because of their lack of religious beliefs. It's as if we live in rural Kentucky. We accept all in our lives, sadly others do not. Children should not have to be subjected to religious persecution. The separation between church and state is pathetic at My daughter brought home a book from the library about Jesus for crying out loud cause someone suggested it to her. She's in FIRST GRADE.	12/21/2017 2:48 PM
109	Bullying. Despite the District's proclamations that it is focusing on bullying and keeping it out of its schools, I sense that this proclamation is more lip service than action. I would like to see more steps taken, proactive steps, to prevent bullying in the classrooms and on the playground.	12/21/2017 2:47 PM
110	Report cards were very confusing. The letter grade only corresponds with certain skills and non of this is made clear to parents by the district. What exact skill are being graded and what are just extra skills. The district has let the physical shape of our building deteriorate so the kids can play games on iPads. The playgrounds are a prime example of this. Some are in deplorable condition and now the district has pushed that cost off on to the PTAs. Therefore, the inequity of schools continues to increases. Some schools can afford to raise money in a year or two, but others will see a new playground with my grandchildren go there. When the buildings need new roofs are the parents going to be responsible for that also.	12/21/2017 2:46 PM
111	I disagree with some of the ways math is taught.	12/21/2017 2:45 PM
112	More education/crackdown on bullying	12/21/2017 2:44 PM
113	I'm not sure.	12/21/2017 2:43 PM
114	Staff is what makes a quality education. Sometimes it feels technology is over-valued when it is quality people that make the most difference in my children's learning.	12/21/2017 2:43 PM
115	More transparency with classroom success.	12/21/2017 2:42 PM
116	Providing a more solid curriculum for students who need to be challenged.	12/21/2017 2:42 PM
117	Put A/C in the classrooms	12/21/2017 2:40 PM
118	Better drive way system when picking up kids after school, parents that cannot find parking always have issues with cars that are parked	12/21/2017 2:40 PM

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119	Drop off is chaotic. Too many parents pull into the parking lot that are not in the drop off lane, and just let their kids out in the traffic lane. This creates lots of kids darting between and around moving vehicles that are in the drop off line. Our child is pre-k, this may be different for K-5.	12/21/2017 2:40 PM
120	not sure	12/21/2017 2:39 PM
121	Arrival is messy at IT. Cars and buses are zipping down Stonewall with no adults or police presence (I understand that the police not being there is not the school's fault, but it would be nice to see them out there. Maybe give them a call to see if they're willing to watch things randomly a few days a week). Cars are blocking driveways and yelling at residents (I have seen that a few times), and each other (I have seen this once as well). Kids get off the bus and run into a large group of other kids. Its not a welcoming sight to walk into school everyday. Also, I don't like my children always getting food/sweets as a reward. Seems to go against everything that health ed is trying to teach.	12/21/2017 2:38 PM
122	Spanish instruction does not prepare kids for high school	12/21/2017 2:36 PM
123	Air conditioning playground not having "old" gym teachers	12/21/2017 2:33 PM
124	Ask parents if THEY WANT the iPads in the classrooms This money could be spent elsewhere; this technology is not necessary.	12/21/2017 2:33 PM
125	There is very little communication from the school principal. Teachers do a great job letting us know what is going on in classroom - but nothing about the school as a whole	12/21/2017 2:33 PM
126	Please consider giving the kids at Hillcrest more time to eat lunch. They are technically given 20 minutes, but the first and last five they are required to wait for everyone to be silent in order to get where they need to be. This means all kids, even the ones who are being quiet, lose half of their lunch period. 10 minutes just isn't enough time to eat. Please consider adding sometime, so they don't have to shovel the food in.	12/21/2017 11:20 AM
127	COMMUNICATION! I have heard form my child's principal exactly twice. One email in the first week of the year, and another complaining about the traffic before school (which is a mess). My child's teacher has given my child sweets and food multiple times this year without any communication. My child's teacher will do a special day (e.g. pajama day), but not communicate this to parents. I have to go off of the word of my child which is sometimes shaky. I would also like some sort of outline or communication of what the kids are learning besides just the papers being brought home. I feel like I never know what is going on unless my kids or another parent tells me. TIME TOWARDS LEARNING! I ask my children pretty specific questions about their day and in the past month I have heard that they have: watched an entire movie, made cupcakes, eaten ice cream, etc. I would like to be notified if my children are going to be offered sweets, but more importantly i don't think any of these things are a good use of instructional time. I get that sometimes children can get rewarded, and I encourage that too, but this has happened fairly often and I sed my children to school to learn. RECESS! - I think playing, talking to friends, and running around is important, but recess seems like a free for all at times. I don't like kindergartners being outside with older students, and I feel like the one swing set is way too close to the road. I also feel like the playground equipment is really outdated and could use an upgrade. It is bordering on dangerous. We moved to this district a few years ago because its reputation, but it isn't living up to it. This school has a lot of potential to do great things, but it needs an overhaul. Thank you for listening.	12/20/2017 5:35 PM
128	I don't think the current kindergarten report card is adequate for informing parents what students truly know. Why isn't 58 using the state mandated KIDS assessment? The teacher herself had lots of evidence to supplement the report card but the actual report card it self seemed to focus on behavior versus academics.	12/20/2017 5:16 PM
129	There is way too much focus on the MAP scores and not nearly enough focus on the individual. While each student contributes to the MAP scores, those are just a few days out of the year and our concern is all of the other days, as that is what the parents care more about.	12/20/2017 3:35 PM
130	Challenge the younger grades. K-2 I feel my children learned very little academically because they were ahead. The policy the schools seem to take is to push them to the side while they play catch up with the rest of the grade. Don't all kids deserve to be challenged?!? It takes till 3rd grade for kids that are good at reading and math to start to learn anything. What a waste of 3 years!	12/20/2017 10:42 AM
131	Stronger writing curriculum	12/19/2017 12:11 PM
132	Wish all of the teacher communicated with parents Some teachers did a poor job of communicating when PowerSchool was not available to view	12/18/2017 10:55 PM

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133	Giving struggling students needed support If your child doesn't have an IEP no one seems to care if they fail Notifying parents when issues arise Certain teachers do not respond to emails and phone call in a timely manner Getting answers to questions from principal at my child's school not sure if he cares about my child	12/18/2017 10:44 PM
134	Other than a encouraging a couple of teachers to try new things and not be so close-minded, I have not other suggestions.	12/15/2017 10:36 AM
135	I would like to see better communication from the staff if my child is struggling with material in the class. In the past I have had to reach out first. This is the first year with a new principal and new reading specialist that they came to me first so I think they are headed in the right direction.	12/15/2017 9:41 AM
136	teacher answering emails in a more timely fashion, parent notification of reading and math groups students are in. I was never notified what reading rti group my child was in or who was servicing her.	12/15/2017 9:09 AM
137	Lower student to teacher ratio.	12/14/2017 9:26 PM
138	There are so many things, but if I can only name one I have to say curriculum. It is ridiculous that we still don't have a proper math or ELA curriculum in place. And even more so that we waited 14 years to upgrade.	12/14/2017 8:35 AM
139	Need weekly art Need daily gym (or at least more frequently than it is now) Chrome books for older grades (3rd and up) Less tech for the younger grades (1st graders don't need their own iPads)	12/13/2017 11:02 PM
140	Getting the school pick-up car line moving faster at the beginning and end of day.	12/13/2017 5:38 PM
141	The district should not allow such a large discrepancy in school equipment (e.g. New play grounds, electronic black boards)	12/13/2017 12:44 PM
142	The SEL lessons could be more dynamic, perhaps taking it beyond a simple take home work sheet; expand the topics and present in a different format	12/12/2017 10:40 PM
143	The food	12/12/2017 8:37 PM
144	Ability to challenge kids that are excelling among their peers with parent involvement We've also experienced quite a few teacher out days. Consistency in the classroom is key so avoiding outages is always preferred	12/12/2017 7:46 PM
145	Giving parents more info on what's happening in the classroom. I know that as the kids get older, they should become more responsible for their homework, activities, etc. However, some are not "there" yet and others don't tell parents much about their day. Can leave parents feeling unsure about what's happening on a regular basis.	12/12/2017 5:18 PM
146	Certain teachers seem to be carried along by the school despite the fact their teaching is below par;'	12/12/2017 1:39 PM
147	District 58 could let us know more efficiently when there are matters that are of concern to parents and our students lives. There seems to be a lag time between what the district knows and when they choose to inform the school.	12/11/2017 10:08 PM
148	Accommodations for students with learning differences or brain differences in the main stream classroom. Principals need not to be in charge of directing these accommodations. Should be District level admin. Too much emphasis on BEST program. It's all or nothing. I high would explain the low PARCC scores.	12/11/2017 8:48 PM
149	Since this is an environment survey, I feel like the physical environment should be considered. All classrooms at Highland should have air conditioners like most of the other schools do.	12/11/2017 6:55 PM
150	Please put at least one of the concerts (primary/secondary) at night. It's hard for working parents to attend both concerts during school hours. Also, having Indian Trail parents working at the school in substitute and teaching assistant positions seems to be a conflict of interest. Having a peer's parent in a position of authority in a student's classroom is uncomfortable for students. If parents want to purse these positions, they should be encouraged to do so at other schools in the district.	12/11/2017 2:19 PM
151	Getting rid of the Common Core Standards. It really puts our kids behind others in the area, in the state and in the country. It is time for DG 58 to put our kids first and do everything it can to help our kids succeed in life.	12/11/2017 12:49 PM

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152	I feel that District 58 needs to do more to promote and to encourage the community to embrace the "lower scoring" schools like El Sierra. Since our school has a slightly different population than several of the other elementary schools, it is essential that the district treats it as an equal and provides the schools with struggling students with enough support.	12/11/2017 11:03 AM
153	Class size	12/11/2017 10:34 AM
154	Test scores are abysmal. If one were to look at readily available data you would think Indian Trail was an inner city school. I'm not one to emphasize testing but we can't ignore that this metric is frequently used to measure the success of a school.	12/11/2017 10:13 AM
155	RECOGNIZE ALL DIVERSITY	12/11/2017 9:32 AM
156	My only concern is that in the younger grades at Kingsley, the classrooms are really full. It seems like the children and teachers would benefit from more support. I am sure there is a guideline to follow to get the right balance - but it is not clear to me as a parent. Maybe additional communication on that issue.	12/11/2017 8:58 AM
157	I think our school needs to lessen the restriction on fruit break a little. For a child who does not eat fruits or vegetables, I think cheese sticks or applesauce should be allowed. My child goes without a snack all morning because we follow the rules.	12/11/2017 8:40 AM
158	Before and after care.	12/11/2017 5:54 AM
159	I have struggled for years getting my kids to be appropriately challenged for their ability level. My daughter is not in the level of math she could be this year because of a lack of effort by her teacher last year. Not all of the teachers are like this but one unmotivated teacher can and did negatively impact her math progression. I would like to see more consistent effort made year-over-year to challenge my children at their level. That is what the goal of the MAP testing. It just seems to be unevenly addresses.	12/10/2017 11:47 PM
160	better communication regarding technology & more oversight -- our 6 year old has already had several classmates show them how to download games that we were stunned were accessible, including inappropriate commercial content!	12/10/2017 7:12 PM
161	The general facilities. Air conditioning, availability of public spaces more suited for today's learning environments.	12/10/2017 3:36 PM
162	Once a student finishes the curriculum there is no advancement until the next school year. This is holding back some of the more gifted students and leading to some behavioral issue where there would normally be none.	12/10/2017 11:58 AM
163	N/A	12/10/2017 11:10 AM
164	Education system, school rating is very low now.....	12/9/2017 8:25 PM
165	provide firm for parents to give feedback about teachers	12/9/2017 8:15 PM
166	Honestly nothing.	12/9/2017 7:39 PM
167	DISTRICT 58 has failed miserably at PARCC scores, and has failed even worse at addressing the concerns of the District 58 community and listening to our cries for their help. DISTRICT 58 is falling behind every school district around us and it is having a tremendous negative impact. DISTRICT 58 needs to take this problem seriously and address it with great haste. Not just dismiss the communities concerns.	12/9/2017 1:36 PM
168	I know this is not a popular opinion, but I want my student to have more required homework. I worry about the transition to high school. The difference between middle and high school was vast for my freshman, and a bit of a shock when it came to the pacing and time needed at home. I know that research will say that homework does not necessarily translate to improved academic performance, but when it comes to the life skills of responsibility and accountability for one's learning (and later job and life), homework is a valuable tool to practice time management and problem-solving. I know that I can "assign" work myself (and Herrick teachers DO provide opportunities for practice and work online or in other ways), but let's face it, it's never the same coming from the parent vs. the teacher :-). Just my two cents! Thanks!	12/9/2017 12:43 PM
169	A better explanation of the report card - perhaps an online video?	12/9/2017 11:13 AM
170	Some teachers are wonderful communicators giving parents updates on classrooms activities but some others we don't hear from much. The district could improve information on the website as to eligibility requirements for classes. Some classroom opportunities for students aren't even known to be available until you hear about them through word of mouth.	12/9/2017 9:23 AM

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171	Class sizes for current kindergartners. For sure. And it sounds like updating curriculum should be a priority.	12/9/2017 8:08 AM
172	Given so much is electronic in the students' days, it's hard to know what the kids are learning each day to be able to quiz or reinforce things at times.	12/8/2017 9:26 PM
173	Get a before/after school program at their location.	12/8/2017 8:03 PM
174	Challenging kids to strive to learn more. Not settling for mediocracy.	12/8/2017 6:43 PM
175	District 58 needs to start listening to their teachers & parents, making changes and purchase a curriculum (instead of giving the superintendent a higher salary). Our district is sinking and nothing is being done about it. As far as El Sierra goes, the PTA could work on creating a team of parents who want to work together and are open to welcoming each other's ideas.	12/8/2017 6:35 PM
176	Na	12/8/2017 6:11 PM
177	?	12/8/2017 5:12 PM
178	Place to go for parents to view child's homework each night.	12/8/2017 4:30 PM
179	Sticking to the basics, reading and spelling. Being more concerned about children learning and understanding, not just pushing them through.	12/8/2017 4:25 PM
180	Get rid of combined classes.	12/8/2017 3:56 PM
181	I think it would be interesting to get input from the 7th graders on which device they like better after using the iPads for a few years and now using Chromebooks. I also would like to see if District 58 could look into offering more sporting options like other middle schools in the area. I constantly hear that middle school is only two years and parents can not feel as connected because of that short window of time. Having more sports could connect parents more to the school.	12/8/2017 3:33 PM
182	Less focus on technology, more focus on critical thinking skills, writing, etc.	12/8/2017 3:30 PM
183	Do not cut back on resource teachers at one school in favor of another.	12/8/2017 4:38 AM
184	We're new to the district so we're still exploring but so far it's been an incredible experience.	12/8/2017 2:42 AM
185	Focusing on genuine needs of the students and parents not just to vocal PTA	12/7/2017 10:22 PM
186	Preparing the children for standardized testing. The new school ratings are alarming.	12/7/2017 4:41 PM
187	Curriculum and Communication with parents. I do not feel my teacher or principal reach out on an individual basis well enough. we get weekly newsletters that are incredibly basic and when I inquire about specifics from them with my child, she doesn't even know what I'm talking about. So if they are doing what's in the newsletter, it's not making an impact on the students. My child is not the only one, I know other parents share this concern. We have compared the curriculum, specifically math and science, with other districts and find it lacking. Though I feel science is on the right track, it's not there yet.	12/7/2017 3:57 PM
188	Informing parents about problems at school or injuries occurring at school. Inform parents emergency plans for situations at schools if there was an emergency how we would know how to check on our child or where to meet.	12/7/2017 2:24 PM
189	- improvement of the principal - improvement of dealing with bullying - more options for students who excel in their grade level or subject	12/7/2017 2:12 PM
190	wish the music shows were in the evening so easier for parents to attend	12/7/2017 10:26 AM
191	Finding a curriculum that works and sticking with it!	12/7/2017 8:58 AM
192	Better financial planning is a must. Buying textbooks has been put on hold because of lack of money. Does every kid in the district need an iPad? NO! The district won't hire qualified teachers with experience because those teachers are "too expensive ". I hope you see a pattern.	12/7/2017 7:11 AM
193	Be more open to parent volunteers that have education skills that could supplement the curriculum and coursework.	12/6/2017 10:51 PM
194	Seriously you guys kill way way too much papers..... everyday you guys send home papers for one thing or another. This is the internet age. Go paperless and save a tree	12/6/2017 9:22 PM

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195	Please consider an aide for Kingsley 1st grade classes, 28 students to 1 teacher is an unacceptable ratio. We need to support our teachers more and help foster an environment that helps all students at different learning levels excel. I'm disappointed that we have not yet gotten an aide.	12/6/2017 9:18 PM
196	Clsss size to WAY too large. 26 kindergarteners is too much for 1 teacher. These kids are young and need some additional support and guidance.	12/6/2017 8:58 PM
197	I feel that morning drop off time is mismanaged, disorganized and unsafe. Bus drivers are letting kids off before there is any adult supervision. There is no regular crossing guards to help the children cross safely. And I don't feel there is enough adult supervision while the kids are standing in their lines waiting to be let into school. And I don't understand why these little kids are made to stand in a line, outside, unless is precipitating, until 8:20. Why can't they go into the building and stand by their hooks until it's time for class to start? I would also love a little more communication from the principal, preferably weekly. It would just be a way of reaching out and connecting with the parents; I think a lot of people would really appreciate a weekly check in / update.	12/6/2017 8:56 PM
198	District 58 needs to consider making repairs to the following: A. Middle School Math program is a mess. How can this change for the better where Math 1 is Algebra etc. B. The fact there is no grades or points for homework is also a horrible idea. Students (especially mine) don't seem to complete their homework because they know it's not a grade. This needs to change. DGN grades homework, let's be consistent. C. District 58 has the lowest PE, Music and Art in DuPage County. D. Social emotional well being of our children is overlooked because all kids are working on is math,science, language arts. E. Pierce Downer needs to make sure to be more inclusive to all parents. PTA is not inviting, and some of the teachers are not welcoming either. School community seems to be missing. F. Pierce Downer needs to work on : How about less worry about parents running a party and the food that parents bring, and encourage parents/room moms to talk to teachers to make sure that even the healthy snacks are not an allergen to a student. Let's make sure to not assume there are no allergies because we brought in veggies and fruits to a party. Parties have become not fun over the over controlling idea about food at parties. There needs to be a compromise. If food for children can only be veggies and fruits, it should be the same for the adults.	12/6/2017 8:52 PM
199	An increase in having art class once a week instead of 2 times a month. Or please, please consider adding a foreign language starting in 6th grade. Having students learn a foreign language starting in 8th grade is ridiculous. I have a freshman at DGN and in Spanish II and its a real struggle. It's a shame when you compare other middle schools in the area and they start a foreign language in 6th grade.	12/6/2017 8:26 PM
200	Start implementing the NGSS (this should have already been done!) and make enrichment a part of the school day (EVERY DAY) for those who qualify in ALL GRADES. Make kindergarten a full day option that doesn't require extra payments.	12/6/2017 8:14 PM
201	I would like to see the District integrate a foreign language program for all grades beginning at the elementary schools. Missing this opportunity to get kids exposed to a different language is a real loss, especially in lieu of the fact that we live in such a diverse country. Let's get some Spanish, French, German, and/or Arabic instruction!	12/6/2017 7:53 PM
202	Have teachers allmuse same apps. I have three kids and some teachers use seesaw, Bloomz, Twitter. Which is was consistent so I didn't have to check so many different places and learn new apps each year.	12/6/2017 6:53 PM
203	Addressing how kids treat other kids	12/6/2017 6:50 PM
204	The gifted program is narrow and lacking. Forcing younger children who are advanced to wait until their classmates catch up is a waste of everyone's time.	12/6/2017 6:23 PM
205	Principal/parent communication Overall what is going on in school newsletter	12/6/2017 6:10 PM
206	School is cutting out parent involvement in the classroom and does not seek parent feedback	12/6/2017 6:10 PM
207	I wish all teachers would use an app like class dojo to communicate daily occurrences or send reminders.	12/6/2017 5:48 PM
208	Student:teacher ratios More recess /active time DG58 administration needs to improve staff capabilities around assessing risk; evaluating alternatives amongst tough choices; delivering on commitments and delivering on what's asked of them by the board. I don't feel current staff has the skill set necessary to get DG58 through our current challenges or develop a plan to do so.	12/6/2017 5:15 PM

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209	Encouraging independent thinking and assignments in mechanical/engineering/gardening/food and nutrition. They have a lot of land around the school that could be turned into garden plots for the school children. Making robots and design contests the that have an environmental theme could be fun.	12/6/2017 5:15 PM
210	Sometimes I feel the parents think they run the school - ignoring principal's requests, hanging around before school recess. Sometimes I think the parents need to be asked to step back and let the school do their job.	12/6/2017 4:49 PM
211	I would love to see a Foreign Language Program in the schools and some type a keyboarding skills class maybe integrated into the LRC skills.	12/6/2017 4:46 PM
212	The physical building is a mess and has gone down in the past year. I attended a band concert for my younger child last week and there was food and trash in the stands. My kids complain that the floors are messy and the bathrooms are gross. Just sad that kids are expected to learn in a messy environment. At curriculum night I had to wipe a table in a room because it was so gross. the wipe was so soiled with black dirt and grime. It could not just have been from one day. Custodians need to clean. Don't put this on the teachers!	12/6/2017 4:17 PM
213	Less iPad focus during instruction	12/6/2017 4:11 PM
214	Some of the teachers at Puffer need to go/retire because they have check out years ago and are useless. Unfortunately, my child had to go through this one year at Puffer. Her grades and social life suffered. It was the first year I heard her say she hated school and hated math. It was a very long, frustrating year for all of us. The good news is that she was able to bounce back the following year thanks to a wonderful teacher who really challenge her and made her enjoy school again. Travhers need to be held accountable. Some are just there to pick up their bloated paychecks and do very little (if any) work.	12/6/2017 4:10 PM
215	The best program is ruining this school. The students deserve better. We are sad that our students in regular education classrooms are being subjected to such awful behavior from these students that need more staff and support. It's ruining the love that we once felt at Kingsley to have our kids education constantly being disrupted by best program kids. Why is Kingsley always the place for these programs? Can't another school have a turn? It's not the staff but I constantly hear issues with these kids in music, art, pe, recess, champions.....they need to not just monopolize Kingsley teachers with the whole districts special needs kids.	12/6/2017 4:01 PM
216	Preparing the kids for middle school. There is not enough.	12/6/2017 3:57 PM
217	The principal is not what we want for our school. She has trouble making decisions, formulating communications that make sense, and is not effective as a principal. Her communications are often riddled with mistakes and inaccurate information. Shocking since she has worked in the district before. When I hear her speak I often wonder if she thinks before she speaks. It's sad and disappointing. The teachers and children deserve a better leader with a clear vision.	12/6/2017 3:54 PM
218	Determining when technology is appropriate. Ipads start so young. Not sure it makes sense. And studies have shown that forming pathways for a second language are best before age 7. It would be great to explore further.	12/6/2017 3:19 PM
219	UPGRADE THE CURRICULA AS MANDATED BY THE STATE SIX YEARS AGO!!! HAVING DONE NOTHING OVER THAT TIME PERIOD IS EDUCATIONAL MALPRACTICE!!! (YES, I'M YELLING!) EL SIERRA'S & THE DISTRICT'S PARCC SCORES ARE DISGUSTING!!!	12/6/2017 3:17 PM
220	Communication wirh parents and homework!!	12/6/2017 3:07 PM
221	Overcrowding is an issue!	12/6/2017 3:05 PM
222	The amount of homework in the 5th grade is too much. Some homework is good, but when it takes an hour or two a day, it's not beneficial anymore.	12/6/2017 2:41 PM
223	The schools are in need of air conditioning and other updates. It is WAY too hot in the fall and spring for the kids to learn effectively.	12/6/2017 1:08 PM
224	While this is a job for BOTH families and school, my daughter has run into the "you can't do this because you're a girl" situation at the school multiple times. Teaching and re-enforcing that everyone is equal would be a way to improve.	12/6/2017 11:51 AM
225	Dropping off children at Lester is a disaster. There needs to be a special meeting about this issue.	12/6/2017 10:42 AM
226	Need more classes offered like Spanish and Typing. Those are key skills for students and they are lacking in District 58.	12/6/2017 10:13 AM

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227	Install A/C in the school. Include typing in the curriculum. Provide more structured opportunity for following child's development at school -a couple of 20-min. PT conferences in a year seems not sufficient to truly understand how the child is doing.	12/6/2017 10:06 AM
228	Involvement by the principal In communicating with parents.	12/5/2017 11:32 PM
229	Having teachers directly communicate with parents about specific learning positives and negatives relative to each child	12/5/2017 11:27 PM
230	The only time I feel it's challenging to see our children shine is when we are jam packed into the gym for the music concerts. Maybe doing one grade at a time could help this situation.	12/5/2017 4:10 PM
231	Nothing	12/5/2017 11:17 AM
232	curriculum training for teachers class size - border adjustments	12/5/2017 9:17 AM
233	Teaching students to type on a keyboard instead of just iPad touch-screens.	12/5/2017 8:22 AM
234	Get new library resource person. She just about discourages reading the way she treats kids and Handles situations. I have seen it.	12/5/2017 7:51 AM
235	Accounting for our growing school population and providing the same opportunities that are available at other schools.	12/4/2017 4:30 PM
236	Curriculum needs to be updated. Lester needs an addition	12/4/2017 3:44 PM
237	Communication about when children are tested on curriculum. It's nice to know what days those tests are on to help prepare.	12/4/2017 3:12 PM
238	Class sizes are unacceptably large. Children do not receive enough individualized attention. The overall quality of education and developmental growth is suffering due to this. My child has stated that his teacher does not have 'enough time for him' to help him when he has questions. When asked the child stated 'she tries – there's just too many kids'. This is absolutely NOT a reflection on the teacher; it demonstrates how the school permits too many children to be in a classroom and the students do not get the individual attention they require to grow. The school district refuses to deal with the fact that class sizes are too large and it is hurting our students as well as impacting our teachers. Our test scores are sliding and Pierce Downer has not been eligible to be a 'Blue Ribbon School' for some time. We are seriously considering moving despite the amazing teachers and wonderful community in our neighborhood because we are disappointed with the quality of the education our children are receiving.	12/4/2017 3:11 PM

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239	<p>The reading and math program is outdated in District 58. The math program came out the year after common core was initiated. With the history of how long the district took to adopt a new reading program I am concerned they will take just as long with math. There is no planning ahead. Not sure if we have different intervention programs or programs to challenge students. Do we have a character traits program? Do we have anti bullying program? Do we have a second step program for social emotional learning? Does Kingsley use all these programs in each and every classroom? Are paraprofessional trained in these programs? The lack of programs and interventions is what is affecting the instruction and PARCC scores in my opinion. If Kingsley/District had programs they were training people in, then they would have staff qualified in multiple programs and or strategies. Our programs are outdated and parents don't know what programs are being used in the school/district. The blueprint just states the common core standards and gives worksheets to use. To my knowledge, these worksheets are not research based programs that are successful. This is why I am not a fan of the blueprint. It seems like a collection of busy work/worksheets that teachers pick and choose from. These programs and strategies need to be promoted and shared with parents as a school and community. Also, my son is in third grade and they are not practicing much typing on the macbooks and it is December. How does anyone think the students will be ready to type timed essays for PARCC in 3 months. The students should be using macbooks instead of ipads especially in grades 3 and up. There is a lack of communication with student academic progress. There are not many papers that come home to show me what my student is working on and the skills they are mastering according to the common core. There is also a lack of communication with the common core standards that are being addressed in class and what assessment is being used to determine if my student has met these standard. At conferences the report card is presented but there is not a lot of class work or assessments to show you how your child earned that mark. There is a small amount of data to backup the grading and small amount of work/evidence to gage how your student mastered the common core standards. I feel this is a result of having an outdated curriculum without common assessments and benchmarks for each grade level from the district. We have no aligned standards for District 58 when it comes to curriculum. There should be a document that district 58 has that says if you are in first grade you should be receiving a 60 on AIMSWEB, 162 on MAP reading, 171 on MAP Math, and common assessments that show where your child is in all subject areas. We have the blueprint to show us what our children need to know, but where are the assessments that show us if our child has mastered the standards and blueprints? I have heard many time that each teacher is different but as a district there has to be some goals and standards for students to meet and evidence/assessments to show parents what the students are mastering and where they need to practice. I believe we have an amazing staff at Kingsley and I would love for them to receive more resources, programming, and training in what they need.</p>	12/4/2017 2:02 PM
240	<p>New administration does not seems to be fitting with school climate and culture. Lots of unhappy parents that new principal seems to be micromanaging.</p>	12/4/2017 1:22 PM
241	<p>Differentiated learning for advanced students.</p>	12/4/2017 12:01 PM
242	<p>Updating curriculum, less emphasis on iPads.</p>	12/3/2017 11:52 PM
243	<p>Parking. It's out of control.</p>	12/3/2017 11:01 PM
244	<p>I wish that all of the schools could be equal. My kids have asked to move, so they can get the benefits that other schools have. I wish that kids with severe disabilities were given the help of an aide, so that the teachers didn't need to try to teach the class to one student. This is rampant at Lester, where my child's second grade class has 28 students and several IEP students.</p>	12/3/2017 9:52 PM
245	<p>As a new family to the school this year, I felt that more could have been done to introduce us to the school. A tour of the school, meet the staff, that kind of thing would have been really nice.</p>	12/3/2017 8:47 PM
246	<p>Class sizes are huge with no aides, my third grader doesn't get enough attention. It's unacceptable to have 30 kids in one class, it should have been 20 kids in 3 classes. The district needs to spend money on more teachers and less on technology. And changing boundaries would do nothing for my 3rd grader for the next 3 years.</p>	12/3/2017 7:02 PM
247	<p>Prepare our children better for the PAC and MAP testing. As well as get rid of combined grades/classrooms.</p>	12/3/2017 6:12 PM
248	<p>My son is advanced and he's not being challenged enough. He does participate in different programs/ activities throughout the week but the work done in classroom (and his homework) does not challenge him.</p>	12/3/2017 6:11 PM
249	<p>Providing a larger range of difficulty for classes. The rigor in high school honors classes is a pretty big jump from middle school, in our experience.</p>	12/3/2017 5:49 PM

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250	Class supervision during recess	12/3/2017 5:34 PM
251	Much needed improvement in modernizing the curriculum ! Placing a special interest in iep or special needs students. Get rid of current superintendent ! She's not here for stakeholders and refuses to answer to questions and be accountable for the lack f quality	12/3/2017 4:54 PM
252	Smaller class sizes	12/3/2017 4:00 PM
253	curriculum. overcrowding.	12/3/2017 1:54 PM
254	School yearbooks should show special education students on the pages with their General Education class. Last year their photos were not shown on the page with their grade-level classmates.	12/3/2017 1:33 PM
255	Educate the kids not prep them for standardized tests	12/3/2017 1:30 PM
256	Standards - Please make sure that all teachers have a same base standard to start from. I kind of wish that the teachers all chat between each other about the students to maybe see if a student is having issues in more than one class. You may do this and I don't know about it. Thanks,	12/3/2017 12:50 PM
257	Using technology to support our education goals, not making tech a goal. Also, hiring teachers with experience, not young people straight out of school.	12/3/2017 11:49 AM
258	The math curriculum and sequence has been a problem lately. Not all of the elementary schools are on the same page/sequence. When students get to the middle schools many are not in the same place or have been pushed too far ahead. There is no need to rush the math program.	12/3/2017 7:58 AM
259	There's nothing I can think of that could use improvement.	12/2/2017 10:51 PM
260	Allowing boys to be boys. My son informed me that he was instructed by the principal that he was not allowed to play flag football at recess. It's extremely important to me that my son is supported as a boy and allowed to participate in boy oriented activities.	12/2/2017 9:41 PM
261	I love Herrick so far and cannot think of an improvement to suggest	12/2/2017 9:17 PM
262	Remember that a lot of parents work. The timing of events feels like DG58 doesn't recognize that this isn't the 1950s when June Cleaver is available at all times.	12/2/2017 9:11 PM
263	I haven't come across anything. We love Lester. :)	12/2/2017 9:00 PM
264	Communication with parents Actually putting in the work to help a child succeed in life	12/2/2017 8:49 PM
265	Offering less paperwork that require a student's signature to sign as if he/she signing a binding contract. This does not foster a creative mindset.	12/2/2017 7:32 PM
266	Improve outside facilities for students	12/2/2017 5:05 PM
267	The principal needs to work on his interactions with parents. He comes off very scripted and not genuine. He also talks in circles and it is difficult to get a straight answer out of him. It's almost like he is hiding something. Also, I feel like the teachers rely too much on the ipad for classroom instruction. The ipad should be a tool or a resource not a replacement for the teacher.	12/2/2017 12:44 PM
268	Nothing	12/2/2017 12:35 PM
269	All students need more music and art instruction.	12/2/2017 11:23 AM
270	Offering tutoring or more resources for children struggling with any subjects.	12/2/2017 11:14 AM
271	More teachers sending updates, letting us know if they have social media to follow, etc	12/2/2017 11:07 AM
272	I did not answer the question regarding being welcomed in the classroom. I've not been invited to any classroom events, nor have I asked to be involved; that said, I can't imagine not being welcomed. It just hasn't happened yet. My only other issue is one of communication. (Part of that, I'm sure, is that we are getting used to jr. high and it's nothing like primary school.) I would like to have more communication from teachers as to how my child is doing, especially since there were some performance issues earlier in the year. I feel the teacher should have given me a follow-up report rather than my having to reach out for a follow-up.	12/2/2017 10:44 AM
273	Teacher responses to emails. We usually need to follow-up more than once for feedback, answers, etc.	12/2/2017 10:19 AM
274	feedback on MAP testing and IXL reporting. There should be a standard report that comes with MAP that prescribes specific programming where she needs more practice. And, no teacher has never commented on her IXL results.	12/2/2017 10:12 AM

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275	Keep growing, but you are so wonderful!	12/2/2017 6:08 AM
276	Communication grades with parents and students was pretty uneven while PowerSchool was down. It's much better now.	12/1/2017 10:20 PM
277	More teacher training in managing and planning differentiated math groups.	12/1/2017 10:16 PM
278	Providing transportation from elementary schools via school bus to after school band program at Herrick would be helpful to parents and would also cut down on the traffic at Herrick after school.	12/1/2017 10:12 PM
279	parent teacher conference should not be limited to a set up of only 3 conferences. I want to meet ALL the teachers - my tax dollars pay for that! Im asking for 10 minutes of their time - not too much to ask for	12/1/2017 9:55 PM
280	The facilities are outdated and do not foster 21st century teaching and learning.	12/1/2017 8:59 PM
281	N/A	12/1/2017 8:12 PM
282	smaller class sizes	12/1/2017 6:21 PM
283	Just from observation, aids for those that need the help	12/1/2017 5:40 PM
284	the new grading system is tough to accept	12/1/2017 5:38 PM
285	Including children with special needs into general education classrooms for meaningful time. Supporting children with Aides that have actual training in what their needs are & working with families that have special needs.	12/1/2017 1:57 PM
286	Curriculum.	12/1/2017 1:08 PM
287	Curriculum.	12/1/2017 1:06 PM
288	Unifying the schools to represent the entire district instead of the one neighborhood:one school mentality.	12/1/2017 12:41 PM
289	increased resources for math, reading or social skills.	12/1/2017 12:34 PM
290	dealing with parents concern about bullying behavior and the effects that is has had on the student. Also, when test scores fall so dramatically, we think the teacher and parent should meet sooner, and not 2 months after the testing. So parent, students and teachers can formulate a plan to help the student to succeed. Consistently have brought up learning issue that teachers have missed.	12/1/2017 12:02 PM
291	District 58: I have written this year after year, and it is evident that CLASS SIZES DIRECTLY CORRELATE TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS. Period. End of story. This is the THIRD straight year of a decline in test scores. This is absolutely unheard of in DuPage County. If we ran this district like a corporation, with a three year decline in revenue, I can assure you that changes would be made at the top of the district. "Not teaching for the test" and "PARCC does not matter" are excuses for poor curriculum. Our kids are suffering, our test scores are lagging. We need a POLICY on class size to support the students and teachers alike. And we need an administration with broad classroom and curriculum experience to lead our educators.	12/1/2017 11:45 AM
292	Substitutes	12/1/2017 11:30 AM
293	I feel that the district OVERALL needs to be more inclusive and accepting of diversity. Families don't come in one shape and size. We have numerous cultures, religions, and sexual orientations in this district and I feel that the district needs to do more to be accepting and inclusive. Christmas programs are not acceptable. We need to have clear bathroom programs.	12/1/2017 11:27 AM
294	The weird rigid rules about having parents in the school. I think it would help emotional children to be able to see their parents when/if necessary.	12/1/2017 10:20 AM
295	Too much homework is online and hard to quantify and keep track of. Additionally, there are many times when it seems the school doesn't take into consideration the time challenges of working parents by asking parents to come in often during school hours.	12/1/2017 10:18 AM
296	I think that District 58 should continue to investigate why PARCC test scores are lower than we expected.	12/1/2017 9:25 AM
297	Class sizing is a challenge and split classes where two grades intermingle is not the best answer.	12/1/2017 8:55 AM

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298	District: rethink the emphasis on 1:1 tech to ensure that students are using iPads in ways that enhance learning. My children have talked about iPad time being used mainly for apps and sometimes for watching shows on YouTube kids. The SAMR model should be taken into consideration in planning for iPad use. Also, highlight SMPs in math. I am incredibly concerned at the grouping of students in math classes starting in kindergarten based on ability and the lack of working first through conceptual understanding and introducing multiple strategies for solving in later grades School: there seems to be an feeling of keeping parents at an arms length this year. Not embracing the strengths that the parent community bring to the school.	12/1/2017 8:09 AM
299	Chromebooks should be at least distributed to 5th/6th grade as well.	12/1/2017 8:01 AM
300	Social issues/bullying, disciplining misbehavior	12/1/2017 8:00 AM
301	Providing foreign language curriculum earlier in the school career, as well as allowing all the students the opportunity to take foreign languages.	12/1/2017 7:51 AM
302	encourage STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)	12/1/2017 7:13 AM
303	I am concerned about a significant drop in test scores and overall school ranking throughout the district. The district does not appear to be providing equal resources to all schools and demonstrates poor fiscal policy planning and a willful disregard for parental input at community meetings. Overall engagement needs to improve and leadership would do well to consider revamping their voice to a true "we" approach which does not seem to be the case in the last 2 years. Another avenue of improvement would be more involvement from teachers who do not seem to have a loud enough voice in the district planning. Certainly running a district is a business, but the business is education and teachers are on the frontline and need to be heard and supported.	12/1/2017 6:57 AM
304	The parking and drop off is a mess. Someone hit my car. People block the front and someone is going to be injured by chorus parents on thursdays. The street in front of the school needs to be one way. There is a group of parents at this school that need some SEL lessons themselves. They are not kind so it's hard to attend events when they are rude and mean. It's like high school mean girls all over again. Maybe less competitive events (trivia night w/drinking) focusing on being kind to others.	12/1/2017 6:51 AM
305	Fire the superintendent.	12/1/2017 6:50 AM
306	Nothing specific at this time	12/1/2017 6:46 AM
307	Too many forms of communications just one or two places to get communications it's hard to keep track of it all	12/1/2017 6:04 AM
308	A better welcoming at PTA, parents voting on decisions making and friendlier staff during pick up/drop off playground and office.	12/1/2017 3:54 AM
309	I wish they had Art in 7th and 8th grade creative arts are so important. I think it is a gap in your childs education and to be well rounded as a person.	12/1/2017 12:22 AM
310	We are too early on at the school to comment.	11/30/2017 11:46 PM
311	Performing Arts-Plays, recitals, musicals	11/30/2017 11:16 PM
312	There needs to be better communication/feedback from the teachers that our children have outside of their homeroom teacher. Perhaps, these other teachers could provide formal feedback for conferences.	11/30/2017 10:40 PM
313	Bathrooms my son complains about how dirty the bathrooms are.	11/30/2017 9:50 PM
314	Improve the facility, class sizes are too big, more education around bully's	11/30/2017 9:48 PM
315	Literacy Program	11/30/2017 9:34 PM
316	don't know	11/30/2017 9:20 PM
317	We need an updated curriculum. The district is falling behind and teaching to a curriculum that is 14 years old is unacceptable. Highland is overcrowded. The district needs to take action vs. just talk about it. No air conditioning and lack of air circulation is another concern. Rooms are stuffy much like an airplane. The kids are breathing in stagnant air. The district prides itself in having low operating costs, but our children's health and well being are at risk.	11/30/2017 9:15 PM
318	The kindergarten doesn't have enough iPads for the kids to use them much.	11/30/2017 9:07 PM
319	Lower teacher/student ratio, update school and curriculum	11/30/2017 9:06 PM

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320	Standard test scores	11/30/2017 8:48 PM
321	Facilities maintenance/repair—bathrooms in particular. Kindergarten class size.	11/30/2017 8:44 PM
322	1. Way way way too much paper being sent home. Just post it on website or communicate electronically. Kill way too many trees in communication. 2. Parent teacher conferences are way too short. Felt very rushed and didn't have time to really discuss anything. 3. The teacher my daughter has seems to single out kids.	11/30/2017 8:43 PM
323	More up to date educational material / teaching methods	11/30/2017 8:43 PM
324	Please don't send repetitive emails about same info from district, principal, teachers , pta, etc Maybe just monthly principal email?	11/30/2017 8:21 PM
325	Reduce the student to teacher ratio so that our students get quality time and feedback from their teachers	11/30/2017 8:16 PM
326	You guys have to work to increase overall rating of schools especially middle schools.it went down from last year that's not a good sign.	11/30/2017 8:15 PM
327	Fostering cultural diversity and safe environment for diverse students	11/30/2017 7:56 PM
328	Recognizing when it's appropriate to move a child to a different level, and helping to implement such a move, more quickly.	11/30/2017 7:53 PM
329	Class size	11/30/2017 7:52 PM
330	Have more opportunities for parents to speak either the principal to create relationships. Maybe parent coffees	11/30/2017 7:47 PM
331	Communication to and opportunities for working parents to participate in school programs.	11/30/2017 7:38 PM
332	I am not sure that my child is being challenged as she is excelling in math and doing well in reading too.	11/30/2017 7:08 PM
333	Monitor the amount of screen time as a result of 1:1 initiative.	11/30/2017 6:54 PM
334	El Sierra needs to reevaluate its boundaries. I believe this will help our PARCC scores which in turn will have a positive effect on our school grade which is a 3.	11/30/2017 6:08 PM
335	District 58 needs to mirror what Butler in Oak Brook is doing instead of changing things every year. Their program is among the best. We should not have changed back and forth from no grades to letter grades to no grades again. Many parents blame for this but hopefully now that he's gone things will be more consistent rather than using our school district and students test subjects.	11/30/2017 5:44 PM
336	District 58 needs to figure out how to challenge the kids scoring in the 75 to 90 range. Too much emphasis on "gifted" or children at the other end of scale. 75 to 90s are being provided a mediocre education.	11/30/2017 5:36 PM
337	Two big issues in the middle school that could always use more attention: self-harm (cutting) and bullying (including on social media). I worry that a child is going to be seriously hurt.	11/30/2017 5:24 PM
338	Diversity acceptance	11/30/2017 5:09 PM
339	My child is overlooked. The teachers and staff do not get to know my child for what he is. He feels is not important in class.	11/30/2017 5:04 PM
340	The communication between lunchroom/recess monitors and teacher to parents when a child requires assistance during school, example if they are sent to the nurse for more than just a bandaid.	11/30/2017 5:00 PM
341	Curriculum, use of time for instruction, identifying and separating groups in reading and math based on proficiency and needs.	11/30/2017 4:38 PM
342	No more 1:1 screen time. Ipads as babysitters and busy time makes me sad to see. I'd prefer to have an additional short recess worked into the day to make in class learning more effective.	11/30/2017 4:36 PM
343	It would be nice to see power school in the elementary grades. Social emotional curriculums with focus on anxiety and coping strategies.	11/30/2017 4:35 PM
344	Gifted programs starting earlier than 4th grade.	11/30/2017 4:31 PM
345	Kindergarten communication and support of families in kindergarten Follow thru on and help kids who feel bullied	11/30/2017 4:22 PM

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346	This survey is more concerned about emotions rather than concrete learning. The last couple years have been a big disappointment on the value of education compared with other schools. My child is not challenged and is often bored with the structure that Puffer offers. I would have hoped this survey drilled down into the satisfaction of quality of school versus emotional. Not surprised though.	11/30/2017 4:21 PM
347	PTA budgets need to be standard among schools throughout district. Kingsley loses at least 25% participation because more kids are bussed from other schools because of special needs and redistricting has not been done. Kingsley field trip and other PTA sponsored opportunities for students pale in comparison to those of multiple N side Dist 58 schools	11/30/2017 4:13 PM
348	Highland needs to do more to prevent bullying and in some grades better student,parent,teacher communication	11/30/2017 4:07 PM
349	The class sizes are too large for one teacher. There needs to be a smaller student to teacher ratio.	11/30/2017 4:03 PM
350	None	11/30/2017 3:50 PM
351	None	11/30/2017 3:48 PM
352	Improve on passive aggressive isolation of students with non-politically correct views. Unless illegal, all personal views should be welcomed and students should feel free to exercise their freedom of speech. Teachers should maintain political neutrality and not impress their own political views on the students.	11/30/2017 3:42 PM
353	There needs to be more individual attention. The class sizes are too large, and children are not receiving the individual academic instruction that they need.	11/30/2017 3:37 PM
354	Things District 58 could improve upon: 1. Elementary schools should work on SEL like Herrick does. There is a video from a student in St. Charles. In that video, there is talk of empathy and sympathy. Children should view this video to learn more about SEL. 2. Pierce Downer needs to make sure to have the PTA Board includes the PTA body/Parents on decisions that PTA is making. This could be included in PTA meetings. Seems as though a lot of decisions are only made by the board which in turn is why a lot of parents do not show up to meetings. 3.All parents seem to not be included in volunteering at school. There should be a welcome committee that welcomes all parents (even the ones others may not be friends with) to be on committees and help on projects. It seems as though the same people only help out for all committees. Be inclusive. Invite everyone. 4. There is a rule about only veggies and fruits at PD. This is fine, however; something is overlooked. There are kids that do have allergies to veggies and fruits as well. Please make sure that the parents are asking their child's teachers what allergies are in the classroom. My daughter is allergic to strawberries, and someone brought a fruit salad to the Halloween party. There still needs to be a conversation between the snack parent and the teacher to make sure there are no allergies. 5. If there is a rule where there are no candies and treats, then the teachers should also follow this rule. 6th graders mentioned that a teacher was given candy by the principal or another teacher in front of the students in the classroom on Halloween.This becomes very hypocritical. Parties used to be fun. There needs to be more collaboration between parents and teachers.	11/30/2017 3:29 PM
355	Class size.	11/30/2017 3:10 PM
356	Nothing	11/30/2017 3:08 PM
357	Making sure kids that sit at the nut free table never sit alone. The school should encourage students to volunteer to sit with a student that is sitting alone. Something similar to a buddy bench.	11/30/2017 3:06 PM
358	Facilities- upgrading, expanding, improving	11/30/2017 3:04 PM
359	Perhaps more assistants in classrooms for kids who need extra	11/30/2017 3:03 PM
360	The bathrooms at O'Neill are pretty bad	11/30/2017 3:01 PM

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361	I feel very very strongly that Belle Aire is far too lenient on unacceptable behavior. While I won't go into details, my child has been exposed to class disruption and foul language that goes far beyond school age children. I feel so strongly that children are not being reprimanded, held accountable and parents of these children are washing their hands of their kids' behavior because it NEVER goes any further than a conversation. This has been enough for me to consider moving to another school. Had I known how it would be, I would not have put my youngest at Belle Aire. Her teachers have LOVED her. They've nurtured her. They've taught her. They've guided her. However, these same students have remained the exact same since kindergarten and nothing has ever changed. It's made me an angry parent. It's made my desire to be involved as parent at an all time low. There are many many days where I say to her, "your days at Belle Aire are almost over, then you get to begin again."	11/30/2017 2:59 PM
362	Not separate siblings (I have 1 in Lester 1st grade and 1 in Belle Aire K) due to a lottery loss. It's a brutal and rough year with separate activities, conferences, pick ups, etc. I feel the district failed, terribly on this and when it was approached, no answer was provided, I was ignored.	11/30/2017 2:46 PM
363	More advanced notice on the date and importance of Back-to-School Night. We rescheduled our vacation so our child could attend the "Sneak Preview" and consequently were out-of-town on Back to School Night. Being there might have made some things easier the first week.	11/30/2017 2:39 PM
364	In our few short months at Fairmount they have been exceptional and there's really nothing I would Change about his school	11/30/2017 2:28 PM
365	I have a difficult time with the students from the BEST program being transitioned in and out of my children's classrooms. My children have not only gotten physically hurt by a few of these students but feel bullied. It is an unacceptable distraction for students and teachers alike. I strongly believe that these students were placed in this program because the general education classroom was not the best fit for them and they should not be taking time away from the other students in the class.	11/30/2017 2:26 PM
366	There seems to be more focus on "social and emotional" stuff (such as this survey) than on academic curriculum, such as teaching math.	11/30/2017 2:24 PM
367	Overcrowding. More engaging, hands on learning in science especially.	11/30/2017 2:23 PM
368	Overcrowding is an issue at both schools we attend (Lester and Herrick). I really wish there was hands on science taught in the elementary grades. It really puts us behind.	11/30/2017 2:20 PM
369	We've been so pleased with our experience, I can't think of one!	11/30/2017 2:05 PM
370	Personally I'm not a fan of the open classroom concept where kids don't have an assigned seat and desk.	11/30/2017 2:04 PM
371	Making the curriculum rigorous at all levels. I have two children one in 2nd and one in 4th and the work balance is GREATLY uneven! My 2nd grader has about an hour of homework a night whereas my 4th grader rarely has any. It makes for a very unbalanced household	11/30/2017 2:01 PM
372	I would love to see smaller class sizes at Lester, I know space is an issue but rezoning would be free. Yes, maybe parents may be upset initially but rezoning is the only financially responsible way to do this. We could use any of the money set aside for an addition would and should be used for students support and special education services	11/30/2017 1:52 PM
373	Allow kids to have food at parties, let them wear masks at Halloween, Don't cancel Valentine's Day.	11/30/2017 1:45 PM
374	Give more homework and structure and less free time where students just go on their ipads. There is no reason that Hillcrest should trail Pierce Downers in standardized test scores.	11/30/2017 1:45 PM
375	No split classes.	11/30/2017 1:43 PM
376	Add an additional Parent Teacher Conference. There are not enough formal times for parents to discuss a child's progress or next steps.	11/30/2017 1:30 PM
377	I understand there is tons of feedback for the District at all times. However, I do not feel as though D58 thinks long term. It's short sightedness has led to families unhappy with the district and leaving for private school or other communities. We really need to start thinking long term.	11/30/2017 1:27 PM
378	The cleanliness of the school. I always feel like I need a shower when I leave. It seems dirty everywhere I look.	11/30/2017 1:24 PM
379	Curb appeal	11/30/2017 1:23 PM

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380	Class size is a major problem and something must change to get our class sizes to be close to 20 kids max per class. One teacher trying to teach 27 to 29 kids without an aide is absolutely ridiculous and it's shocking to me that DG58 is ok with this. We have talked with principals, superintendents, and school board members about this and absolutely nothing has been done. And we've seen first hand the negative impact these large class sizes have had on our 4th grader.....scores have been negatively impacted and he regularly tells us the teacher just doesn't have enough time to help him.	11/30/2017 1:17 PM
381	Lack of curriculum. This really needs to be addressed. We are getting the ELA curriculum but we absolutely need Math and Science. We are really behind the right ball on that. iPads need to go away for the primary grades. They should only be the classrooms and do not need to be 1:1. 4th grade and up should switch to chrome books. Kids are not going to learn how to type correctly on an iPad. For new teachers, the principals should reach out to the parents to gain feedback as to how the new teacher is doing. There should be a consistent messaging tool across the district. Not 5 different apps that parents can receive information through	11/30/2017 1:17 PM
382	Nothing hat I can think of.	11/30/2017 1:12 PM
383	Their curriculum and the amount of homework. I'm looking forward to the rollout of the new ELA curriculum, and wish the school gave more homework so I could see what my children are working on and help them accordingly. The kids also need reinforcement of the day's activities in order to retain the information they learned.	11/30/2017 1:07 PM
384	Add 6th grade to Herrick. It doesn't belong in the elementary schools where they are failing to prepare them for middle school. Give Herrick a longer runway to work with the kids. Three years in that school would make much better young adults ready for high school (more than they are now).	11/30/2017 12:49 PM
385	Teacher/student ratio seems high at our school. We need more aides. Some foresight needs to be used in teacher absences if they are on special committee's, so that there is more continuity and coverage in the classroom, particularly in younger grades.	11/30/2017 12:46 PM
386	Social emotional development	11/30/2017 12:44 PM
387	the school needs to focus on prepping 5th and 6th graders for middle and high school. they are not being well prepared. the school is terrible at addressing bullying and neither the administration or teachers understand how to handle it.	11/30/2017 12:44 PM
388	I think there should be a full time school nurse at each school all the time! My child has had a few injuries that could have been bad and the school nurse has never been there and have gotten a call from the secretary. I think something bad will happen before there is a change and that would be too bad to wait for that!	11/30/2017 12:43 PM
389	Monitor/tamp down on bullying during recess. Girl cliques make other girls feel intimidated/unwelcome. They are unwilling to go to the teachers about it because the bullies will turn the story around and no one will believe them. Maybe closer supervision/observation of dynamics during recess could help as this doesn't seem to happen or at least not to the same extent while in the classroom.	11/30/2017 12:31 PM
390	Testing students for dyslexia/ADHD and training teachers to deal with IT	11/30/2017 12:29 PM
391	N/A	11/30/2017 12:28 PM
392	In general I feel the school is doing the best it can with the tools provided.	11/30/2017 12:28 PM
393	No more split classrooms - the kids are not always getting grade-appropriate didactics.	11/30/2017 12:25 PM
394	Reinforce respect among students	11/30/2017 12:19 PM
395	Better curriculum	11/30/2017 12:17 PM
396	1 - Lester needs new playground equipment. 2- Lester needs more more space and all day kindergarten. 3- It would be nice to have a well trained and educated school nurse on site every day at Lester given the size of the school. It is imperative that the nurse communicates injuries, especially all head injuries, to the parents. Overcommunicating would be better from the nurse!	11/30/2017 12:17 PM
397	Environment-As in less irritants/pollutants which would constitute HEPA filtration/other filtration as well.	11/30/2017 12:11 PM

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398	Update the science and SEL curriculum. As far as I'm aware there's no opportunity for high performing kids to differentiate their learning in science as there is in LA or math. Two of my kids have considered middle school science a bit of a joke. I think it's just too easy for them. On SEL, this curriculum needs to focus less on bullying and more on real issues these kids are facing. Update to include more focus on learning to turn off social media and electronics. Teach these kids coping skills to deal with school, sports, parent pressure to succeed. Incorporate mindfulness, meditation, yoga, coloring, puzzles, listening to music and other stress relief strategies so they're equipped with some helpful tools when they enter high school.	11/30/2017 12:10 PM
399	Sending home more information on common core to accompany homework. In example- third grade math homework often comes home with zero directions on how the problems should be solved, or no background info such as a textbook for parents to refer to should the child need help.	11/30/2017 12:08 PM
400	At the middle school level, I need a chance to see all the teachers that I need to during conferences. More time is needed to give teachers the time to meet with parents.	11/30/2017 12:07 PM
401	More diversity in the student population.	11/30/2017 12:04 PM
402	SEL curriculum needs to be updated to reflect today's societal challenges. Current SEL curriculum focuses too much on bullying and not enough on social issues facing today's children (online connectivity, fast pace of culture, pressures to succeed). We need a SEL curriculum that empowers children at all ages to learn to adapt to these challenges and teach them coping strategies to deal with constant stress and pressures.	11/30/2017 12:04 PM
403	Work to find better solutions for the most advanced kids so they don't feel left out and spend their days running around.	11/30/2017 11:59 AM
404	Improve class size and update curriculum materials.	11/30/2017 11:56 AM
405	More Art Education and PE.	11/30/2017 11:53 AM
406	I am really not a fan of "student led" teacher conferences. I feel like I would like the ability to have an open & honest conversation with a teacher, and that doesn't happen in this forum. I fail to see the benefit of just having my child read a prepared paragraph about how they think they are doing.	11/30/2017 11:50 AM
407	Consistency in the materials and applications used. Also, open all learning applications in Apportal	11/30/2017 11:50 AM
408	I would love if parents had more opportunities to help out.	11/30/2017 11:45 AM
409	Recognize learning disabilities that are not super obvious or easily labeled.	11/30/2017 11:44 AM
410	Foster independent and critical thinking as soon as possible for all children.	11/30/2017 11:41 AM
411	Honestly, I think this school does so well in its efforts to include each child and foster a community spirit. Many of my co-workers can't say the same about their schools. My only complaint is that the variety was taken out of Fun Lunch. My kids liked it better when there were three restaurants involved. I know it's a huge amount to coordinate, but if we can have more than Skuddlebutts as a choice, that would be great. Thank you for all you do!	11/30/2017 11:40 AM
412	Narrowing the communication (emails) seems like they come from everywhere all the time. Difficult for a busy adult to tackle at times.	11/30/2017 11:40 AM
413	The overcrowding is an issue - we live across the street from Lester, and my son is 1 of 15 Lester kids who are attending Belle Aire in his grade. We love Belle Aire, but with the absolute explosion of new single family homes in the Lester area, I fear D58 is not truly looking at a true solution to account for the huge influx of kids at Lester.	11/30/2017 11:39 AM
414	They could have more teachers in kindergarten classrooms or less kids per teacher	11/30/2017 11:35 AM
415	Supervision during lunch and recess where most problems have occurred for my children.	11/30/2017 11:33 AM
416	????? variety for school lunches?????	11/30/2017 11:30 AM
417	Teaching of history and geography.	11/30/2017 11:29 AM
418	The middle school should offer an industrial arts elective.	11/30/2017 11:23 AM

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419	<p>Fire .. He is such a condescending person. I do not understand why he even teaches. He seems to dislike kids. Trying to talk to him about my child is painful, it is all about him. He needs to stop taking his frustrations out on students. I talked to other teachers and they all get really quiet when you try to ask what is s problem. One teacher finally said is heavily involved in the union and teachers are not allowed to express their opinion without going through him or leadership. If he is so miserable then take him out of the schools and let the Union pay for his salary. I will not allow any of my younger children to have him when they get to Herrick. This is a view expressed by many parents but being my first child to go to Herrick I was not aware of his incompetence prior to 8th grade. He is bad for kids and apparently bad for teacher morale. Herrick has wonderful teachers just brings everyone else down.</p>	11/30/2017 11:21 AM
420	Needed updated and repairs in school and classrooms	11/30/2017 11:19 AM
421	I would love to see students study a world language (e.g., Spanish) prior to 8th grade and have more exposure to "encore" material and "specials" more frequently than they currently are.	11/30/2017 11:10 AM
422	Having a curriculum to follow..	11/30/2017 11:08 AM
423	More minutes weekly for children with IEP's.	11/30/2017 11:08 AM
424	Diversity training for all staff and diversity events	11/30/2017 11:07 AM
425	Orientation for new families. It was not very organized or thorough.	11/30/2017 11:00 AM
426	NA	11/30/2017 10:57 AM
427	Better targeting of kids who learn at different levels and communicating this to the parents.	11/30/2017 10:56 AM
428	<p>Communication about Extend has always been weirdly secretive - as has the mystery behind the Citizenship award. Way too much energy is spent trying to obscure the selection process for both of these things. I know everyone worries about feelings getting hurt, but, especially in the case of Extend, far fewer feelings would be hurt if you shed a little light on the process. It feels dirty to ask why a child isn't in it, and it feels dirty to be a part of it. The criteria for admission, the program, the expectation of staying in the program once you are invited...all have changed significantly in the past 6-8 years, but it's like a secret society that no one is allowed to speak of so I can't even tell my kids why one person is in and one person isn't. Have a little faith in the parents...we won't riot if we find out why our child wasn't invited to participate or chosen for the citizenship award...it will just keep us from having endless speculative conversations at home with kids who think they aren't good enough. Give us some ammo, please! And can we please all agree on a 'no repeat citizenship award winners' policy? Surely a class of 40-50 kids has enough praiseworthy members to spread the joy around a bit.</p>	11/30/2017 10:56 AM
429	No relying solely on MAPP scores when placing a student in different math/reading levels. If a student shows they have the aptitude to be in a higher level through their day to day work, they should not be held back simply because one MAPP score wasn't up to par. This only leads to students getting bored and discouraged and forces me as a parent to pay tutors out of pocket to actually educate my own child.	11/30/2017 10:52 AM
430	Offer daily hot lunches. I'd pay more so the school would profit from offering daily hot lunches! As a single working mom making 2x healthy balanced sufficient amount of lunches daily is a daunting task and sometimes the kids suffer from time restrictions, flgricery restrictions etc..	11/30/2017 10:51 AM
431	The school rating	11/30/2017 10:49 AM
432	Focus on improving the very low test scores that Kingsley has. What is being done to improve the scores? If there is a plan to address the very low test scores, how is the plan being communicated to parents? Are the low test scores a priority for the district? Provide a teacher assistant to classrooms reaching 30 students Additional after school program opportunities Teacher training	11/30/2017 10:43 AM
433	Teaching to each child at his/her level without relying on so much ipad busywork. I don't blame the teachers...I think we need smaller classes and more aides to make this a reality.	11/30/2017 10:41 AM
434	Invest in more current, up to date Curriculum! Prep the students more for PARCC so our propert values don't plummet!	11/30/2017 10:40 AM
435	The sports curriculum, in my opinion, is flawed. Kids are assessed based on their heart rates. This leads to ridiculous activities such as running in place to get that heart rate up and pass the test. I don't care for receiving heart rate results by emails once a week. Also, some of the material in math contains many mistakes. I suggest asking the vendor to fix those mistakes or else go with someone else next time.	11/30/2017 10:39 AM

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436	Both my children have large class sizes & I understand we have space issues but I'm hoping we can find a solution for the upcoming school year. I understand this is something everyone is discussing & working on.	11/30/2017 10:38 AM
437	I would like to receive more regular feedback about my kid and what's happening in the class from the teacher. Weekly/biweekly letters would be fine	11/30/2017 10:37 AM
438	Communicating BEFORE school starts and remembering that over half the students are new every year...things that seem obvious to staff are NOT obvious to parents. 12 year olds are not and should not be considered reliable sources of information from school. If you won't know bus schedules until 3 days before school starts, tell everyone that mid-summer. If we are going to maybe need \$40 in extra art supplies, tell the parents exactly what is and is not needed. 'I need sharpies and pastels, but it's no big deal' from my student is incredibly stress-producing and unhelpful. Please put yourselves in the shoes of someone who knows nothing about Herrick or any of its programs and think about what questions you would have - those are the questions over half of your families have every year! Even ones who have had kids go through Herrick, as school policies change, kids do different activities from their siblings and have different teachers with different expectations.	11/30/2017 10:37 AM
439	social media education Do students fill out these surveys? I can speak on behalf of my child because I don't know accurate answers to these questions. I am not sure how this data is reliable unless you ask the students. Report card "ratings" - don't seem like a real grade	11/30/2017 10:36 AM
440	align curriculum in grades to be on par if there are multiple classes. Align teachers to grades that they can effectively teach.	11/30/2017 10:34 AM
441	Bullying situation's need to be brought to parents attention more	11/30/2017 10:32 AM
442	these surveys are a guess for parents - I am not sure it is reliable. Do students fill these out? I can't really give a reliable answer if teachers are helping my child out, etc.	11/30/2017 10:32 AM
443	School rating is falling for El Sierra. Is there something that could help?	11/30/2017 10:32 AM
444	May be silly to say, but a little longer lunch period. My daughter is a slow eater and doesn't have time to eat all of her lunch.	11/30/2017 10:32 AM
445	This is not limited to District 58. It seems that kids are constantly tested and that the day to day schedule is very packed and inflexible. Kids are constantly running from one academic subject to another and have very little time to socialize. Add more flexibility to the schedule and also more time for the kids to eat lunch and interact with each other at recess.	11/30/2017 10:31 AM
446	Cyber image and bullying and other do/dont	11/30/2017 10:30 AM
447	Better collaboration with teachers and principals	11/30/2017 10:30 AM
448	More communication on students that are doing well in school. Parent teacher conferences are great and I know that I could reach out to my child's teacher at any point with questions or concerns but I would like more proactive communication specifically about my child. Possibly a monthly email with a few bullets about how my child is doing related to the area of focus for that month. Examples could include if there are concepts he/she understands really well or maybe needs to focus on a bit more or if he/she is working really well with other students, etc.	11/30/2017 10:30 AM
449	Some of the teachers are very opinionated when dealing with the kids.. my daughter has told me things said within the classroom	11/30/2017 10:26 AM
450	Less state/national testing. Feel like so much time taking testing and preparing for tests when could be learning.	11/30/2017 10:26 AM
451	More focus on anti-bullying, and associated consequences of bullying - ALL forms of bullying. There is a LOT of bullying (including "girl drama" which is just as much bullying as anything else) that goes unreported because the 'good girls' getting bullied don't want to appear as trouble-makers by reporting issues. Also, more inclusionary plans and events that welcome children of all abilities, including sports.	11/30/2017 10:23 AM
452	Recognizing and celebrating diversity in holidays, beyond just Christmas. It would be nice to see Diwali and Chinese New Year and Eid also recognized at the schools.	11/30/2017 10:22 AM
453	Infrastructure. The buildings inside and out are out dated (HVAC), too crowded for the volume of students and deteriorating. Something must be done to the state of the buildings and ground to maintain the district reputation and appeal to new home buyers and most importantly to foster an environment conducive to learning for our students and staff.	11/30/2017 10:21 AM

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454	Why doesn't Kingsley school have more safe areas for the students to cross the road? There are numerous places to cross Norfolk, but only 1 corner gets one crossing guard. There should be a crossing guard at Saratoga and Norfolk as well. Norfolk is a busy road and the district needs to step up and provide safe crossing for all students at all the schools. Kingsley's location is different than most other elementary schools on the district and should have additional crossing guards.	11/30/2017 10:21 AM
455	I feel the teachers do not understand the curriculum as well as they should. A lot of times the teachers in the younger grades do a poor job with communication. Kids in 2nd grade have different teachers for different classes for different reasons and that is never communicated to the parents. I also feel everything is based off of MAP test scores. Communication as to when MAP tests are is not communicated in advance. There was a time an e-mail came out that morning. Also there are way too many apps that parents have to log into to see what their child is doing Seasaw, Class Dojo, etc. Kids are also rewarded with way too much candy in the younger grades. Why do we have to give children candy because they are being good. What is that teaching them? I also get very concerned when the daycare and district buses show up a little early in the morning and there is no one outside to watch the kids on the playground. What happens if something gets hurt?	11/30/2017 10:17 AM
456	I have two children at Hillcrest. My oldest has had a wonderful experience and my youngest who is in kindergarten has had a horrible experience. Lots of bullying, bad behavior in class and I am to the point I don't even know what to do. It seems like there is a lot of talk about no one is really addressing the issues.	11/30/2017 10:15 AM
457	I have a first grader that participated in O'keep last year. Compared to the rigorous curriculum, I think this year's learning got off to a slower start. I don't think this was the fault of the teachers or school, but is a learning curve for the district(since o'keep was a new program). As a parent, I would like to see the same pace of learning continue- whether that means earlier assessments or more "home" assignments.	11/30/2017 10:15 AM
458	Strongly urge to update 2 policies to latest standards of care: gifts in school (right now 100% candy/junk/unhealthy food-based - either for school parties, birthday treats, or success motivators by teachers). Replace with either healthy food or non-food items. Lice policy: research finds that most children do not catch lice while at school is actually not correct, even the website that dg58 quotes (CDC) says the school is #1 risk factor for spreading lice. We have had this problem every year and it has not been successfully managed for concern of bullying. Stop the bullies (district motto, correct? but just for children?), follow the science, let the families know IMMEDIATELY if a case of lice is detected, so we can prevent the spreading. And no, lice is not the same as the flu, because the spreading of flu cannot be prevented by notifying families, the spreading of lice can. Finally, remove iPads from instruction - kids learn from one-on-one contact best, also, you are fostering electronics addicted environment.	11/30/2017 10:09 AM
459	Curriculum clarification, teach at least to the test. If you can't teach what the PARCC test is trying to validate, the school is failing. Also, A/C and facility updates.	11/30/2017 10:08 AM
460	Student led P/T conferences make it difficult for parents to get one-on-one time with teachers - we only get this 1:1 time 2x/year at P/T conferences and we have not seen the value to our children of "presenting" to us - we'd prefer to use the time with the teacher (However, we can always email/connect with the teacher outside of this schedule AND we have simply sent our children out of the room for the last few minutes but we haven't seen our children materially benefit from this and could do without their attendance for our benefit). However, we do enjoy the "self-reflections" teachers have the students complete- these are really valuable for us (as parents) and we see tremendous value in having our children complete these exercises (but we can read those on our own rather than having our child simply read that to us at P/T conference). Thanks for your consideration.	11/30/2017 10:06 AM
461	Overall school appearance and climate control in the classrooms	11/30/2017 10:05 AM
462	It would be nice to see similar student activities for each of the schools. It seems like some schools are more privileged than others due to the family's economic status which seems unfair. More district wide events would be great way to show all schools are equal and we are part of a larger community. What about a 5k for the entire district that would include a fun run? Let's move past the DG North and South stigma's...	11/30/2017 10:05 AM
463	How the school handled discipline issues within the school. There has been some extreme instances of inappropriate behavior that the school has basically done nothing about.	11/30/2017 10:03 AM
464	student to teach ratio	11/30/2017 10:03 AM

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465	1. Lunch time is way too short and rushed 2. Recess is much to short and rushed 3. Kindergarten needs and additional recess or gym each day 4. Class size is too big at 25 5. Common core and assessment exams has taken creativity and imagination out of the classroom and forced teachers into spending too much time on math and ELA and not enough on arts.	11/30/2017 10:03 AM
466	add air conditioning	11/30/2017 9:59 AM
467	I think the only improvements have to do with structure of the building (air conditioning, updates, etc).	11/30/2017 9:59 AM
468	A better support system needs to be implemented for new students and their families throughout the year, not just at the beginning of the school year. Teachers should discuss how difficult it is for students to change schools with their students, and create opportunities for the new student to fit in and become part of the group, not just leaving it up to the kids in the classroom. Teaching kindness and inclusion should not just be a week-long focus but should be an ongoing theme.	11/30/2017 9:59 AM
469	From kindergarten to 3rd grade, the children who need more support get tons of resources and help. That's great! But the kids st the top get ignored and are not supported or encouraged to continue to excel. There needs to be more differentiated learning for the top 10%... not just the bottom. The 4th - 6th gifted program is not sufficiently supported by the home school. "Specials" - like art and music - should not be scheduled on the day the gifted kids are gone. Also - if new material is taught on the day they are gone - perhaps the teacher could have the kids miss a recess and teach it to them at another time. That is not currently done. The parents have to teach new material at home. Also - the parents should be getting something in writing on what class work was missed and what needs to made up. Right now the teachers are relying on the kids to do it — and when the bus is late returning them to school - the kids don't have time to find out what they missed. This is leading to missed assignments, missed homework, and missed opportunity to bring home study material when there is a test coming up. The gifted program is an awesome learning opportunity the kids are lucky to be in. I wouldn't change a thing about the gifted program. But it's the lack of support at the home school that is the problem. Instead of setting your gifted kids up for success... they are being set up to fail. I just don't get it.	11/30/2017 9:59 AM
470	Physical space	11/30/2017 9:57 AM
471	smaller class sizes	11/30/2017 9:54 AM
472	Our school does not communicate well at all to parents. We don't seem to know much of what is happening on a day to day basis in the classrooms, or any new events happening.	11/30/2017 9:54 AM
473	Tracking students into ability groups. My slower learner often feels overwhelmed because of whole class instruction and objectives. Expectations should be adjusted for each learner and their abilities.	11/30/2017 9:54 AM
474	my son says longer lunch period as he never has enough time to eat I would say I'm less than impressed with both the art and music education (not the band/orchestra as I have not experienced these yet). I rarely see any art come home, and when I do it is unimaginative. Music education is also not up to par- the end-of-year performance last year was terrible.	11/30/2017 9:54 AM
475	There have been significant procedural changes this year that have negatively impacted students and parents. The lunchroom process has changed leaving less time for the students to eat. The children don't have time to finish their food now and come home starving. Now there has been a decision to keep students who walk or drive to school in the classrooms until 2:57pm and there was no notification sent home to parents. While the purpose of this decision was to help students get on the bus more efficiently, it directly impacts the other students and families. Where is the communication to parents who are outside waiting for their children? What about the consideration for our own personal schedules? There are too many decisions being made to make things better for a few while negatively impacting many at this school now. I have had children successfully graduate from Fairmount before without difficulty. While I am open to change, I am disappointed with what is happening in the school now.	11/30/2017 9:54 AM
476	Air conditioning	11/30/2017 9:52 AM
477	A more standard and formal process to deal with children who are consistently disruptive or disrespectful in the classroom. This creates a very poor learning environment for other students and is frustrating for them. A district level discipline plan including parents involvement and suspension concepts would be helpful as an overlay to consistent problems.	11/30/2017 9:52 AM
478	School rate and childrens test scores	11/30/2017 9:51 AM

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479	Do not agree with combining 2 different grades into one classroom. Each grade should have their own classes.	11/30/2017 9:50 AM
480	Would like to see more status during school year of academic progress similar to what we see from DG North. Also the survey should have N/A as an option. Not all questions are relevant.	11/30/2017 9:50 AM
481	School restrooms are a mish mash of broken and patched facilities.	11/30/2017 9:49 AM
482	School music productions should be at night. Like the band concerts. It would be great to hear what my children are singing in music classes, but every performance is at 2:20. This is a very unfair advantage for working parents.	11/30/2017 9:48 AM
483	Support for children with different learning styles, and levels of learning (ie students abilities in the classroom) - differentiated instruction	11/30/2017 9:48 AM
484	Nothing comes to mind. Great job!!	11/30/2017 9:47 AM
485	The actual facilities are a bit run down so I'd like to see those improved.	11/30/2017 9:46 AM
486	Our school is not very good with helping parents understand what the child is learning. Homework that comes home doesn't have instructions or details on what is being learned. There is also no communication about where children are placed in reading groups, math groups, etc.	11/30/2017 9:46 AM
487	This school has degraded over the last one year in terms of quality of education and personalized learning for kids purely because of increased population of children. Staff/management trying their best to meet students needs but quality of education/learning is being compromised. This is an over-crowded school now.	11/30/2017 9:46 AM
488	As parents, we don't get much insight into how instruction is taking place in the classroom outside of tests sent home and homework. It just seems to me that the teaching practices seem really outdated- they are doing a LOT of worksheets. I don't see a lot of the higher level thinking skills. I'll say it didn't surprise me to see the PARCC scores where they are because all I see are regular math practice sheets and none of the alternate ways of looking at a math problem which seem to be tested on the PARCC. In the lower grades especially my kid did adding and subtracting worksheets all year- long after she was good at it. I think they need to do more writing. I don't see any essays or writing process stuff sent home. Seems like that would be a good thing for them to work on at home with the parent. Need better use of ipad.	11/30/2017 9:46 AM
489	The bus situation has been hard this year. However when called regarding the situation the district took action.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
490	Communication and expectations across different classrooms are not consistent. Learning materials appear to be dated. Test score averages are not on par with neighboring school districts/	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
491	Admin. should observe in classrooms more often to better assess the classroom environment.	11/30/2017 9:44 AM
492	Better communication--I subscribe to the district newsletter, I use the SeeSaw app but I just feel lost. In addition, it would be nice if the District highlighted things that go on at Indian Trail. I have subscribed to the newsletter for two years in preparation and very little positive is said about IT from the newsletter. I am not seeing the positives things that I hope are happening. I feel like the district doesn't care about IT.	11/30/2017 9:43 AM
493	Coordinate calendars with District 99.	11/30/2017 9:42 AM
494	More money spent on maintaining buildings/keeping ideal class sizes etc. and less spent on 1:1 for younger grades. Do kindergartners and 1st graders really need their own iPads? I'd rather see the tech budget spent on chrome books for 3rd and up when they are using them for research, writing papers etc. Helping the schools/PTAs find outside funds to help rebuild the playgrounds that are in need. It is a long and expensive process. The district may have ideas/connections/ways of reaching out on the PTAs behalf to get some big donors to help with the projects.	11/30/2017 9:42 AM
495	- Have more opportunities for Parents to meet teachers. Dont make PT conf as "mad rush" to sign up before slots are gone - Have management more responsive to parents feedback - Make school environment friendly and positive learning - Respect diversity and foster respectful diverse environment.	11/30/2017 9:41 AM
496	The playground is in desperate need of replacement, fundraising should not be needed for this to be completed. Lobby to remove common core, it is also horrible, in the mean time until its removed from the curriculum examples need to be sent home on how to complete the ridiculous steps needed to answer simple questions.	11/30/2017 9:41 AM

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497	Teacher websites highlighting what is happening in the classroom. I really enjoyed that when my daughter had in 2nd grade.	11/30/2017 9:41 AM
498	Coordinate calendars more directly with District 99. Having children with multiple school calendars can be an issue.	11/30/2017 9:40 AM
499	My child is in kindergarten, and I sometimes wonder whether he gets too much homework. We of course appreciate that the school wants to do its best to get our son off to a great start, but he has homework every night, and given that he is only 5, sometimes my wife and I wonder if that's excessive. We of course are happy to do homework with him, but perhaps every other day might be more appropriate for a 5-year-old. He has the rest of his life to do homework and take-home work for his job. This isn't a strong critique. Just a thought we've had. Wanted to share in case other parents are feeling the same way. We do his homework with him every night because we want to comply with the curriculum and not have him fall behind, but we have several friends whose children are in kindergarten who don't get homework at all. We love Highland, so again, this isn't a complaint, just a thought in case other parents might feel the same.	11/30/2017 9:40 AM
500	The curriculum needs to be more consistent over time and across schools and it should be more challenging. I don't feel that either of my children are being sufficiently challenged and their MAP scores, which you tout as a measure of their progress, have been flat for the last 2-3 years. I've actually seen a noticeable decline in my middle schooler's writing skills since starting middle school. I don't believe above average/gifted students are being given enough support/tools to thrive.	11/30/2017 9:40 AM
501	It seems that the curriculum in various core subjects changes every few years. We would like to see a set curriculum.	11/30/2017 9:39 AM
502	I am rarely asked for feedback on my school or my child's teacher. It would be great for each school to do an annual survey about how parents feel about their school and individual teacher.	11/30/2017 9:39 AM
503	Encouraging teachers to email working parents more	11/30/2017 9:38 AM
504	less focus on standardized testing. All the board ever seems to talk about is PARCC this and MAP that. For K-8, not all kids need to be worried about per-admittance into Harvard. I do understand that the state of Illinois requires testing, but that need not be the major focus. Having read the board briefs, it seems that the District is most concerned with test results instead of general education.	11/30/2017 9:38 AM
505	Communication on the organization of math and reading skill groups and skills targeted in my son's groups so I can work on those at home. What enrichment activities can be provided to work on at home rather than vague practice reading and math skills expectations. Class sizes for grades 1-3 are way too big	11/30/2017 9:38 AM
506	The education gap between district 58 and district 99 is wide. District 58 seems behind, if not uninformed, when it comes to questions for being prepared, and the students being prepared, for high school (at the teacher level). This is a district problem, not a teacher problem. Curriculum needs to be more in-line with district 99.	11/30/2017 9:38 AM
507	Rankings, test scores have dropped significantly this year which affects the value and ability to sell homes in Highland district. This needs to improve.	11/30/2017 9:37 AM
508	Keep frequent communication. We received much more frequent communication from my child's kindergarten teacher than we do from the first grade teacher. Might just be the age, I guess. Not as much hand holding required in first grade.	11/30/2017 9:37 AM
509	Class sizes are too big.	11/30/2017 9:36 AM
510	Class size, equal facilities for all schools, making decisions that work long term	11/30/2017 9:36 AM
511	Direct communication from teachers when student is not performing well.	11/30/2017 9:35 AM
512	Increase pay!!	11/30/2017 9:34 AM
513	Let students fail	11/30/2017 9:33 AM
514	Kids switch teachers for math, but we don't get conferences with the math teachers. As a parent that is frustrating. Usually the classroom teachers says they can't speak about their math progress since they are not teaching them. I wish the communication of progress was better. I wish you would bring the Type to Learn program back. Kids need to learn how to type on a keyboard to prepare them for using computers when they are older. iPads are not the norm and even kids in the 21st century need to learn to type properly.	11/30/2017 9:33 AM