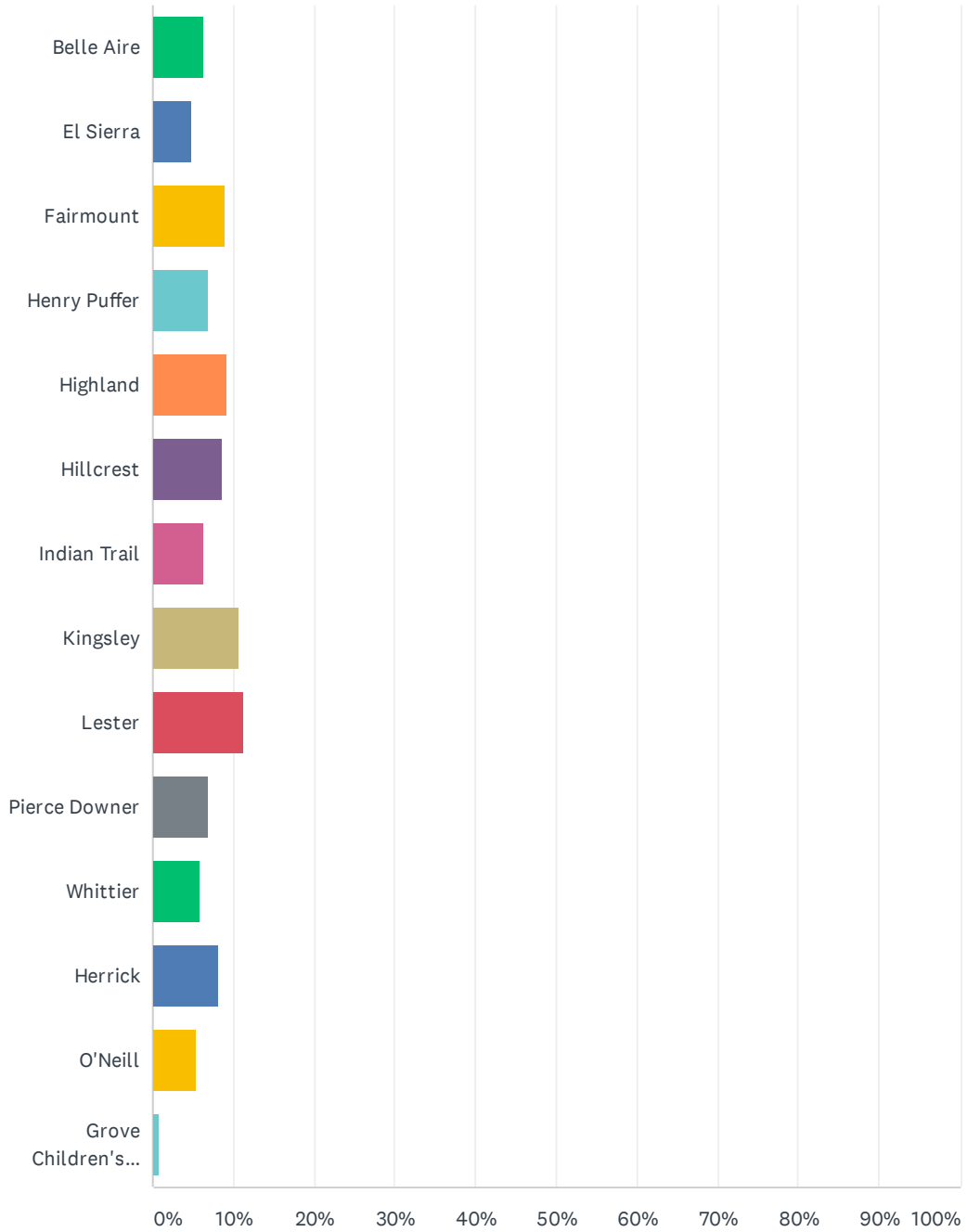


Q1 My student attends

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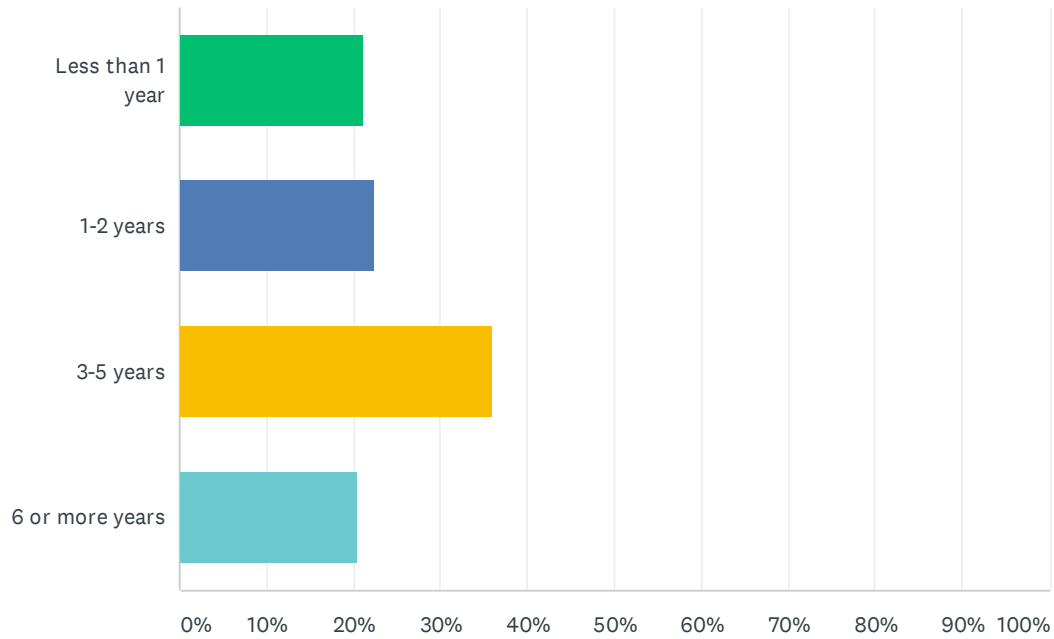


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Belle Aire	6.28%	70
El Sierra	4.85%	54
Fairmount	8.98%	100
Henry Puffer	6.82%	76
Highland	9.25%	103
Hillcrest	8.62%	96
Indian Trail	6.19%	69
Kingsley	10.59%	118
Lester	11.22%	125
Pierce Downer	6.82%	76
Whittier	5.92%	66
Herrick	8.26%	92
O'Neill	5.39%	60
Grove Children's Preschool	0.81%	9
TOTAL		1,114

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

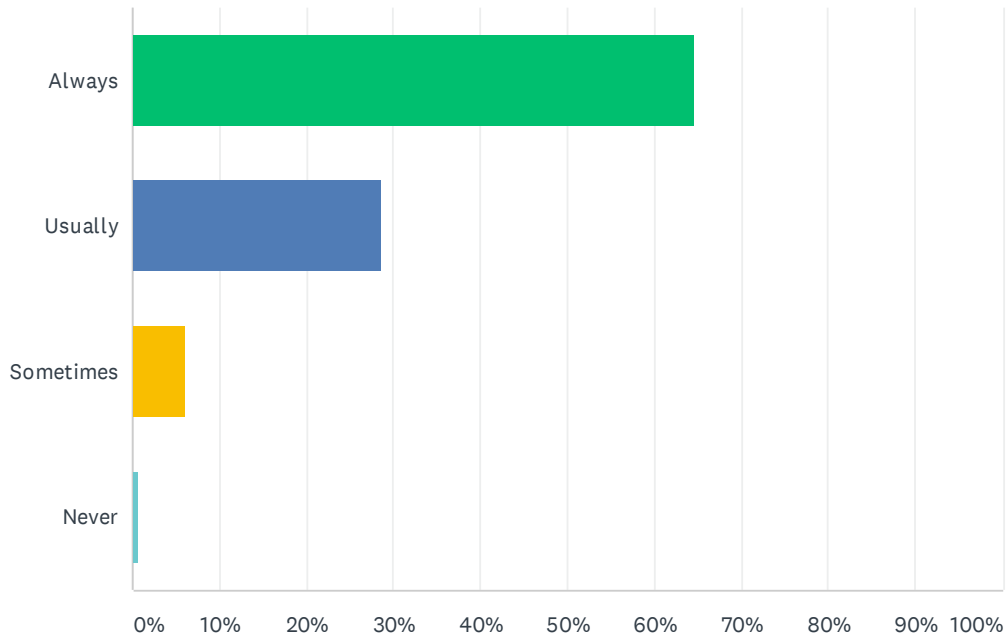
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	21.17%	236
1-2 years	22.42%	250
3-5 years	35.96%	401
6 or more years	20.45%	228
TOTAL		1,115

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

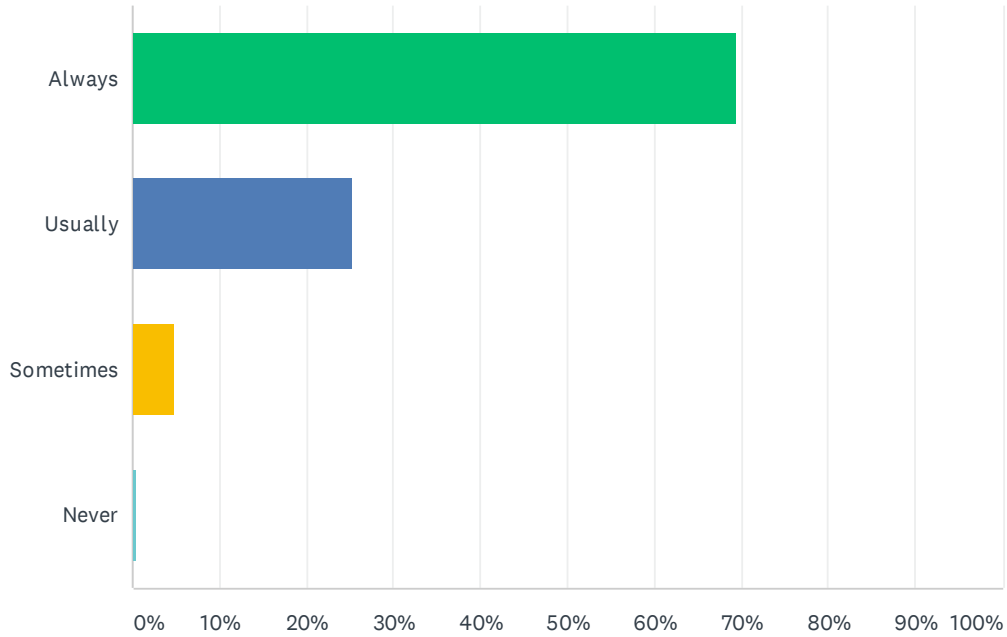
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	64.65%	640
Usually	28.69%	284
Sometimes	6.06%	60
Never	0.61%	6
TOTAL		990

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

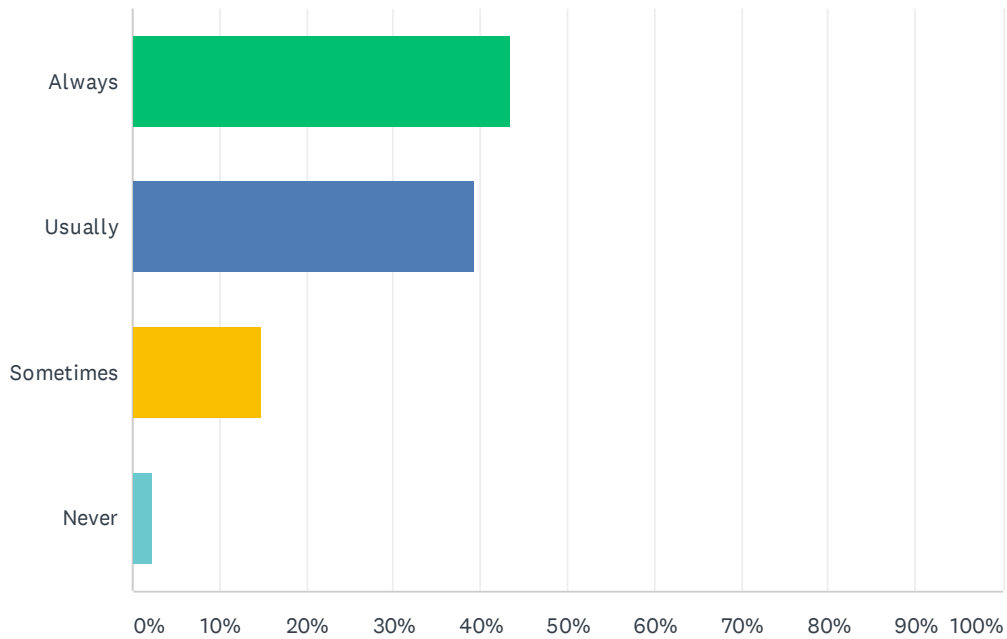
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	69.47%	685
Usually	25.25%	249
Sometimes	4.87%	48
Never	0.41%	4
TOTAL		986

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

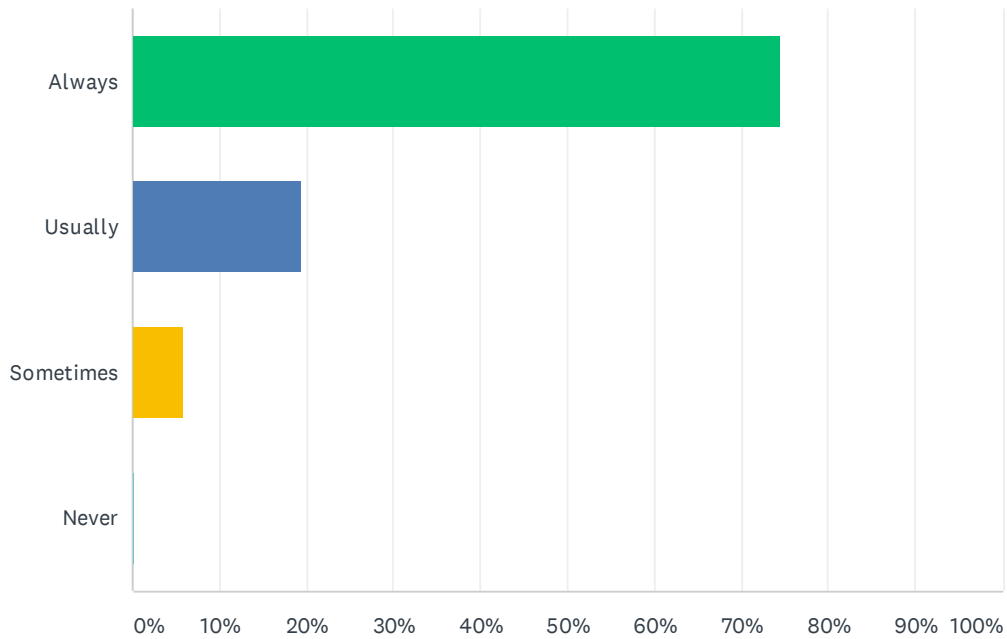
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	43.50%	428
Usually	39.33%	387
Sometimes	14.84%	146
Never	2.34%	23
TOTAL		984

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

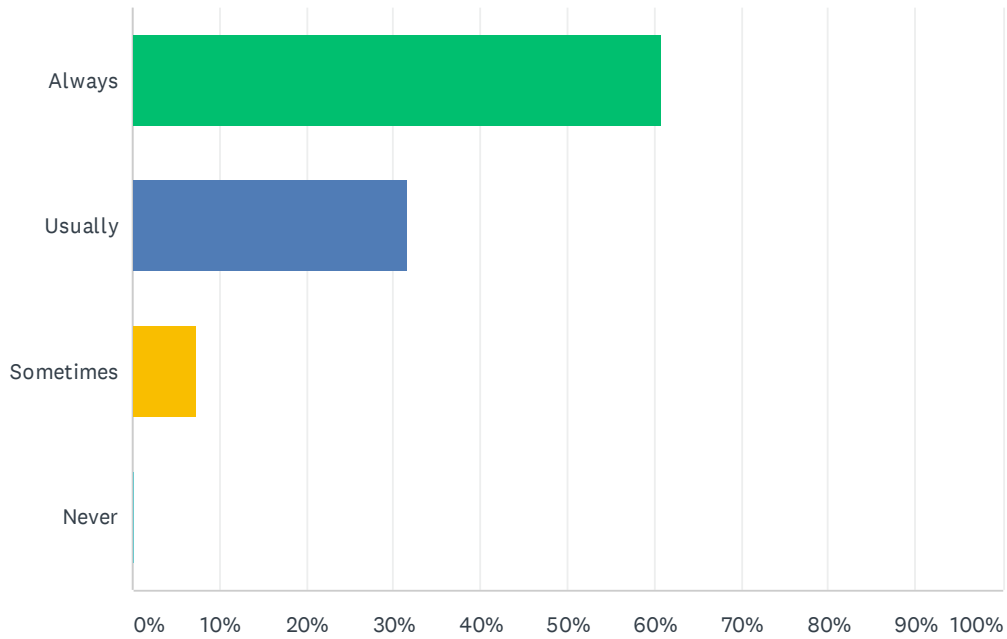
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	74.47%	735
Usually	19.45%	192
Sometimes	5.88%	58
Never	0.20%	2
TOTAL		987

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

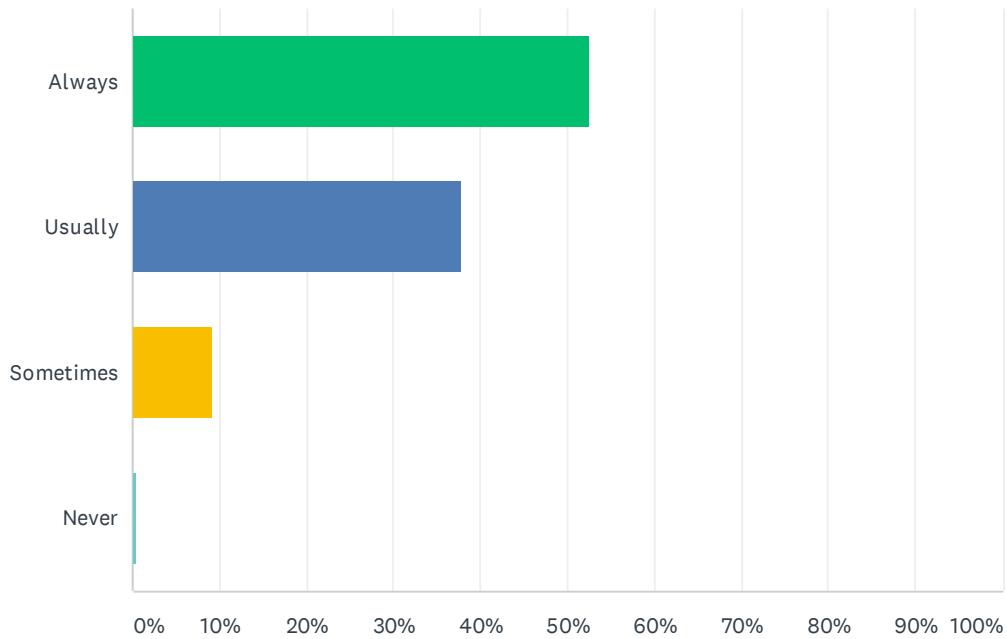
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	60.81%	599
Usually	31.68%	312
Sometimes	7.31%	72
Never	0.20%	2
TOTAL		985

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

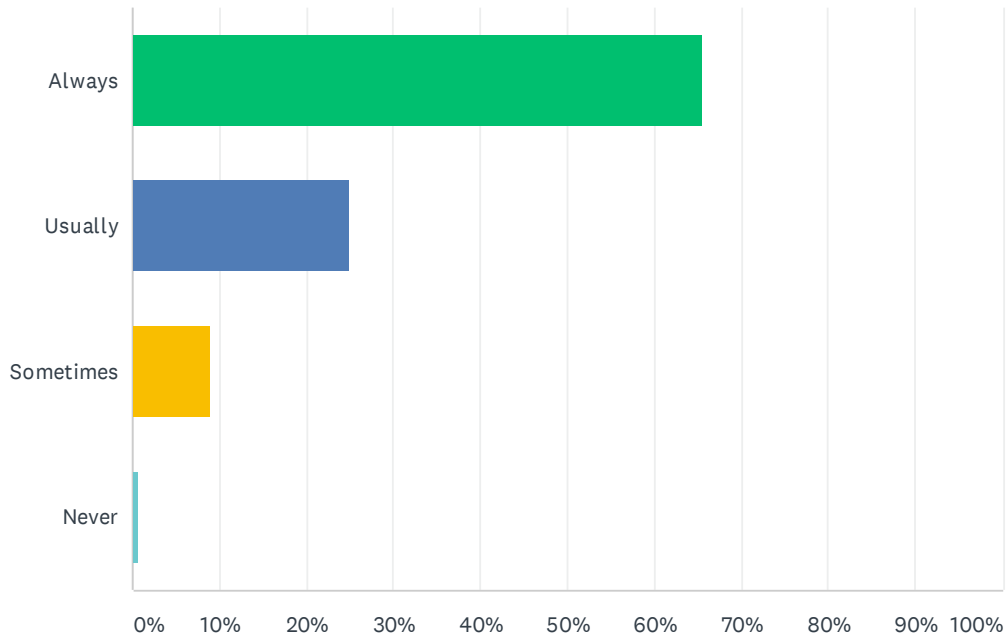
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	52.54%	517
Usually	37.91%	373
Sometimes	9.15%	90
Never	0.41%	4
TOTAL		984

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

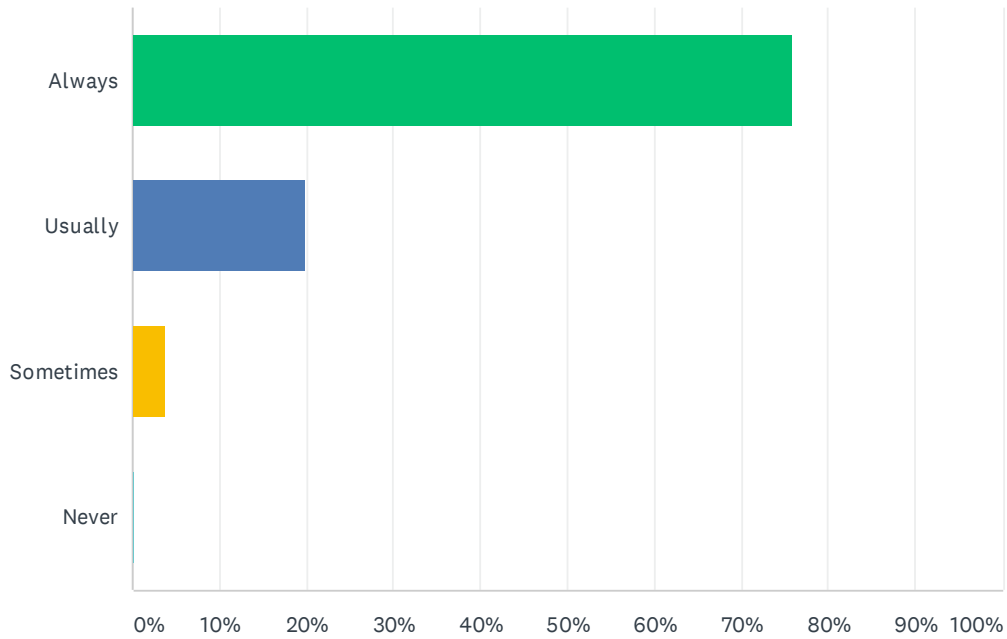
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	65.55%	645
Usually	24.80%	244
Sometimes	8.94%	88
Never	0.71%	7
TOTAL		984

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

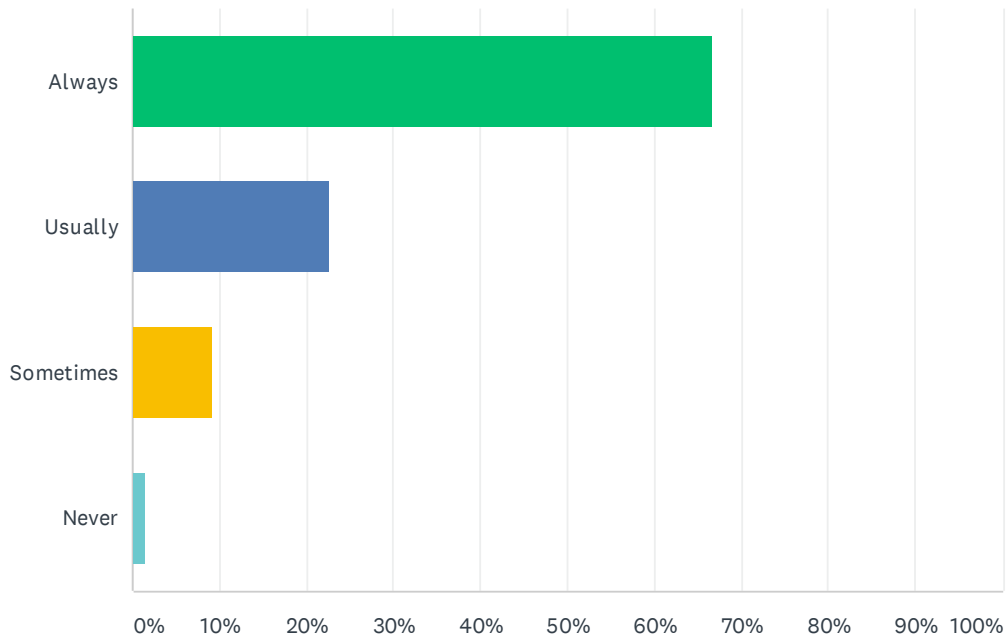
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	75.94%	748
Usually	19.90%	196
Sometimes	3.86%	38
Never	0.30%	3
TOTAL		985

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

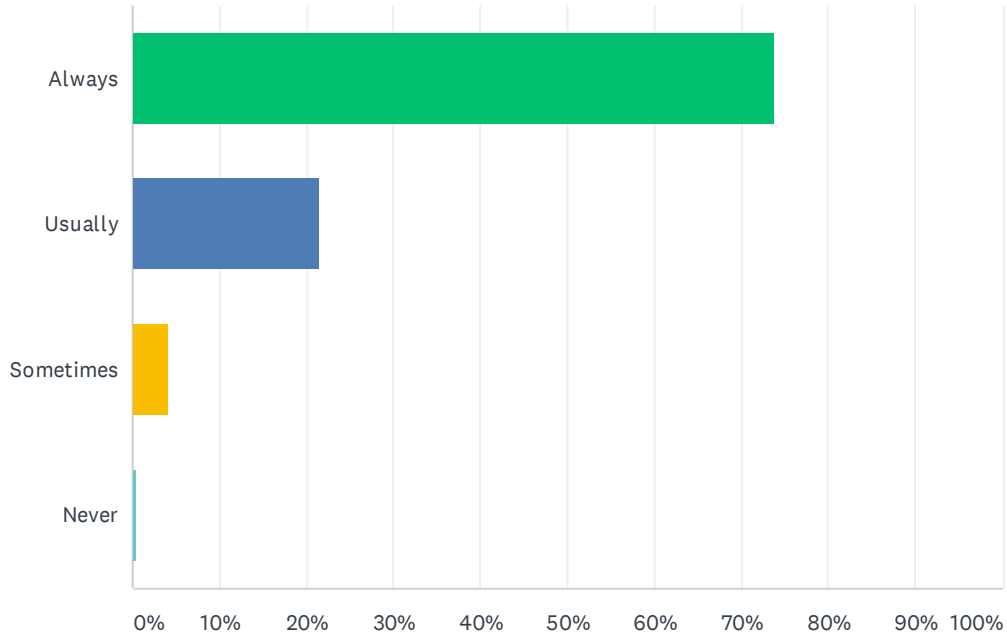
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	66.70%	655
Usually	22.61%	222
Sometimes	9.27%	91
Never	1.43%	14
TOTAL		982

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

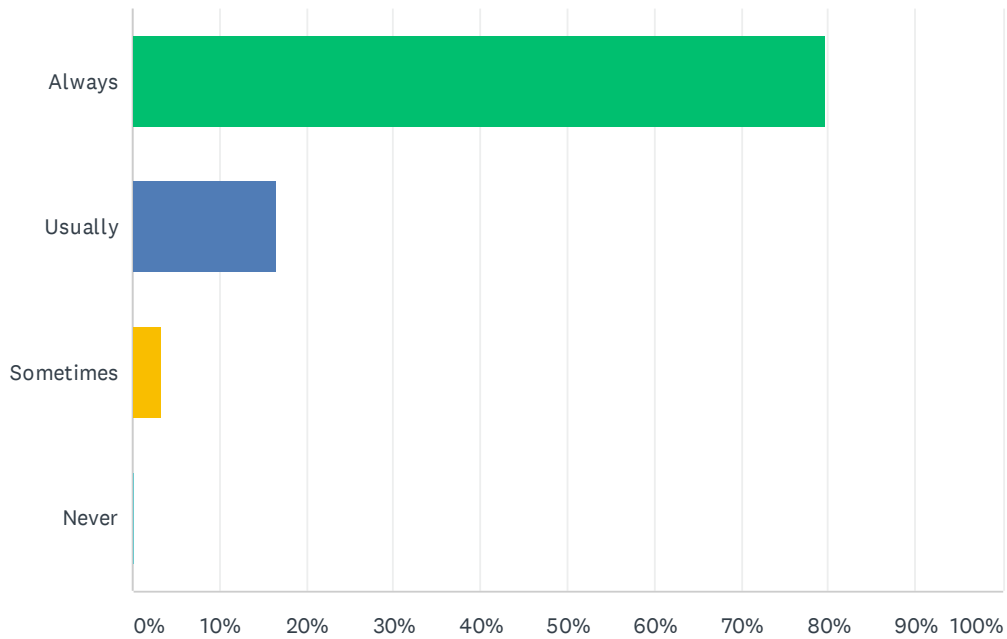
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	73.76%	728
Usually	21.48%	212
Sometimes	4.26%	42
Never	0.51%	5
TOTAL		987

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

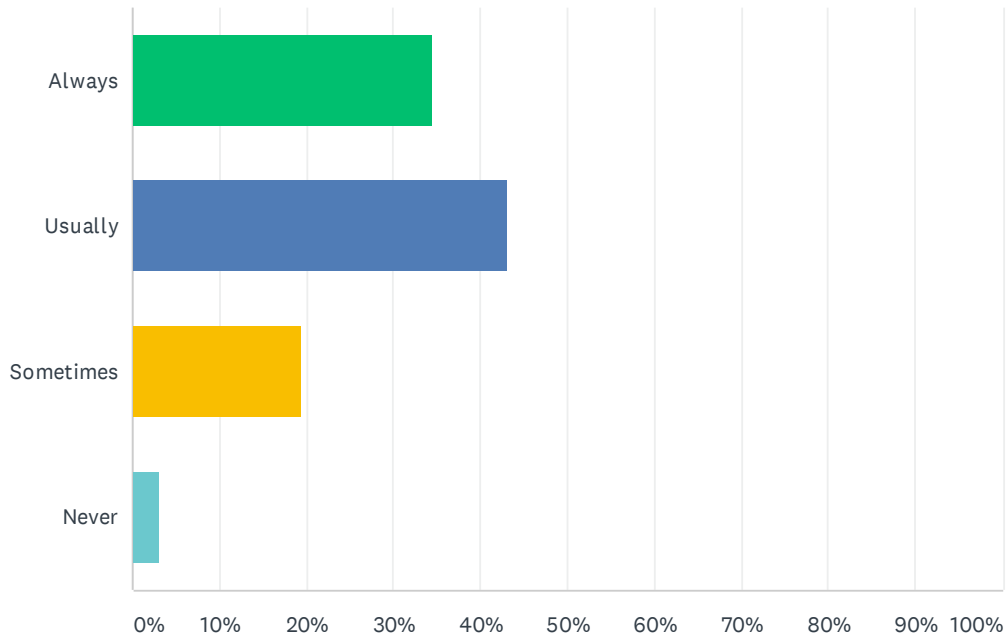
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	79.74%	783
Usually	16.60%	163
Sometimes	3.36%	33
Never	0.31%	3
TOTAL		982

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

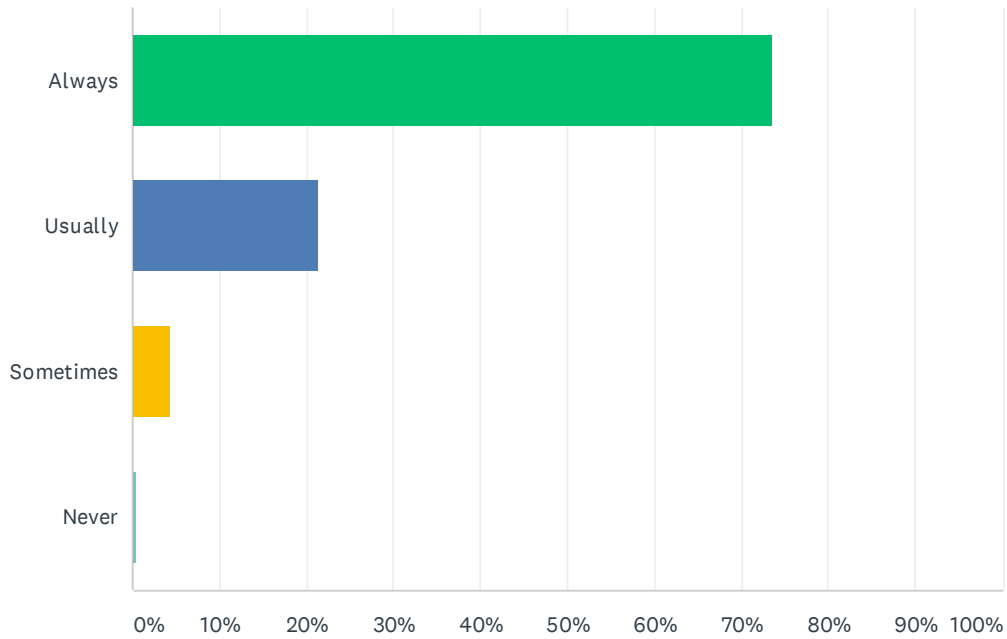
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	34.43%	335
Usually	43.06%	419
Sometimes	19.42%	189
Never	3.08%	30
TOTAL		973

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

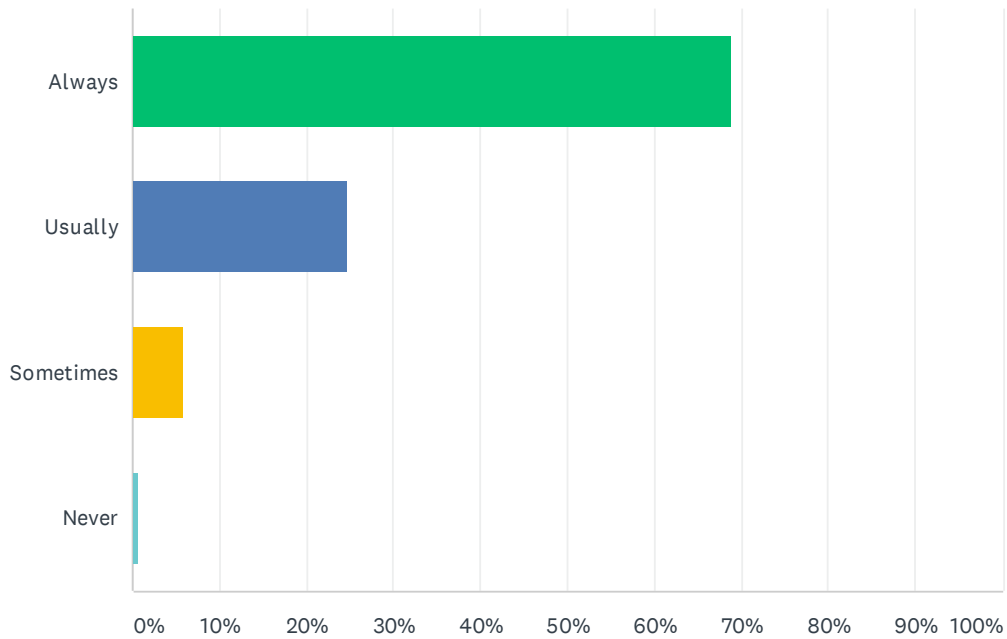
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	73.70%	723
Usually	21.30%	209
Sometimes	4.49%	44
Never	0.51%	5
TOTAL		981

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

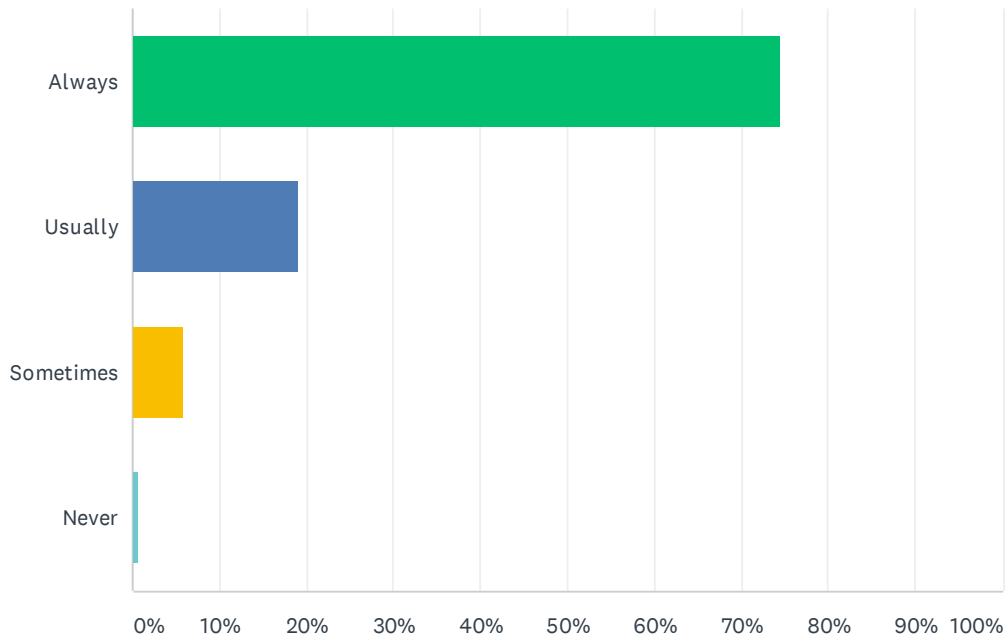
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	68.80%	677
Usually	24.70%	243
Sometimes	5.89%	58
Never	0.61%	6
TOTAL		984

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

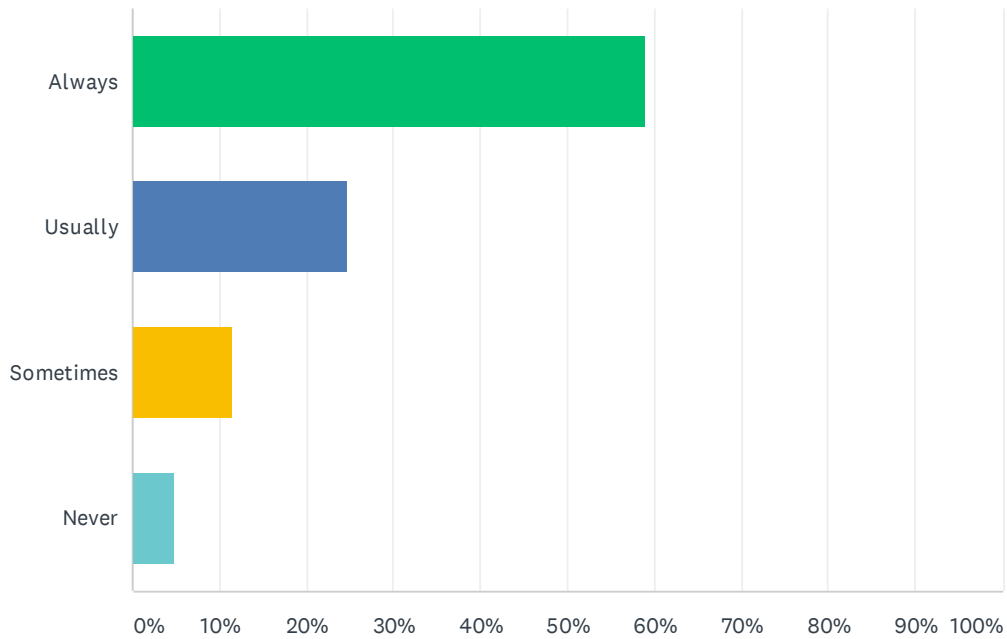
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	74.49%	736
Usually	19.13%	189
Sometimes	5.77%	57
Never	0.61%	6
TOTAL		988

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

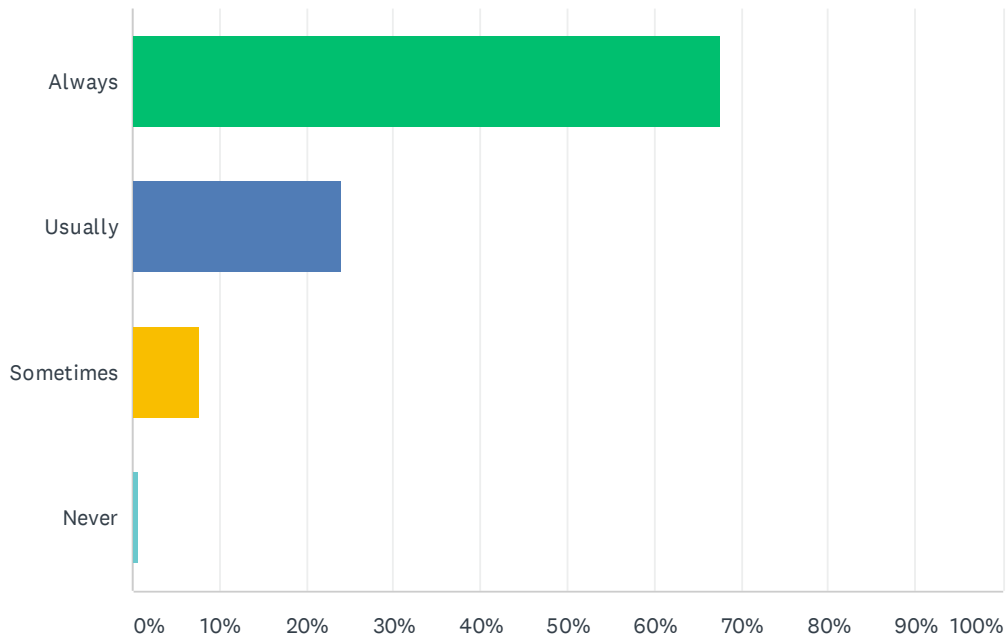
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	59.00%	580
Usually	24.62%	242
Sometimes	11.60%	114
Never	4.78%	47
TOTAL		983

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

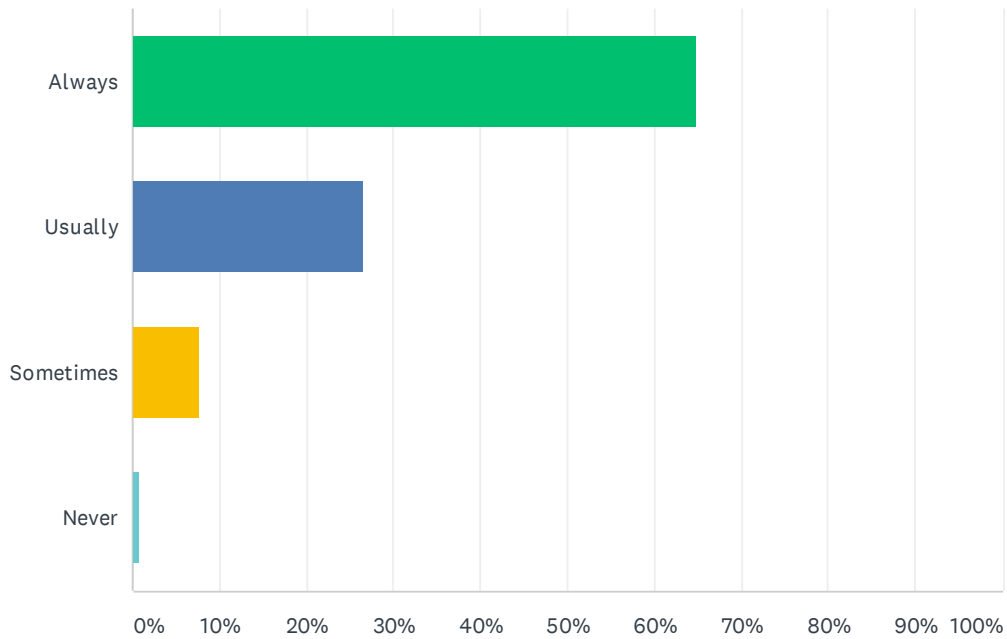
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	67.48%	662
Usually	24.16%	237
Sometimes	7.65%	75
Never	0.71%	7
TOTAL		981

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

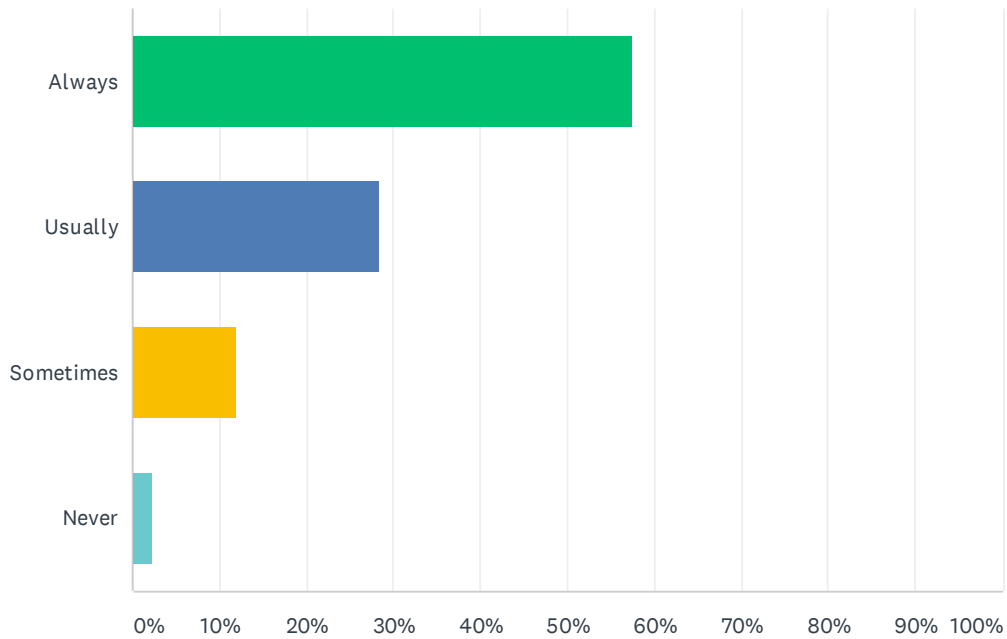
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	64.80%	637
Usually	26.65%	262
Sometimes	7.73%	76
Never	0.81%	8
TOTAL		983

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

Answered: 987 Skipped: 130



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	57.55%	568
Usually	28.37%	280
Sometimes	11.85%	117
Never	2.23%	22
TOTAL		987

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

Answered: 524 Skipped: 593

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I love how the kids get 1 week off at thanksgiving!	12/26/2019 6:39 PM
2	SEL education is good.	12/23/2019 8:08 AM
3	the Resource team is amazing. My daughter is making great progress and finally feels like she can be successful in school.	12/21/2019 8:13 AM
4	Safety	12/20/2019 8:27 PM
5	Very open communication if needed with the teacher	12/20/2019 7:23 PM
6	They communicate school information well	12/20/2019 6:07 PM
7	Weekly updates from the principal is a helpful pulse. Teacher being very accessible and responsive makes our role as parents educating our kids easier.	12/20/2019 5:21 PM
8	I like the initiative focusing on kindness towards others, and I love the Highland families, they are a great idea.	12/20/2019 5:14 PM
9	I truly feel like my children are cared for at school but not only their classroom teacher but all the adults in the building.	12/20/2019 1:18 PM
10	communication	12/20/2019 12:15 PM
11	Keeps kids safe and informs parents of situations	12/20/2019 11:09 AM
12	My child's teacher is very warm and friendly. A large majority of the staff have been, during our time at Fairmount.	12/20/2019 10:29 AM
13	Teachers are amazing!	12/20/2019 7:22 AM
14	Communication	12/20/2019 6:28 AM
15	I love how my children love school and are excited to go. Keep up the amazing work Kingsley teachers!	12/20/2019 6:24 AM
16	The effort to make each child and family a part of a special community with a focus on growth, support, and care is one of my favorite things that DG 58 does well.	12/20/2019 5:54 AM
17	Social emotional learning for kids. Organized faculty. Strong parent participation.	12/20/2019 4:53 AM
18	Using Chromebooks to complete assignments and using emails to communicate.	12/20/2019 12:19 AM
19	Communication	12/19/2019 11:17 PM
20	Our school- Emphasis on well rounded students	12/19/2019 10:33 PM
21	Weekly newsletters and teacher communication.	12/19/2019 8:37 PM
22	Accelerated math option for older kids.	12/19/2019 8:33 PM
23	Boost students confidence	12/19/2019 8:22 PM
24	Communications with parents	12/19/2019 8:14 PM
25	They do a good job of creating unity and a sense of community throughout the school with buddies, safety patrol, families	12/19/2019 7:54 PM
26	Lots of communication	12/19/2019 4:43 PM
27	Communication and supporting kids	12/19/2019 4:38 PM
28	Kind and caring teachers & principal	12/19/2019 4:00 PM
29	Please continue the excellent communication!	12/19/2019 3:23 PM
30	Keep Mrs. [REDACTED]	12/19/2019 3:03 PM
31	Opportunity for students to be challenged; classroom rigor; keeping students up to date on the newest and best educational technology that they can use both in and out of the classroom (always impressed with this)	12/19/2019 2:40 PM

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32	Celebrating the holidays. I think it's such a nice and important part of the whole school/family experience. It's nice to see the teachers interact with the students in a fun event like this as an added extra special part of the day. Along with having fun week long themes in each day. I think it's important for the students to have these as part of their school year. It creates a close and comfortable environment for everyone!	12/19/2019 2:04 PM
33	Great communication between teacher and parents, Ms. [REDACTED] is amazing!! Always responds quickly to emails and available for any questions.	12/19/2019 1:52 PM
34	I am grateful to be able to have my daughter attend Dist. 58. Every child is educated according to their abilities and treated with kind and caring adults.	12/19/2019 1:52 PM
35	The music in the hallways during class change	12/19/2019 1:40 PM
36	Transportation and close to home	12/19/2019 1:23 PM
37	The Seesaw app is great.	12/19/2019 1:21 PM
38	Communication. The communication functions well at Kingsley - from the teachers to the principal - parents always have a notification to refer to or a proud school moment to celebrate because there's always an email/note/reminder/etc. from someone sharing the news.	12/19/2019 1:07 PM
39	Personalized lessons to help students grow.	12/19/2019 12:46 PM
40	Keep positive, encouraging teachers.	12/19/2019 12:21 PM
41	Good community involvement with families.	12/19/2019 12:09 PM
42	Close to our home good neighborhood and teachers are cooperative and caring	12/19/2019 11:41 AM
43	I don't know	12/19/2019 11:36 AM
44	[REDACTED] has been a great place for my children. Unfortunately, our experience at [REDACTED] was not. I wish all our district schools had the teacher and principal involvement that [REDACTED] does.	12/19/2019 11:33 AM
45	D58 provides an excellent education, focusing on neighborhood based schools with a great sense of community. This is why we moved here.	12/19/2019 11:27 AM
46	Continue training teachers/staff on technology that can be an aid in the classroom. Always impressed by my child's use of SeeSaw and apps like iMovie and Keynote presentations allowed for reports.	12/19/2019 11:26 AM
47	Fostering creative thinking in class.	12/19/2019 11:09 AM
48	Communication! And, the schools resources for additional help with my kids is amazing! Always willing to help and make my kids confident in their learning.	12/19/2019 10:59 AM
49	Communication from District 58 and communication from Highland is excellent!	12/19/2019 10:53 AM
50	Offering programs outside of school.	12/19/2019 10:42 AM
51	Love the apps to check in	12/19/2019 10:41 AM
52	Structured assignments	12/19/2019 10:38 AM
53	WE ARE BLESSED TO BE AT A SCHOOL LIKE HIGHLAND AND WE FEEL THEY EXCEL IN ESTABLISHING AN OVERALL POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CHILDREN TO LEARN IN	12/19/2019 10:36 AM
54	Communicating about events and activities occurring throughout the district and community	12/19/2019 10:32 AM
55	The engagement of parents in activities at school!	12/19/2019 10:23 AM
56	inclusivity, school pride and kindness	12/19/2019 10:22 AM
57	Communication is really good.	12/19/2019 10:19 AM
58	Champions program.	12/19/2019 10:19 AM
59	How they communicate to parents	12/19/2019 10:10 AM
60	They are welcoming to all families and encourage their involvement in school functions and activities.	12/19/2019 10:03 AM

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61	Communication	12/19/2019 10:01 AM
62	I feel the teachers and staff are so kind and supportive. My son loves coming to school!	12/19/2019 9:57 AM
63	support for my child	12/19/2019 9:56 AM
64	SEL lessons	12/19/2019 9:49 AM
65	The family groups are great.	12/19/2019 9:44 AM
66	Teaching Fine Art	12/19/2019 9:42 AM
67	Teachers encourage parent communication concerning my student's needs, educational, social and emotional needs.	12/19/2019 9:39 AM
68	help the principal be a better leader very hands off and no pride	12/19/2019 9:32 AM
69	Whittier community activities like the Jaguar Jog, and Fun Run for kids.	12/19/2019 9:32 AM
70	The themes of kindness/ SEL at Pierce are fantastic.	12/19/2019 9:31 AM
71	Weekly newsletter is informative.	12/19/2019 9:24 AM
72	Extending services to students in need of extra help.	12/19/2019 9:21 AM
73	Communications-weekly updates from principal, teachers, and district is a huge help for keeping parents up to date as well as reminders of any to do's	12/19/2019 9:19 AM
74	I like how there are multiple platforms for parents to reach out to their child's teacher for communication.	12/19/2019 9:18 AM
75	the small classes providing more 1:1 support if needed. Focus on reading is great and having advanced math	12/19/2019 9:13 AM
76	I really enjoy the neighborhood schools. This gives a sense of community rather than other areas with grade centers.	12/19/2019 9:12 AM
77	good education and the curriculum	12/19/2019 9:07 AM
78	Good individual attention	12/19/2019 9:07 AM
79	The creativity the structure and communication	12/19/2019 9:05 AM
80	Aids and teachers in Pre-school are dedicated and kind.	12/19/2019 9:03 AM
81	Keep updated on weekly events.	12/19/2019 9:00 AM
82	It is a welcoming environment and school (Whittier).	12/19/2019 9:00 AM
83	I think the communication is excellent! Mrs. [REDACTED], specifically, is always keeping the parents up to date!	12/19/2019 8:57 AM
84	Our family likes the use of seesaw to see pictures of our children working.	12/19/2019 8:56 AM
85	My kids have really enjoyed learning this year and it is because of the staff at Kingsley	12/19/2019 8:54 AM
86	Morning Greatings, outside, by rotating staff makes a BIG wonderful impact on the start of the day for not just pur students but for us parents as well	12/19/2019 8:54 AM
87	The district communicates very well with parents. I have seen enormous improvements at this level.	12/19/2019 8:53 AM
88	Quality in-class teaching.	12/19/2019 8:53 AM
89	OKEEP & Champions are amazing and much needed.	12/19/2019 8:52 AM
90	Communication	12/19/2019 8:50 AM
91	They provide many opportunities for parents to get involved at the school	12/19/2019 8:50 AM
92	My favorite thing is how well the communication is between teachers and parents. I also enjoy seeing my child post their work on the Seesaw app.	12/19/2019 8:48 AM
93	I have been very happy with my child's education so far.	12/19/2019 8:48 AM

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94	communication	12/19/2019 8:47 AM
95	Responded to large classroom sizes and adjusted for the benefit of the students. Keep the students needs first.	12/19/2019 8:33 AM
96	Music is an important and much-needed program. Keep up the excellent work. The orchestra and band teachers are the best and really care!	12/19/2019 7:00 AM
97	Giving feedback on my children's performance	12/18/2019 8:24 PM
98	Keeping curriculum current with the times.	12/18/2019 5:51 PM
99	Communication is wonderful. And I really really like the new communication policy on lice. So happy this was updated so parents know when to pay extra attention proactively!	12/18/2019 4:22 PM
100	Everything	12/18/2019 2:35 PM
101	Great school environment	12/18/2019 2:32 PM
102	Please continue the weekly letter. Love knowing what is going on each week & see the pictures.	12/17/2019 10:57 PM
103	Placing a high priority on small class sizes. Including the community in school events. Continuing to offer extracurricular activities for enrichment.	12/17/2019 9:56 PM
104	Communication is great. Keep that going.	12/17/2019 11:18 AM
105	communicate with parents	12/17/2019 6:05 AM
106	communicate with parents	12/17/2019 6:03 AM
107	The school is loving, caring, inviting, safe, neighborhood- feel, dynamic. Sorry, that was more than one thing.	12/17/2019 2:38 AM
108	Communication about events	12/16/2019 9:49 PM
109	the combination of fostering math, writing, and reading skills as well as the implementation of social studies and science at a young age	12/16/2019 9:12 PM
110	Communicate with parents	12/16/2019 8:24 PM
111	Involve parents and students	12/16/2019 8:22 PM
112	SEL curriculum	12/16/2019 5:18 PM
113	Our school is very inclusive of all students and parents. The parents feel welcomed by the teachers and staff.	12/16/2019 4:52 PM
114	The staff is always available to parents.	12/16/2019 3:28 PM
115	Fall Break for Thanksgiving. Just as Spring break is a nice time for families to regroup the fall break has done the same. it allows for a catch-up and freshens everyone for the remaining few weeks.	12/16/2019 2:42 PM
116	Whittier Variety Show	12/16/2019 2:41 PM
117	Teacher communication and involvement with my child is excellent.	12/16/2019 12:57 PM
118	Continue to support our special needs child. They are doing a tremendous job and we are so grateful!	12/16/2019 12:18 PM
119	Kindergarten teachers are amazing.	12/16/2019 8:56 AM
120	Lots of unique and diverse programs after school	12/16/2019 7:27 AM
121	Excellent frequency and means of communication. Openness about change, budget, areas for improvement, and providing the opportunity to give feedback.	12/15/2019 8:36 PM
122	Great email communication with teachers	12/15/2019 6:40 PM
123	Continuous communication when there are issues	12/15/2019 6:36 PM
124	Continue providing excellent care and superior quality education to the students.	12/15/2019 5:44 PM

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125	The school is very good in getting parents to participate in school functions and activities	12/15/2019 3:58 PM
126	Assisting the students if needed and giving proper support.	12/15/2019 3:25 PM
127	I love that the kids stay in one school for 7 years. This gives families a chance to really form friendships and be supportive of each other.	12/15/2019 1:46 PM
128	continue communication via seesaw.	12/15/2019 1:32 PM
129	Great communication with parents on line from teacher emails in what they are doing on the class to the Monday notices from the principals! All very helpful! And when I text a teacher they respond promptly. Also nurse staff and office very caring and helpful to me and my child who had had a concussion this year. Teachers have very encouraging words for my daughter and she loves her teachers!	12/15/2019 1:21 PM
130	Creating a positive environment, valuing diversity, and discouraging bullying.	12/15/2019 12:49 PM
131	Communicate thru email	12/15/2019 12:40 PM
132	Teachers (all staff) are welcoming and helpful and quick to respond and give support.	12/15/2019 11:44 AM
133	Great communication and an open environment for children and parents to be heard and find help if needed.	12/15/2019 9:31 AM
134	Seesaw	12/15/2019 8:46 AM
135	The continued support of the school, staff and the administration is remarkable.	12/15/2019 8:37 AM
136	Communication	12/15/2019 8:00 AM
137	Great communication home to the parents - both at district and school level, especially e-mails. The district sends out frequent communications, and our principal sends out weekly communications. Social media presence has also increased.	12/14/2019 4:33 PM
138	providing a enriching and welcoming environment	12/14/2019 2:16 PM
139	Physical activities for the children are great.	12/14/2019 1:21 PM
140	The teachers are wonderful and hold student growth in high priority.	12/14/2019 12:45 PM
141	Kindness programme	12/14/2019 10:22 AM
142	create a loving environment	12/14/2019 10:16 AM
143	Fun newsletter and AMAZING teachers	12/14/2019 7:17 AM
144	Keep the communication coming from all sides—email, social media, etc.	12/14/2019 7:16 AM
145	The Extend Program for gifted children	12/13/2019 8:29 PM
146	Communication - has improved greatly! Especially appreciate the weekly newsletters from the principal.	12/13/2019 5:49 PM
147	We have incredible teachers	12/13/2019 5:08 PM
148	Communication	12/13/2019 4:52 PM
149	I like the weekly recap emails and the pictures on seesaw. My son doesn't like to talk about his school day very often.	12/13/2019 4:40 PM
150	Fostering safe and supportive school and classroom climate	12/13/2019 4:10 PM
151	I really love the 'families' at Hillcrest. What a wonderful idea.	12/13/2019 2:52 PM
152	I love Lester Families, and that there is so much focus on the SEL well-being of the kids.	12/13/2019 12:43 PM
153	Communication, as relates to Powerschool, and weekly newsletters from principal.	12/13/2019 11:36 AM
154	Is available and very engaged during IEP meetings. Did a fantastic job with outplacement if my son specifically [REDACTED].	12/13/2019 11:35 AM
155	Communication about standards, testing, events. Communication is great!	12/13/2019 10:25 AM
156	The use of email for correspondence.	12/13/2019 9:37 AM

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157	Lester: A strong pta, a great pta Facebook page and weekly emails	12/13/2019 8:48 AM
158	the teachers in district 58 are fantastic.	12/13/2019 8:21 AM
159	The caring, protective environment where kids feel safe to learn, grow and be themselves. Thank you	12/13/2019 7:58 AM
160	More Art! Our children like the teachers. I liked the parent open house.	12/13/2019 7:57 AM
161	They are always willing to listen when we have a concern or there is an issue and they do their best to find a solution.	12/12/2019 9:22 PM
162	I love the grade schools please keep them k - 6 the middle schools are not as caring or supportive of children.	12/12/2019 7:36 PM
163	The teachers at Fairmount are amazing at communicating with parents. I have almost daily communication with all of my children's teachers. I heard from someone at Fairmount at least once a day wether it be an email to the whole class, a personal email, a text message, or an update on seesaw. They are amazing.	12/12/2019 7:13 PM
164	The quality and quantity of communication from administration to parents and from teachers to parents has increased in the past few years.	12/12/2019 6:44 PM
165	Activities to invite parents in to keep connected with them.	12/12/2019 6:28 PM
166	Teachers care.	12/12/2019 5:13 PM
167	Teacher direct communication with parents regarding what is going on in the classroom.	12/12/2019 4:14 PM
168	Communication from both the principal and the teacher has been great. I feel that everyone cares about my son and I feel comfortable reaching out with any concerns.	12/12/2019 4:00 PM
169	Fostering a a sense of community	12/12/2019 2:14 PM
170	I like the weekly emails from the principal. It helps set the tone for the week.	12/12/2019 2:09 PM
171	Parent communication and involvement	12/12/2019 2:09 PM
172	Inform and involve parents with child progress	12/12/2019 1:52 PM
173	PTA and principal weekly newsletters.	12/12/2019 1:50 PM
174	After school enrichment activities. (Spanish/Art/Bricks for Kidz...)	12/12/2019 1:35 PM
175	Communication	12/12/2019 1:00 PM
176	Effective communication and well care towards each students	12/12/2019 12:41 PM
177	I appreciate that there is a curriculum focus on kindness at Henry Puffer.	12/12/2019 12:31 PM
178	Creating a strong sense of community is important to continue.	12/12/2019 12:27 PM
179	Teacher communication with parents	12/12/2019 12:02 PM
180	Honor students	12/12/2019 11:58 AM
181	Timely communication to parents	12/12/2019 11:47 AM
182	Love the communication from the principal and the teachers.	12/12/2019 11:40 AM
183	EVERYTHING IS GOOD	12/12/2019 11:37 AM
184	Weekly communication	12/12/2019 11:09 AM
185	after school programs, i like the language labs	12/12/2019 11:05 AM
186	The level of support or child has received has been overwhelming and we as parents are incredibly grateful for this level of amazing support!	12/12/2019 10:59 AM
187	I really enjoy the new parent teacher conference schedule where it's based on student progress and trimesters. It's not just a regurgitation of a report card. Also, I feel our primo opal communicates well with parents and gives a good idea of what is occurring weekly in the school.	12/12/2019 10:42 AM

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188	They are very attentive to the kids n	12/12/2019 10:35 AM
189	There are a diverse number of extracurricular and/or supplemental activities available to the students.	12/12/2019 10:21 AM
190	I feel the classroom teachers are amazing.	12/12/2019 10:20 AM
191	Great communication and fostering healthy social skills and emotional learning	12/12/2019 10:17 AM
192	School Communication is fairly good	12/12/2019 10:14 AM
193	I appreciate the weekly newsletters.	12/12/2019 10:09 AM
194	The district / school is at it's best when there are teachers that are positive, caring and creative. The best learning happens when the children are engaged in dynamic projects & research, cooperative work, and real problem solving.	12/12/2019 10:04 AM
195	Involves the community	12/12/2019 10:02 AM
196	The teachers and academics are amazing! Very impressed with my child's education.	12/12/2019 9:59 AM
197	Weekly newsletters from the principal is great!	12/12/2019 9:57 AM
198	I like the good conection between parents and teachers.	12/12/2019 9:55 AM
199	Hold students to high academic standards	12/12/2019 9:52 AM
200	I appreciate the effort for more transparency and lots of communication. At Belle Aire I really do feel the teachers care and give personalized support to my children.	12/12/2019 9:48 AM
201	Giving children many STEAM opportunities	12/12/2019 9:47 AM
202	I appreciate the school being flexible with our schedule. My daughter is an "actress" and whenever she has auditions or "work" her teacher is always very accommodating- allowing her to make up assignments and test.	12/12/2019 9:47 AM
203	Herrick is a great stepping stone for kids on their transition from grade school to high school. The steps taken to help them embrace independence and begin taking responsibility for their own success are valuable.	12/12/2019 9:46 AM
204	The teachers and staff are amazing and welcoming. They care about the students and it shows.	12/12/2019 9:43 AM
205	There are many out of school activities that students can attend to feel a sense of belonging to their school.	12/12/2019 9:42 AM
206	Keep celebrating the holidays, Halloween, Christmas, (Santa secret work shop), etc. thank you!	12/12/2019 9:40 AM
207	Communication	12/12/2019 9:40 AM
208	Teacher/parent communication via seesaw, dojo and email is appreciated. Welcoming parent volunteers is appreciated. This seems to be more teacher specific. The front office staff are super kind and always welcoming.	12/12/2019 9:32 AM
209	Teachers really work for the well being of the students ... socially and scholastically.	12/12/2019 9:31 AM
210	Really enjoy Seesaw app and seeing/hearing what my children are doing during the day.	12/12/2019 9:28 AM
211	Catching people doing things right/ doing good (or whatever it is called). Great idea!	12/12/2019 9:27 AM
212	PARCC Test	12/12/2019 9:25 AM
213	Good email communication with district updates	12/12/2019 9:24 AM
214	Open communication between parents and teachers and getting regular updates from teachers and administrators	12/12/2019 9:23 AM
215	Continue fostering emotional intelligence.	12/12/2019 9:14 AM
216	promoting healthy eating and snacking in the school environment	12/12/2019 9:08 AM
217	everything	12/12/2019 9:07 AM
218	The teachers actually care about the lives of their students outside of the classroom. They take	12/12/2019 9:05 AM

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the time to know who they are teaching and help them in whatever ways they can.

219	I love that the school feels like a second home for them.	12/12/2019 9:05 AM
220	Caring for the students	12/12/2019 9:02 AM
221	Belle Aire has an atmosphere of community that is welcoming and offers many opportunities for student and parent involvement.	12/12/2019 9:01 AM
222	Focusing on the whole child not just the educational part	12/12/2019 8:59 AM
223	Continue with the inclusive environment that exists within the school.	12/12/2019 8:59 AM
224	Communication is in abundance.	12/12/2019 8:57 AM
225	Communication through email is great!	12/12/2019 8:56 AM
226	Overall communication is good.	12/12/2019 8:54 AM
227	I enjoy the communication from the principal we receive every Friday with highlights from the week and other important dates or things /events coming up for school.	12/12/2019 8:54 AM
228	Mr. [REDACTED] is really great! He always listens and is present with the students. He makes [REDACTED] a good place.	12/12/2019 8:53 AM
229	Communication is very good and offer many ways to access via email or text.	12/12/2019 8:52 AM
230	The teachers are amazing and are so good at what they do. I feel as though they truly know my children and that we are on the same team in helping our kids to grow as much as they can.	12/12/2019 8:51 AM
231	Excellent teachers	12/12/2019 8:51 AM
232	Communication with parents about behaviour.	12/12/2019 8:51 AM
233	Student council	12/12/2019 8:50 AM
234	Social worker	12/12/2019 8:50 AM
235	The mix of technology and traditional teaching is great.	12/12/2019 8:49 AM
236	Teachers do a great job of communicating, welcome open conversation, and I believe the genuinely care about the growth of my children.	12/12/2019 8:48 AM
237	Communication has improved with the weekly emails and updates. Keep doing this.	12/12/2019 8:48 AM
238	Field trips and learning experiences outside the classroom	12/12/2019 8:48 AM
239	Quite frankly the district does A LOT Of things really well including hiring great teachers and support staff. The only problem is the teachers have too many kids and can't provide the kids the proper amount of attention they deserve.	12/12/2019 8:48 AM
240	Focus on SEL	12/12/2019 8:47 AM
241	Love the open communication and how well the students, parents and teachers all work together to make a great community and learning environment for our children.	12/12/2019 8:47 AM
242	Welcoming and inviting. Community feel. Supportive.	12/12/2019 8:45 AM
243	Helps my child with her reading skills and development	12/12/2019 8:42 AM
244	I like how they teach reading. It seems to give students a strong foundation.	12/12/2019 8:41 AM
245	I appreciate that the entire district makes an attempt to communicate with parents and be transparent	12/12/2019 8:40 AM
246	I feel our Principal is very open and approachable. This is very helpful as a first time parent in the school. I know that [REDACTED] cares for my child.	12/12/2019 8:38 AM
247	the communication from teachers is great and we enjoy the opportunities for parent involvement.	12/12/2019 8:38 AM
248	I appreciate the wonderful parent communication at the district, school, and classroom level. We moved to this community because of this school district. We are thrilled with our experiences in District 58.	12/12/2019 8:37 AM

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249	Indian Trail encourages parent participation and welcomes parents to join their children in many events.	12/12/2019 8:35 AM
250	Watch Dog	12/12/2019 8:30 AM
251	The district, school and teachers communicate very well - weekly emails and updates on SeeSaw app are appreciated.	12/12/2019 8:30 AM
252	I like the newsletters.	12/12/2019 8:29 AM
253	Progressive help for students with Language arts and Reading who are behind grade level.	12/12/2019 8:28 AM
254	communication	12/12/2019 8:27 AM
255	DEI Work	12/12/2019 8:27 AM
256	Parent communication. We don't have many issues. But when something comes up needing attention we are notified.	12/12/2019 8:27 AM
257	Communication is excellent.	12/12/2019 8:27 AM
258	Fairmount has an exceptional staff of teachers. My kids have loved every teacher they have had and work great with them.	12/12/2019 8:26 AM
259	Communication	12/12/2019 8:25 AM
260	The counseling staff at Herrick is very helpful in answering questions that parents have and helping students when needed.	12/12/2019 8:25 AM
261	The teacher is very supportive and compassionate about the students!	12/11/2019 8:53 PM
262	newletters and communication are helpful.	12/11/2019 8:35 PM
263	having differentiated instruction in reading.	12/11/2019 8:32 PM
264	Keeping parents in the loop.	12/11/2019 6:59 PM
265	I appreciate the updates through Seesaw and would love to see more of that. It really helps me get a sense of what the kids are doing at school and allows me to ask about it at home.	12/11/2019 6:46 AM
266	Weekly emails	12/10/2019 10:18 PM
267	Communication	12/10/2019 8:56 PM
268	With the exception of first grade, we have had amazing teachers who have shown great interest in our child and his development both educationally and socially	12/10/2019 7:35 PM
269	Weekly communication from principal	12/10/2019 4:10 PM
270	Love the teacher's use of SeeSaw! It is wonderful to see what is happening in the classroom on a daily basis.	12/10/2019 3:53 PM
271	Weekly email about things happening in the school.	12/10/2019 2:16 PM
272	I like the addition of more art time, thank you. I like the learning labs (provided by PTA) and similar "hands on" experiences that our kids get.	12/10/2019 1:16 PM
273	I love seesaw	12/10/2019 10:48 AM
274	I've noticed that DG58 has made improvements and should continue to look for opportunities to improve the quality of education that is provided to our children.	12/10/2019 10:48 AM
275	Parent/teacher communication	12/10/2019 9:53 AM
276	I appreciate the consolidation of the days off schedule into a shortened Monday. Also, the extended Thanksgiving break gives families the opportunity to travel with flexibility.	12/10/2019 6:46 AM
277	Teachers, assistants, and admin are fabulous.	12/9/2019 9:32 PM
278	Teachers are pretty great.	12/9/2019 9:03 PM
279	If a parent emails a principal and asst principal about a child's 504 plan in aug, and no one responds and it's December, that is a problem. Also an assistant principal should not respond	12/9/2019 8:17 PM

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at 504 or IEP meetings with "we do not do this" in turn if it wasn't for my elementary principal my child would not have had any help. I'm completely disappointed in the process for 504 and IEP at my child's school.

280	Electronic communication	12/9/2019 7:22 PM
281	They love our kids.	12/9/2019 7:19 PM
282	I have always been impressed with the amount of opportunities to take part in Hillcrest events that are outside of the school day.	12/9/2019 7:07 PM
283	My children are so happy at El Sierra!	12/9/2019 7:01 PM
284	Lots of communication and communication channels.	12/9/2019 6:58 PM
285	communication at the district level is great	12/9/2019 6:40 PM
286	Good communication	12/9/2019 6:35 PM
287	Communication with the parents has always been encouraged and openly received. I've never felt uncomfortable reaching out to anyone with a question or concern.	12/9/2019 6:33 PM
288	Creates an environment that my child really likes to be a part of and loves learning within the school	12/9/2019 5:47 PM
289	The teachers are great	12/9/2019 5:01 PM
290	Providing quality academic program for students.	12/9/2019 4:24 PM
291	Availability of principal and staff	12/9/2019 1:22 PM
292	Allows for parents to volunteer often.	12/9/2019 12:29 PM
293	using support staff to teach social-emotional learning	12/9/2019 1:28 AM
294	Continue keeping the focus on the kids. It shows in almost everything	12/8/2019 10:46 PM
295	Continue to provide transparency and inclusion	12/8/2019 9:00 PM
296	The staff at [REDACTED] genuinely care for the kids and staff morale seems to have greatly improved under Ms. [REDACTED]. How could it not!? Sweetest, friendliest, MOST ENGAGED principal we've experienced! ♥	12/8/2019 5:54 PM
297	Consider not only using tech	12/8/2019 5:49 PM
298	Good structure and activities	12/8/2019 3:47 PM
299	Targeting and individualizing the learning - esp. in math and reading	12/8/2019 3:14 PM
300	The principal's regular newsletter.	12/8/2019 11:45 AM
301	Resources available to students is amazing but staff is not trained when and how to use.	12/8/2019 11:02 AM
302	I think Belle Aire succeeds at creating a welcoming and friendly environment that fosters education. I appreciate that there are multiple opportunities for me to become involved as a parent at the school level and special programs that allow me to come to the school to support my child at whole school functions.	12/8/2019 10:26 AM
303	Report card comments, when personalized to the student and not just a general comment about what was learned by the whole grade are super helpful. Thank you for adding comments on the report cards.	12/8/2019 9:55 AM
304	hire good teachers	12/8/2019 9:47 AM
305	Parent communication	12/8/2019 8:11 AM
306	Differentiation of learning styles and levels	12/8/2019 8:07 AM
307	I like the various methods of communication (newsletter, email, apps).	12/7/2019 7:10 PM
308	My daughter develops skills through an array of fun activities. It's really incredible how many activities are used to help students learn!	12/7/2019 10:45 AM
309	communicates with parents about key things to know.	12/6/2019 10:22 PM

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310	Lester has such a sense of community that I wish other schools in DG had the same experience. And our teachers are AMAZING!	12/6/2019 9:27 PM
311	Please continue to provide the great opportunities for children to learn at a level consistent with their abilities. I love that my son has been allowed to excel in some subjects especially [REDACTED] (learning at a grade level higher). I think overall District 58 does a great job with this. Grade school through 7th grade was great keep it up. However we would like to see him be able to take more advanced classes in 8th grade [REDACTED]. Seems Mr. [REDACTED] is not a big fan of allowing kids to be taught at different levels in 8th grade. Not sure why he resists it other than other teachers say he is not worth fighting. Seems strange one bad teacher can determine what happens at Herrick is different than all the other wonderful District 58 schools.	12/6/2019 3:01 PM
312	Communication has increased this year which is nice- hearing things a few times it finally sinks in.	12/6/2019 12:31 PM
313	Attention to individual progress with the students and how they are working within the student body overall.	12/6/2019 12:11 PM
314	Individualized learning	12/6/2019 10:34 AM
315	Individualized teaching	12/6/2019 10:31 AM
316	continue parent teacher conferences and the sign up process	12/6/2019 9:14 AM
317	Lester is a very welcoming school. The teachers, staff, and administration provide an excellent school atmosphere and my kids love being apart of that.	12/5/2019 10:06 PM
318	Hold teachers to high standards	12/5/2019 9:45 PM
319	We loved the Veterans day assembly put on this year at Belleaire want to see more like it	12/5/2019 9:42 PM
320	The welcoming atmosphere, the feeling that all the adults are invested in your child's well being and education	12/5/2019 1:26 PM
321	Very good teachers. They truly care for the student.	12/5/2019 12:50 PM
322	Communicates	12/5/2019 12:45 PM
323	Good communication	12/5/2019 12:25 PM
324	Communication and outreach	12/5/2019 11:59 AM
325	The school my child attends (Lester) truly takes the theme "it takes a village to raise a child" to heart. I always feel as if it's a team effort, and that my input is appreciated, as is their's to me.	12/5/2019 11:45 AM
326	Focus on kindness.	12/5/2019 11:42 AM
327	Inform parents about what is going on	12/5/2019 10:54 AM
328	O'neill has great communication via emails, newsletters and grades on the parent portal. This is appreciated!	12/5/2019 9:02 AM
329	I like the weekly principle emails	12/5/2019 8:43 AM
330	Excellent communication between teachers, principals to parents	12/5/2019 7:41 AM
331	Fostering a great learning experience and other skills needed for future.	12/5/2019 6:49 AM
332	They do a great job of meeting the kid's needs. I also really like that school is a positive, happy and safe place to be.	12/5/2019 6:43 AM
333	Providing opportunities for kids of all levels to receive specific instruction and learning.	12/5/2019 5:49 AM
334	Being willing to listen to me with my concerns.	12/5/2019 12:25 AM
335	Parent communication on Seesaw is good.	12/4/2019 5:43 PM
336	Frequent communication via See Saw	12/4/2019 5:24 PM
337	Allows parents to come in and see what is going on at the school. :)	12/4/2019 5:20 PM
338	I appreciate the responsibilities that my 6th grader is given as a patrol guard; it has taught him to look out for the younger students.	12/4/2019 2:45 PM

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339	I have two kids, each with their own strengths and weaknesses. I have found that they have both received the help and additional challenges they've needed to continue to do well in the school.	12/4/2019 1:24 PM
340	Anti-Bullying culture	12/4/2019 1:08 PM
341	I like the weekly communication from the principal	12/4/2019 12:37 PM
342	Communication from the school administrator level.	12/4/2019 11:53 AM
343	Not sure	12/4/2019 11:35 AM
344	I really like the amount of SEL learning that takes place at Indian Trail. Keep up the good work!!	12/4/2019 11:18 AM
345	The communication from Mrs. [REDACTED] has been great and very open. This has been very helpful in what we need to work on and where our son is doing well.	12/4/2019 11:11 AM
346	Great communication by teachers, principles and administrators.	12/4/2019 11:01 AM
347	The music programs are great. Love the holiday shows.	12/4/2019 10:50 AM
348	Struggling with this. I am VERY disappointed in District 58 at this time.	12/4/2019 10:36 AM
349	continue to inform parents about what is being learned and how it is being learned in class so we can reinforce those same concepts at the same time at home! For example, many parents learned math in different ways than how they are teaching it today. If I am teaching my child the "old way" I need to understand about how it is being taught today so I can adjust and not confuse my kids.	12/4/2019 10:07 AM
350	The district and the school pay great attention to reading success.	12/4/2019 9:45 AM
351	I feel the communications from [REDACTED] and the district are great. My son's school has been a wonderful experience so far so I wouldn't ask them to change too much (expect my below answer).	12/4/2019 9:44 AM
352	Caring.	12/4/2019 9:32 AM
353	Communication is great at Lester with classroom and resource teachers	12/4/2019 9:32 AM
354	the Grove preschool program	12/4/2019 9:17 AM
355	I greatly appreciate the office staff (teachers, administrators, and nursing) for the efforts they make and consideration shown to my child's well being.	12/4/2019 9:15 AM
356	Since moving to the district for the 2018-19 school year, I have been amazed by the care shown to my children by all the staff and teachers at Whittier and Herrick schools. Two of my children have mild special learning needs and the professional knowledge and concern demonstrated by their teachers has given me peace of mind. Also, I appreciate the level of communication from the district and individual schools.	12/4/2019 9:15 AM
357	Our teachers have great relationships with the children, even in the classrooms of 28+ kids that my kids are in. I would love for those teachers to actually be supported and given the resources they need to give the kids what they deserve.	12/4/2019 8:20 AM
358	I think the education is very well designed to help the kids become successful in middle school and then onto high school.	12/4/2019 7:13 AM
359	You have some really good teachers	12/4/2019 7:01 AM
360	Care for the students and support them.	12/4/2019 6:16 AM
361	I appreciate the availability of the teachers. If I need to meet with them they are happy to schedule something. I have been highly impressed with most of the teachers.	12/4/2019 6:12 AM
362	I think the recent focus on SEL learning has been very important and would like to see that continue.	12/4/2019 5:39 AM
363	Involving different types of activities and events for students and families. Taken care on the learning progress on my child and most I'm very glad and proud of the bilingual program it's an excellent opportunity for the students.	12/4/2019 1:11 AM
364	It was great when they figured out that the new addition on PD actually had air conditioning this	12/4/2019 12:23 AM

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entire time. Apparently no one had figured that out for years. It demonstrates that it is one of many things being overlooked at Pierce Downer.

365	I'm pleased with the second day a week of PE class, having art weekly, and all of the library time!	12/3/2019 11:36 PM
366	Parent communication	12/3/2019 11:22 PM
367	Sends out emails	12/3/2019 11:16 PM
368	Differentiation by ability level has gotten better as my child has aged.	12/3/2019 10:48 PM
369	Communication with parents	12/3/2019 10:45 PM
370	everything for my son	12/3/2019 10:20 PM
371	All the teachers we have had thus far have been great. They create an environment that my children enjoy going to every day.	12/3/2019 10:20 PM
372	Emphasis of social/emotional learning	12/3/2019 9:57 PM
373	My child is challenged and encouraged to work at his level.	12/3/2019 9:33 PM
374	Teachers communicating with the parents if there is a problem or concern.	12/3/2019 9:31 PM
375	Grove Preschool excels in educating the whole child and making parents feel like partners!	12/3/2019 9:07 PM
376	I appreciate the leadership from the principal at [REDACTED] making parents and families feel welcomed and as partners in their child's education.	12/3/2019 9:03 PM
377	I feel very comfortable coming into the office, the school, and the classroom	12/3/2019 8:49 PM
378	Parent involvement	12/3/2019 8:40 PM
379	Variety of Clubs, Music & Theatre are great for middle schools	12/3/2019 8:34 PM
380	Not the district however one teacher has been amazing to my daughter, [REDACTED] Mrs [REDACTED] [REDACTED] a resource teacher. She has tried everything to get my daughter to read and do math, though she's still very much behind due to dyslexia, dyscalculia and dysgraphia. We are forever grateful for [REDACTED].	12/3/2019 8:27 PM
381	Friendly supportive staff and welcoming principal who cares for the well being of the whole student body.	12/3/2019 8:24 PM
382	Small class size--excellent real-life experiences.	12/3/2019 8:23 PM
383	The District communicates well via Twitter. This is my primary go-to for District info on the go. [REDACTED]'s principal's weekly email is very helpful as well for referencing upcoming activities specific to our school.	12/3/2019 8:21 PM
384	Progressing my student	12/3/2019 7:44 PM
385	Fostering a positive environment that focuses on inclusion and kindness.	12/3/2019 7:36 PM
386	Orchestra program	12/3/2019 7:25 PM
387	Free and open communication between faculty and parents.	12/3/2019 7:17 PM
388	Communication	12/3/2019 6:24 PM
389	Communication	12/3/2019 6:19 PM
390	District-wide communication & info dissemination of information is good.	12/3/2019 6:14 PM
391	Teaching empathy	12/3/2019 6:03 PM
392	Great communication from school and district	12/3/2019 5:44 PM
393	The communication and welcoming environment is amazing!	12/3/2019 5:35 PM
394	continue teaching kindness and emotional intelligence.	12/3/2019 5:32 PM
395	Technology	12/3/2019 5:31 PM

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396	Awareness of emotional upheaval along middle schoolers	12/3/2019 5:18 PM
397	Continue with differentiation. It is so important to meet the individual student needs at the level they are at not just the grade level they are in. I know the 3 newest School Board members ran against differentiation but hopefully they understand the benefits of it now that they are fully informed and not just listening to the uniformed people that continue to resist differentiation in teaching.	12/3/2019 5:16 PM
398	Computerizing lessons	12/3/2019 4:51 PM
399	taking the week of Thanksgiving off so we can travel to visit family	12/3/2019 4:20 PM
400	I enjoy regular communication from the district regarding what is happening throughout the district and at each school I also enjoy the weekly email from our principal regarding news specific to my child's school.	12/3/2019 4:17 PM
401	The use of Seesaw.	12/3/2019 4:06 PM
402	Herrick is fabulous--teachers & administration truly care	12/3/2019 4:04 PM
403	N/A	12/3/2019 4:04 PM
404	Nothing at Lester	12/3/2019 4:02 PM
405	Our school is welcoming, inclusive, positive, and supportive of the students and the parents. From the teachers to the principal, I couldn't be more pleased with their commitment to helping my child grow. I love the open concept and the school families, it's something my daughter loves and thrives on. Communication is timely and informative. You can feel a sense of community and caring. I couldn't ask for a better environmental for my child. I trust that her needs are met each and every day.	12/3/2019 4:00 PM
406	El Sierra has a family environment - school families is a nice way to set culture of the school.	12/3/2019 3:56 PM
407	Helping the children with social and behavioral problems via social worker or resource workers	12/3/2019 3:52 PM
408	Seesaw is a great tool	12/3/2019 3:49 PM
409	We have had a great experience with Fairmount. Our children have been lucky enough to have some fabulous teachers. The teachers take the time to get to know my children and they truly care for them. I feel so blessed that my children are cared for every day!	12/3/2019 3:29 PM
410	My children genuinely feel safe and cared for when at school.	12/3/2019 3:22 PM
411	Community friendly approach	12/3/2019 3:22 PM
412	keeping the parents informed on day-to-day learning. I think being able to see via Seesaw, twitter, email is a great way to understand what is going on.	12/3/2019 3:14 PM
413	I like that they change the school slogan every year to focus on something positive.	12/3/2019 3:13 PM
414	Teaching organization/executive functioning skills	12/3/2019 3:11 PM
415	Extra curricular activities	12/3/2019 3:01 PM
416	Extend/ gifted programs	12/3/2019 2:58 PM
417	Weekly communication about what to expect in the coming weeks is helpful for ensuring parents and students are up to date on events or actions needing action for parents and/or students.	12/3/2019 2:58 PM
418	School environment is wonderful	12/3/2019 2:56 PM
419	The focus on incorporating kids together of all ages is great.	12/3/2019 2:51 PM
420	Communication from school	12/3/2019 2:45 PM
421	Communication	12/3/2019 2:44 PM
422	Good email communication	12/3/2019 2:43 PM
423	Seesaw	12/3/2019 2:38 PM
424	Social emotional learning	12/3/2019 2:37 PM

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425	I like how Belle Aire started doing a math block in the morning for grades 3-5 to accommodate those students who move to another classroom for math.	12/3/2019 2:35 PM
426	It's such a big school compared to our home elementary. I think the locker set up night and the preview days in the summer were very valuable.	12/3/2019 2:35 PM
427	Awesome teachers. And I like the week off for Thanksgiving.	12/3/2019 2:33 PM
428	My son has special needs and we cannot be more thankful to be a part of D58. His team at Hillcrest are compassionate and wonderful. Hillcrest is an amazing school. Thank you [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for making the school environment so inclusive.	12/3/2019 2:33 PM
429	Her teacher's have been amazing so far. I know that they really care about the students in their class, including my child, and make school a positive place for her!	12/3/2019 2:28 PM
430	I really like the school family concept it gets kids to know each other in different grade levels	12/3/2019 2:27 PM
431	Communication from the top down to the classroom teacher level is good and something that should continue.	12/3/2019 2:23 PM
432	Using Seesaw as a means of sharing and communication	12/3/2019 2:21 PM
433	[REDACTED] has great teachers and staff that really go above and beyond for the students AND parents. Both of my children have had outstanding teachers year after year even though I know the morale of the building is not the best, based upon it's leadership.	12/3/2019 2:20 PM
434	More streamlined communication via weekly principal emails to use of seesaw by all teachers has helped.	12/3/2019 2:18 PM
435	Working with kids that need more help then the others.	12/3/2019 2:18 PM
436	Community/parent involvement in the building	12/3/2019 2:17 PM
437	Seesaw	12/3/2019 2:15 PM
438	The parent teacher conference	12/3/2019 2:13 PM
439	Bringing the social and emotional element into the curriculum and making it a standard, as I feel it will help my child and her classmates.	12/3/2019 2:10 PM
440	Communication and family-unity.	12/3/2019 2:10 PM
441	DG 58 does an excellent job communicating with parents. They provide helpful services for students with special needs.	12/3/2019 2:08 PM
442	Everyone seems genuinely interested in student success.	12/3/2019 2:07 PM
443	Music Class,DC visit , school assembly(too rare)	12/3/2019 2:06 PM
444	Piloting updated curriculum	12/3/2019 2:05 PM
445	Seesaw updates ... Would like to see a few more thru-out the day	12/3/2019 2:03 PM
446	The SE components focusing on the whole child	12/3/2019 2:00 PM
447	Small, welcoming school environment teaching children to be good humans!	12/3/2019 1:58 PM
448	Communication	12/3/2019 1:56 PM
449	Weekly communication emails, from the school and teachers.	12/3/2019 1:55 PM
450	The teachers are great.	12/3/2019 1:55 PM
451	My kid comes home and loves school, learning, and being in class. A love of learning and a respect for knowledge is something I'm grateful for.	12/3/2019 1:55 PM
452	great teachers and staff.	12/3/2019 1:50 PM
453	Communication from the district/principle is good	12/3/2019 1:49 PM
454	Principal and asst Prinipal are very accessible	12/3/2019 1:45 PM
455	Communication from the district and school principle is good.	12/3/2019 1:44 PM

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456	There is a variety of activities during the day, which give the kids different ways to show success and grow.	12/3/2019 1:38 PM
457	Blending classrooms either with DLP students or STARS program students. It provides a great opportunity for all- however some more age appropriate learning opportunities are available by teachers to help explain behaviors and challenges faced by general classroom students when other children are blended in. That way kids can understand each other and not be confused why one child receives different staff/opportunities/services	12/3/2019 1:38 PM
458	I Appreciate the weekly newsletter from the principal with updates and the teacher weekly newsletter	12/3/2019 1:37 PM
459	I've found communication to be exceptional. Staff has reached out to us with both questions and feedback to ensure the best education outcomes. Any time we have contacted staff, responses are very timely and thorough. It's also helpful to have many easy ways to reach out to staff (Seesaw, email, etc).	12/3/2019 1:35 PM
460	I feel that my child is "seen" at Highland. My child always feels safe and included.	12/3/2019 1:34 PM
461	Making sure all the students are well taken care of	12/3/2019 1:33 PM
462	I love the sense of community at Whittier! There are always plenty of activities (both academic and "fun") and events for families to join in. I'm very glad that all students take art, music, PE, and library. I appreciate [REDACTED] "This Week at Whittier" newsletter, too.	12/3/2019 1:33 PM
463	Like the use of Seesaw. Glimpses into class are awesome! Like the opportunity to help at class parties, etc.	12/3/2019 1:32 PM
464	Parent involvement and opportunities to be a part of learning such as partners in art etc.	12/3/2019 1:29 PM
465	Welcoming to parents, open door policy.	12/3/2019 1:29 PM
466	Email communication	12/3/2019 1:26 PM
467	Close knit community schools encourage building great relationships with staff and other parents. Trustworthy community.	12/3/2019 1:26 PM
468	Teaching the students about kindness, and that it is important to help others who are similar to us, as well as those who have different struggles.	12/3/2019 1:25 PM
469	Weekly emails from the principal [REDACTED] families	12/3/2019 1:24 PM
470	The teacher(s) have always been very accessible and willing to work closely with us on all aspects of education, especially social and emotional progress.	12/3/2019 1:24 PM
471	Communicating and listening to and applying feedback	12/3/2019 1:23 PM
472	Watch Dogs	12/3/2019 1:23 PM
473	Continuous feedback	12/3/2019 1:23 PM
474	Social emotional learning is well covered; always could be more, though.	12/3/2019 1:21 PM
475	Communicating and listening to feedback	12/3/2019 1:20 PM
476	Over communication.	12/3/2019 1:20 PM
477	Puts children first.	12/3/2019 1:20 PM
478	Fun Lunch is a nice touch. The principal also sends out a news letter once a week that is nice to receive at the start of each week.	12/3/2019 1:18 PM
479	The welcoming atmosphere to families is greatly appreciated.	12/3/2019 1:17 PM
480	Emphasis on social emotional development.	12/3/2019 1:15 PM
481	Communication is awesome!!!!	12/3/2019 1:13 PM
482	Using seesaw to keep parents in the loop.	12/3/2019 1:09 PM
483	Welcoming and supportive of LD kids.	12/3/2019 1:08 PM
484	Our school has amazing teachers! My child loves school and excited to learn. The principal's	12/3/2019 1:07 PM

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	weekly communication is informative.	
485	Fun activities Group learning No bullying	12/3/2019 1:05 PM
486	The RISE program has been very beneficial to our son and our family choices for his education.	12/3/2019 1:05 PM
487	Our principal is phenomenal! [REDACTED] is a great asset to our school!	12/3/2019 1:04 PM
488	Programs such as school families foster a good environment for the whole school	12/3/2019 1:04 PM
489	I like that the teachers use Seesaw so I can be more involved with my childrens' school experiences.	12/3/2019 1:03 PM
490	We have had students who attended both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The principal at [REDACTED] did not foster a supportive environment for social and emotional needs. [REDACTED], on the other hand, makes this a primary focus for students, which has translated into a more successful environment for my student.	12/3/2019 1:01 PM
491	Rigorous standards with an edge to social emotional values	12/3/2019 1:00 PM
492	Our child's teacher uses seesaw often which is a nice window into the classroom.	12/3/2019 12:58 PM
493	I have been so impressed with the new Superintendent, Dr. Russell. I appreciate his accessibility, his communication, and his desire to solve problems. He also acts on what he commits to and his work it noticed and so appreciated. A commitment like his was sorely lacking under the previous superintendent.	12/3/2019 12:57 PM
494	Supportive and genuinely interested in children's education.	12/3/2019 12:54 PM
495	Communication via the seesaw app is greatly appreciated.	12/3/2019 12:53 PM
496	Teaching children about kindness, inclusion, etc	12/3/2019 12:53 PM
497	Communication on a daily/weekly basis, especially for parents/kids who are new to the district.	12/3/2019 12:52 PM
498	In our experience my kids have always been made to feel like they can achieve anything. Teachers and aides are always supportive of the kids in their school activities and also in their extracurriculars.	12/3/2019 12:49 PM
499	High level announcements about what's going on at school that week or safety training/awareness	12/3/2019 12:48 PM
500	The school provides good social-emotional learning opportunities and supportive classroom environments.	12/3/2019 12:48 PM
501	Collaboration between parents and teachers	12/3/2019 12:47 PM
502	Access to communicate with the staff	12/3/2019 12:46 PM
503	I like all the email communications.	12/3/2019 12:46 PM
504	I think the taxes are WAY too high. Taxes went up and services didn't. Cut taxes.	12/3/2019 12:45 PM
505	weekly communications	12/3/2019 12:45 PM
506	The new principal does a much better job in communicating. Her weekly emails summarizing things helps a great deal.	12/3/2019 12:45 PM
507	Whittier is such a warm, inviting environment. [REDACTED] knows the kids well and is very involved and caring. We've never had a bad choice of teachers--the teachers are all AMAZING!!! Love this school. I think D58 does a great job communicating.	12/3/2019 12:45 PM
508	Quality education from teachers who really care and give above and beyond what their paychecks require of them.	12/3/2019 12:42 PM
509	Many of the teachers are open with communication and that is helpful.	12/3/2019 12:42 PM
510	I love the Highland Families program and the buddy program. I think it really helps the younger kids feel a connection to the older kids who can be intimidating in their eyes.	12/3/2019 12:42 PM
511	Very thorough communication	12/3/2019 12:41 PM
512	The use of seesaw and remind to communicate with parents	12/3/2019 12:41 PM

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513	Rewarding good teachers.	12/3/2019 12:40 PM
514	Keeping the kids safe!	12/3/2019 12:40 PM
515	Very welcoming and easy to communicate with.	12/3/2019 12:38 PM
516	anti-bully focus. I field Lester does a good job with a zero tolerance policy and the faculty is quick to intervene when needed. Please don't let up on that focus. Consider anti-bully in school seminars for kids to partake in	12/3/2019 12:38 PM
517	I like the teachers keep me updated on how my son is doing in school and where he needs help.	12/3/2019 12:35 PM
518	They do well with the limited space they have.	12/3/2019 12:35 PM
519	Feedback from teacher(s) via the apps/technology.	12/3/2019 12:35 PM
520	Communication on all levels is fantastic.	12/3/2019 12:34 PM
521	Wonderful sense of community...and positive attitude, welcoming atmosphere!	12/3/2019 12:33 PM
522	It was a great hire with the combo team of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] They are a welcome addition to the Highland family.	12/3/2019 12:33 PM
523	After school activities like Spanish, etc.	12/3/2019 12:33 PM
524	Hillcrest is the Best	12/3/2019 12:32 PM

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

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	too many email communications and it's hard to keep up; lower grades (K-2nd) should have older student mentor grades...ex a 6th grader could mentor/guide a K student to foster love of school, learning, lester sprint, etc.	12/27/2019 10:05 AM
2	Class size is too large; the flux of curriculum is also challenging.	12/23/2019 8:08 AM
3	PE could be more athletic and focus on real sports/games. Music teacher not well-liked, not perceived as friendly and a little strict for something like music.	12/22/2019 7:40 PM
4	I wish they could expand the school library.	12/21/2019 8:13 AM
5	Playground and crooked basketball hoops	12/20/2019 7:23 PM
6	making sure that students treat each other with more respect. I can't tell you how many horrible stories I've heard of poor behavior and teachers just "looking the other way" because they don't want to deal with it.	12/20/2019 6:07 PM
7	Highland needs more physical space for the students.	12/20/2019 5:14 PM
8	not sure yet. too early to tell	12/20/2019 12:15 PM
9	I wish I could visit more often	12/20/2019 12:07 PM
10	grumpy office people	12/20/2019 11:21 AM
11	Not letting parents easily access google classroom makes it very difficult to help my student. I	12/20/2019 11:09 AM
12	We would like to see consistent programs for special education students, that are appropriate to meet their needs.	12/20/2019 10:29 AM
13	There policy on handing out punishment and detentions. If a child raises their hands to protect themselves, they receive the same punishment as the child that is causing conflict. Students are not allowed to defend themselves. There are concerns with the amount of vaping that goes on school grounds.	12/20/2019 8:21 AM
14	Smaller class size.	12/20/2019 7:22 AM
15	Academic	12/20/2019 6:28 AM
16	Consider having student programs/performances in the evening when possible so working parents are considered. Timing of many events is challenging for those who work.	12/20/2019 6:24 AM
17	More volunteer opportunities for students would be great!	12/20/2019 5:54 AM
18	Thinking about the important components of homework completion for Math. My child should be required to show his teacher how he arrived at a result - the work. And the teacher should check the work to troubleshoot issues. Children should be able to celebrate holidays at school with foods that aren't necessarily defined as healthy. Sign ups for everything should be opened on weekends or non work hours to be more inclusive of families where two parents work. Also consider academic clubs or social etiquette classes for after school.	12/20/2019 4:53 AM
19	Bus supervision.	12/20/2019 12:19 AM
20	Mindfulness. We need a yoga and meditation program in our schools. Kids need the right tools to learn how to decompress and deal with their emotions.	12/19/2019 11:17 PM
21	D58- schedule. adding a teacher day the Monday after a week of holiday is not considerate of working parents	12/19/2019 10:33 PM
22	Students need feedback and clear expectations for work.	12/19/2019 8:37 PM
23	Writing instruction. Students also need more targeted instruction. Time on iPads does not replace feedback from a teacher.	12/19/2019 8:33 PM
24	Nothing	12/19/2019 8:22 PM
25	N/a	12/19/2019 8:14 PM
26	Communication when there are issues and allowing kids to utilize problem solving skills when issues arise. I would also like to see more projects aa kids age such as posters, reports, ect i	12/19/2019 7:54 PM

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	feel like there isnt alot of take home.work or research projects	
27	More opportunity for one on one social help from counselors. Especially as the children are getting older	12/19/2019 4:43 PM
28	Maybe more education about diversity and accepting all different kinds of people.	12/19/2019 4:00 PM
29	Air conditioning for the building, perhaps?	12/19/2019 3:23 PM
30	I would love to see more discussion with the students on the affect technology can have on the brain and more encouragement to be creative and do things that don't involve technology, like go outside and play or get paper and create something. I appreciate the role of technology, but I think some more education about technology and the impact on social skills and impact on motivation and how it can be addictive within the SEL domain would be appropriate with the use of 1:1 devices.	12/19/2019 3:19 PM
31	Take stronger action against misconduct and bullying, holding kids accountable for their words and actions.	12/19/2019 3:00 PM
32	Work with the village/police department on safety and security measures. This isn't a building issue as much as a district and community one. Drop off and pick up are incredibly dangerous for students, distracted and reckless drivers are all over the place. I also don't like that someone can be buzzed into the school and they have access to the whole school before walking into an office. Every school needs to have their main entrance updated. Classrooms are also not secure if an intruder were to enter, and this isn't just my child's home school, it's others as well. There needs to be some kind of district safety and security task force that pairs with the DGPD and the village to look at some of these major holes in the system and fix them.	12/19/2019 2:40 PM
33	I think teachers should take the opportunity to add comments to the student's report card. It makes it seem like their uninterested or lazy. My daughter gets straight As but no comments..weird.	12/19/2019 2:29 PM
34	Have more clarification with the students in regards to the earning of a 1, 2, or a 3 on their assignments. My child was feeling disappointed when she continued to receive 3"s for the majority of her assignments, but then would receive a "C" as the grade. Or would get 10 out of 10 in spelling quizzes but would still receive a lower grade on the report card. This continued for one full year and then the next year with a different teacher it seemed to be more reflective in her grade. (Receiving 3's, would get an A on report card). Very difficult over time, my child would be pulled out for reading help, but would miss class time when something important was needed, i.e. review of next day test, study packet. Then no communication from teacher that something was missed. Just creates an uphill battle when already struggling in reading.	12/19/2019 2:04 PM
35	More art and music exposure.	12/19/2019 1:52 PM
36	The drop off and pick up at O'Neil. The many buses should drop off and pick up in the parking lot. 59th St. gets backed up with traffic every morning rush hour and after school. As a driver it is very congested and therefore less safe for the students. Please consider other possibilities for the safety of the students and bus drivers.	12/19/2019 1:52 PM
37	Clicks. The programs that children are open to are VERY clickish and there should be a equal way for children to join, try out or participate in activites. Right now it depends on the parent and thats not cool	12/19/2019 1:40 PM
38	I honestly can't think of anything. It's really a great school	12/19/2019 1:21 PM
39	Social emotional learning and supports. Our son has been struggling for a couple of years now at Kingsley in the SEL area and the school has not been proactive in supporting him with executive functioning skills or with helping him feel connected at school. When I asked him the other day what adult he looks forward to seeing at school- he did not respond with one name. He is not excited to see any adult at school nor does he feel a real connection to an adult. As an educator myself, that is a real problem.	12/19/2019 1:10 PM
40	I don't have any major concerns that need improvement. An introduction to each teacher at each grade level would be nice (so the kids & parents know what to expect going into the next grade.)	12/19/2019 1:07 PM
41	Reduce class size.	12/19/2019 12:46 PM
42	Place teachers with the grade level they best fit at for the children's sake.	12/19/2019 12:21 PM

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43	Great to try new things but metrics seem to change often for student, school, teachers. Not really a metric if basis changes every couple years.	12/19/2019 12:09 PM
44	For any weaknesses of student give special care for the student so that student learn equally every subject	12/19/2019 11:41 AM
45	Good	12/19/2019 11:36 AM
46	A behavior plan for reinforcing positive behaviors with much less emphasis on the "bad"	12/19/2019 11:33 AM
47	The survey asks if we as parents receive updated and individual communication on our child's progress. Not sure what the expectation is there but this is an area of improvement. The only true individual communication I receive is PT conferences which occur 2 x year for 15 minutes. Seesaw provides updates but not individual and quite frankly, entirely too frequently..but hard to please all the people all the time! We have truly enjoyed our DG58 experience with the exception of 6th grade which receive almost no communication from the teacher. It's been a challenging year but we were forewarned by other parents this would be the case.	12/19/2019 11:27 AM
48	Though my husband has filled in the parent survey requesting more homework, I don't agree. However, I do believe that continuing to utilize and require home use of apps/sites like IXL Math & XtraMath are very beneficial... as well as continued requirement of reading at home (either with parents or independently)... and also, as stated above, teaching and allowing children to utilize various technologies to create and share their work.	12/19/2019 11:26 AM
49	Maybe could cover more topics in class besides English and math.	12/19/2019 11:09 AM
50	Pick up and drop off. I have two kids in Kingsley. One in 5th and one in 1st and I drive them to school. I feel a portion of the playground could be turned into a pick up/drop off lane where parents could line up and get their kids without having to leave their cars. At least for the younger kids. Right now my first grader gets out and then I have to wait for my fifth grader to walk to the first grade side. In the colder months, it's not very practical to have to wait out in the cold with my first grader. Just wishful thinking but other than that we love Kingsley!!	12/19/2019 10:59 AM
51	Foreign language should be taught earlier - not until 8th grade. It should be taught earlier in the grade schools - at least starting by 5th and 6th grade like in true middle schools. It's too late to start in 8th grade teaching a foreign language. Look around at the other middle schools in the area - they all start in middle school. My kids have been in district 58 since 2008 and it's a shame that we haven't embraced foreign language earlier.	12/19/2019 10:53 AM
52	Communication. Situations have occurred throughout the day, that need to be communicated back to the parents, so we may play a role in helping with problem solving, discipline and partnering with school professionals.	12/19/2019 10:42 AM
53	more direct teacher communication	12/19/2019 10:41 AM
54	Security	12/19/2019 10:38 AM
55	Realistically we feel the school is doing all it should for the overall wellness of the children. We only struggle with how are son is handled in certain situations but we realize in the end the way he is treated is for the greater good and not necessarily the best for him as an individual. And isn't my job as the parent to be his advocate and walk him through scenarios to understand them better.	12/19/2019 10:36 AM
56	Communication (WELL in advance of the actual day/time/event) to the parents regarding issues that involve time management (when snow days are called, parties or events planned for the children that require resources from the parents, etc.)	12/19/2019 10:28 AM
57	Make lesson videos so that parents can answer homework questions that are consistent with in school lesson plans.	12/19/2019 10:23 AM
58	Fewer fundraisers	12/19/2019 10:22 AM
59	I would like more opportunities to be in the classroom.	12/19/2019 10:19 AM
60	There is much need to improve upon. Please conduct a detailed parent survey about the principal at [REDACTED] is ineffective and non responsive to students' needs and parent feedback. Also, the facilities at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are substandard.	12/19/2019 10:19 AM
61	Managing behavior problems. Huge issue! Additionally, communication about these problems is lacking.	12/19/2019 10:03 AM

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62	School Bus facilities and expanding after school program at school.	12/19/2019 10:01 AM
63	Having more space for parents to attend school activities. I know that's easier said than done.	12/19/2019 9:58 AM
64	Nothing! I absolutely love our district!	12/19/2019 9:57 AM
65	nothing at this time	12/19/2019 9:56 AM
66	Please do not simply move tenured teachers around - that does nobody any good.	12/19/2019 9:44 AM
67	I'm not sure how the taxes are allocated but the kids can really use a new playground.	12/19/2019 9:42 AM
68	Add Spanish course	12/19/2019 9:39 AM
69	Get rid of the binders at O'Neill. The kids backs are all hurting. It is in no way ergonomic and also unnecessary. Most seventh and eighth graders are capable of being organized independently and do not need the micromanagement of the binder. Using it makes it seem like we don't think they are capable. It's more appropriate for 3 graders (except for the physical pain).	12/19/2019 9:33 AM
70	better leadership and energy listen and react	12/19/2019 9:32 AM
71	Higher/advanced education for kids that are excelling in their current class room.	12/19/2019 9:32 AM
72	The office staff is not friendly at [REDACTED]. Maybe this could change? I was hoping for a more inclusive school community and community, and that is not what we are getting by being at this school. Curriculum seems behind with so many pilots. How about teaching more than just strategies in math? Why does district 58 have the lowest amount of music, PE, and art in DuPage County? To know Addison, Itasca, Lisle, Naperville, Lombard, Glen Ellyn, Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills all have art and PE an hour a week for grades K-5 when Downers Grove has 30 minutes a week, we are behind as our children are not receiving the same education as other schools in Dupage county.	12/19/2019 9:31 AM
73	Schools should have air conditioning.	12/19/2019 9:24 AM
74	Recess supervision roles. There are some days when students need help and don't feel they are getting it out on the play ground. They bring attention to the adult supervisors on duty and don't feel they are helping. Maybe more instruction for positive assistance when needed in this area. It is a short time on the playground, but they need support if something negative occurs.	12/19/2019 9:21 AM
75	Trying new ways to engage parents. From what I have seen, the same families in general are ones involved with fundraising, school events, etc. if there was a way to get more families to be more involved would definitely benefit school	12/19/2019 9:19 AM
76	There has been a lot of confusion with all of the testing of different curriculums this year between different subjects. This has caused frustration with not only the students, but especially the parents. It feels that teachers aren't checking the papers that are coming home with the students and that are getting sent out through seesaw and validating what is accurate and what should be worked on for the week. It causes too much confusion and sometimes different classrooms aren't doing the same procedures when parents communicate with each other to compare. It feels that things are unorganized and it would be nice for things to be more cohesive.	12/19/2019 9:18 AM
77	Having a more caring environment. As a parent, when you walk through the door it feels cold and unattentive to questions or suggestions we have. Teachers are great from what I hear from my son, principal and office staff, not so much....	12/19/2019 9:14 AM
78	room air conditioners in the summer	12/19/2019 9:13 AM
79	Buildings. They are in need of updating and repair. Also, uniformity across all schools. If one of our schools does a program that is working (such as Whittier's testing program) ALL schools should have this. We are one district yet experiences at each school differ.	12/19/2019 9:12 AM
80	I am happy you added some after school activities, but they are very expensive. There should be a grant or something.	12/19/2019 9:10 AM
81	Classrooms are too large and become loud and unruly where my children continually complain they cannot concentrate. 6th grade math with 30 students? The regular class has 27 students per class and there have been issues. Too many students.	12/19/2019 9:10 AM

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82	Should have smaller class size	12/19/2019 9:07 AM
83	The curriculum includes too much indoctrination on social justice issues like climate change	12/19/2019 9:07 AM
84	NO COMPLAINTS	12/19/2019 9:05 AM
85	Have more opportunities for parents to come into preschool and participate in an activity with the kids in Preschool	12/19/2019 9:03 AM
86	Hot lunch should be an option. Fresh fruits should be given instead of being brought	12/19/2019 9:00 AM
87	Focus more on education. There seems to be a misguided focus in social development. While important, I think there is too much emphasis on social development at the expense of the development of the mind. For example, it is unclear how "be kind" as a strategic theme is linked to academic development. While a nice sounding slogan, it sets the tone that the expected outcome of education is a kind person. While that is nice, I do not believe that should be the primary focus of a school unless it is getting in the way of academic development and progress. I would like to see more of a focus on education.	12/19/2019 9:00 AM
88	Drop off and pick up- it needs to be more secure/parent friendly.	12/19/2019 8:57 AM
89	improved district-issued iPad content controls	12/19/2019 8:57 AM
90	More specific daily communication about academic work and behaviors.	12/19/2019 8:56 AM
91	Parking and drop off procedures	12/19/2019 8:54 AM
92	Adding diversity in all school programs throughout the year. Day of the Dead, Ramadan, Hannukah, Chinese New Year, Black History Month etc....We need to celebrate our very diverse population at Fairmount and in DG 58. Bring in paid groups, speakers etc....	12/19/2019 8:54 AM
93	I do not agree with the new trimester system for report cards for parents. Too much time goes by between touch points with the parents.	12/19/2019 8:53 AM
94	Monitor and discourage bullying. React better to reports of bullying.	12/19/2019 8:53 AM
95	Advocate for (additional) street lights around Fairmount.	12/19/2019 8:52 AM
96	Needs to improve on supervision outside before school a little earlier	12/19/2019 8:50 AM
97	Please get rid of early Mon dismissal. It is impossible to coordinate with district 99 for working parents.	12/19/2019 8:49 AM
98	At the moment everything seems perfect as is.	12/19/2019 8:48 AM
99	n.a.	12/19/2019 8:48 AM
100	Improve the exterior play spaces for the children.	12/19/2019 8:33 AM
101	A/C in the entire school	12/19/2019 7:00 AM
102	More collaboration with PTA	12/18/2019 8:24 PM
103	Alignment of school schedules with District 99.	12/18/2019 5:51 PM
104	Air conditioning in the classrooms ASAP! This building gets insanely hot!!	12/18/2019 4:22 PM
105	I think anything under 30 degrees students should stay inside	12/18/2019 2:35 PM
106	More support for parents with children that struggle. We often feel alone:(12/17/2019 10:57 PM
107	Placing a high priority on small class sizes. Ensuring iPad use in school is educational, appropriate, and a value-add (not just for the sake of technology or a "filler").	12/17/2019 9:56 PM
108	Increase of STEM classes and activities.	12/17/2019 11:18 AM
109	get AC so we can start a week earlier in Aug.	12/17/2019 6:05 AM
110	matching district 99's calendar with the start date of school - maybe 1 week later, but not 2	12/17/2019 6:03 AM
111	Can't think of any.	12/17/2019 2:38 AM
112	Eliminate favoritism	12/16/2019 9:49 PM

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113	strengthening the social-emotional component of education as well as fostering cross-cultural skills early on	12/16/2019 9:12 PM
114	Parent involvement	12/16/2019 5:18 PM
115	No suggestions at this time.	12/16/2019 4:52 PM
116	The faculty should pay more attention to the children at recess.	12/16/2019 3:28 PM
117	Bring calendar inline with D99 simplifying things for families.	12/16/2019 2:42 PM
118	Follow up communication with students and parents.	12/16/2019 2:29 PM
119	Nothing that I can think of.	12/16/2019 12:18 PM
120	Security around Belle Aire premises especially during morning drop-off is lacking. Transfer to after school programs (organized by school) has no process. Kids (5year olds) expected to know fluctuating schedule. Children end up going back home (with no parent present) instead of after school. Administration office and teachers refuse accountability for transfer. Communication from school, PTA is redundant and decentralized. Multiple websites and apps for scheduling conferences, PTA orders, school communications create confusion especially for new parents.	12/16/2019 8:56 AM
121	Poor organization, lackluster communication. My school has twice allowed my 6yr old to walk out of the building without knowing his whereabouts	12/16/2019 7:27 AM
122	Play ground equipment for the third through sixth graders.	12/15/2019 8:36 PM
123	Don't have institute day after thanksgiving break, they should have school that Monday, please!	12/15/2019 7:45 PM
124	Sending home completed/graded work	12/15/2019 6:40 PM
125	Communication when my child is doing well.	12/15/2019 6:36 PM
126	The homework policy. The kids have too much busy work homework. It takes away from their time to spend with their families as well as time to spending reading on their own outside of the assigned repetitive, unauthentic reading tasks. The kids should be spending quality time on their education at school and should not need to do over a hour of extra work at home. The research on the effect of homework in elementary school supports such a policy.	12/15/2019 5:35 PM
127	Hilcrest needs to provide air conditioning to the kids when it's hot outside. I have heard many, many children complain how hot it can be in the school.	12/15/2019 3:58 PM
128	Meet the needs of kindergarten gifted students.	12/15/2019 1:46 PM
129	Please add lockers to help prevent spread of germs. It would be nice if we saw more updates on academic progress.	12/15/2019 1:32 PM
130	Nothing	12/15/2019 1:21 PM
131	Schools could use a cafeteria or hot lunch option.	12/15/2019 12:49 PM
132	Educational field trips	12/15/2019 12:40 PM
133	Advanced information- parent meeting or letter describing programs like the Extend program ahead of time	12/15/2019 11:44 AM
134	Accessibility - including entrances, parking and playground.	12/15/2019 9:31 AM
135	Bus routes for a tracker on the bus	12/15/2019 8:46 AM
136	We talk about safety around the school, traffic parking etc. I would like dg58 to reconsider its position on busing of students. This would help eliminate so much congestion around the school. Currently in our subdivision we will have 20 kids who will attend Kingsley in 2 years. Our subdivision happens to be 1.3-1.4 miles away from our subdivision. We are asking little children to walk or ride there bike 20-25 min away. While we see buses come in our neighborhood to pick up middle school and high school students. Students who are much older and more responsible to get to school.	12/15/2019 8:37 AM
137	Addressing difficulties with drop-off/pick-ups. Due to increases in student populations, this process can be lengthy without addressing parents who violate procedures.	12/14/2019 4:33 PM

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138	uniformity in quality in teachers/ there are clear favorites and standouts in different areas and (in my opinion that is not a professional educator) there is some skills to have consistency with regards to instruction. Thank you	12/14/2019 2:16 PM
139	Bullying problems, contacting parents about classroom issues big or small. outdoor staff that watch the children could be more respectful of children and parents. Also parking issues when picking up and dropping off.	12/14/2019 1:21 PM
140	I have a real issue with the increasing use of the "clear the room" policy when a student is struggling with a behavior problem. Several times this year, my child has had to be relocated, (sometimes for almost an entire school day) because a student in his class is having a meltdown. This is an ineffective practice, and continuing to let a child "yell it out" and destroy a classroom will not solve anything. Meanwhile, the other 20+ kids have now lost a day of learning without access to their materials and normal routine. Additionally, there is a very real emotional effect that this policy has on students. I understand the need to keep everyone safe, and that is always the highest priority, but witnessing meltdowns of this kind on a regular basis is causing anxiety in students who are unsure if their next move will cause a kid to lose control. There has to be a better way of handling these situations, as it is unacceptable to allow one student's behavior issue to stand in the way of everyone else's learning. The "clear the room" policy does just that. [REDACTED] is a great school with wonderful teachers, but this district policy is ineffective and unacceptable. It needs to change.	12/14/2019 12:45 PM
141	STEM	12/14/2019 10:22 AM
142	using less technology and having the students use more handwriting and physical books, as studies show screen time has negative effects on brain development and attention, and yet school is pushing it more and more. Also, if they will not get rid of the ipads, at least teach the children how to type correctly.	12/14/2019 10:16 AM
143	One child is terrorizing the whole 4th grade from [REDACTED] Why isn't this child removed since there have been several PHYSICAL issues with other students!	12/14/2019 7:17 AM
144	I think continuing to look for ways to boost art, music, PE type activities through the day is good for all.	12/14/2019 7:16 AM
145	NA	12/13/2019 5:49 PM
146	Schools should provide a safe and inclusive playground for students (parents should not have to fundraise)	12/13/2019 4:52 PM
147	I'm not sure if this is true but my child sometimes says there's no milk available at lunchtime.	12/13/2019 4:40 PM
148	I think that there is great opportunities for after school enrichment. I would love to see more.	12/13/2019 2:52 PM
149	I would love PE to be every day for the students. I would also like there to be some sort of remind app or a digital calendar about events going on at school (spirit wear day, programs, etc.)	12/13/2019 12:43 PM
150	Enforcing 'Zero Tolerance' bullying. Proactively figuring who the actual perpetrators are and enforcing consequences to their negative actions. Recognizing bullying is a huge epidemic at Herrick; a huge magnitude of scale! Finding effective means for catching the passive aggressive actions/situations, especially during passing periods and during lunch period. Pursuing the bullying situation to the point students wouldn't dare make an attempt, fully understanding consequences of their negative interactions. There are several students with much anxiety/depression resulting from various levels of bullying, understandably afraid to voice their angst. Further, there is a universal caution adopted by several students to NOT identify bullies via school counselor out of fear and distrust of what their admissions might foster against them.	12/13/2019 11:36 AM
151	Ensuring that teachers are keeping their websites up to date with what is due when as my son still needs structure and organizational assistance to manage his planner and upcoming assessments etc	12/13/2019 11:35 AM
152	Cleaning, especially during cold flu/season. Bring the bleach back!! Not just superficial, but high touch areas.	12/13/2019 11:04 AM
153	I wish elementary conferences were more similar to the middle school conferences. The children in elementary change teachers for multiple subjects and I only get to speak with my child's primary or home base teacher. That is frustrating as a parent. I like the middle school	12/13/2019 10:25 AM

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conference sign up and wish the elementary would mirror it, allowing a parent to sign up for more than one teacher across grades.

- 154 Keeping a both parents up-to-date and informed especially in a divorce situation. This needs to improve dramatically. I cannot schedule. Teacher conferences because it doesn't allow the non-custodial parent to schedule their own conference with the teachers. 12/13/2019 9:37 AM
- 155 Lester can make weekly pta emails more detailed 12/13/2019 8:48 AM
- 156 Ease up on the electronics - yes they are a good tool but we are all trying to limit our screen time daily at home - a book, a pencil and a piece of paper aren't bad things. Using iPads 90% of the time is not a good thing..... they have been proven to change a child's learning patterns.....and not in a good way. Steven Jobs sis not allow his children electronics - think about that. 12/13/2019 8:21 AM
- 157 NA 12/13/2019 7:58 AM
- 158 Don't assume we understand Google Classroom, how to access it, or that our student will show us how to that. That does not happen in our household. Find a way to provide parents access without having to rely on the student and provide this in clear, easy to understand instructions. Power school doesn't work for my husband on his phone. Eliminate the heart monitoring scores in PE. Our kids score terrible and it impacts their PE grade. No they are not fat and lazy, they are super fit cardiovascularly and it is hard to get their heart rates high enough to score well due to their good overall fitness. 12/13/2019 7:57 AM
- 159 After school programs, my Son and Neighbor Daughter tend to miss their after school program quite a bit. They come home on the bus without any parent being waiting at the bus stop and one time not even home. Lucky we have nice trustworthy neighbors that called me and said my Son just got out the bus and is alone. Us parents have brought this up to the ladies in the office and their response was, "your kids should know where to go". I responded they are only 6 and in the first grade, and got no response. The school should be responsible for ensuring students in after school programs be shifted to the class instead of the bus. 12/13/2019 12:30 AM
- 160 Providing parents with more details on homework, particularly in the area of math. It would be helpful to know the methods the students are being taught to solve the problems so we could help them. 12/12/2019 9:22 PM
- 161 Give more written homework so that handwriting skills can improve. 12/12/2019 8:23 PM
- 162 Herrick needs a staff evaluation and cleaning out of poor teachers. Two teachers in particular need to go. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Neither one has the ability to control their temper. Having patience is part of teaching. This is our third child at Herrick and for six different years of our experience [REDACTED] has been the most complained about teacher at Herrick and probably the District. Parents and students dread having to interact with [REDACTED]. He hates the students and they fear him. What a crappy environment. He makes kids hate [REDACTED]. We were at a parent teacher conference with another teacher and he walked by and we both made a face that the teacher we were talking to asked what is wrong. I said [REDACTED] and she said a lot of people have that reaction. I asked then why isn't something done and she said if you complain your child will have worse experience just deal with it and move on. This teacher said [REDACTED] is untouchable because he is heavily involved in the union so staff and administrators have to leave him alone. That is so sad. When asked if he is so miserable then why doesn't he leave? We were told he can't. He is tenured so who would hire him. [REDACTED] constantly loses her temper and takes it out on kids. So to answer your question what could District 58 do. FIRE [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The Herrick community would have a big party. 12/12/2019 7:36 PM
- 163 District 58 is doing a great job with their revamp of the curriculum and they should continue working on that. 12/12/2019 7:13 PM
- 164 I think a more specific breakdown of where fundraising money is being directed should be shared out.(RaiseCraze) 12/12/2019 6:44 PM
- 165 Class size and split grade classes. Communication can be better about specific incidents as well 12/12/2019 6:28 PM
- 166 Differentiation in the classroom 12/12/2019 5:13 PM
- 167 Many things. Sometimes I feel that my child's needs are ignored. I have had a few negative interactions at Herrick as a parent. 12/12/2019 4:14 PM

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168	The safety of our kids. There's is a significant amount of bullying happening in the kindergarten classroom and not enough action is taken (from my outside perspective). Parents should not have to be concerned for their kindergarteners safety around other kindergarteners. While I feel I can talk with the teachers and principal, it doesn't seem like anything is changing or getting better.	12/12/2019 4:00 PM
169	More communication about MAP testing and procedures.	12/12/2019 2:09 PM
170	No need to improve all is going well	12/12/2019 1:52 PM
171	Please consider smaller class sizes. We have 31 in our 6th grade at Belle Aire, and its too large.	12/12/2019 1:50 PM
172	Communicate more with us when the classroom has to be evacuated because one student acting out and is effecting the whole classes learning experience which is NOT a good learning environment, which this has been an ongoing problem since beginning of last year ! And still is a ongoing problem !!	12/12/2019 1:49 PM
173	Volunteer opportunities for parents with younger children at home. I am unable to help out at the school because the younger kids are not allowed to come with me.	12/12/2019 1:35 PM
174	Bus service, it would be good if we track (GPS) the bus location. Especially during winters, students are standing on the bus stand min 10- 15 min before the bus arrive that too in the cold.	12/12/2019 12:41 PM
175	I don't know that I have a sense that Henry Puffer speaks specifically about racial diversity as it relates to student interpersonal relations. This may be because the school population is relatively homogeneous, but the discussions we hear about tend to be connected to historical issues.	12/12/2019 12:31 PM
176	The physical space, or buildings, seem old and outdated. Please consider renovations to create 21st century learning environments.	12/12/2019 12:27 PM
177	None at this time	12/12/2019 12:02 PM
178	Better teachers	12/12/2019 11:58 AM
179	None at this time	12/12/2019 11:47 AM
180	Air Conditioning	12/12/2019 11:42 AM
181	Make it easier to find the teachers' homework and current study info websites	12/12/2019 11:40 AM
182	The O'neill school ranking has been dropping over the last few years and is not competitive enough with neighboring schools. Other schools have more academic learning opportunities and programs and pushes to challenge kids more. My child does not have enough take home homework and projects at all. I feel the school is not preparing the kids enough for highschool. For example, I asked a Science teacher regarding how to do more to prepare my child, but the teacher's feedback was that my child is already getting good grades and does not need to do more. That is a strange attitude towards learning. That is the overall impression I get from the teachers. The kids only have to meet the standard and that is good enough. There is not enough encouragement to do more and beyond what the school offers, which feels under par compares to neighboring schools.	12/12/2019 11:08 AM
183	Consistency in learning from grade to grade - though K was overly challenging with a lot of homework (they're only 5 years old!), it still didn't prepare for 1st grade. and 1st grade was even more challenging but didn't prepare for 2nd grade. the teachers are asking for a lot immediately, and there doesn't feel like a smooth transition either between level of work or teaching content and style. Some teachers use ipads and some do not. Some assign a lot of homework and others try to accomplish more in class. It's a different learning and test taking style that has the kids flustered at an early age. Grade 4+ i think will be easier on the kids, but right now my very smart daughter is struggling a bit.	12/12/2019 11:05 AM
184	Stop reinventing the educational wheel. There's a continual revolving door of trials that needs to end. Take successful educational models from elsewhere and apply here as opposed and stick with it.	12/12/2019 10:59 AM
185	As a district and/or school, these kids need to improve upon grammar. I have three kids at Hillcrest now and I find these skills to be very week. I know they touch on small pieces weekly	12/12/2019 10:42 AM

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	but I don't think it is sinking in. If these kids are supposed to be strong writers by junior high, they need some more focus on grammar.	
186	They lack a robust math curriculum for kids who excel. I don't feel my child is challenged enough in math.	12/12/2019 10:35 AM
187	There used to be 3 recesses in a day. I greatly feel more free play time helps the kids, especially the younger ones, perform better the rest of the day.	12/12/2019 10:21 AM
188	The principal could be more in touch with what is going on in the building and being proactive in situations. Additionally she could be at more events to show her support of the students activities, i.e the Variety Show, Back to School BBQ.	12/12/2019 10:20 AM
189	PTAs should not be funding playgrounds - it's inequitable and puts undue burden on parents. It's something the last administration should have put a stop to before it started. Better district funds management needs to happen.	12/12/2019 10:14 AM
190	They should communicate with the parents on more of a regular basis on what they see and observe regarding my child at school. In particular, how are they getting along with peers, especially if there is a history of social difficulties.	12/12/2019 10:04 AM
191	Play is central to children's learning and critical to healthy social and emotional development. More time for play and playful learning both indoors and outdoors in nature would, in my mind, move our district from a good district to a great district.	12/12/2019 10:04 AM
192	Play Facilities	12/12/2019 10:02 AM
193	The safety in this school is a great concern to me. I am a former teacher, so I'm aware of protocols. When my child started school there (after having been at another district) I was shocked that kids could play on the playground mornings with little to no supervision. When I would arrive at my child's former school, I ALWAYS had to show my ID (whether they knew me or not) and they would collect it and hold onto it while I was in the building. If I didn't have my ID, I didn't enter the building. At my child's current school, I can walk in and be buzzed in with no question. Also, dismissal, I believe, is terribly unsafe. Kids just run out the door and head wherever. My child was picked up by a friend of mine a month ago. I had forgotten to let the teacher know and no one questioned him leaving with a different adult. It's just concerning that a school would be so lax in safety in this day and age.	12/12/2019 9:59 AM
194	There should not be more than 22 students in a class! A big class size is a disadvantage to a kid's learning and can be disruptive. This should be the case at all of our schools in the district! The school grade also has been at a 3 for quite some time! We need to figure out how to get this number up as this grade is pertinent to home buyers who are considering buying in our area.	12/12/2019 9:57 AM
195	Academic improvement.	12/12/2019 9:55 AM
196	My son constantly tells me that kids are mean to him, he tells the teachers, and she does nothing	12/12/2019 9:52 AM
197	Additional differentiation opportunities for students performing at an advanced level in order to ensure growth for all students. Our gifted program is out dated and should include differentiation opportunities for students starting at the primary levels.	12/12/2019 9:52 AM
198	The bullying policy needs improvement. There are serious issues happening in the 6th grade classroom at [REDACTED]. While the principal, teacher and social worker are working hard to address, they can't get it under control which makes me think the administration or district has a policy which is holding them back. Parents are very upset and students are really frustrated and beginning to feel they are just bad kids. the slightly lower ratings I gave [REDACTED] in this survey are nearly all related to the very recent happenings in the 6th grade classroom (and my child isn't necessarily negatively impacted by those issues). When specific children are verbally and physically abusing others - and all the students know it - something needs to be done!!! It is not fair to the other students. Please, please listen to the students and parents who are negatively impacted by this situation and help our school be it's best. Please.	12/12/2019 9:48 AM
199	Fostering diversity and being more aware of covert bullying.	12/12/2019 9:47 AM
200	Nothing... I have no concerns!	12/12/2019 9:47 AM
201	The district could keep on top of facilities improvements in a more timely manner.	12/12/2019 9:43 AM

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202	This is my children's first year at El Sierra. My children were very nervous on the first day of school since they were unaware of where to line up and how certain routines at a school work. At our previous school, there was a "Meet the Teacher," the day before school so children could meet their teacher, drop off their school supplies and become accustomed to the environment/layout of their school. I think this would be incredibly helpful to many students' emotional health. Or perhaps a, "Meet the Principal," over the summer for new students to learn about the school and familiarize themselves with the layout of the school. Thank you for your consideration of this.	12/12/2019 9:42 AM
203	More homework. Challenged work.	12/12/2019 9:40 AM
204	Drop off and pick up. Its a disaster now. Have the busses, Westmont yard, minivan transportation vans go to Saratoga or any other street east other than barrett and go back to having cars park on both sides of the street. The buses are the problem. Having to walk to near 63rd street for my kids is ridiculous.	12/12/2019 9:40 AM
205	Smaller class size. 32 students in a 6th grade class is not conducive to a quality education. Our school has the room for a second 6th grade class.	12/12/2019 9:37 AM
206	Please have a teacher meet and greet for all grade levels before the first day of school. I would like to meet my child's teacher before conferences. To me this is essential for not only parents but most importantly the students to meet their teacher before first day of school. Please consider this.	12/12/2019 9:32 AM
207	Limiting iPad use.	12/12/2019 9:31 AM
208	Get rid of the I-pads. Most parents are struggling to keep their kids off the screens.	12/12/2019 9:27 AM
209	To have more stage event opportunities like dance, Talent shows, drama, story telling etc	12/12/2019 9:25 AM
210	Individual school engagement with parents - inviting opportunities for feedback and participation outside PTA.	12/12/2019 9:24 AM
211	Limiting the number of pilot curriculums, it seems that every year there is a 'new' program to test; enhance the junior high social studies program	12/12/2019 9:23 AM
212	Thinking about the calendar, especially for working parents. The Thanksgiving/in-service full week vacation so close to Christmas was tough.	12/12/2019 9:14 AM
213	have healthy and/or vegetarian options for fun lunches and pizza day lunches	12/12/2019 9:08 AM
214	get free lunch	12/12/2019 9:07 AM
215	I wish the schools were bigger to accommodate more parent involved functions. I understand why these types of events cannot occur now, but it would be better to be able to be physically more involved.	12/12/2019 9:05 AM
216	I don't love the early dismissal on Mondays. I did like the institute days and 2:55 dismissal, so the kids got few breaks throughout the year.	12/12/2019 9:05 AM
217	Regular communication about progress, explanations of curriculum being used	12/12/2019 9:02 AM
218	More challenging instruction for accelerated students in the lower grades.	12/12/2019 9:01 AM
219	Accelerated classes	12/12/2019 8:59 AM
220	More information distributed digitally and centrally distributed. There are a lot of various and random pieces of information that come home on paper.	12/12/2019 8:59 AM
221	Dealing with issues with constantly disruptive kids in classes. I feel like there is really nothing that can be done when there are some kids that are constantly causing disruption, even to the point where the rest of the kids have to be rushed out of the classroom because of something another kid is doing or about to do. It's unfair to those that are behaving and there to learn. There seems to be so much protecting around the disruptive kids, that the ones who are behaving are seemingly ignored. There seems to be no mechanism to even have the discussion on whether some kids are right for [REDACTED], or if they would be better served getting more specific attention to their needs somewhere else. It's very disappointing and makes us wonder if District 58 is the right place for us. Happy to talk further about this. My name is [REDACTED] and I can be reached at [REDACTED]	12/12/2019 8:58 AM
222	OKEEP. Downers Grove is still one of the few school districts that doesn't have full-time	12/12/2019 8:57 AM

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kindergarten including the curriculum. In Naperville where I work everyone is appalled that I have to pay \$255 a month for "optional" kindergarten. I'm actually considering removing him from the OKEEP program due to costs. As a single parent who does not meet "poverty level" income requirements, I am not eligible for assistance. This is my biggest disappointment in district 58. And as someone who grew up in this DG district, it's even more disappointing.

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| 223 | Different end of school schedule on Mondays is bogus. We need consistency for working parents. | 12/12/2019 8:55 AM |
| 224 | I feel the district needs to pay more attention to the Gifted/extend program. I feel this program is low on the district's priority list and there is an extreme lack of communication between the district and the parents involved in the program. It feels as if it is a secret on how children are selected and we changes are made to the program parents are informed at the last moment. Also, some students who are involved in this program aren't supported at their home schools. | 12/12/2019 8:54 AM |
| 225 | One thing I still struggle with is figuring out why the kids still come home with so much paper (school communication) our kids get an iPad starting 1st grade and learn about recycle and save the planet and yet we don't utilize emails, maybe parent communication portal more. | 12/12/2019 8:54 AM |
| 226 | Less SEL and more academic instruction. Less iPad time. | 12/12/2019 8:53 AM |
| 227 | I think it can improve on explaining testing and not relying on numbers/scores solely to determine their level. | 12/12/2019 8:52 AM |
| 228 | 6th graders at the elementary school must be given more freedom. They are treated as babies and then immersed into 7th grade freedoms the following year. They should have transitional rules. Also, the continuous disruption of some students in the classroom has reached levels where it is impeding other students. Teachers are very good at ignoring bad behavior but it bothers some students more than others, | 12/12/2019 8:51 AM |
| 229 | Listening to kids- hearing the whole story- and helping them work out issues they have with each-other. Watching kids pick on each-other. This has been happening a lot with our son- he feels the kids are more "mean" and aggressive And then he joins it- he jumps in as well- which, he can be emotional and certainly had issues, but he never picked on other kids before, and we think it's happening because others are. We did not have a problem with this at his old school. The kids never picked on each other. | 12/12/2019 8:51 AM |
| 230 | N/A | 12/12/2019 8:50 AM |
| 231 | Respect and including diversity in behavior, hiring staff, and curriculum. Open door classroom policy. No screen time in kindergarten during snack time or to teach things like art and drawing. No screen time on National reading day. Why a movie of Dr Seuss instead of reading when it is national Reading Day!??? No homework. Look at the research. Elementary and junior level homework is causing emotionally stressed kids and not helping with learning. | 12/12/2019 8:50 AM |
| 232 | In general in this country and at Kingsley we need to support students struggling in math the same way we support students who are below level in LA. | 12/12/2019 8:49 AM |
| 233 | I'm sure there is always room to grow, but nothing in particular pops up at this time. | 12/12/2019 8:48 AM |
| 234 | Helping the students prepare for DG North HS and Freshman year. A lot changes with the students and with what the school expects. Help parents better understand what's coming. | 12/12/2019 8:48 AM |
| 235 | Helping monitor and teach friendship building. These are taught at a high level but where it counts is on the playground and when the kids are interacting together. Teachers should feel free to intervene when kids aren't getting along or being mean to each other and help give guidance. | 12/12/2019 8:48 AM |
| 236 | The student to teacher ratio is far too high and the teachers can't teach so many kids in the classroom. We need to get the ratio closer to to 20 to 1 instead of 27 or 28 to 1. Studies show this to be a fact on the quality of education for our kids | 12/12/2019 8:48 AM |
| 237 | When a child with special needs has outbursts in a classroom that impacts the other students, be more proactive about talking with the other students, helping them understand the situation, and giving them tools, resources, and the chance to talk with someone to help them process and cope with the stress the situation causes. This is especially important in cases of ongoing disruption. It could do a lot to help promote inclusion and understanding (and reduce bullying) of the child having the outburst, in addition to helping the other students manage their stress or anxiety around the situation. | 12/12/2019 8:47 AM |

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238	Maybe have a bit less homework to take home each day.	12/12/2019 8:47 AM
239	The teachers at O'Neill Middle School are not equipped to teach with respect for each student. The teachers behave as teenagers themselves. I would not advise any parent to send their child to this school. The elementary school in this district was fantastic. The middle school has been an awful experience for my son and us as his parents. He is leaving this school with no great learning experiences.	12/12/2019 8:46 AM
240	More opportunities to help the community and service projects.	12/12/2019 8:45 AM
241	All good	12/12/2019 8:42 AM
242	I'm concerned about the over reliance on ipads at every grade. I think it is a mistake to make them such a central part of their education.	12/12/2019 8:41 AM
243	Additional after school opportunities for children.	12/12/2019 8:39 AM
244	I would offer up two things: 1. I'd appreciate more direct feedback on my child, instead of things like what the class is doing during conferences. I understand during curriculum night, that's one thing but conferences need to be more about my kid. 2. It just seems like we have a million fundraisers. It's literally every week. It just becomes overwhelming.	12/12/2019 8:38 AM
245	She child says that at the end of lunch kids scream and run around and it's so loud it scares many of the younger ones. It seems the staff isn't empowered or properly trained to diffuse the situation and keep order during their lunch period.	12/12/2019 8:38 AM
246	Continuing to improve communication.	12/12/2019 8:31 AM
247	N/A	12/12/2019 8:30 AM
248	Lunch and recess monitoring done solely (or predominately) done by parent monitors without teacher involvement has been problematic. Parents do not seem to be trained or otherwise equipped to handle even routine schoolyard disagreements and have even encouraged my child not to discuss things that occurred during recess with his teacher. While I appreciate the parent volunteers, more trained teacher or staff involvement is necessary during these times.	12/12/2019 8:30 AM
249	Continuing to improve communication.	12/12/2019 8:29 AM
250	Communication with parents	12/12/2019 8:28 AM
251	Extra help with social emotional support for students.	12/12/2019 8:28 AM
252	More arts education	12/12/2019 8:27 AM
253	Fairmount needs Dyslexia trained resource teachers. No one is a certified Wilson Program teacher.	12/12/2019 8:26 AM
254	Having full day kindergarten as the norm, not an option since most kids opt into the full day program already.	12/12/2019 8:26 AM
255	The facilities need updating.	12/12/2019 8:25 AM
256	Nothing at this time	12/11/2019 8:53 PM
257	I wish there were more opportunities for plays/drama within the school for all ages.	12/11/2019 8:35 PM
258	Simple things other districts are doing, we are not. STEM should be a special just as music, art or PE. Foreign language should be an option. Two way dual language with students from dominant language learning a second language.	12/11/2019 8:32 PM
259	Keep improving the curriculum.	12/11/2019 6:59 PM
260	Bullying	12/11/2019 12:23 PM
261	More opportunities for high performing students, offering them some new challenges/special projects to keep them engaged.	12/11/2019 6:46 AM
262	The administration needs to be reminded that the parents do not work for the school district, they work for the parents!	12/11/2019 5:30 AM
263	Teachers should be required to share or post a calendar for parents to follow curriculum at home.	12/10/2019 8:11 PM

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264	1. The lack of pride and leadership from the principal 2. The lack of communication and action against bullying and student aggression in the classroom/on the playground 3. The lack of support and communication for the PTA. It feels as though the relationship between the Principle, teachers and PTA is very transactional. 4. School safety and campus safety (no cameras on campus) 5. Outdated and unsafe playground	12/10/2019 7:35 PM
265	Uniformity amongst schools - or at least uniform implementation of best practices and programs.	12/10/2019 4:10 PM
266	Having a better way of supporting small schools that don't have the ability to split kids into 3 different grade level classrooms. They are with the same group, year over year, which causes issues as they become older.	12/10/2019 2:16 PM
267	The kids (especially in the upper elementary grades) are not getting enough recess in my opinion. Structured gym time is great but not the same. Also, I don't think that recess should be taken away from kids who have had behavioral issues as surely that will only lead to MORE issues. And I say that as a parent whose child has never gotten in trouble or had a recess taken away for bad behavior. I just have heard about it happening to others and think it's not smart policy. I hope it is happening infrequently or never these days.	12/10/2019 1:16 PM
268	Additional opportunities for advanced and or gifted children. Children should have opportunities to work ahead or take on stretch assignments if they are capable.	12/10/2019 10:48 AM
269	more rigorous instruction for students performing above grade level; more interaction between the principal and parents/students	12/10/2019 9:53 AM
270	I would LOVE to see foreign language instruction at the elementary level. I think it's absurd that it is not even offered!	12/10/2019 6:46 AM
271	The new school secretary likes to yell at parents and kids. This needs to change as the office does NOT seem friendly at all. I don't appreciate being yelled at more than once, and I don't like that my kids have said they are afraid to have to go to the office. This secretary needs to be more flexible, and not seem rude or curt to parents and should not be bossing other adults around. Also seems like she has too much free time. Not a good fit for an elementary school setting. My child should not feel worried to go to the office if they don't feel well because the secretary is going to yell at them. This is a huge problem. Please do something. While the last secretary didn't smile, she was never ever yelling at parents or students.	12/9/2019 9:32 PM
272	Herrick could improve on: 1. Assigned seating at lunch. Maybe prep students more ahead of time if this assigned seating is going to continue. Maybe make tables of 10 on some occasions so some kids aren't completely left out and alone. 2. Start communicating with students to be more inclusive/ be more kind. SEL program seems lacking. 3. Communicating dates more than a week or 2 ahead of time. There were important summer dates that did not get communicated ahead of time. The open house in the spring was also last minute. 4. Students with IEP, and 504 plans-parents should have better communication. The verbage "we don't do this" needs to change. 5. Please stop sending bus route info to all parents. 6. Make better decisions about how your teachers talk to students of the LGBTQ/ transgender community. Perhaps consider having more thought to lesson planning to avoid issues.Maybe there needs to be training for staff on this? Children's Luries Hosp has amazing training/ pd. 7. What does Herrick do about bullying within the school?	12/9/2019 9:03 PM
273	Better communication. Also to stop spreading rumors. I sat at a meeting that suggested all teachers were on board with the early release and then now have heard several teachers not happy with this scenario. I am also confused to hear that a teacher asked a question about the early release and was just told that they had to go along with it with no choice. Lastly, if you are going to push for a referendum then our students deserve the same amount of exploratory classes as other Dupage county schools? It would be great if we had the same curriculum as other K-8 districts.	12/9/2019 8:17 PM
274	Drop-off should be less chaotic, more adult supervision if students are all on the playground at once, as parents leave.	12/9/2019 7:22 PM
275	More support for kids who fall into the gray areas...Don't qualify for an IEP, but aren't quite cutting it in certain areas in the regular classrooms. Expanded opportunities for gifted kids. Not enough challenges for kids at the top of their class.	12/9/2019 7:19 PM
276	The majority of teacher communication is phenomenal at Hillcrest. Unfortunately, we had one grade where that lacked tremendously and it was challenging, to say the least, as we were	12/9/2019 7:07 PM

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trying to get through some issues with our student and could have really used the teacher's guidance. It was in a very important, primary year which made the school year very hard for my student and us. Many other parents feel the same way and have had similar experiences, unfortunately.

277	Less screen time. Not having all work done in iPads - especially for kids in only 1st grade!	12/9/2019 6:58 PM
278	They could explain math placement in 3rd grade and how the Mapp scores determine where they are placed. They could also explain LTR in the younger grades as well.	12/9/2019 6:58 PM
279	Communication from [REDACTED] school administration could be improved. It is a simple monthly newsletter that is very generic and follows the same formula every year (just with some updated dates and pictures). This year it has been broken up into weekly chunks but it's still just the same thing now, just split apart...not really increasing communication, just spreading it out.	12/9/2019 6:40 PM
280	Phonics instruction and using Benchmark reading materials with fidelity. Please work on getting through more units and not adapting or adjusting the time dedicated to a resource that tax dollars pay for and that research supports. Also, more differentiation would be great! A full time math interventionist.	12/9/2019 6:35 PM
281	I have one child who has been outplaced to a therapeutic day school per his IEP. It is like pulling teeth trying to get him involved in district 58 activities. The school PTA never knows how to respond, teachers and staff always have to ask someone else. He is still a District 58 student! We get no email newsletters or info about upcoming events-- only what gets sent home with his little brother. If you want to be inclusive, please dont forget about kids like mine! They want to be a part of things too!	12/9/2019 6:33 PM
282	I would like to see my child have more exposure to classes like Arts, Music, Consumer Sciences, Foreign Languages, etc	12/9/2019 5:47 PM
283	The focus on things that lack importance. Tests are not and should not be a focus. There is lack of problem solving during student to student issues but rather a focus on keeping this secret	12/9/2019 5:01 PM
284	Year round education.	12/9/2019 4:24 PM
285	Communication	12/9/2019 1:22 PM
286	I am very happy with Lester	12/9/2019 12:29 PM
287	eliminating homework-research shows it is harmful to social-emotional well-being and doesn't impact academic outcomes for elementary aged children-causing more stress, being more open to physical activity every day, less 'be quiet and listen and sit in your seats' instruction, more movement in the classroom, more diverse curriculum, less dependency on ipads	12/9/2019 1:28 AM
288	Discontinue early release days. It puts a burden on so many families in the community to have inconsistent release times during the week. Causes many of us to scramble each week.	12/8/2019 10:46 PM
289	Air Conditioning!	12/8/2019 9:00 PM
290	Cleanliness and bathroom renovations.	12/8/2019 5:54 PM
291	I am not sure if you don't do tech you are child is done and physically able to make it to scho	12/8/2019 5:49 PM
292	n/a	12/8/2019 3:47 PM
293	Understanding that most parents are dual working parents or single working parents. Having events and performances in the middle of the business day and not allowing anyone but a parent to drop off lunches puts working parents at a significant disadvantage. JUNE CLEAVER IS NOT AVAILABLE, DG58!	12/8/2019 3:14 PM
294	We should not let our kid take a questionnaire about what political side they may be on. Teach kids to respect other peoples views.	12/8/2019 2:07 PM
295	Clearer outline of the instructional practices used throughout the day as well as how students are grouped. This year my child is in a co-taught situation and I do not have a sense of how the 50+ students receive instruction.	12/8/2019 11:45 AM
296	Early dismissal. Instead of early dismissal, it would be much easier on parent to have an hour late start on mondays. It's a lot easier to go into work late than it is to provide child at an earlier time and it also is a nap time for younger siblings that messes with routines	12/8/2019 11:02 AM

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297	District needs administration in the individual school that follow the words and actions of their leadership. Newer teachers in district are easily overwhelmed as they are not properly trained -- these teachers want what is best for them and not the students and the administration supports that behavior. The more established teachers are not like this.	12/8/2019 11:02 AM
298	It seems like some schools really make an effort to communicate with parents and create a caring environment. Instead of lowering those standards it would be great if some of the other schools would be held to a higher standard. Additionally if every teacher and school utilized the same apps to communicate with parents it would be helpful. It's concerning to attend a function and learn that a different teacher is utilizing different apps more frequently to communicate about progress and behavior than your own.	12/8/2019 10:26 AM
299	-Class sizes for math are huge. -Don't allow chaperones to drive kids home across state boundaries from a field trip. The bus ride is part of the experience. -Allow parents to access grades online.	12/8/2019 9:55 AM
300	aging facilities	12/8/2019 9:47 AM
301	Safety at the intersections before and after school. Palmer and Powell street.	12/8/2019 8:11 AM
302	Monitoring student relationships/bullying	12/8/2019 8:07 AM
303	Better times for parent teacher night (or apparently day) for working parents	12/7/2019 7:10 PM
304	The amount of email communication is extensive. While email communication is necessary, please keep it REALLY brief. I find it difficult to sort through all of the important information on days off, dress up days, testing days, special lunch days, etc.	12/7/2019 10:45 AM
305	Don't like preschool times. Would prefer hours closer to other children.	12/7/2019 8:19 AM
306	more options to academically challenge more advanced kids	12/6/2019 10:22 PM
307	Get rid of Common Core.	12/6/2019 8:16 PM
308	Need to get all teachers on Board with child centered focused teaching. Our family has always had great experiences with teachers always meeting or exceeding our children's needs. Currently we have an eighth grader at Herrick who has had the same difficulty with [REDACTED] as one of our other children had in the past. The first time around we just thought after all the great teachers our children had it was just one teacher and a bad year. This year with our second student with [REDACTED] we are having another horrible year. What is the deal? I come to find out this has been going on for years and parents with Herrick experience say nothing has ever changed with [REDACTED] because he is untouchable. Why is that tolerated? Why are students, parents and teachers afraid of him? Why do teachers and staff say he is untouchable? If he is so miserable fire him and get him out of the classroom. [REDACTED] is an arrogant poor performing teacher and that is not a correctable issue other than termination. I am sure this is a union protection but seriously figure out how to get rid of [REDACTED] Please do it before the next group of kids has to be tormented by him.	12/6/2019 3:01 PM
309	Bathroom facilities. I was very shocked when we started Lester that the bathrooms were so outdated. Even the faucets are gross-that doesn't take a lot of money to replace (maybe this isn't the forum for this topic, but still wanted to share).	12/6/2019 12:31 PM
310	Not sure yet based on limited experience (kindergarten parent)/.	12/6/2019 12:11 PM
311	This survey wasn't made with Middle School - where there are multiple teachers/classes - in mind.	12/6/2019 10:34 AM
312	Outdoor recess when it's too cold.	12/6/2019 10:31 AM
313	Do a better job creating the same opportunities at ALL of the schools in the district. There are very few parent/family events at Indian Trail.	12/6/2019 9:14 AM
314	Three financial things: 1. Air Conditioning. It's almost 2020! It's time. 2. OKEEP shouldn't be an extra cost. Many other districts like Woodridge, Naperville, ect.. offer full day. 3. The PTAs shouldn't have to fundraise for playgrounds. I've never heard of another school district having to do this. When I tell people in other suburbs they are shocked. Where are the taxes going?	12/5/2019 10:06 PM
315	need to review school leader at [REDACTED]. He is not welcoming. School needs to improve from the average stigma and get energy and life into it. Need some new blood and ideas. Want more	12/5/2019 9:45 PM

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	creativity and innovation here. [REDACTED] needs to raise the bar here or would love a new strong leader with a higher expectations and parent involmnet- it's missing here.	
316	Principal is not engaged and very distant. hides from the parents. not a leader for us and unwelcoming. tests and scores need to improve a lot of people considering moving elsewhere since school is average at best. principal [REDACTED] needs to be accountable to low results. need pride in the school too. he does not have it for our young ones.	12/5/2019 9:42 PM
317	Having A/C on very hot days. The huge ceiling fans make me nervous when they are on because they move a lot and I feel they might fall on a student. Teachers get a break from the heat in their break room but the students don't and having kids on a very hot classroom for 7 hours is too much. Especially kids with respiratory problems.	12/5/2019 12:50 PM
318	Class sizes are enormous! Absolutely unreal. 28 in Kinder/first grade? MUST change to maintain high quality education. 22 MAX in k-3	12/5/2019 11:59 AM
319	N/A	12/5/2019 11:45 AM
320	Language in documents. There tends to be a mother/father expectation. Parent 1, Parent 2 or guardian 1/2 is more inclusive. I have received a phone call about my child where the school representative asked my relation. I was listed as "other."	12/5/2019 11:42 AM
321	Often the children are almost 'bombarded' with activities, I watch that often they don't receive enough time to go deeper and think harder. As a parent I understand wanting to keep easier control over a group by not allowing too much time, and rather just keeping them 'busy', but it I see it ad detrimental for the kids to not experience they sometimes must hover longer over a task, dig their heels in and work it out. The success experience they take home shapes their future learning approaches significantly.	12/5/2019 10:54 AM
322	Providing better student to teacher ratios. 2 of my children's classrooms are far too crowded and the teachers don't even have a dedicated aide.	12/5/2019 8:43 AM
323	Ensuring safety of all students! Not, taking the needs of one student over the safety of all the others in the classrooms or school.	12/5/2019 6:49 AM
324	Whittier needs to do more to allow parent and family participation in the classrooms and at school activities. Siblings are rarely welcome.	12/5/2019 6:43 AM
325	Less focus on homework and filling our weekly sheets.	12/5/2019 5:49 AM
326	Teachers do not tell me when my daughter is struggling in their classes, which I do not understand because they pretty much harassed me when my eldest daughter was there when she wasn't doing well.	12/5/2019 12:25 AM
327	Rigor and intensity of curriculum in general	12/4/2019 6:30 PM
328	Giving more math homework would be good.	12/4/2019 5:43 PM
329	Nothing I can think of.	12/4/2019 5:24 PM
330	Nothing.	12/4/2019 5:20 PM
331	More frequent formal communications from teachers with parents on progress of students and addressing any concerns (outside of the PTC process).	12/4/2019 2:45 PM
332	Communication and remove early dismal days and teacher institute days. Care more about students less about teachers. Also, feels like the district only focuses on Lester and pierce. Full day kindergarten	12/4/2019 2:44 PM
333	Offer sport activities after school in the school gym or playground to extend and expand the camaraderie between the classmates and other students.	12/4/2019 1:08 PM
334	I would like to know more what they are using the Monday 2:00 releases.	12/4/2019 12:37 PM
335	I struggle with the ability grouping of students in mathematics. These groups limit students' ability to see themselves capable math students.	12/4/2019 11:53 AM
336	Ease of accessing students progress	12/4/2019 11:35 AM
337	I would like us to continue working on true equality within the district. There is a definite financial divide amongst schools, and I would like to see that addressed.	12/4/2019 11:18 AM

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338	At this time, I can't think of anything. My son is in Kindergarten so we are very early on at the school.	12/4/2019 11:11 AM
339	I feel there is not communication from the teachers on how my children are doing throughout the year. The only time we hear from them is at PTC's or if we question something. Even after MAP testing if their scored drop we are not notified at all. Would be nice knowing the teachers are keeping on eye on each student personally	12/4/2019 10:50 AM
340	Math curriculum Providing enough teachers and smaller class sizes Getting kids off devices and using fine motor skills Reading cursive even if they aren't writing on a daily basis Teaching keyboarding skills if they aren't going to teach cursive	12/4/2019 10:36 AM
341	Need communication about what decisions are made about my child's learning and future placement from the standardized testing. Let's make those decisions together or at least be informed about them please!	12/4/2019 10:07 AM
342	Attention to Math education, similar to the attention that is given to reading (i.e. reading specialists, LRC, etc..)	12/4/2019 9:45 AM
343	The class sizes - 26 students and one teacher - is something that I believe is hard for the teacher and the students. Our school is exploding (Lester) and there doesn't seem to be much of a plan to figure out how to balance classroom size. My son attended Belle Aire for K and I know that the class sizes for his grade there are 17-18. Maybe its time to redraw boundaries.	12/4/2019 9:44 AM
344	Help parents understand overview of curriculum / technology integration into the process.	12/4/2019 9:32 AM
345	I am still struggling in the IEP world and understanding services. Building Bridges helps however I still feel like unless a parent STRONGLY advocates for an IEP review the school tracks along	12/4/2019 9:32 AM
346	Matching the school calendar to the High School calendar.	12/4/2019 9:31 AM
347	Let us comment and ask questions on the posts we get in the seesaw!	12/4/2019 9:17 AM
348	More parent involvement in school activities. Less tweeting from the principal and actual doing work. Bus contracts need to be improved, it's the worst part of my 5th graders day and she's a well behaved, never breaking rules girl, despite my multiple complaints to the principal and even our district representative. Also informing us of any type of spraying for pesks/bugs ahead of time, as us stated should be in the parents handbook, as I am allergic to certain sprays, meaning my children could also be. Class sizes of less than 28-30 kids. How is it that my 7th grader in 8th grade math is in a classroom of 30+ kids that is 2 classes, that no parent was informed of, my kid is assigned the less desirable teacher, but the more desirable teacher is the only one teaching two classes of kids in one period? And when we went to parents conferences was asked why we were there?	12/4/2019 8:20 AM
349	The elementary schools should have some way for the parents to know how well their children are doing. Power School should be incorporated into the elementary schools.	12/4/2019 7:13 AM
350	Stop switching around the curriculum and report cards every year. Pick one thing and stick to it! In 5 years my child has had at least 3 different math curriculums, report card formats and ela, the science curriculum is a joke. No hands on learning because the classrooms are not set up for dissections so the classrooms smell as does the bathrooms where they clean up and chemistry is not even done because there are no safe facilities to do chemistry. No wonder he hates math! Get rid of teachers who bully the students. The reason there is bullying at school is because the teachers condone and sometimes even instigate it against a child who is different or whose parent the don't like.	12/4/2019 7:01 AM
351	The consensus over here is to have a longer lunch period. I'd that's the biggest gripe, I think you're doing okay. #First world problems.	12/4/2019 6:16 AM
352	Sometimes it seems that some of the teachers are not well trained in how to deal with students who have anxiety and depression. It is terrifying as a parent to send your child to school who struggles with this when you're not sure how they will be received from one day to the next.	12/4/2019 6:12 AM
353	I do worry about safety of students at school. There have been numerous incidents of troubling behavior at school and the resulting disciplinary actions have not always appeared to be sufficient. In the world we live in today, I think there should be a greater focus on student safety and ensuring that poor behavior or poor choices are not tolerated.	12/4/2019 5:39 AM

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- 354 At this moment I'm satisfied , Just I wish my school offer lunch every day for the students. 12/4/2019 1:11 AM
- 355 Unfortunately more than one thing needs to be improved upon. -The student to teacher ratio at this school is unacceptable. This is reflected in the disorder of the student classroom environment and certainly with academic scores. There are many very well designed, national, large scale studies demonstrating that class size matters. These same studies demonstrate that when class size is ignored, that is of great detriment to the students and teachers, Our school is an example of that, sadly. There is such disorder in our school that for the last two years both the 5th and 6th grade classrooms have experienced significant challenges creating a positive, safe and effective learning environment. Instead we have distraction and disorder. This year the 6th graders were told everything was going very well at parent/teacher conferences only to have our students lectured for a very long time about their behavior and disorder. Shouldn't that be addressed in parent teacher conferences? If there are students that are not acting as model citizens, shouldn't they have been appropriately pulled aside and addressed individually? Wouldn't it have made sense to engage parents early and often in ensuring the emotional and social development of respect and order in the classroom? Instead the entire grade came home disgruntled and parents were emailed randomly - not even including all parents in the grade - that some students would not be included in the Halloween Wax museum if they continued being problems and that those parents students would be 'notified'. This is ridiculous and handled poorly. If there was a problem it should have been addressed early, often, with parent engagement and pull through. And frankly thankfully my child was not a child that was causing the concern - my child was a bystander negatively impacted by this entire situation. The classrooms are distracting. The 6th grade teachers also do not respond to simple emails. Even when simple requests are made multiple times, appropriately and kindly such as for information on how parents can check in on class homework. Our family is very disappointed, and has communicated this with the principal, district and former superintendent. We hope that Dr. Russell will take a closer look at the disorder, stressful environment for students and teachers, as well as poor test scores that is occurring. -Communication with parents on how the student is doing academically is poor and requires improvement. I was told how well my child was doing only to find that they were in a below grade level reading group where my child was the only older student in a lower grade level. My child sensed something was wrong and expressed frustration and concern that was met with annoyance by the reading team. The child was not being disrespectful, it turns out they were being made fun of by peers for being in a lower group with all younger students a grade level down. -Teachers at [REDACTED] are under great stress from being told that they simply need to deal with the fact that they have such large class sizes. It would be one thing if it was simply large class size - that's bad enough according to the national data. The reality is that it's large class size *and* children with IEP/504 accommodations. The children with IEP/504 accommodations require and deserve time and attention to ensure appropriate academic growth and social development. Children without IEP and 504 accommodations also deserve time and attention to ensure appropriate growth and social development. The only way to actually achieve this is to hire enough teachers to be able to meet the needs of ALL of these students without disadvantaging kids who need accommodations from kids who do not need accommodations. There is also the matter of disruption in the classroom. There are children that have accommodations that are incredibly disruptive to the class and impede the rest of the individuals in the room - both accommodations needs and those without. These students are not being effectively handled, the teachers are not getting support, and the parents are unaware. I think that it is reasonable to ask that children of all needs, all dispositions are given the support and environment they needs to learn, that the teachers are supported in creating this environment, and that students that are struggling/distracting/acting out in the classroom be helped without causing the rest of the class to have to suffer silently because no one will address difficult situations. This is not a 'one off' comment. This is an ongoing theme, year after year, in more than one classroom, with more than one student struggling. I have had teachers cry in my presence, knowing that they have my confidence but feeling helpless for anyone to change the root cause of the critical issues that repeat every year. In working to speak to administration, those who spoke up at the right time/right place were told it was not a common problem and to let it go. It is absolutely shocking. -The poor academic achievement by [REDACTED] compared to our surrounding towns is absolutely ridiculous, especially when you look at now areas with lower taxes, also lower student to teacher ratios, are truly outperforming district 58 students - not just [REDACTED] alone. We've attended many of the talks and math is a strength in our family. It was shocking when [REDACTED] presented data on the math program at [REDACTED] that demonstrated why he felt their was a fair case for the plan they were looking to implement - that if you bothered to read the data for how some of the other grades were fairing that whoever is in 2nd grade is doing horribly. In this instance, aid to the teachers was only supplied after teachers were blatantly stating at the parent curriculum night how ridiculous the student/teacher

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ratio was. Only after blatant shock and large volume of vocal parental concern were aides added, that may or may not be able to truly assist with teaching math. -The need for and employment of tutoring has become a 'norm' in order for children to fare well as [REDACTED] in many grade levels. - We no longer have students in younger grades, but have dear friends and block neighbors that do. What I have shared here is widely common, and becomes stronger with families as their children continue in the school and the 'gaps' they are experiencing are not corrected. -Our neighbor who has a child with IEP was told by the teacher that when the teacher identified this new student with an IEP in their class, that the teacher thought 'oh great'. As if this child was going to be a big problem. The parents were told this in a complimentary fashion as the child apparently is quite beloved and well behaved in the classroom as the child is quite beloved on our block. That attitude demonstrates a problem with belief, how the accommodations are handled, as well as how the teachers are overwhelmed by the task of too many students with many specific needs. -We are seeking to move our child to a private school after years of effort to create a positive improvement for students and teachers with no tangible results. We frankly regret not doing it sooner. We hope that the new superintendent is able to create meaningful, positive change in this community. I hope that the administration takes a close, careful look at [REDACTED] to ensure that effective and thoughtful change takes place to create an environment where children and teachers can prosper. We wish you well with this task.

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| 356 | I think lunch could be a touch longer - 20 minutes to get to the lunchroom, get milk, and eat, is really fast. My son rarely comes home with an empty lunchbox. | 12/3/2019 11:36 PM |
| 357 | Coordinating school schedule with district 99. I would also love to see a better music program and some basic Spanish taught that is not an extra charge. | 12/3/2019 11:22 PM |
| 358 | Coordinate with district 99 school schedule planning. O'Neill is very outdated also, not inviting. | 12/3/2019 11:16 PM |
| 359 | Make more effort to challenge gifted students within their own schools. | 12/3/2019 10:48 PM |
| 360 | Overcrowding and staffing issues. I think there are too many kids in a class. If you are going to have 24 kids in a kindergarten class, you need to provide the teacher with an aide. Classes should not have that many kids in a class, especially not in kindergarten and not in the higher grades. You need to hire more aides. | 12/3/2019 10:45 PM |
| 361 | have school lunch not always bring food to school. | 12/3/2019 10:20 PM |
| 362 | School improvements which would bring the building up to today's standards such as air conditioning and air circulation. Can't believe that in this day and age my children attend a school that doesn't have AC. Also, parking is nonexistent. There's a lot of land surrounding the school that could be used more efficiently. I'm happy that the school is doing something about the playground, however, my kids won't probably be around when it's complete. | 12/3/2019 10:20 PM |
| 363 | some way to quickly and informally communicate academic progress between report cards | 12/3/2019 9:57 PM |
| 364 | The drop off and pick up situation is a mess. | 12/3/2019 9:48 PM |
| 365 | Having some days where parents can come and observe | 12/3/2019 9:31 PM |
| 366 | I'd like to see a few more informal assessment updates besides report cards throughout the year. | 12/3/2019 9:07 PM |
| 367 | I'd like to see more family learning events such as family reading night. | 12/3/2019 9:03 PM |
| 368 | I think up until this year, our school has been lacking in social awareness & peer issues. They have begun to take action at the end of last year & this year but some of the children will be affected going forward for what was missed in the past years. | 12/3/2019 8:49 PM |
| 369 | Class size, update school facilities, consider way of having more staff members take part in lunch and recess duty to assure students are best supervised, consider creating homework guidelines to assure students are doing minimal homework with the exception of reading as much research supports. | 12/3/2019 8:40 PM |
| 370 | Provide and A and B team for all boys and girls Cut sports and offer other conference sport teams: flag football, wrestling, soccer, softball/baseball, competitive cheer etc. such as schools in surrounding suburbs do. Also, include teams for 6th grade as other surrounding suburbs do as well. | 12/3/2019 8:34 PM |
| 371 | Teaching cursive . I find it terrible that as good as district 58 is they don't teach writing . | 12/3/2019 8:29 PM |
| 372 | Maybe having one teacher/aide in each school certified in the Lindamood Bell technique. It is | 12/3/2019 8:27 PM |

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unjust that there's not enough help at the school for kids who need it, just devices to make life "easier". We spend too much money on specialists where the schools should provide at least one per district that could rotate.

373	A nurse for each school, more fine arts, art, and physical education, outdoor classroom.	12/3/2019 8:24 PM
374	More academic rigor	12/3/2019 8:23 PM
375	The District, not individual PTA's, need to find a way to build new inclusive playgrounds for all of our elementary schools and the two District Preschools.	12/3/2019 8:21 PM
376	Streamlined communication across school, PTA and district. I get too many emails.	12/3/2019 7:44 PM
377	Parent/Teacher conference. Extremely unimpressed with the preparation that went into the Parent/Teacher conference meeting. I would have expected the teacher to be prepared and give us thorough explanation of the expectations laid out to the students, how my child ranks to those expectations, and opportunities where we can improve our students development at home. It seemed more so of a "what do you want to know" attitude from the teacher.	12/3/2019 7:41 PM
378	capital projects: air-conditioning, safer playgrounds, larger LRC and gym	12/3/2019 7:36 PM
379	After school sports programs	12/3/2019 7:25 PM
380	More clarity on how things like which math group a child learns with and how this is selected	12/3/2019 7:17 PM
381	The school safety....need a better door locking system.	12/3/2019 6:52 PM
382	Basketball team work	12/3/2019 6:24 PM
383	This district is mired in archaic practices. It relies upon test scores produced by "smart kids from good families." Every principal hangs his/her hat on his/her school's test scores when, in reality, those test scores are walking into the schools. Most D58 classroom practices stifle intellectual curiosity and growth. It's long past time to be innovative. A cross-discipline integrative approach to education would be a good start.	12/3/2019 6:19 PM
384	Be more efficient with days off such as Utilizing days off attached to holidays as institute days For example: Thanksgiving break the kids received an additional day off following TG break for an institute day. They could have used either Monday or Tuesday if TG week as an institute day. There were several surrounding districts that had conferences on Monday and Tuesday of TG week. Get the kids out of school by Memorial Day.	12/3/2019 6:14 PM
385	This district is mired in archaic practices. It relies upon test scores produced by "smart kids from good families." Every principal hangs his/her hat on his/her school's test scores when, in reality, those test scores are walking into the schools. Most D58 classroom practices stifle intellectual curiosity and growth. It's long past time to be innovative. A cross-discipline integrative approach to education would be a good start.	12/3/2019 6:14 PM
386	Math & reading small groups. I don't think our teacher started this yet.	12/3/2019 6:03 PM
387	Programming and/or differentiation for gifted students	12/3/2019 5:44 PM
388	I wish I saw more innovative, engaging reading and math curriculum and more opportunities for creative expression tied to learning.	12/3/2019 5:35 PM
389	more donation programs to teach kids about caring and giving to those need it the most.	12/3/2019 5:32 PM
390	Class size	12/3/2019 5:31 PM
391	Hold advanced classes at the school rather than shipping kids off to the high school.	12/3/2019 5:18 PM
392	The district seriously needs to do something about [REDACTED] at Herrick. This is our first experience with a completely incompetent teacher in District 58. Thank God it is just one period. My daughter has never hated [REDACTED]. In fact it has always been her favorite subject. He is such a negative and condescending person. He even projects that when parents are around. I cannot imagine what it is like when he is without supervision in the classroom. Please get rid of him. I hate to reward bad behavior but pay him to leave since he is tenured. He is demoralizing to everyone he comes in contact with. He is not only a miserable person he has a hard time understanding [REDACTED] concepts let alone teaching them. His lack of understanding of mathematics is probably why he hates when kids ask questions. He probably doesn't know the answer to the questions. For the students and staffs mental well being please get [REDACTED] out of the classroom immediately.	12/3/2019 5:16 PM

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393	Nothing	12/3/2019 4:51 PM
394	Staff diversity	12/3/2019 4:44 PM
395	advanced math and reading	12/3/2019 4:20 PM
396	I think both the school and the district can do better with communicating with all parents within a grade (or class, depending on the issue) regarding specific/new/"experimental" initiatives before they are put into place as opposed to regarding initiatives in brief passing or as afterthoughts, or only when pressed by a handful of parents. If a parent asks a question regarding their child's daily environment, the question should be easily answered, immediately, and when an answer is not able to be simply given, that causes a parent to lose confidence in what and how their child is learning. I also think our school can do better in terms of participating in community events; becoming more of a presence in the community at large.	12/3/2019 4:17 PM
397	Direct communicate with the Special Ed teachers.	12/3/2019 4:06 PM
398	Have grade schools shift 6th grade to middle school	12/3/2019 4:04 PM
399	N/A	12/3/2019 4:04 PM
400	Lester fails in so many respects but dealing with bullying is No. 1	12/3/2019 4:02 PM
401	I'd like to baselining of skills and assignment into learning level appropriate groups happen more quickly.	12/3/2019 4:00 PM
402	Class sizes are a little high in some levels.	12/3/2019 3:56 PM
403	The building	12/3/2019 3:49 PM
404	MORE HOMEWORK	12/3/2019 3:47 PM
405	Engaging (or even informing) parents/guardians in decision making process. Being proactive and communicative with parents about progress more than 2-3 times a year.	12/3/2019 3:22 PM
406	Supporting special needs children where they're at in their development rather than trying to sweep them under the rug or bully them out of the district.	12/3/2019 3:22 PM
407	if there is a need for assistance in an area the child is struggling take immediate action rather than wait for tests, meetings, etc.	12/3/2019 3:14 PM
408	The Jaguar Jog was replaced this year with the Color Run. Total mass confusion. The Jog was so organized. This was a great idea but so unorganized. You didn't know what was going on till you saw something and asked another.	12/3/2019 3:13 PM
409	More focus on conceptual understanding in math. I feel like my 2nd grader skipped right to learning processes for subtraction but doesn't understand why they work the way they do. She needs more conceptual instruction.	12/3/2019 3:11 PM
410	This survey was difficult to answer given middle school is very different than elementary school. I know teachers care and some give class email updates. Others, I don't know. Lastly, I have only heard about safety drills and NAMI presentations. I know next to nothing about what he is learning in SEL. Without the family support and discussions, what he learns has minima benefit.	12/3/2019 3:11 PM
411	Having language classes from 7th grade	12/3/2019 3:01 PM
412	After volunteering for Art Awareness, it was apparent how rushed and forced the content was. I would like to see some time spent on individual creativity that is not forced for all students to do the same thing.	12/3/2019 2:59 PM
413	Having academic competitions like Math bowl or science Olympiad.	12/3/2019 2:58 PM
414	Improved communication on student evaluation of academic ability and any extra help students might be receiving.	12/3/2019 2:58 PM
415	Get ac and food service. Should also merge with 99 to save money and have same schedules	12/3/2019 2:57 PM
416	Use of more frequent formative assessments to better target instruction, use of team teaching	12/3/2019 2:56 PM
417	A strong focus on academics must be the clear core and focus.	12/3/2019 2:51 PM
418	Use of technology with Ipads consistently within grade levels	12/3/2019 2:45 PM

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419	I have seen children push each other at the park. To that teachers need to pay attention	12/3/2019 2:44 PM
420	Class sizes are an issue in one of my child's grades. I wish the district was more willing to add aides or split classes.	12/3/2019 2:43 PM
421	Can't think of anything, but I only have a Kindergartener, so we are new	12/3/2019 2:43 PM
422	Security, learning opportunities in each class bring the same, not all classrooms have the same instruction level, obvious to parents that there is not team planning across the grade level indicating where each teacher does individually what they want to do	12/3/2019 2:38 PM
423	School upgrades to facilities	12/3/2019 2:37 PM
424	Over the last couple years I have felt that the parents aren't as welcome at the school as they had been before. There are less opportunities to volunteer in the classroom and even for all school events there is an overall feeling of reluctance in allowing parents to participate in or attend things like the awards ceremony or, more recently, the Veteran's Day assembly. As a parent, I like to know what is going on in the school in a more real way than just a weekly email. I keep hearing about research projects that are being done using the iPads - how nice it would be to have an afternoon where the students present these to their parents. That may be just because my kids are getting older that those opportunities diminish, but the overall feeling of parents not being welcome inside the school walls for any occasion seems to be growing.	12/3/2019 2:35 PM
425	Is there a reason kids are kept outdoors in the morning? My jr High you were allowed in and could take time to study, get settled, visit a teacher for extra help etc. Seems silly to have buses arrive and keep them standing doing nothing for 20 minutes in the morning.	12/3/2019 2:35 PM
426	Stop sending so many surveys hehehe	12/3/2019 2:33 PM
427	Updated website. Special services page is outdated.	12/3/2019 2:33 PM
428	More integration between Spanish classes and non-Spanish so that kids work together and see one another as equals.	12/3/2019 2:32 PM
429	I don't really have any complaints at this time :)	12/3/2019 2:28 PM
430	It is December--despite attending Parent/Teacher conferences I truly don't know how well my children (K and 2) are doing in school, other than behavior (one is good, one is bad).	12/3/2019 2:25 PM
431	Our school needs more adult supervision in the 4th grade class. The class sizes are simply too large and boy heavy. The learning is interrupted almost daily.	12/3/2019 2:24 PM
432	More informal feedback on child's progress throughout the year. Send home extra work for areas of concern	12/3/2019 2:21 PM
433	██████████ needs a serious overhaul or to be removed. He makes the school so unwelcoming for parents. I feel like he does the bare minimum and has the "it's good enough" mentality. The way he talks to and treats some parents is appalling. ██████████ has so much more potential with better leadership.	12/3/2019 2:20 PM
434	Not sure the school could fix this but, while the school welcomes parents and includes diversity room parents not so much. They make you feel if you are not from the right street or \$\$ your not welcome to help or participate in school events and activities.	12/3/2019 2:18 PM
435	n/a	12/3/2019 2:17 PM
436	Get air conditioning in every single classroom . Turn the heat down in the winter- the school is always so very hot!!!	12/3/2019 2:15 PM
437	Communicating the endless Amount of information from the classroom that is separate from the information from the school as a whole in an online organized calendar so that there are not unless flyers coming home or flyers that do not come home and therefore a child misses something. Everything Should be on one calendar and one place online the district should have the calendar and each teacher should be in putting the different items into the calendar for auto update it is 2019 going on 2020 what in the world is taking so long? And why are there many different calendars? There should be one calendar that you don't have to pay to join the PTA to get all of the spirit days etc.... It's ridiculous. One calendar from school with The teacher updating the individual days. Very simple. This would also include when the map tests will be taken. There are too many different locations for information	12/3/2019 2:13 PM

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438	Maybe a short monthly check in, via email, to understand if there is anything going on that we need to address at home or any positive notes that the teacher would like to point out.	12/3/2019 2:10 PM
439	I wish the district had a more diverse teaching staff. I also wish the district provided foreign language classes to students like many other surrounding districts. I've been disappointed with the many curriculum changes over the years. I wish the district would select a program and stick with it. My child had had a variety of math and reading programs over the years. I don't think this is easy on the teachers or students. Many schools have after school enrichment classes for their students. Some schools offer far more than other schools. I wish the district would require administrators to provide these classes in an equitable manner. For example, some schools have chess and foreign language classes all year long while my home school offers both for only one session. Most schools have an after school art program, we do not. Kids throughout the district should have the same opportunities and not be penalized because their school has a principal that is more restrictive.	12/3/2019 2:08 PM
440	Technology is over-utilized.	12/3/2019 2:07 PM
441	Smaller class sizes so that kids can benefit from an education. Class size are too large and have a negative impact on learning.	12/3/2019 2:07 PM
442	Teach team sports as handball. Have teachers with passion for teaching	12/3/2019 2:06 PM
443	Rather than teach comprehension "skills" in isolation in ELA/Benchmark (find main idea, infer, etc), guided reading in leveled groups (using meaningless or random text booklets), and having kids read random "just right books" independently, bring in knowledge rich content to teach strategic reading of grade level, complex texts. Build knowledge across history, geography, science and the arts SYSTEMATICALLY, across grade levels in ELA to develop knowledge of the world. Research shows convincingly that the single biggest driver of reading comprehension is background content knowledge, not repeated skills practice. We cannot teach kids how to comprehend things. They develop comprehension as knowledge is gained. Higher order thinking follows from this process!	12/3/2019 2:05 PM
444	Be more clear about the paperwork that comes home; specifically the extra activities, would the teacher(s) like to have these returned to see what is worked on at home?	12/3/2019 2:03 PM
445	More communication about how the child is doing academically. We typically have to wait until report cards but a pulse of that they are currently getting X grades in the classes would be helpful. Herrick has a great grades dashboard that is helpful to track progress.	12/3/2019 2:00 PM
446	In the younger grades (Kindergarten) I would like to get updates on what the children are learning more frequently so I can discuss it at home. I know the basics (they are learning sight words, for example) but I have no idea what they are doing in science or where they are at in math, etc.	12/3/2019 1:58 PM
447	The curriculum needs improving . It continues to be sporadic and inconsistent across the District. Downers Grove schools need to rank the same or higher than others in Dupage County. 58 continues to be at the bottom of the County.	12/3/2019 1:56 PM
448	Rely less on MAP testing for placement. I understand it's place as a guidance, but it can be limiting at times, I'd put more weight into school work and teacher recommendations first, then MAP scores if needed.	12/3/2019 1:55 PM
449	MAP testing preparation	12/3/2019 1:55 PM
450	The school is great at making sure kids who are performing lower than average are nurtured to perform better but I don't see kids performing higher than average being challenged. I would love to see other challenges for top performers. Also, I'd love for the school to do a better job in helping the kids to understand lockdown/intruder drills and why they happen. It's a new and different part of schools nowadays, and there needs to be proper instruction and support.	12/3/2019 1:55 PM
451	The SEL the school does either isn't enough, or isn't working. These kids are brutal to each other, and as early as first grade. Also, more male teachers and staff. Watchdogs is great, but they aren't teachers.	12/3/2019 1:50 PM
452	I find that the communication from teachers is lacking. Often my daughter will come home saying she needs something for class, at the last minute - its never communicated directly from the teacher to the parent. I guess they leave a lot of that up to the student but I find that frustrating. If the teacher requires supplies, or time outside the normal school day to complete projects I think that should be communicated directly to the parent via email.	12/3/2019 1:49 PM

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453	Communication from [REDACTED] principal is AWFUL! There are all these "spirit days" but it's not actually communicated to the parents. My child was so sad that she missed out on some days because we didn't know about them or it's communicated after the fact. Maybe the SCHOOL should have something like a facebook page (separate from the PTA) to communicate things in realtime? Also - I feel like the principal should be open to new ideas for parent/ family involvement, fundraising, etc.... she seems to suck the fun out of everything that should be fun (ie - class parties)	12/3/2019 1:49 PM
454	Air conditioning Have more accessibility for parents to come to the school	12/3/2019 1:47 PM
455	Middle school is to us the most difficult years. The staff has their hands full. Sometimes maybe too full.	12/3/2019 1:45 PM
456	Air conditioning would be good :)	12/3/2019 1:44 PM
457	Additional anti-bullying programs. I hear from other parents that bullying is an issue; in our case, I have witnessed exclusionary behavior among kids.	12/3/2019 1:38 PM
458	The [REDACTED] approachability and knowledge could be improved. The sole purpose of this position is to allow parents with concerns to have a safe [REDACTED] to assist them; this is not currently the case. Parents are opting to bypass that avenue and go straight to director/ principal. I don't believe that was the intention when creating the [REDACTED] role. It would be phenomenal to have a [REDACTED] that could help parents with formal and causal questions- and even someone with children currently in the program/district. The teachers between schools vary greatly. There should be an opportunity for input from parents as to concerns they have regarding teacher interactions that are concerning or problematic as well as exemplary. House the preschool in one single building. It is difficult to manage drop off and pick ups around the "central" housing schools schedule.	12/3/2019 1:38 PM
459	Parking	12/3/2019 1:37 PM
460	Infrastructure, broadly, is a bit disappointing. I realize there's a plan underway to work on this, but it's surprising that it's so far behind. To name a few specifics: A/C, class sizes, hot lunch service. I realize that some of these represent increased overhead as well as some big-ticket upgrades, but since the district has been successful in employing such great staff, it seems counterproductive to not also provide them with better facilities/resources to maximize their ability to be educators, and not have to worry about students being uncomfortably warm for the 2-3 months of the school year.	12/3/2019 1:35 PM
461	Communication with parents	12/3/2019 1:33 PM
462	I wish there was a greater focus on each child's needs and academic progress. Sometimes I feel my child is not challenged enough. I know this can be difficult for teachers to spend 1:1 time with 20-25 students on a regular basis, but I think the district needs to invest in teaching assistants or aides so this can happen for all students. For example, at library check-out time, my child was told to select books only from certain categories. The books brought home were far too easy and my child read a whole book in less than 1 minute. I had to tell my child and the teacher that these "easy" books were not allowed any more and we needed to bump up the difficulty level. The next day, my child told me that 5-6 students were pulled aside at library time and told to select from the next level group. I'm glad I advocated, since this clearly impacted other students too. But, I feel this is something the teacher should have recognized without me having to bring up the issue.	12/3/2019 1:33 PM
463	Air conditioning. Weekly report On your child progress, with information on what the child needs improvement or concerns on. The plan of action that should be taken to assist your child.	12/3/2019 1:32 PM
464	Safety would be my only complaint. There is nothing to stop a car from striking kids on the black top or the building itself on the 3-6th side. The art/ music room still enters into the main entryway- before getting into the office. I would love to see a secure entrance after the office/ double doors. Additionally - the amount of people that don't use caution/rules with both pick up and drop off zones is scary. People let kids cross anywhere along Fairmount- not with the guard. Frustrating.	12/3/2019 1:32 PM
465	Safety. Building safety, quantity of playground supervision, building and grounds maintenance, parking and before/after school safety around vehicles	12/3/2019 1:29 PM
466	Handling of incidents that involve unexpected behaviors. We believe the discipline is not strong enough at [REDACTED] and as a result, academic instruction is less than it should be for those students	12/3/2019 1:29 PM

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not causing behavioral issues. The District in general but in particular at [REDACTED] this year could improve the large class size. 32 students is way too many for even the best of teachers to teach effectively. The current 6th grade class is being managed currently by addressing SEL issues that may never change with individual students and therefore an entire school year will go by without addressing all of the contributing factors to the issues of this class. Classroom mgmt, individual discipline, SEL skills and small group instruction all need to be examined to help these students succeed in their last year of elementary school vs full group SEL skill building. Basically, a check and balance needs to happen from District to [REDACTED] to ensure we are doing right by the students.

467	Update the building/grounds	12/3/2019 1:26 PM
468	Challenging gifted students	12/3/2019 1:26 PM
469	More opportunities for parents to be in the classroom, such as reading to the class.	12/3/2019 1:25 PM
470	The communications for the entire school are lacking. We have great communication with teachers, but school wide events, progress, and updates have been lacking. We receive the newsletter but it's just ok.	12/3/2019 1:24 PM
471	Update class websites	12/3/2019 1:23 PM
472	More challenges and supplement for gifted students besides children in extend.	12/3/2019 1:23 PM
473	Better/More supervision on playgrounds to avoid physical altercations.	12/3/2019 1:20 PM
474	Improve the teacher to student ratio. Classrooms are very overcrowded.	12/3/2019 1:20 PM
475	I really wish the district had science labs in each of the schools. It'd be amazing if the classroom teachers taught science content and a specialist taught the corresponding lab lesson in a lab. I'm envisioning a science lab specialist just as we have music art and PR.	12/3/2019 1:20 PM
476	I feel that the teachers are not able to differentiate enough for students who need extra challenges.	12/3/2019 1:18 PM
477	At this time--I have nothing to report.	12/3/2019 1:17 PM
478	There's no need for MAP testing kindergarteners. That said, I dont know, as a district, how much power you have over that. If possible, this should be eliminated.	12/3/2019 1:15 PM
479	Less technology for the kids handwriting is proven to help retain information. And kids are addicted to technology. I. E. iPads	12/3/2019 1:13 PM
480	I truly am only taking this survey to please request not teaching some of the lgbt curriculum to my young child as was written into law in Illinois.	12/3/2019 1:13 PM
481	Other automated forms of reminders such as an using text messages as opt in for event reminders etc...	12/3/2019 1:09 PM
482	When help is needed or volunteers sought, it is never the dads who are approached, only moms.	12/3/2019 1:08 PM
483	I was disappointed with the Kindergarten orientation (round-up and meet the teacher), because in my opinion both did not take into account working parents. Specifically the Belle Aire Round Up was offered at noon. IF the event has to take place during the school day, please make it first thing in the morning or . last thing in the day. This would allow parents to attend and still go to work for part of the day. The middle of the day, basically means most parents have to take the whole day off. Additionally the meet the teacher day was announced only a week or two prior to the date. I am sure it was planned earlier. This date should have been communicated at the Round-Up.	12/3/2019 1:07 PM
484	Teacher conference times and availability	12/3/2019 1:05 PM
485	The parent teacher conferences for special education need additional time consideration. Speaking to 5 or 6 education professionals in 2 different rooms within a 30 min time slot is not enough time. It ensures the parents get little to no time to ask follow-up questions or discuss specific issues.	12/3/2019 1:05 PM
486	Across all grade level the Math program does not seem to be as effective as the reading program. Kids need to have smaller groups to allow for more tailored studies to their level so that individuals always remain challenged.	12/3/2019 1:04 PM

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487	My daughter is in a class of 32 this year because two classes were merged. Because the class is too large, the aide, who is not a licensed teacher, is teaching core subjects like social studies and science. The district should not allow this type of thing to happen. They need to employ enough teachers for the number of students they have. I'm not sure it is even legal for children to be taught by non-teachers.	12/3/2019 1:03 PM
488	n/a	12/3/2019 1:01 PM
489	When a student struggles, is bullied, has special needs, or is an exception to our generally successful population, I feel the school struggles with meaningful solutions. those kids are ignored or told they should go elsewhere to find solutions, and that's really unacceptable	12/3/2019 1:00 PM
490	We are pleased with our child's teacher, but feel the overall climate of ██████████ to be very very poor. The principal does very little to communicate to families besides a weekly email that is just a reminder of calendar events. It seems the administration is very checked out and does not care much about the academic achievement of the students. It seems many have an "it is what it is" attitude. There are no school wide celebrations or school wide goals (behavioral or academic). The PTA is run by an extremely small group of parents with very little participation by teachers. There seem to be many behavior problems at the school but no behavior program put in place. I would love for this school to adopt an all school behavior program for students, teachers, and families to come together for a common goal and to improve the school community and climate.	12/3/2019 12:58 PM
491	I am opposed to recess being pulled as punishment and this practice is used at Kingsley by teachers and substitutes. Research shows the value of exercise and play time for social and academic success. I would like DG58 to eliminate this tool and find other solutions to manage classroom behavior and as I don't feel it's fair or productive for an entire class to sit out of recess for the poor choices of a few. It breeds resentment among the students. In addition, Kingsley is not set up for indoor recess during bad weather so these kids are even more sedentary. There has to be a better way. Thank you.	12/3/2019 12:57 PM
492	There has been a big drop off in communication between 5th and 6th grade. I have a great deal of knowledge what is happening and kids feel supported in lower grades. 6th not so much	12/3/2019 12:56 PM
493	Real Math Curriculum implemented by properly trained educators.	12/3/2019 12:54 PM
494	We are new d58 attendees with a daughter in Kindergarten. There is a multitude of research on the importance of play, creative movement and gross motor activity at this age. Our curriculum doesn't allow for engagement in these crucial areas of development regularly. The students that are half day have no school based opportunity as the morning is completely full of curriculum. This is not only a problem in d58, but throughout the country. It would be great if our district could lead the way in finding a better balance of curriculum to meet state standards and the more important MOVEMENT, SOCIAL AND FREE PLAY especially for Kindergarten age.	12/3/2019 12:53 PM
495	The infrastructure- buildings are ridiculously old, outdated, too small. We live in one of the wealthiest communities in the world yet our children don't have a cafeteria or AC. Looks like budgeting problems to me. Seems like the PTA runs the show at many of these schools. The district needs to step in and set some more standardized boundaries so that it's the teachers and staff running the show- not the parents	12/3/2019 12:53 PM
496	I think every school should have air conditioning, so the students can focus better.	12/3/2019 12:49 PM
497	A little more feedback on students strengths and weaknesses especially in the early grades like kindergarten and 1st grade	12/3/2019 12:48 PM
498	The school could improve upon providing opportunities for parent involvement, particularly for working parents. I'd also appreciate consolidated/condensed communications. The frequency of communications from a variety of sources (e.g., school, district, teacher, principal, PTA, newsletters, take home flyers, etc.) is too much and creates risk that key messages get lost. It would be great to see some of those communications prioritized (e.g. principal and teacher messages to parents) and other communications condensed or grouped together for ease.	12/3/2019 12:48 PM
499	Matching days off with dist 99	12/3/2019 12:47 PM
500	Student : teacher ratio / smaller classes	12/3/2019 12:47 PM
501	Install A/C	12/3/2019 12:46 PM

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502	Since we use the app that it has important school dates on it...days off, upcoming events. It's nice to have everything on one store or app	12/3/2019 12:46 PM
503	Making sure that information regarding children who attend Puffer is transferred to the school the child will go for KG.	12/3/2019 12:46 PM
504	Parent drop off/pick up is very stressful.	12/3/2019 12:46 PM
505	Spend less money	12/3/2019 12:45 PM
506	The new principal took away VIP Day and that meant alot to my children.	12/3/2019 12:45 PM
507	Preparing 6th graders by slightly increasing their homework load as the year processes so they are prepared for middle school expectations.	12/3/2019 12:44 PM
508	I know it is a space issue, but I wish performances could be more easily attended by parents, siblings, & grandparents. The gym is always packed to its fullest and everyone is cramped and hot. Also, I wish we could synch our calendar with that of D99.	12/3/2019 12:42 PM
509	We need more teacher support for parents, they decided what they will or won't do and don't allow for any feedback even from the PTA, who spend their free time running around and raising money to help them. The traffic situation is terrible around Kingsley and a child is going to get seriously injured but still no support from teachers/staff on how to get this critical situation solved. Since I have been a parent there, it's become obvious that our teachers and school do many things differently than other schools in the district and often they are the first to shut down any discussion about changing things up to be more equal.	12/3/2019 12:42 PM
510	I'm happy to see some updates coming to the curriculum but I would like to see if continually updated instead of waiting too long. I also feel that the age of the school is really starting to show in the bathrooms and playground.	12/3/2019 12:42 PM
511	More opportunity for parent involvement	12/3/2019 12:41 PM
512	DG58 lost a solid principal at [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]. So far, I am not overly impressed with [REDACTED]. She seems to be very removed and doesn't appear to make a lot of effort to get to know the students and families. My child said that they didn't even know who the new principal was or what she looked like until a few weeks into the school year because she didn't actively introduce her self to the student body. The few times I have been in the building for family events, she is physically present and usually standing or seated near the entrance, but doesn't smile or engage or talk to the parents. Perhaps she is a great administrator behind the scenes, but one of the reasons I love DG58 is the family/welcoming attitude you feel every time you walk in the building and to know that your child is in good hands with the administration. There's no warmth or engagement from [REDACTED] and there is definitely a different feel walking into the school for a family event vs. when [REDACTED] was running the building.	12/3/2019 12:41 PM
513	Spend more on facilities. Lester was redone, but classrooms aren't functional on hot days.	12/3/2019 12:40 PM
514	nothing I can think of worth noting	12/3/2019 12:38 PM
515	Class size! The district is NOT transparent in its processes for determining class size from school to school. Class size is often inequitable, and parents are left confused as to why their child is in such a huge class at one school, when other schools have multiple sections of reasonable size. It is extremely concerning.	12/3/2019 12:36 PM
516	So far everything is ok..	12/3/2019 12:35 PM
517	Opportunity to understand student progress between PT conferences is limited. Also would like to see more opportunities for pushing students at the top of their class in advanced learning options	12/3/2019 12:35 PM
518	Having more social emotional development for older students. Having consistent consequences for all students, not just favorites.	12/3/2019 12:35 PM
519	Move the in service days to occur on Friday.	12/3/2019 12:35 PM
520	Grounds improvements	12/3/2019 12:34 PM
521	A better recognition of what each child excels at and what areas could use more work.	12/3/2019 12:34 PM
522	Class sizes	12/3/2019 12:33 PM

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I'd love to see an after school art/drawing class.

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