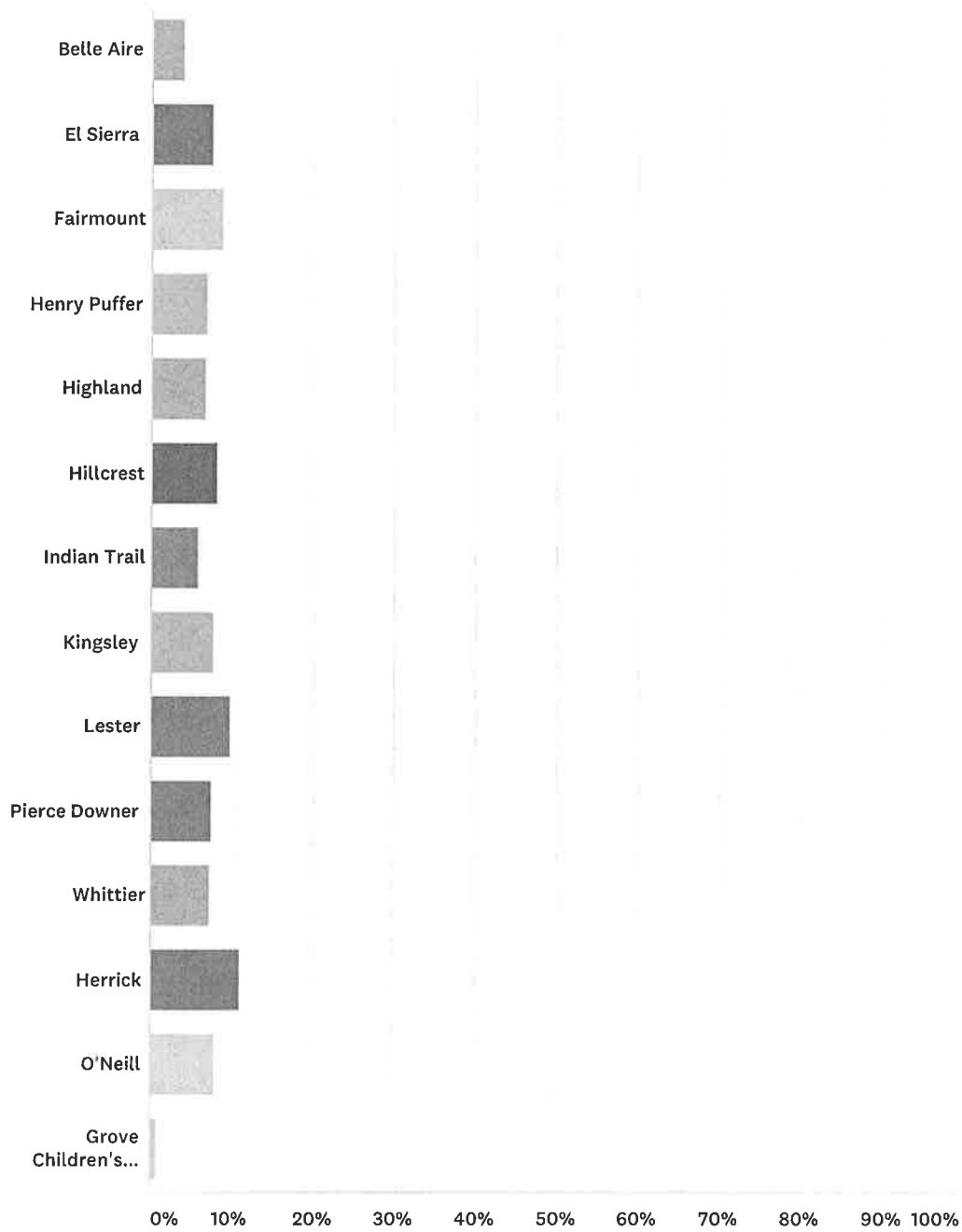


Q1 My student attends

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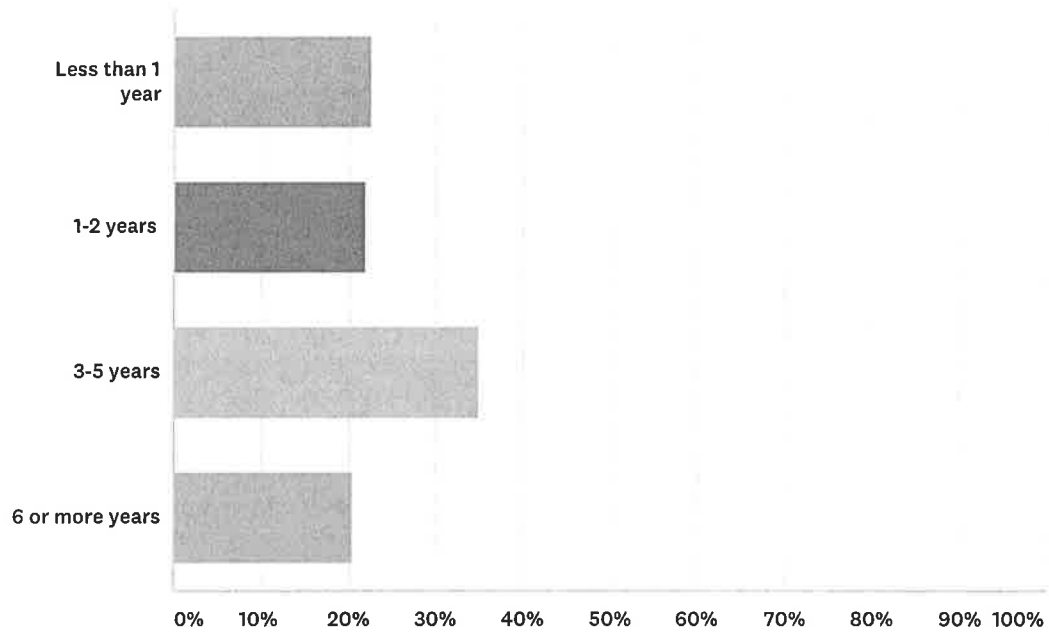
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Belle Aire	3.89%	52
El Sierra	7.63%	102
Fairmount	8.76%	117
Henry Puffer	6.81%	91
Highland	6.66%	89

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Hillcrest	8.16%	109
Indian Trail	5.76%	77
Kingsley	7.71%	103
Lester	9.73%	130
Pierce Downer	7.56%	101
Whittier	7.41%	99
Herrick	11.08%	148
O'Neill	8.01%	107
Grove Children's Preschool	0.82%	11
TOTAL		1,336

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

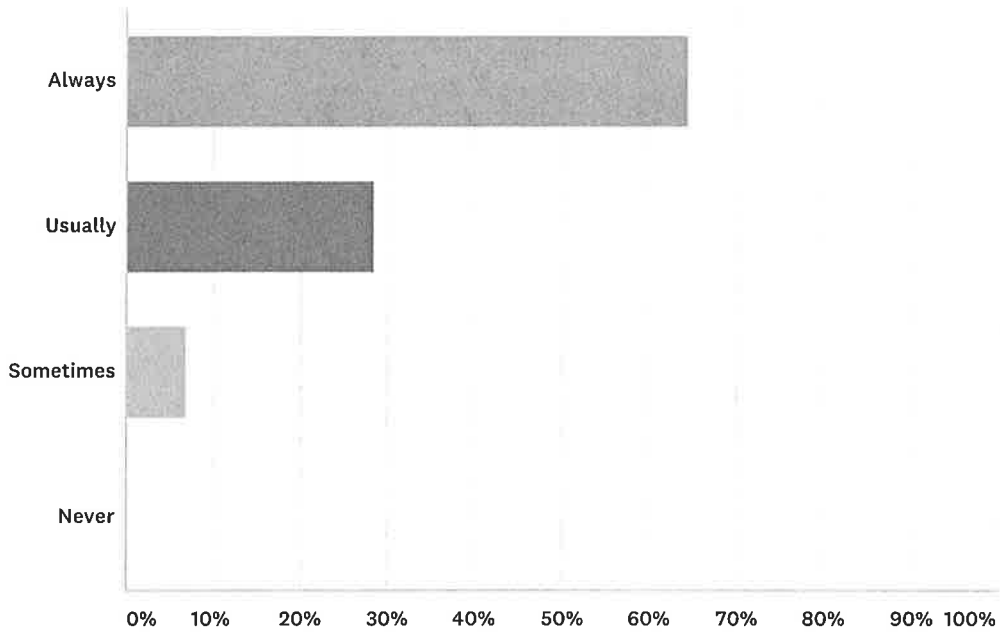
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	22.70%	303
1-2 years	21.95%	293
3-5 years	34.91%	466
6 or more years	20.45%	273
TOTAL		1,335

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

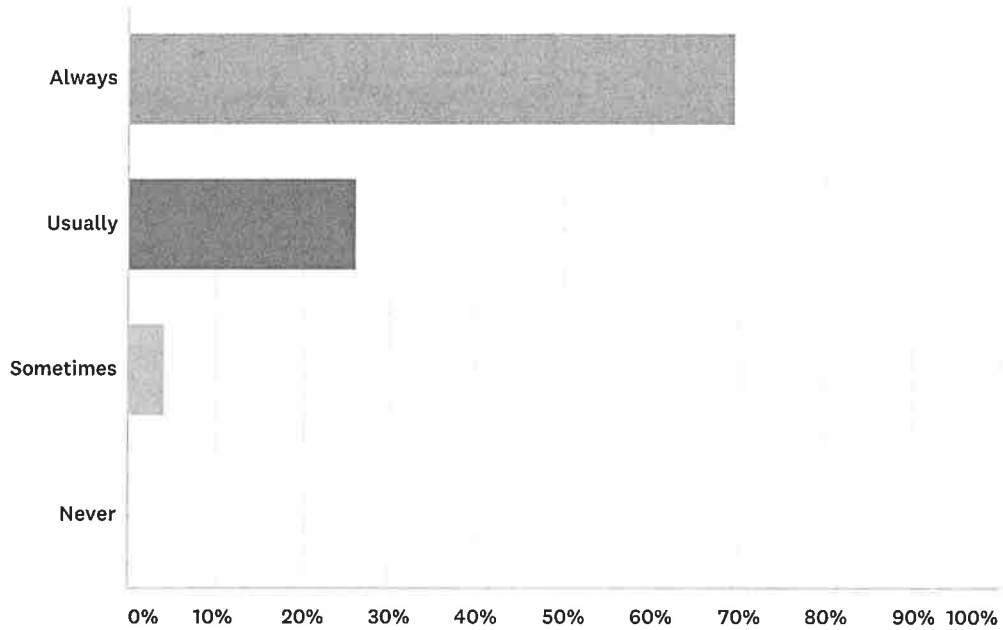
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	64.47%	773
Usually	28.44%	341
Sometimes	6.84%	82
Never	0.25%	3
TOTAL		1,199

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

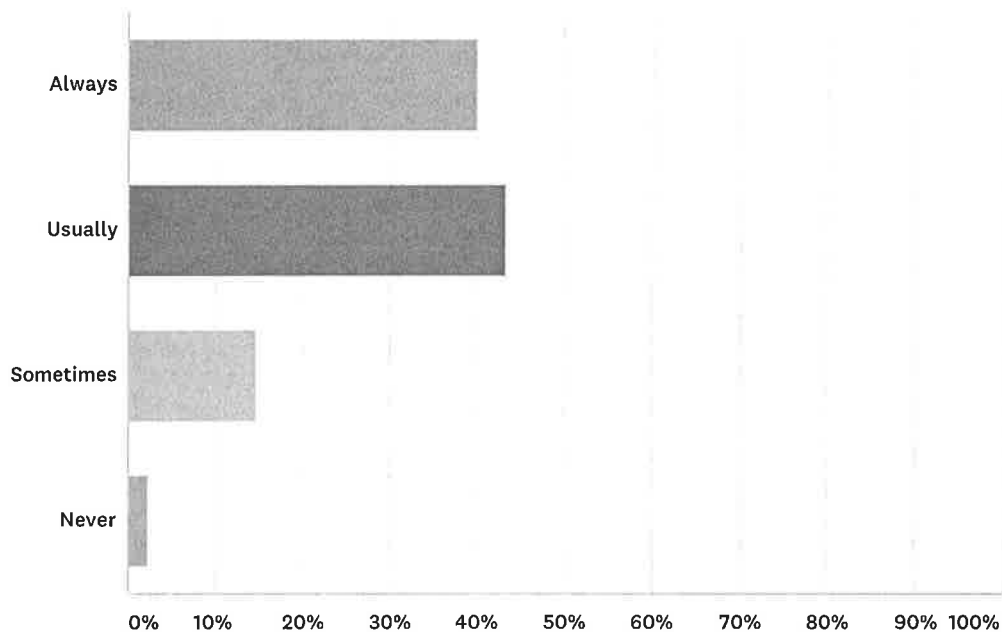
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	69.50%	834
Usually	26.17%	314
Sometimes	4.25%	51
Never	0.08%	1
TOTAL		1,200

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

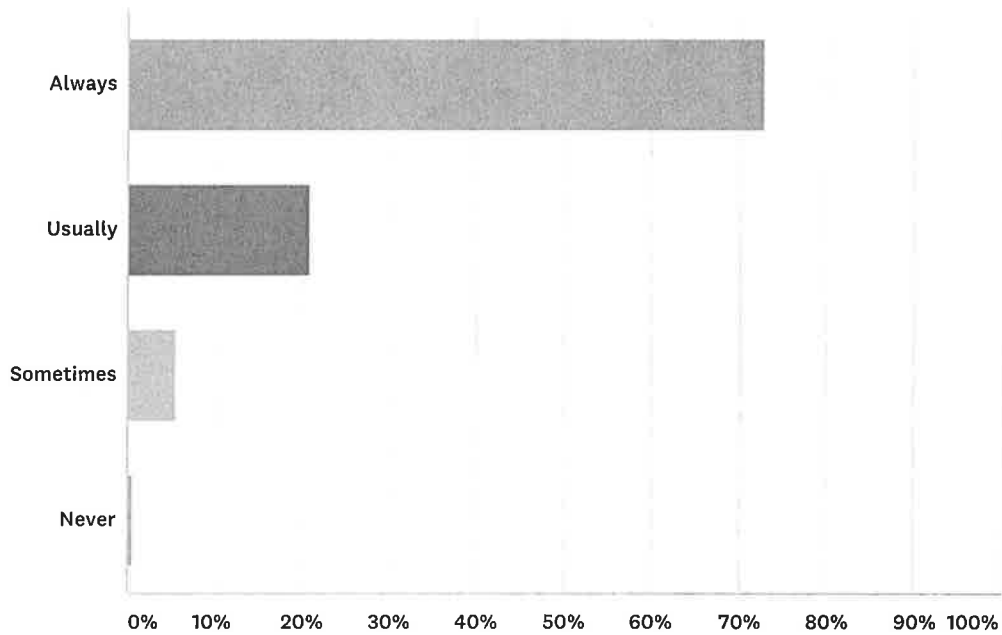
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	39.87%	476
Usually	43.22%	516
Sometimes	14.66%	175
Never	2.26%	27
TOTAL		1,194

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

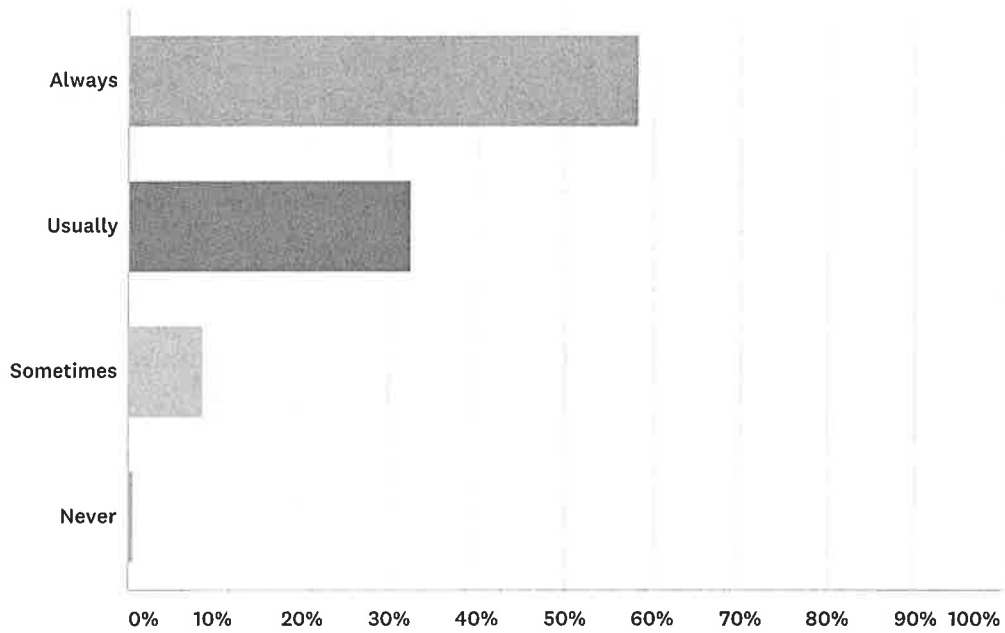
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	72.85%	872
Usually	20.97%	251
Sometimes	5.60%	67
Never	0.58%	7
TOTAL		1,197

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

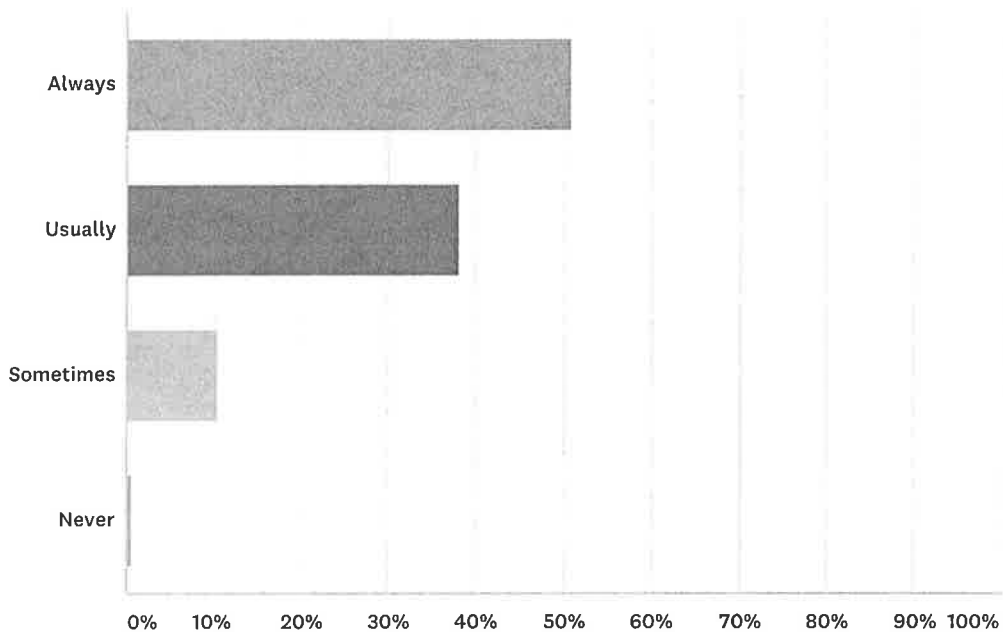
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	58.38%	697
Usually	32.50%	388
Sometimes	8.54%	102
Never	0.59%	7
TOTAL		1,194

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

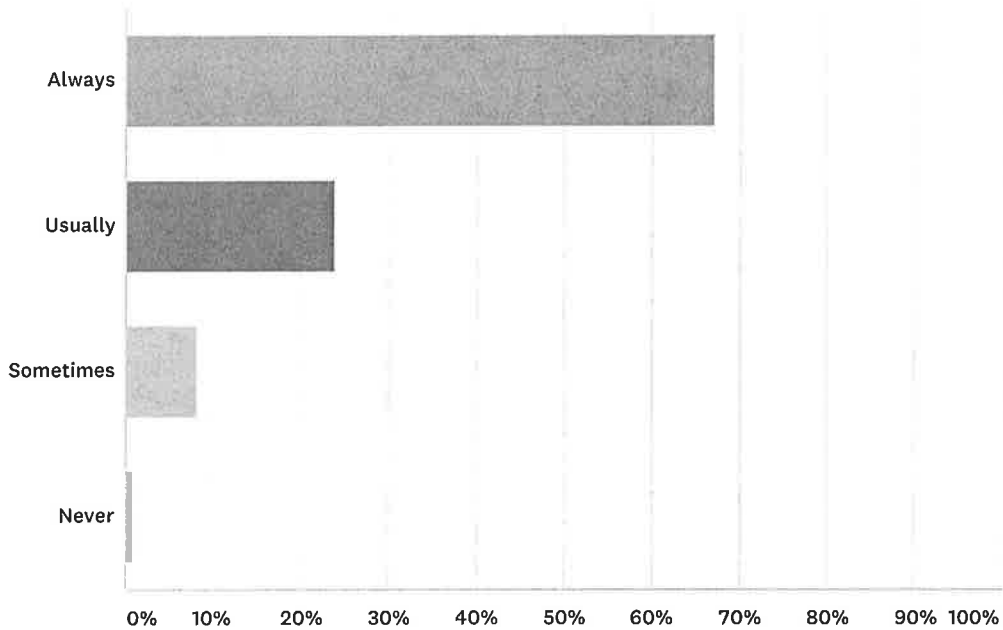
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	50.79%	607
Usually	37.99%	454
Sometimes	10.54%	126
Never	0.67%	8
TOTAL		1,195

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

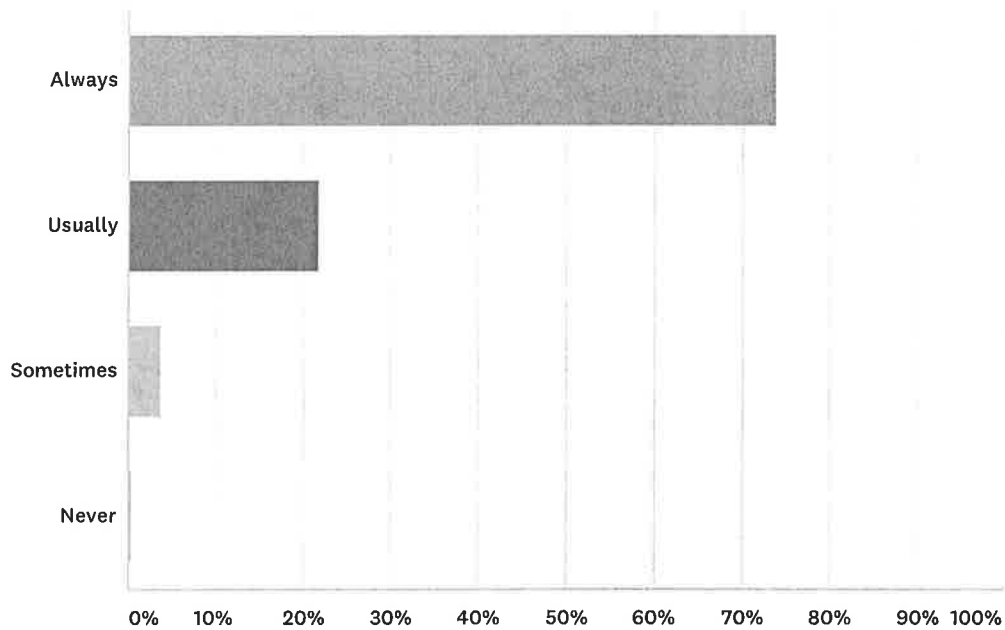
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	67.14%	805
Usually	23.94%	287
Sometimes	8.17%	98
Never	0.75%	9
TOTAL		1,199

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

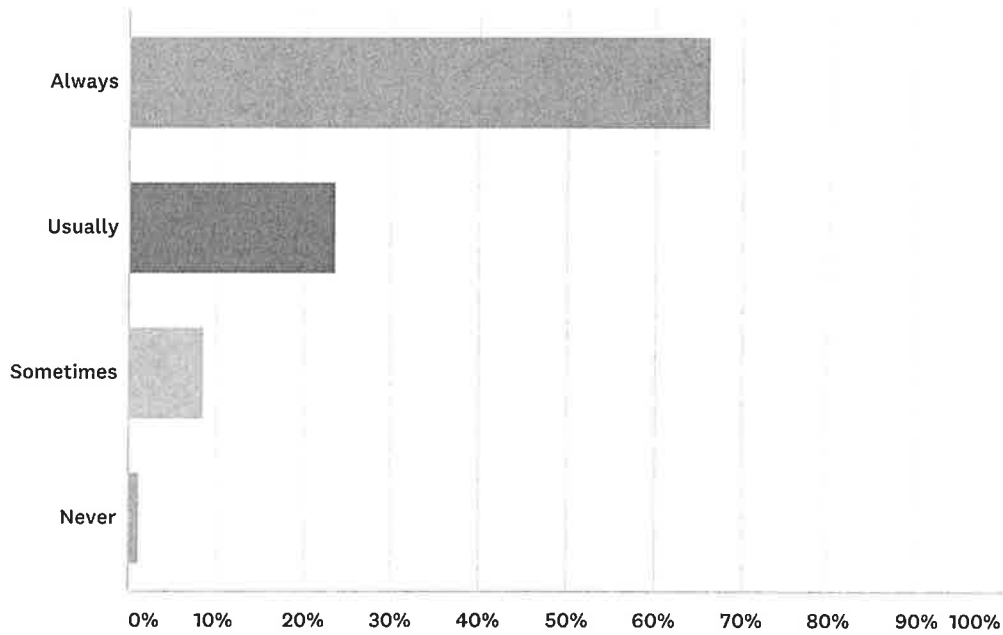
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	73.89%	886
Usually	21.85%	262
Sometimes	3.75%	45
Never	0.50%	6
TOTAL		1,199

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

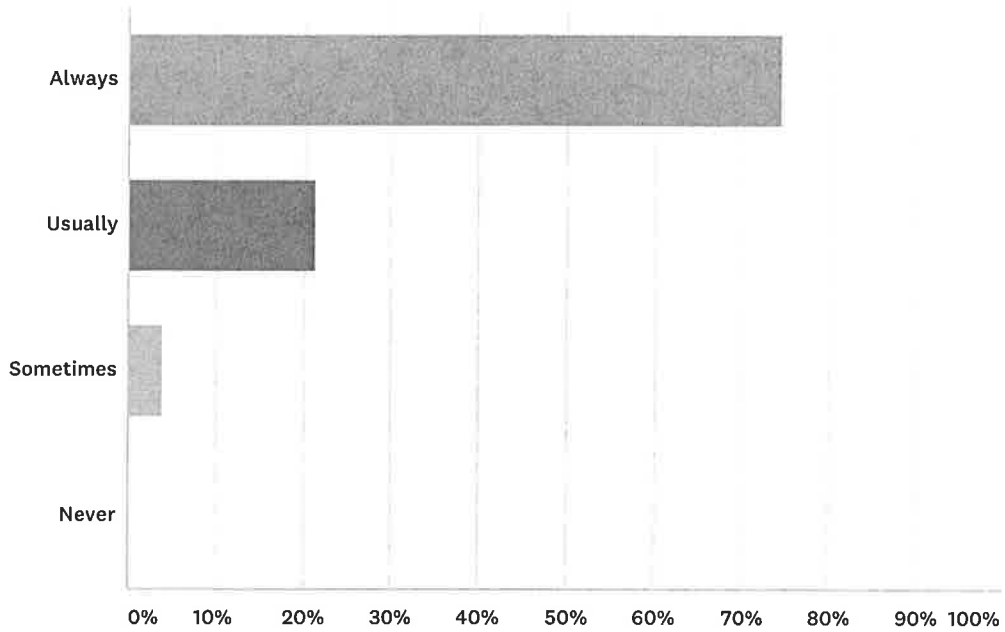
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	66.42%	795
Usually	23.73%	284
Sometimes	8.60%	103
Never	1.25%	15
TOTAL		1,197

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

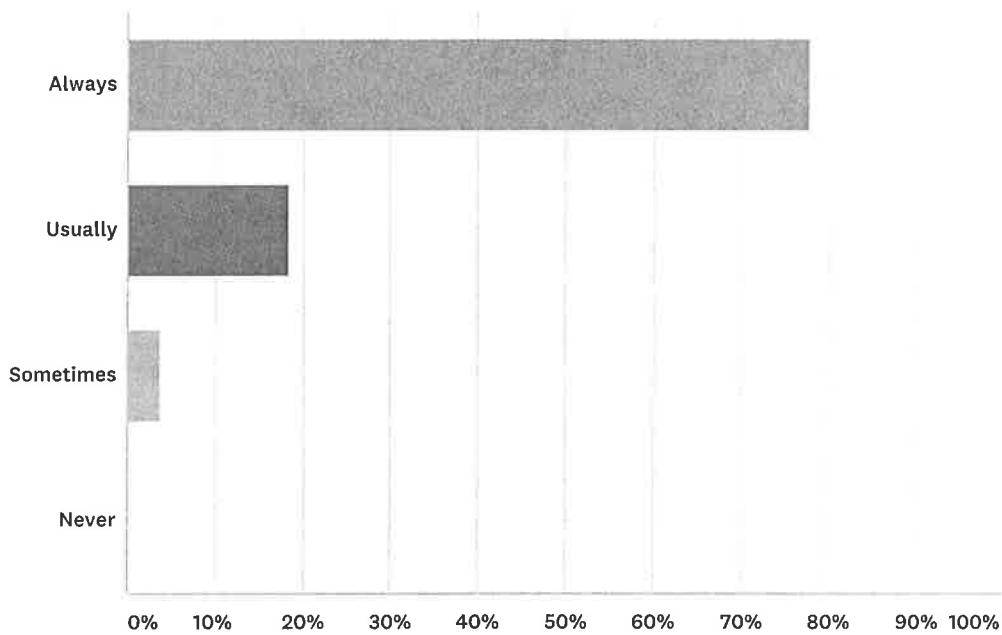
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	COUNT
Always	74.46%	889
Usually	21.36%	255
Sometimes	3.94%	47
Never	0.25%	3
TOTAL		1,194

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

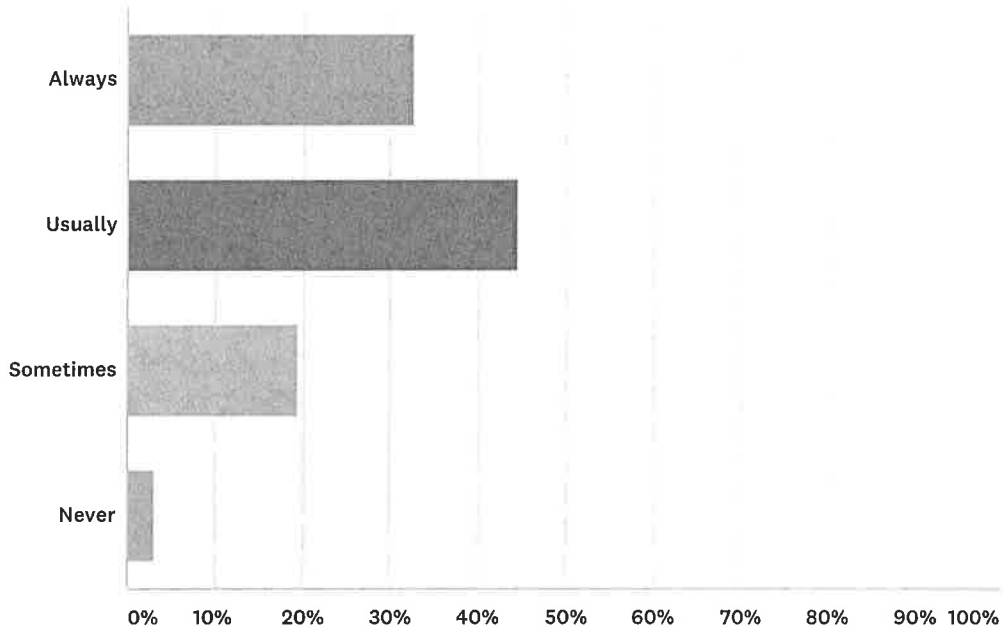
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	77.80%	925
Usually	18.33%	218
Sometimes	3.70%	44
Never	0.17%	2
TOTAL		1,189

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

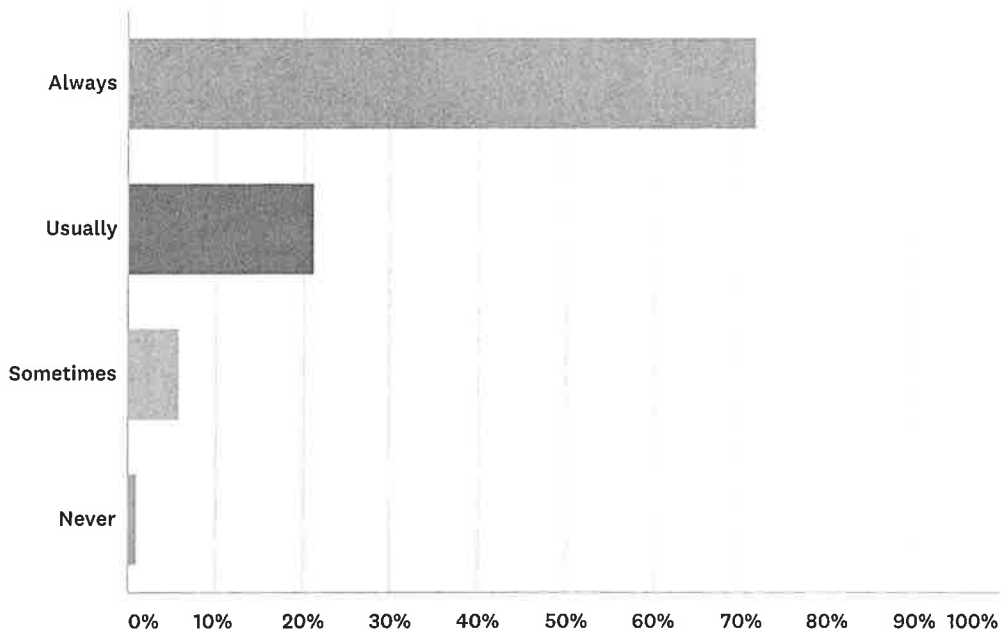
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	32.71%	387
Usually	44.63%	528
Sometimes	19.53%	231
Never	3.13%	37
TOTAL		1,183

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

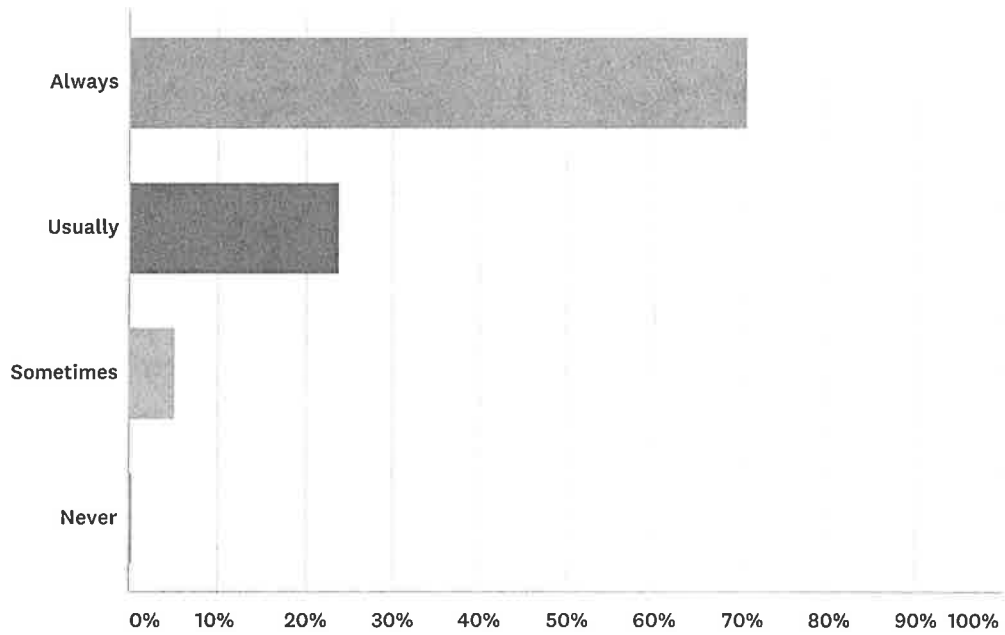
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	71.73%	855
Usually	21.39%	255
Sometimes	5.79%	69
Never	1.09%	13
TOTAL		1,192

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

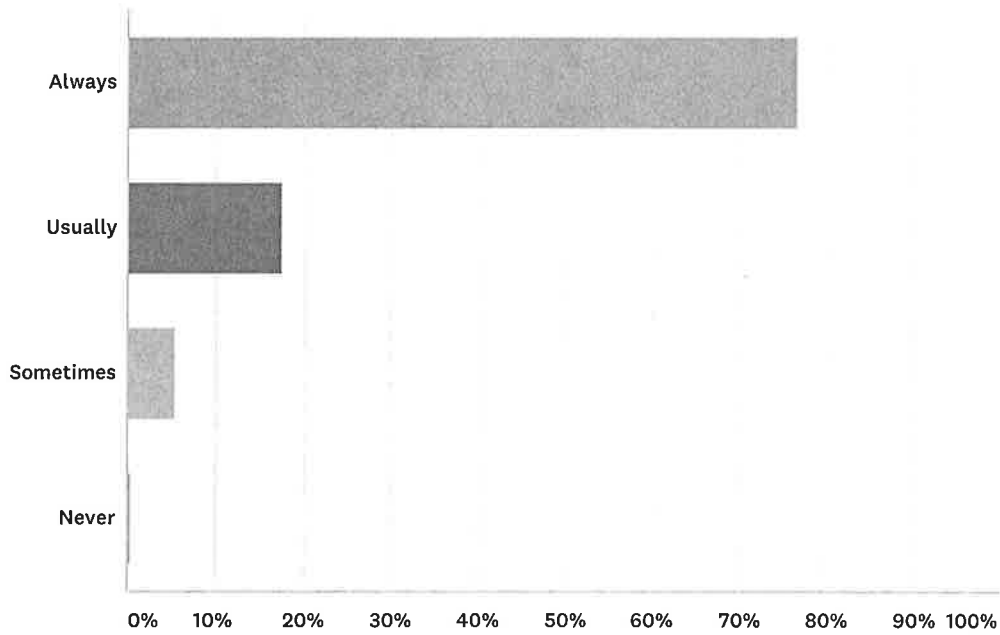
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	70.50%	839
Usually	23.95%	285
Sometimes	5.13%	61
Never	0.42%	5
TOTAL		1,190

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

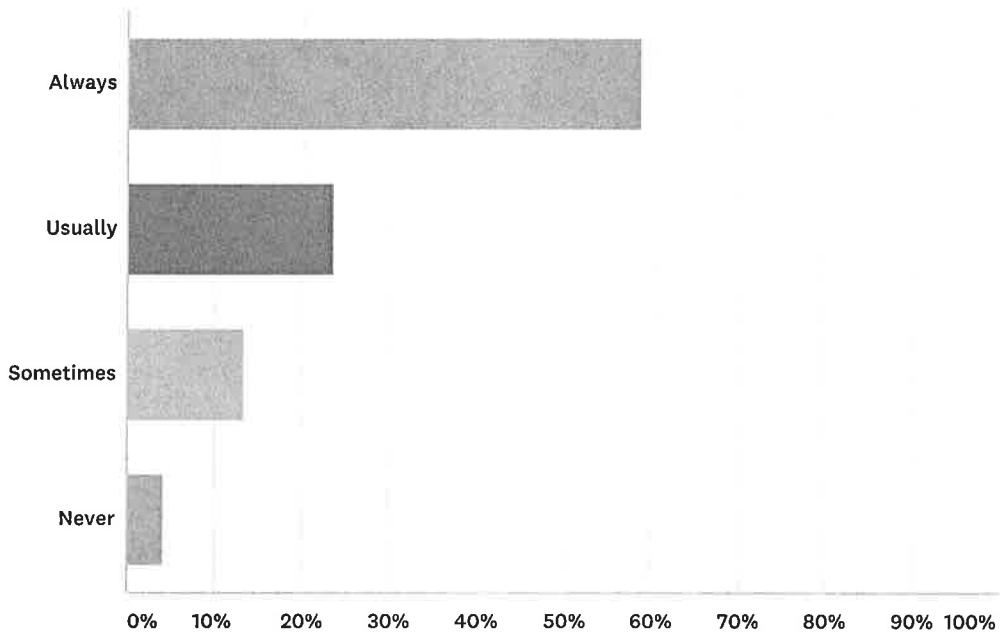
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	76.47%	910
Usually	17.56%	209
Sometimes	5.46%	65
Never	0.50%	6
TOTAL		1,190

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

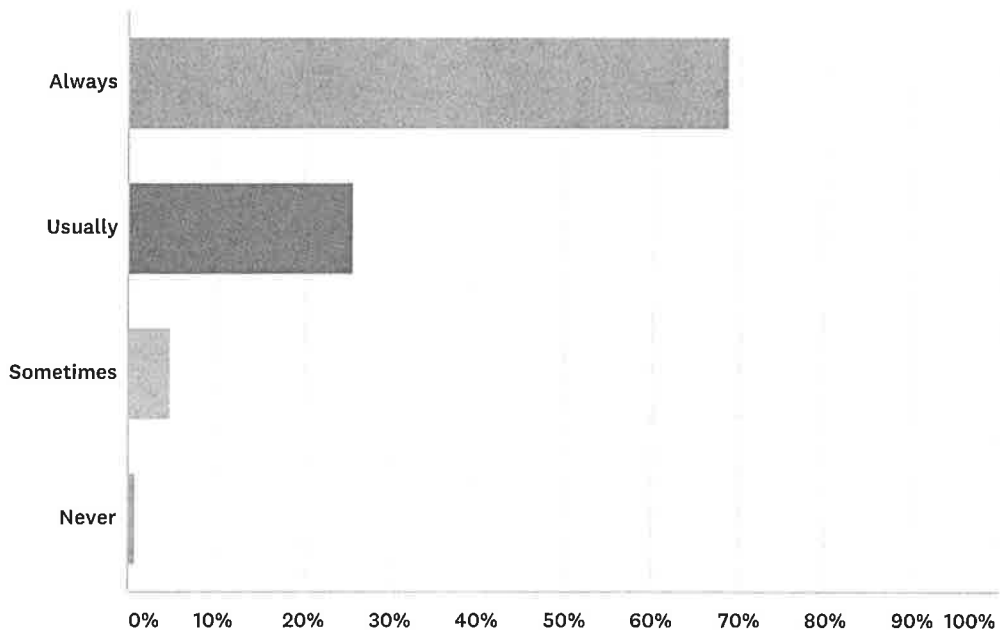
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	58.87%	700
Usually	23.63%	281
Sometimes	13.29%	158
Never	4.21%	50
TOTAL		1,189

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

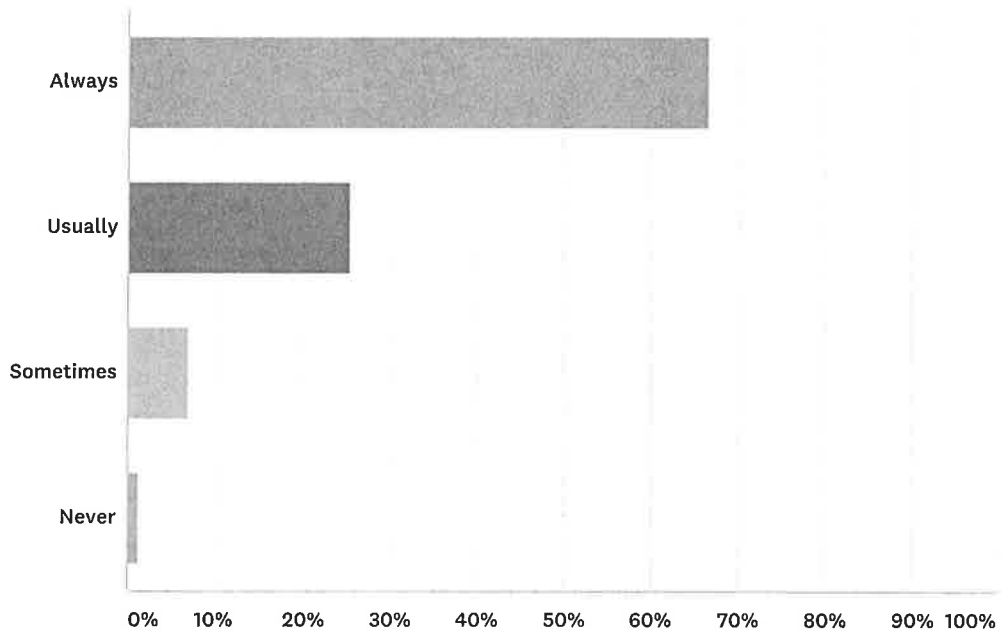
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	68.83%	817
Usually	25.70%	305
Sometimes	4.72%	56
Never	0.76%	9
TOTAL		1,187

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

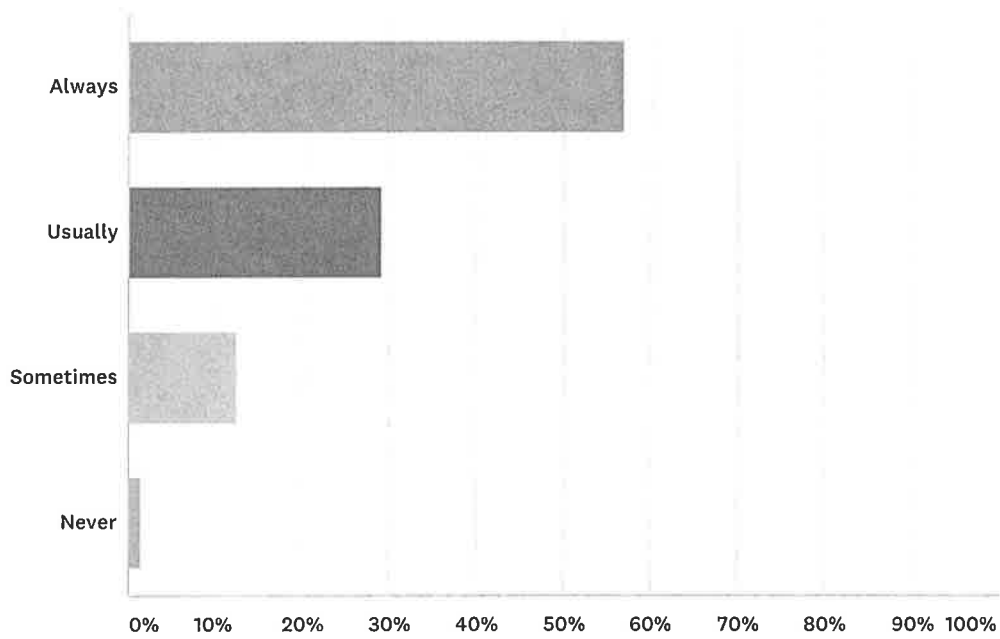
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	66.50%	790
Usually	25.34%	301
Sometimes	6.99%	83
Never	1.18%	14
TOTAL		1,188

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

Answered: 1,194 Skipped: 142



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	56.95%	680
Usually	29.06%	347
Sometimes	12.48%	149
Never	1.51%	18
TOTAL		1,194

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

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Calling when sick or not feeling well. And if Misbehaving.	12/21/2018 11:45 PM
2	I love the weekly end of the week school updates via email from Principal [REDACTED]	12/21/2018 11:37 PM
3	Seesaw communication from teacher to parents.	12/21/2018 10:58 PM
4	Different math groups	12/21/2018 10:56 PM
5	I have been impressed with Principal [REDACTED] When my son was having difficulty opening his locker during his first week of 7th grade, Principal [REDACTED] personally found his locker between classes to make sure he could get it open.	12/21/2018 10:28 PM
6	Our principal has done a lot to change the culture from the former one, and look forward to more progressive changes	12/21/2018 8:52 PM
7	Functions like daddy daughter dance and mother son game night	12/21/2018 7:53 PM
8	Music program	12/21/2018 6:40 PM
9	Community Involvement	12/21/2018 6:07 PM
10	Family activities such as reading night, pumpkin carving and open house. The kids are always so excited and proud to bring guests.	12/21/2018 5:27 PM
11	Administration pushing staff to excel. I know there has been resistance from union leadership but the great teachers claim it is all a ploy by aggressive union demands for not making changes to benefit children. Keep up good work staff.	12/21/2018 5:11 PM
12	Programs like SEL to help children learn to interact and work together.	12/21/2018 5:00 PM
13	District 58 has a good band program and encourages students to participate. I also appreciate the increase in PE time.	12/21/2018 4:16 PM
14	Please continue the curriculum improvements. It is so much better now than our first child entered the district 15 years ago. The last 5 or 6 years our family has seen tremendous growth in the curriculum particularly around differentiation. I love that we now have flexibility to allow students to excel above their grade level. Also to get help if they are struggling that has been the biggest improvement since our first child started 15 year ago.	12/21/2018 3:32 PM
15	I love the fact that the curriculum is varied enough so that children can be taught at various levels and not all treated the same. I LOVE curriculum. differentiation is awesome. Dr Cremescolli has done a fantastic job of moving the district forward despite some staff resistance.	12/21/2018 3:00 PM
16	Provides several extracurricular activities	12/21/2018 2:17 PM
17	Communication as far as what my children are learning has really improved this year. I feel much more informed.	12/21/2018 1:43 PM
18	The teachers are outstanding people. They truly care about every student.	12/21/2018 1:21 PM
19	We love the small size of the school and classes.	12/21/2018 12:58 PM
20	Student specific focus and communication to parents.	12/21/2018 12:52 PM
21	Enrichment programming	12/21/2018 12:49 PM
22	It's a great community at Kingsley, all the families look out for each other.	12/21/2018 12:41 PM
23	Seesaw is a wonderful tool! It is great to see day to day what is going on in the classroom or during specials.	12/21/2018 11:48 AM
24	Electronic communication	12/21/2018 11:33 AM

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25	Reading Club, allowing my son to be in a group with others of similar ability.	12/21/2018 11:08 AM
26	Continued updates on curriculum and students progress throughout year. More advanced classroom activities for children who are excelling through current curriculum.	12/21/2018 11:01 AM
27	Getting the parents involved and keeping learning fun for the children.	12/21/2018 10:58 AM
28	Break out reading sessions have greatly improved our child's development	12/21/2018 10:58 AM
29	Posting our childs' progress online.	12/21/2018 10:55 AM
30	Whittier does a great job communicating, educating, and nurturing the kids.	12/21/2018 10:51 AM
31	Communication with Parents	12/21/2018 10:50 AM
32	Communication via email is great	12/21/2018 10:41 AM
33	I think the attention the teachers give each individual student to ensure they are learning properly and understanding all the work is great.	12/21/2018 10:38 AM
34	The teachers are wonderful.	12/21/2018 10:37 AM
35	Helping students achieve the grade level math and language art with extra help	12/21/2018 10:37 AM
36	Provide fun opportunities for students.	12/21/2018 10:30 AM
37	The selection of books at the library is great. My child is always finding something new to make him more interested in reading.	12/21/2018 10:28 AM
38	Keep having conversations regarding school or dairy life he talks more.	12/21/2018 10:22 AM
39	Great music program/orchestra	12/21/2018 10:16 AM
40	Great atmosphere	12/21/2018 10:11 AM
41	Fostering community between grades with initiatives like the "Families" program, reading buddies, 1st graders giving rising K tours of their classroom, visiting other classrooms to present and more. Having a school community has helped my children feel connected and look forward to the challenges of the next year's grade. Mentoring younger kids has made them feel accomplished and proud.	12/21/2018 10:11 AM
42	██████████ ensures the school feels like a family. She pushes the teachers to improve and fosters our kids social and emotional needs. I am so impressed with her!	12/21/2018 9:48 AM
43	██████████ is the best thing to happen to Highland. She knows each student by name and I always feel I can go to her with any concerns I may have. She treats parents like friends and everyone I know feels comfortable with her. She's truly amazing.	12/21/2018 9:45 AM
44	The rigor of the curriculum. The mutual respect between staff and students.	12/21/2018 9:45 AM
45	Providing a multitude of family/community opportunities to support the school, district, and Downers Grove (PTA supported activities, DG downtown shopping days to support the schools, coordination with park district sports leagues, DG events that are communicated through schools, etc). The sense of community and engagement in our schools/district and town is great and helps foster an even greater investment in our community.	12/21/2018 9:34 AM
46	I appreciate all they do to recognize and support challenges just being in Jr. High. It's a really big transition.	12/21/2018 9:32 AM
47	I think that Herrick is a terrific school. I feel that my daughter is challenged academically, has lots of extracurricular activities, and is thriving, which is not necessarily always the case in middle school.	12/21/2018 9:30 AM
48	I like that Pierce Downer has small class sizes, especially in the lower grades.	12/21/2018 9:26 AM
49	The office staff and principal are superior! Do hope when it's time for another principal to hire another kind, compassionate seasoned vetran.	12/21/2018 9:17 AM
50	Teacher/Parent communication through the Seesaw app throughout the day is great! Even sending the teacher a quick question through the apps messenger always gets a quick response!	12/21/2018 9:16 AM
51	The assembly that they hold a few times through the year to go over respecting others and the rules they want them to follow on how to and how not to act towards others. No bullying ever allowed. It's nice to know a school doesn't handle this situation lightly.	12/21/2018 9:16 AM

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52	Promoting safety and anti bullying among students	12/21/2018 9:13 AM
53	I like the updates the school provides for all and any matter. It gives me a piece of mind.	12/21/2018 9:12 AM
54	High quality education.	12/21/2018 9:06 AM
55	Support to the teachers. Whittier has amazing teacher that implement many teaching styles to meet the needs of different learners.	12/21/2018 9:03 AM
56	Love the focus on organization, and SEL.	12/21/2018 9:03 AM
57	Connecting through Seesaw to get peeks into my child's day	12/21/2018 8:59 AM
58	The social emotional learning program is amazing. Students feel supported.	12/21/2018 8:59 AM
59	Communication with parents.	12/21/2018 8:58 AM
60	The teachers, principals and administrators do an excellent job of listening to and hearing parents!	12/21/2018 8:54 AM
61	I appreciate the frequent updates on my child's progress from his (and her) teacher. It is incredibly helpful to understand how they are tracking, and where we, as parents, need to add emphasis, before the end of the quarter! At our children's school in Iowa, it was really only at parent teacher conferences where we learned of struggles or situations where they were falling behind. All of our 3 children's teachers are very proactive and very communicative regarding progress. We live the progress report summaries that are attached to the tests or section summaries. Great vehicles of parent communication!	12/21/2018 8:52 AM
62	Daily sheets about how my child did in his class that day.	12/21/2018 8:51 AM
63	On-line access to grades, love that most teachers give a weekly or bimonthly synopsis of what is going on and being taught.	12/21/2018 8:51 AM
64	Focusing to the whole child instead of just teaching to the test	12/21/2018 8:49 AM
65	Weekly emails and using the seesaw application is great for communication.	12/21/2018 8:48 AM
66	Great that the district finally after 3 years got more teachers for the class that started in Kingsley with almost 30 kids in kindergarten. (Why does it take so long to make these decisions?)	12/21/2018 8:46 AM
67	Communication is very good at Fairmount!	12/21/2018 8:43 AM
68	Communication via seesaw, remind, etc.	12/21/2018 8:40 AM
69	Very family oriented. Welcoming to little siblings. Communicates well with weekly emails.	12/21/2018 8:40 AM
70	We have the best teachers thanks	12/21/2018 8:38 AM
71	I really like what my child is learning in all subjects, the lessons are not watered down.	12/21/2018 8:37 AM
72	Fantastic communication	12/21/2018 8:35 AM
73	Parent Communication	12/21/2018 8:28 AM
74	Learning Good.	12/21/2018 8:28 AM
75	The Be Fairmount/ Be You program a school has been a wonderful addition and give students positive reinforcement.	12/21/2018 8:28 AM
76	Communication is amazing !! Keep up the good work.	12/21/2018 8:17 AM
77	Recognition to students	12/21/2018 8:10 AM
78	Teachers interaction with the kids	12/21/2018 8:10 AM
79	Finnaly my child is advancing must of been the staffs from previous years	12/21/2018 8:10 AM
80	Interaction with kids is awesome. Positive approach towards kids.. Immediate and friendly response for any questions.	12/21/2018 8:06 AM
81	SEL. Benchmark curriculum.	12/21/2018 8:01 AM
82	Communications	12/21/2018 7:57 AM
83	The IEP system is very good.	12/21/2018 7:57 AM

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84	I absolutely love all the staff. They are very welcoming. They absolutely care for the child as well as the WHOLE family. They work their best to make things smooth for everyone. My children's 2 different teachers are very good with communication. They keep you updated. [REDACTED] is SO awesome with dealing with anything and everything thrown at her in advance or even last minute. [REDACTED] is also very accommodating and understanding of everyone's situations. I just absolutely love this school.	12/21/2018 7:56 AM
85	Good communication.	12/21/2018 7:55 AM
86	Communication about events and what is going on	12/21/2018 3:39 AM
87	Lots of updates	12/21/2018 1:09 AM
88	Celebrate and integrate with the community	12/21/2018 12:27 AM
89	Teachers and staff seem very enthusiastic.	12/20/2018 10:02 PM
90	Listen to the teachers.	12/20/2018 9:49 PM
91	Inviting atmosphere	12/20/2018 9:47 PM
92	PD families. Students from all grade levels meet together with a faculty member and discuss different things.	12/20/2018 8:49 PM
93	They should continue updating us on our kids' progress.	12/20/2018 6:42 PM
94	The principal is fabulous.	12/20/2018 4:38 PM
95	Enrichment opportunities, such as the accelerated math	12/20/2018 4:01 PM
96	Focus on movement every day, including going outside every day except for extreme conditions.	12/20/2018 2:43 PM
97	I have like I have a good communication system in place w my child's teacher	12/20/2018 2:11 PM
98	Making each child feel welcomed and worthy	12/20/2018 1:56 PM
99	Finding ways to engage parental involvement; encouraging students to respect one another; facilitating good communication	12/20/2018 1:35 PM
100	Communication is pretty good.	12/20/2018 1:04 PM
101	Growth mindset and teachers tailor instruction to an individual child's needs.	12/20/2018 12:52 PM
102	Safety is always a main concern of mine; Communication seems to be a bit better this year from the District, always has been consistent with our principal, so that's great; the extra day of PE was wonderful this year; [REDACTED] has been such a wonderful school and extremely welcoming, inviting community; Positive messages displayed in the building were an excellent way to start off the new year.	12/20/2018 12:38 PM
103	Music program, peer buddy.	12/20/2018 12:25 PM
104	Herrick: provides a good education	12/20/2018 12:01 PM
105	Whittier has a fantastic IEP team. They are not only a support system for the student but for the Parents as well. It will be something I will truly miss when my son leaves for Jr. High	12/20/2018 11:50 AM
106	Community Feel; Love/care for our kids	12/20/2018 11:49 AM
107	Diversified learning. It has to be so difficult for the teachers and staff, but I feel my kids benefit from it!	12/20/2018 11:41 AM
108	I love the themes every year, like "Choose Kind." I feel Whittier does a great job of providing reflection and opportunities to be kind. Anytime I've noted a concern, it gets addressed immediately.	12/20/2018 11:29 AM
109	Fantastic instruction and communication from staff. All around great job at Herrick!	12/20/2018 11:11 AM
110	Developing curriculum and keeping up to date with trends in learning	12/20/2018 11:09 AM
111	Weekly newsletters	12/20/2018 11:09 AM
112	Communication. My child's teacher and principal both do a good job communicating about school information. [REDACTED] does a great job keeping parents informed about District news through her newsletters and social media posts.	12/20/2018 10:32 AM
113	new to the area, don't have sufficient experience to share	12/20/2018 8:08 AM

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114	Discipline and focus for children is amazing.	12/20/2018 5:50 AM
115	Teacher/parent communication.	12/19/2018 9:45 PM
116	Great interaction with the students	12/19/2018 8:52 PM
117	Great communication by the principal	12/19/2018 8:48 PM
118	Progress Emails and information via the app showing daily activities.	12/19/2018 7:36 PM
119	Excellent communication from our son's teacher about what has been covered and what will be covered in the coming week.	12/19/2018 4:07 PM
120	HP is fantastic. All of the staff truly cares about each student! Our favorite thing the school does is give back to the community with gloves, hats and scarves around the holidays	12/19/2018 1:41 PM
121	The teachers are good at communicating with parents through various avenues like email, text, etc.	12/19/2018 1:35 PM
122	Support socio-emotional skills	12/19/2018 1:27 PM
123	I went to a executive functioning meeting and it was amazing. I would like more meetings like this.	12/19/2018 1:26 PM
124	My child is learning and practicing kindness everyday at school . I believe that's as important as learning math or any other topic. My child's classmates treat her better than most parents treat other parents, that's prove that her school is doing a great job teaching kindness and respecting diversity. I'm so grateful for this.	12/19/2018 11:58 AM
125	Allowing higher achieving students to be challenged via tougher course work or 'leveling up' in selected subjects.	12/19/2018 11:51 AM
126	Teachers' emails regard the weekly agenda.	12/19/2018 10:48 AM
127	Celebrating differences and learning abilities! Being a welcoming, caring environment	12/19/2018 10:45 AM
128	Care of our students.	12/19/2018 10:44 AM
129	Hiring high quality teachers. Can't do anything without them.	12/19/2018 10:27 AM
130	It seems the district is making changes for the better with the reading curriculum and hopefully math will come soon.	12/19/2018 10:17 AM
131	My daughter is in Kindergarten and has shown incredible growth in her reading and comprehension. It is quite frankly very impressive.	12/19/2018 10:03 AM
132	Focus on students and staff	12/19/2018 10:00 AM
133	Making it a welcoming, supportive environment for ALL- supporting the mission of "choose kind"	12/19/2018 9:29 AM
134	Just keep going	12/19/2018 9:15 AM
135	Social/emotional curriculum. 2 recesses in elementary school. Whole child development	12/19/2018 9:12 AM
136	Good communication	12/19/2018 8:50 AM
137	Overall the communication is good.	12/19/2018 8:43 AM
138	The communications from the teachers and preschool staff is superb, and I appreciate the volunteer opportunities in the classroom.	12/19/2018 8:35 AM
139	District and school do a superb job communicating to families about what's going on.	12/19/2018 8:31 AM
140	This is a fantastic place to send our kids to school. I am proud of the district's commitment to the learning of my son as evidenced by my school's (and many other schools') recent recognition as being exemplary when compared to the rest of the schools in the state.	12/19/2018 8:13 AM
141	I like that the kids have music and art and a challenging curriculum	12/19/2018 7:37 AM
142	They are fast in responding to e mails and phone calls	12/19/2018 7:19 AM
143	Hiring really good people and teachers to work at her school. Also making sure we receive information each month head of time.	12/19/2018 2:37 AM
144	Reminding us important information and making sure we know what's happening at school each month.	12/19/2018 2:30 AM
145	All the family involved activities	12/18/2018 11:07 PM

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146	Pushing kindness and acceptance of their peers.	12/18/2018 10:45 PM
147	Curriculum.	12/18/2018 10:16 PM
148	Programs and after school activities	12/18/2018 10:08 PM
149	My child's teachers have ALL been positive about his learning.	12/18/2018 9:55 PM
150	Effective communication. Holiday parties,Camp Edwards, band/Orchestra	12/18/2018 9:51 PM
151	Continue being so welcoming and helpful!	12/18/2018 9:33 PM
152	Communication	12/18/2018 9:00 PM
153	SEL	12/18/2018 8:54 PM
154	I like the watch DOGS program and puffer families because it brings the kids together and creates a community across all grade levels.	12/18/2018 8:43 PM
155	Communication from principal, care for students well being	12/18/2018 8:11 PM
156	Parent/Teacher involvement and communication.	12/18/2018 7:40 PM
157	Text alerts/reminders about homework and events & weekly emailing updates	12/18/2018 6:56 PM
158	Social Emotional Learning	12/18/2018 6:46 PM
159	Social Emotional Learning	12/18/2018 6:44 PM
160	Gifted programs	12/18/2018 6:31 PM
161	Teacher updates on what is happening in the classroom	12/18/2018 5:41 PM
162	Great 1st grade staff.	12/18/2018 5:23 PM
163	More specialists to deal with learning behaviors and at risk kids.	12/18/2018 5:14 PM
164	My son hates going to school, and hates his classroom because his teacher groups the punishment to ALL the kids in the classroom, and not just punish the bad kids. Even the good kids get punished. This is extremely frustrating to him, and to me as a parent. My son is a rule follower, and his constantly stressed out because he knows, today is another day he will get in trouble because of the bad kids. The teachers know who the bad kids are, but rely on the other kids to make the bad kids behave. That is wrong. That is the teachers job, not my sons. My son is a good kid, and does not deserve to be punished for things he didn't do. It breaks my heart knowing he goes to school every day miserable because of this. It has gotten to the point where I'm starting to look at other schools. This has been an ongoing problem, year after year. Why don't teachers just punish the bad kids? The bad kids don't care if they get in trouble and could care less about getting the class in trouble. The good kids do care.	12/18/2018 5:05 PM
165	Social-emotional learning is valued	12/18/2018 4:58 PM
166	Communication	12/18/2018 4:56 PM
167	Engagement.	12/18/2018 4:48 PM
168	My daughter is doing so well in reading because of the small groups. I appreciate that it has fostered a love for reading.	12/18/2018 4:32 PM
169	Math curriculum. Caring teachers. Wonderful office staff ([REDACTED] !)	12/18/2018 4:09 PM
170	Understands the needs of middle school students.	12/18/2018 4:01 PM
171	The buddy bench and teaching kindness!!	12/18/2018 4:00 PM
172	Community events that involve school staff, students, and their families	12/18/2018 3:40 PM
173	Communicates well with parents.	12/18/2018 3:28 PM
174	herrick is a fabulous school. model the success here in the grade schools especially how they deal with issues and bullying.	12/18/2018 3:21 PM
175	I feel like they take care of the students	12/18/2018 3:05 PM
176	3 gym sessions per week for older students, at least 2 recesses, always get a response when I reach out on behalf of my child, overall positive environment. Families program has seemed to be really positive for my child.	12/18/2018 3:02 PM

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177	they do a great job ignoring bullying and a wonderful job letting kids who need discipline move along to something else without ever addressing it.	12/18/2018 3:00 PM
178	communication via Seesaw.	12/18/2018 3:00 PM
179	Email communications via district, principal, and PTA	12/18/2018 2:48 PM
180	Weekly email updates from ██████████ are great!!! Appreciate these!	12/18/2018 2:47 PM
181	They teach social aspects along with academic. I appreciate that they do not fully teach to a test and they really look for areas to challenge or focus on and to continue to grow.	12/18/2018 2:44 PM
182	Teaching across cultures and genders and encouraging kids to see everyone the same	12/18/2018 2:42 PM
183	The music program is excellent and are a benefit to the students education	12/18/2018 2:33 PM
184	Academics and social emotional programs are strong	12/18/2018 2:32 PM
185	Send personalized handwritten notes to be signed by the parent of a problem student after homework completion.	12/18/2018 2:27 PM
186	Seesaw app is a great tool for communication	12/18/2018 2:24 PM
187	Social Emotional curriculum and strategies	12/18/2018 2:22 PM
188	Parent involvement	12/18/2018 2:21 PM
189	The teachers at Henry Puffer at top and really care about their students.	12/18/2018 2:21 PM
190	Ways for the parents to be involved in their child's learning. ie. volunteer opportunities	12/18/2018 2:21 PM
191	I love the organization and structure of the school- especially considering many classes are at capacity. People are welcoming when I'm there, the technology is impressive, the lessons are great, my daughter is happy there. They've fostered a sense of community well.	12/18/2018 2:00 PM
192	I really like the use of Seesaw. It's the highlight of my day to see new messages pop up!	12/18/2018 1:59 PM
193	Involving parents during classroom activities.	12/18/2018 1:56 PM
194	Kingsley administration has improved its parent communication and presence. It has been a very welcomed change.	12/18/2018 1:55 PM
195	The Champion program is fantastic and so is Seesaw.	12/18/2018 1:54 PM
196	I like the Lester Families and the Reading Buddies programs.	12/18/2018 1:54 PM
197	Seesaw	12/18/2018 1:44 PM
198	Working on character development.	12/18/2018 1:42 PM
199	Sustain the communication back to the home through apps like Seesaw and Twitter, this is a great window into what the children are doing in the classroom. The teacher/principal involvement in the PTA is outstanding and shows a strong spirit of partnering.	12/18/2018 1:40 PM
200	Confusing in beginning of survey we are directed to answer questions only about school and now asking about District and/or school? I think for both - communication to parents is very positive and plentiful!	12/18/2018 1:38 PM
201	I love the constant communication our teach has established through Class dojo and Seesaw.i feel i am part of my child's day, and know what she is doing.	12/18/2018 1:35 PM
202	Many resources for kids who struggle.	12/18/2018 1:30 PM
203	Kids like field day	12/18/2018 1:29 PM
204	Making my child feel valued and easy access to the counselor.	12/18/2018 1:28 PM
205	It is a very welcoming environment for the children and parents. We love the "families" program within the school and our kids look forward to the special days their "families" meet.	12/18/2018 1:28 PM
206	I love how the school encourages students to be their best. I am very grateful for the school that gave my daughter enough time to heal when she got sick and absent days did not count against her.	12/18/2018 1:26 PM
207	The leadership and classroom staff at Hillcrest is absolutely amazing. They have always treated my son as an individual instead of just a number. They demonstrate a genuinely caring approach on a consistent basis. I have always felt comfortable, and right at home at Hillcrest	12/18/2018 1:26 PM

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208	The teachers care, but are not given the support that they need. 28 young children in one class, with SHARED aides. Unacceptable. My children come home discussing all the disciplinary issues, with this many children in one class, and not enough support.	12/18/2018 1:07 PM
209	Over communication vs under communication	12/18/2018 1:05 PM
210	Keeps the children safe and parents well informed	12/18/2018 12:58 PM
211	SeeSaw is great and the school does a great job at setting reminders for school fundraisers.	12/18/2018 12:56 PM
212	The Lester Fun Run and similar family events.	12/18/2018 12:52 PM
213	teaching students in accordance of their aptitude.	12/18/2018 12:49 PM
214	My students have and continue to receive a quality education. They definitely could be pushed more but in general, we're very satisfied with the education our students receive. We also appreciate the the district ensures that art, music and PE are offered to students as though this isn't reflected directly in test scores, there is great importance in keeping these essential components part of the school day.	12/18/2018 12:49 PM
215	There are many opportunities for enrichment and fun for the students.	12/18/2018 12:48 PM
216	Great community feeling	12/18/2018 12:47 PM
217	Continue to encourage parental involvement	12/18/2018 12:46 PM
218	Encouraging communication between both the educational staff, families and students.	12/18/2018 12:45 PM
219	I think communication is very good. It's received from the district, the school/principal, classroom teachers & PTA.	12/18/2018 12:44 PM
220	The district 58 website is a very useful tool that provides meaningful information and data.	12/18/2018 12:41 PM
221	The overall environment is supportive and positive -- building, people, activities.	12/18/2018 12:41 PM
222	Sunday emailed communicated about the overall happenings for the week	12/18/2018 12:40 PM
223	Open communication between parent and teacher.	12/18/2018 12:39 PM
224	N/A	12/18/2018 12:39 PM
225	The communication is really good for district and school-wide information. The staff really seems to take an interest in my child and they diagnose issues. In the early grades, they are great at intervening to get extra help, for example, learning to read.	12/18/2018 12:38 PM
226	Creating more labs and hands on opportunities for my child to learn.	12/18/2018 12:38 PM
227	Academics.	12/18/2018 12:36 PM
228	Newsletters home. Teacher emails home. ██████████ is very good at keeping parents in the loop. ██████████ is not	12/18/2018 12:35 PM
229	Fostering development of the whole child. This is clear from intake into a new classroom, communication at conferences and in the report card. Academic and SEL progress and goals were considered.	12/18/2018 12:35 PM
230	Great staff - great principal	12/18/2018 12:30 PM
231	Hiring great teachers	12/18/2018 12:30 PM
232	The communication exelente!	12/18/2018 12:30 PM
233	I very much appreciate the abundance of communication that I receive from the school/district..	12/18/2018 12:28 PM
234	Great Teachers - Great principal - great school	12/18/2018 12:28 PM
235	arts, music, language, social studies programs	12/18/2018 12:28 PM
236	Great Communication	12/18/2018 12:25 PM
237	I love the different ways for kids to learn and that the school encourages them to learn at their own comfort level	12/18/2018 12:24 PM
238	Organized events outside the academics of school. Fun runs, holiday shop, movie events etc.	12/18/2018 12:23 PM
239	Plenty of emails from individual teachers about what my child is doing in school	12/17/2018 11:55 PM

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240	Love the positive, inclusive environment. [REDACTED] is super involved with her students and seems to really support her staff. Those are key factors in creating a welcoming and happy school!	12/17/2018 10:33 PM
241	The Seesaw app	12/17/2018 1:43 PM
242	Seesaw updates	12/17/2018 12:11 PM
243	Online scheduling of conferences.	12/17/2018 11:51 AM
244	Opportunity for parent teacher conferences twice a year	12/16/2018 11:29 PM
245	Provides opportunity for parents to meet with teachers as needed	12/16/2018 11:25 PM
246	PD families- great way to get the whole school connected.	12/16/2018 10:31 PM
247	Weekly emails containing links fore more info.	12/16/2018 8:41 PM
248	Cleanliness	12/16/2018 8:06 PM
249	I appreciate how the PTA does so many family events at out school.	12/15/2018 11:41 AM
250	Our school does parent involvement and opportunities for parents and teachers to communicate easily and safely for the good of their child/student.	12/15/2018 1:49 AM
251	Providing dates for school closures way in advance to give us extra time to find care.	12/14/2018 10:31 PM
252	Keep spreading inaccurate inforati	12/14/2018 10:06 PM
253	Individualizes instruction	12/14/2018 9:46 PM
254	Good communication with seesaw app for kindergarten.	12/14/2018 7:04 PM
255	Many events outside of school for kids and parents to attend.	12/14/2018 12:36 PM
256	Overall I feel my children are getting a great education.	12/14/2018 12:07 PM
257	Open communication	12/14/2018 11:40 AM
258	Overall, the teacher's hired by the district are fantastic.	12/14/2018 10:27 AM
259	Fairmount does a great job at providing the kids with a loving environment to learn. I feel really good about the quality of their education.	12/14/2018 9:02 AM
260	A good sense of community.	12/14/2018 8:57 AM
261	I am so disappointed in this school. I feel they are letting my child down and assisting her in failure vs helping her to succeed. She is struggling, I have asked for help repeatedly and not getting anywhere. So incredibly sad!	12/14/2018 12:31 AM
262	Teacher communication via emails that explain what the students are working on and what tests/projects are upcoming	12/13/2018 10:32 PM
263	The school culture is amazing & my son loves his school family	12/13/2018 10:31 PM
264	Parent involvement and family atmosphere.	12/13/2018 9:29 PM
265	Keep training the teachers they are all really awesome	12/13/2018 9:28 PM
266	The teachers are amazing about communicating with parents about what the kids are working on, and they are so caring and supportive of my daughter.	12/13/2018 7:40 PM
267	SEL	12/13/2018 6:16 PM
268	Teachers are always very encouraging	12/13/2018 5:36 PM
269	[REDACTED] does a phenominal job of making all students feel welcome and part of a larger family.	12/13/2018 4:59 PM
270	Watch Dog Wednesdays	12/13/2018 4:29 PM
271	District 58 has provided great supports for both of my children. I appreciate the communication I receive from all teachers and staff. We are very happy that we are part of the El Sierra family.	12/13/2018 4:14 PM
272	District 58 is fantastic overall, however O'neill middle school is not.	12/13/2018 4:13 PM
273	parent school communication	12/13/2018 3:46 PM

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274	Communication from O'Neill Middle School via email, especially the weekly updates from [REDACTED]	12/12/2018 11:42 PM
275	Eblasts weekly from asst principal	12/12/2018 8:22 PM
276	Communication with parents	12/12/2018 7:52 PM
277	many opportunities for student and family involvement.	12/12/2018 5:58 PM
278	There is a lot of information given that helps parents see the progress of the child.	12/12/2018 5:31 PM
279	Great after school activities.!	12/12/2018 12:54 PM
280	The two principals at [REDACTED] are energetic, hard working, and friendly and welcoming.	12/12/2018 12:38 PM
281	Good communication, PowerSchool site is easy and useful	12/12/2018 12:32 PM
282	O'Neill teachers/counselors are great at corresponding with parents. They are all very quick to respond to an email or phone call.	12/12/2018 12:27 PM
283	Parent communication is good. Learning expectations are clearly set.	12/12/2018 11:45 AM
284	Communication	12/12/2018 11:27 AM
285	Sense of community	12/12/2018 10:58 AM
286	communication with parents	12/12/2018 10:38 AM
287	Communication	12/12/2018 10:10 AM
288	Updating online grades/work; weekly emails	12/12/2018 9:47 AM
289	Student Enagement, opportunities for kids to interact with others in the school. Both at their age level and above.	12/12/2018 9:47 AM
290	Great communication	12/12/2018 9:25 AM
291	All good	12/12/2018 9:22 AM
292	The new folder system is very helpful for organizational skills and I would like to see this continue.	12/12/2018 9:22 AM
293	I really appreciate the use of SQUIRREL to look up testing results.	12/11/2018 7:24 PM
294	My kids' teachers have been phenomenal- caring and always going above and beyond.	12/10/2018 9:24 PM
295	VIP day, mystery reader. We have an excellent very involved school secretary.	12/10/2018 8:37 PM
296	Hard to pick . In like it all.	12/10/2018 5:04 PM
297	Teaching growth mindset, families lessons	12/10/2018 1:28 PM
298	Overall I'm happy with my children's teachers and educational experience. Their school is a wonderful community of families.	12/10/2018 12:23 PM
299	Henry Puffer has always done a great job of empowering the intermediate grade level students to be positive role models for younger students through Student Council, Safety Patrol & Earth Club Ambassadors. This also strengthens the sense of community within Henry Puffer. The recent addition of Puffer Families has reinforced this as well.	12/9/2018 7:47 PM
300	weekly communication via email	12/9/2018 6:35 PM
301	We have a lot of great teachers!	12/9/2018 6:34 PM
302	LOVE the weekly note from principal, plus the kind notes highlighting my child.	12/8/2018 9:23 PM
303	fast response times, always quality information, whether one-on-one, classroom or school as a whole	12/8/2018 3:02 PM
304	Seesaw consistency	12/6/2018 8:05 PM
305	I love the weekly email updates that [REDACTED] principal sends out every week. I have been a part of [REDACTED] for over 9 years and this is the first time we have had a principal do this.	12/6/2018 3:58 PM
306	Nothing really stands out, sorry.	12/6/2018 9:56 AM
307	Finally streamlining communications. Like that we only have to use 1 app for notifications from teachers (seesaw). Improved communication from the principal.	12/6/2018 7:12 AM

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308	Offers additional learning resources for struggling readers	12/5/2018 11:02 PM
309	District 58 has a good summer school program that reingages students and fosters summer learning. Belle Aire has been very welcoming and communicates information well to parents through numerous platforms.	12/5/2018 8:55 PM
310	communicate 58 e-flyers	12/5/2018 4:23 PM
311	Excellent reading program, love small group learning	12/5/2018 1:43 PM
312	The teachers, staff and principal are great, they are engaging and a pleasure to work with.	12/5/2018 10:31 AM
313	I'm a kindergarten parent, so new to the district. I really appreciate that [REDACTED], sends out a weekly email AND that both of my child's teachers (K and OKEEP) send out regular weekly emails. It helps me feel connected to what's going on and have an understanding of what my child is doing and learning, and what the school is up to. I love the Seesaw app, and wish I could also be added to an OKEEP section (I think we are one of only a handful of families whose kid is in one class in the morning, and then switches to another for OKEEP. At first I was really concerned about this setup, but there haven't been any issues and both K teachers are awesome and responsive.)	12/5/2018 9:30 AM
314	First year parent/student so just learning the structure right now.	12/5/2018 9:12 AM
315	The teachers at the school always respond to my emails and concerns on a timely manner. They also initiate conversations with me to let me know how my son is doing in school so we can work together to help him grow.	12/5/2018 8:49 AM
316	At [REDACTED] the principle and secretary know every child's name, it is so important in creating a welcoming and trusting environment. My child has access to a reading specialist that has significantly helped that resource and the LRC resources are imperative to student literacy.	12/5/2018 12:23 AM
317	Henry Puffer has an excellent community and the inclusiveness there is second to none. The diversity is paramount for living in downers grove and we love that our children are exposed to that, even though the school tends to be frowned upon by neighboring schools and realtors.	12/5/2018 12:17 AM
318	The nurses are wonderful.	12/4/2018 10:34 PM
319	Teaching kindness, the whole package of being a good person.	12/4/2018 10:21 PM
320	Great school spirit,	12/4/2018 9:23 PM
321	Highlight the successes and great teamwork.	12/4/2018 7:37 PM
322	School is great with communicating and keeping parents informed	12/4/2018 7:25 PM
323	The communication from the teachers, welcoming parent involvement, allowing the LRC to have parent volunteers, and the kids love their teachers and feel loved by their teachers.	12/4/2018 5:59 PM
324	We love our child's teachers!	12/4/2018 5:27 PM
325	Sending emails	12/4/2018 5:27 PM
326	My children's classroom teachers this year do a great job of communicating with parents.	12/4/2018 5:03 PM
327	Communication with parents	12/4/2018 3:26 PM
328	We love having the smaller class sizes and the open concept has given our girls amazing focus. We attend open houses and most of the PTA events. [REDACTED] is amazing- caring, accessible and honest.	12/4/2018 3:02 PM
329	Class Dojo	12/4/2018 2:53 PM
330	This year my children are in kindergarten and 4th grade and the difference between the communication between both teachers this year and the teacher my oldest had last year is significant. I get weekly updates from my kindergartener's teacher with what they did, what they will be doing, and what I can keep an eye out for in the take home folder. That communication is invaluable when my own children can struggle to communicate clearly what they are doing or what they might need help with. I also feel like the teachers this year have been incredibly responsive to the individual needs of my students (very different than last year) and challenge and support them where appropriate. I also appreciate the regular communication from the principal.	12/4/2018 9:15 AM
331	Communication	12/3/2018 7:49 PM

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332	I appreciate the emails and newsletters [REDACTED] sends out. Clear, simple, and engaging; great for a working mom. I also follow the District 58 Facebook page and enjoy learning what's happening in DG schools there.	12/3/2018 4:40 PM
333	The opportunities for parent involvement is awesome.	12/3/2018 12:09 PM
334	I like the middle school math classes. There are enough different levels that students can be challenged. I also like that the math curriculum is challenging and that students are given homework to practice. The middle school reading and ELA classes have also been great! My child has completed a lot of writing this year and I feel like he is being challenged at the right level with his work. I like the principal's weekly messages, and the teachers are very good about updating the gradebook. Overall, the teachers are outstanding, and my child feels cared for, challenged and supported while at school. I also really like the district communication and appreciate all of the work that has been done on the curriculum over the years. I was very happy to see the test scores improve, and like the work that is being done by the district. Keep up the good work.	12/2/2018 10:50 PM
335	Great work helping all students to learn! I appreciate how much the teachers and principals communicate, and I know that my child is well cared for and loved while at school. I was happy to see the state testing scores increase because I feel like [REDACTED] is a great school and it now shows. The teachers are outstanding, and we have had especially good experiences in 4th and 5th grade! We also really like the communication from the teachers and the principal. Overall, great job!	12/2/2018 10:40 PM
336	Safety instruction	12/2/2018 7:32 PM
337	Communications from principal is great.	12/2/2018 7:30 PM
338	Communication with principal and system to check my child's grades and progress in all classes is great.	12/2/2018 7:26 PM
339	The communication between the staff and parents.	12/2/2018 3:45 PM
340	Communication.	12/2/2018 3:45 PM
341	Communication	12/2/2018 8:24 AM
342	I enjoy the weekly emails that [REDACTED] sends out, that keep parents in the loop!	11/29/2018 4:29 PM
343	Herrick does a great job keeping parents in the loop by [REDACTED] sending his weekly emails. I appreciate the pictures being included as well! District 58 has done a great job improving communication with parents via emails, Facebook posts and Twitter.	11/29/2018 4:25 PM
344	teaching the whole child in every area, academic and social	11/29/2018 10:22 AM
345	Communication	11/27/2018 11:58 AM
346	Principal [REDACTED] is a great communicator with the parents. I appreciate his information, updates and feedback.	11/27/2018 11:27 AM
347	Great communication between school and home! Thanks!	11/26/2018 12:27 PM
348	High quality instructors/teachers	11/26/2018 12:23 PM
349	Parent inclusion in activities is very high. Watch Dogs program is a great addition. I feel like they are always looking for ways to get parents more involved. Also, the Camp Edwards trip is phenomenal. Such a unique coming of age experience which the school/district provide.	11/26/2018 10:39 AM
350	I like the rotation through the electives. I don't feel like there is anything my child is missing out on academically.	11/25/2018 10:17 PM
351	PowerSchool seems to be updated regularly	11/25/2018 8:11 PM
352	We like the new benchmark program it seems to foster critical thinking.	11/25/2018 7:23 PM
353	Communication about my child's development is good.	11/25/2018 11:42 AM
354	Communication has been very good. I feel informed by my child's teacher as well as the Lester PTA.	11/20/2018 3:03 PM
355	Showing personalized care for each individual student.	11/20/2018 10:04 AM
356	I really love all the activities they plan for families and for those families to get together with each other/teachers/people from the school.	11/19/2018 9:39 PM
357	Putting the care for students above all else. It is also a very supportive community.	11/19/2018 5:11 PM

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358	Allowing students to learn at their level and not forcing them into one learning level based only on grade level. If they excel in one subject they are allowed to learn up a level and not have to be advanced in all subjects. That is wonderful even if ██████████ does not like it as he told us at conferences.	11/19/2018 2:16 PM
359	Continue to encourage kids to do well, socially, emotionally.	11/19/2018 10:49 AM
360	happy, friendly school environment	11/19/2018 7:35 AM
361	I really like the PD families program and I like how the students go back and visit their previous year's teacher on the first day of school. Things like this make my child feel secure.	11/18/2018 9:20 PM
362	Connecting younger students with older students. Great for encouraging each other and building confidence within their relationships.	11/18/2018 8:13 PM
363	Quick to act if there are academic problems.	11/17/2018 11:05 PM
364	The families program that allows kids to meet students from other grade levels	11/17/2018 9:06 PM
365	I like the giving we do at our school, i.e., donations for turkey day, collecting money on hat day, etc. I think it's important to teach the children there are others less fortunate.	11/17/2018 2:20 PM
366	I believe that no matter what the test scores are saying, our children are receiving a quality education from qualified and caring teachers. Please continue to take care of the teachers and educators who are doing so much to support our children and community.	11/17/2018 2:07 PM
367	Community involvement, communication with parents, ELA, outside time, PT, music program, extend program, special services.	11/17/2018 10:09 AM
368	You're doing great work!	11/17/2018 6:36 AM
369	Communication is great keep it up	11/16/2018 11:30 AM
370	I think our school does a fantastic job of relating to each child in a way that's best for him or her. I'm impressed with how well my children's teachers know and understand them.	11/15/2018 5:01 PM
371	██████████ does an excellent job with her students and I love her use of the seesaw app.	11/15/2018 3:35 PM
372	My twins are in 1st grade and the quality/passion of their teachers so far has been outstanding.	11/15/2018 3:27 PM
373	Fairmount does a great job of caring for our children and creating a warm, caring environment for them to learn. The school also does a great job of communicating with parents. For example, things like posting classroom activities on Twitter and Seesaw help to give us a glimpse of our children's days and gives us an opportunity to talk with them. The Week "End" Report from ██████████ and the Falcon Flyer from the PTA are great ways to let parents know what's happening.	11/15/2018 2:57 PM
374	Community feel. Teacher and parent communication. Teaching children on an individual level.	11/15/2018 2:42 PM
375	My son has been transferred from two different schools before finding a home at Pierce. I have never seen such an amazing staff and group of teachers to help my son improve not only at his schoolwork but confidence. My son has really struggled with reading and math but the amount of support from everyone to help him improve has been honestly remarkable. From '██████████' to ██████████ this year, you have helped my son tremendously and have never given up on him. As a working parent my gratitude or much appreciation can be expressed enough.	11/15/2018 2:33 PM
376	Ongoing communication with parents, whether it's with Seesaw or other means	11/15/2018 2:03 PM
377	Security	11/15/2018 12:35 PM
378	Watchdogs	11/15/2018 12:33 PM
379	I think the teachers and students are empowered with the tools and resources they need to teach and learn to the best of their abilities.	11/15/2018 10:39 AM
380	Encouraging parents to be partners in their children's education	11/15/2018 6:24 AM
381	Hiring great teachers. My kid loves the coding classes. Please start it up again.	11/15/2018 1:48 AM
382	Teachers are amazing! Great job hiring. Love the new Benchmark program	11/14/2018 6:01 PM
383	██████████ is an exceptional principal and we truly value him. Our children love going to school and have nothing but positive things to say about it.	11/14/2018 4:11 PM
384	teaching kindness	11/14/2018 12:12 PM

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385	Hillcrest is a very open and welcoming school. It is a bright, happy place to learn. The teachers are supportive of students and each other. Additional activities are plentiful and wide ranging.	11/14/2018 8:48 AM
386	D58 creates a community feel among the schools in the D58. El Sierra is amazing at creating a school community.	11/14/2018 7:09 AM
387	Inclusion of all kids to participate in activities	11/13/2018 6:14 PM
388	Continue open communication between parents and faculty and staff.	11/13/2018 5:09 PM
389	My children feel cared for and special at school, and I am grateful for that.	11/13/2018 3:30 PM
390	Our new principal, ██████████ is fantastic! She sends weekly emails and is so welcoming to parents. I feel the atmosphere is more welcoming for parents since she became principal. Our PTA is great - always getting us the information we need. I'm happy that there is an increase in Art for the younger grades - tho I wish it was offered to all K-6th grade students.	11/13/2018 2:53 PM
391	The intense involvement that entire staff has with the children is awesome.	11/13/2018 2:47 PM
392	There is good communication from majority of the teachers.	11/13/2018 2:26 PM
393	Supporting students' social/emotional development, as well as academic development.	11/13/2018 1:41 PM
394	My family has fallen on hard times and ██████████ and ██████████, along with many teachers at Lester have had our backs. I could not be more happy with their willingness to be reachable and helpful to my family. Also, the emotional support my kids have received through the administrators, teachers and ██████████ has been amazing. I am proud of the school my kids go to and thankful for the support they receive outside of their regular education there.	11/13/2018 10:51 AM
395	Teacher to parent communication about events, activities, school work.	11/13/2018 10:20 AM
396	Keep using apps like class dojo and seesaw to allow parents to see what's happening in the classroom. It's been great this year!	11/13/2018 9:23 AM
397	Kingsley has a great PTA. The Kingsley administration seems to be very supportive of them.	11/13/2018 9:16 AM
398	social/emotional development	11/12/2018 10:50 PM
399	Communication with parents is excellent	11/12/2018 8:38 PM
400	Communication through email and the Seesaw app.	11/12/2018 7:02 PM
401	I liked to see PE expanded. Teachers are very open to communication with parents. The Principal knows children and their parents.	11/12/2018 6:14 PM
402	The DLP program is fabulous. The teachers are caring, enthusiastic, and innovative. I have been blown away by their ability to address such a wide range of needs. Support staff (speech therapists, especially) are also amazing.	11/12/2018 2:06 PM
403	social emotional learning--very good program and implemented nicely at school	11/12/2018 2:00 PM
404	The teachers so far at my school have been really good. The communication from teachers and the principal is also very good.	11/12/2018 2:00 PM
405	School communication to parents is consistent and complete.	11/12/2018 12:49 PM
406	Small, welcoming school, friendly staff.	11/12/2018 12:31 PM
407	The school has such a great sense of community - from academics and teaching to parent involvement/PTA events, and extracurricular activities. Our family has been welcomed from the start and our daughter is thriving socially and academically.	11/12/2018 10:08 AM
408	Communication is great from Fairmount, district 58 and the PTA, please continue that.	11/12/2018 9:44 AM
409	Use of electronic tools / technology	11/12/2018 1:13 AM
410	I think the school has made great strides in communicating with parents.	11/11/2018 11:39 PM
411	Consistent email communication from admin staff and teachers are timely and informative.	11/11/2018 11:15 PM
412	The principal is very involved and proactive in support of academia achievement. I am very happy to have such a wonderful principal.	11/11/2018 10:27 PM
413	Music program	11/11/2018 9:09 PM

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414	The use of the app Seesaw. It is nice to get an insight of the classroom activities the children are doing. The kindergarten teacher almost posts pictures and videos everyday. Also the weekly communication from the principal as well as the email blasts from the teacher keeps us informed of what the children has learned and what to expect in the following week.	11/11/2018 8:58 PM
415	great school, love that they go outside a lot !	11/11/2018 8:14 PM
416	The communication at Belle Aire is excellent. Very happy with the school.	11/11/2018 8:11 PM
417	not sure only been there 3 months, so far so good	11/11/2018 8:09 PM
418	The weekly emails are helpful.	11/11/2018 8:08 PM
419	I like how they foster working in teams and collaborating. PD families is a great program.	11/11/2018 7:59 PM
420	Like the online portal for parents.	11/11/2018 7:30 PM
421	Provide challenges for kids that need them even if beyond grade level	11/11/2018 7:29 PM
422	Good communication	11/11/2018 7:28 PM
423	Hiring good teachers.	11/11/2018 7:07 PM
424	I like that we use the Seesaw app to get updates about what my child is doing in the classroom daily.	11/11/2018 6:34 PM
425	I am pleasantly surprised at how great the new Ipad's with the keyboards have been for our 6th grade child. The keyboard option has greatly improved the utility of the device and applications for the classroom. I would still think the district should consider Chromebooks for the 6th grade students.	11/11/2018 6:14 PM
426	I appreciate O'Neill's Senator Speaker. It really keeps me up to date on what is happening in a quick way. The teachers are great at this school!!	11/11/2018 6:10 PM
427	streamlining curriculum and implementing common core aligned curriculum with integrity; making my children feel important and heard while teaching the whole child and supporting our efforts from home to raise good people	11/11/2018 5:12 PM
428	I love the 1st / 5th buddy program and OAV.	11/11/2018 4:57 PM
429	Great communication	11/11/2018 1:16 PM
430	I like the Lester families that they have established. It seems that it fosters a sense of belonging.	11/11/2018 11:57 AM
431	Staying on top of the latest teaching methods and government encouraged and or require testing.	11/11/2018 11:19 AM
432	Engaging parents	11/11/2018 9:16 AM
433	Excellent communication by principal to parents.	11/11/2018 7:21 AM
434	I enjoy the weekly emails from the teachers and principal	11/10/2018 10:53 PM
435	The new language arts curriculum is fantastic. I only wish my child could have had it years earlier!	11/10/2018 10:32 PM
436	Fairmount has been wonderful. The faculty knew my son right away and he felt comfortable very quickly.	11/10/2018 9:50 PM
437	District 58 meets my child where each of them are and helps them progress from there.	11/10/2018 8:16 PM
438	The teachers are great and I love the open atmosphere of learning. I want the principle and teachers to stay for the next 2 years until my kids are done there. Keep the after school program.	11/10/2018 7:13 PM
439	Nothing. Everything is going well.	11/10/2018 5:46 PM
440	Quality education in all areas. Safety.	11/10/2018 5:42 PM
441	admin communication is good	11/10/2018 4:41 PM
442	good teachers	11/10/2018 3:17 PM
443	I really appreciate how caring the staff is at Highland.	11/10/2018 1:15 PM
444	High quality teachers make a huge difference. ██████████ is a great example.	11/10/2018 12:36 PM
445	I like the various communication avenues through newsletters, seesaw, and squirrel58. The curriculum is well-rounded and focuses on a variety of different skills in new ways.	11/10/2018 8:59 AM

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446	Demonstrate compassion for all children.	11/10/2018 6:34 AM
447	They make new families feel very welcome. My child is receiving a quality education.	11/9/2018 11:21 PM
448	Fosters great relationships between all grades at the school. "Buddies " and "Highland families" are great programs.	11/9/2018 10:39 PM
449	Home folders	11/9/2018 10:30 PM
450	I think our school does a good job of making sure students in all grades interact with each other and feel part of the school community.	11/9/2018 9:37 PM
451	Many of the support staff at El Sierra have gone above and beyond for my student such as the [REDACTED]. They make families feel a part of the IEP process which is great to see. I thank you!	11/9/2018 5:46 PM
452	Good & thorough communication about what is going on at school	11/9/2018 4:06 PM
453	Works hard to create a dynamic and interesting learning experience.	11/9/2018 3:34 PM
454	[REDACTED] is a phenomenal teacher who does an excellent job of teaching both SS and French.	11/9/2018 2:54 PM
455	I'm appreciative of the weekly communication from the principal.	11/9/2018 2:41 PM
456	Continue teaching children about community involvement and social responsibility. Encourage fundraising and volunteering for causes to help others.	11/9/2018 2:35 PM
457	Pierce Downer has incredible staff that I feel truly care about my child.	11/9/2018 2:33 PM
458	it is such a part of the community! Great communication & great involvement!	11/9/2018 1:59 PM
459	More camping trips	11/9/2018 1:50 PM
460	My child is an A in every class. I know it's because of the teachers setting her up for success. I do appreciate that.	11/9/2018 1:48 PM
461	Continue offering instruction for student at their individualized levels (especially in reading and math).	11/9/2018 1:34 PM
462	Teachers are amazing, dedicated and caring.	11/9/2018 10:04 AM
463	use of technology	11/9/2018 9:32 AM
464	I love that all teachers are now using Seesaw. It is an easy way for me to see what my kids are doing at school as well as for to communicate with teachers.	11/9/2018 9:27 AM
465	I would like for District 58 to continue to hire excellent educators.	11/9/2018 8:48 AM
466	Hires good, quality teachers.	11/9/2018 6:48 AM
467	Offering a variety of extracurricular opportunities so students kind find something fun to do outside of the regular school day. I feel this is important for their social skills.	11/9/2018 6:22 AM
468	We really like the way the [REDACTED] grade team work together at Lester. Keep up the great work!	11/9/2018 5:27 AM
469	Communion	11/8/2018 11:41 PM
470	Supportive environment	11/8/2018 11:11 PM
471	I like the responsive classroom	11/8/2018 11:09 PM
472	The PTA and the administration [REDACTED] at Puffer make it an amazing experience for both our children and us as parents. It's a very close community and we've all made great friends at Puffer.	11/8/2018 10:28 PM
473	My child really likes the buddy program. Having the 5th grader who they do projects with.	11/8/2018 9:37 PM
474	Communicates with parents. Try's to listen to our needs, though sometimes their hands are tied.	11/8/2018 8:30 PM
475	I love the weekly communication about what's going on in the school!	11/8/2018 7:43 PM
476	Communication of weekly activities.	11/8/2018 7:43 PM
477	School families. Why a great opportunity for social growth and peer mentors.	11/8/2018 7:13 PM

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478	I enjoy all of the events (Freaky Friday, Breakfast with Santa, Roller Skating Party, Halloween Parade, etc.) and fundraising opportunities (Manna Cards, Dining Nights, Game Night) that the school offers.	11/8/2018 7:03 PM
479	I love that the school promotes healthy relationships among children. I love that there are "school families" and my children can meet other students in each grade. I have a food allergic child and the care that has been taken to make myself and my son comfortable is above and beyond. My children have such a great pride in their school and I am happy that they are at El Sierra.	11/8/2018 7:01 PM
480	Family involvement, communication, and creating a caring environment.	11/8/2018 6:53 PM
481	Our school is a small school with parents who make an effort to get to know one another.	11/8/2018 6:26 PM
482	Address different academic struggles when they arise	11/8/2018 6:08 PM
483	██████████ and ██████████ and ██████████ are phenomeal. They are so caring for my children socially and academically. They are incredible with how they support children and parents. El Sierra is fantastic with all the activities they have - embracing the community and neighborhood. I love the school families that they organize with the kids to get to know other kids in other grades.	11/8/2018 5:58 PM
484	Guided learning in groups.	11/8/2018 4:51 PM
485	Accessibility of school office staff and management is excellent.	11/8/2018 3:50 PM
486	Communication through email, websites, etc.	11/8/2018 3:49 PM
487	We've been really pleased with El Sierra. The schools administration and teachers communicate well and there are lot of opportunities for parents to be involved.	11/8/2018 3:44 PM
488	The principals, PTA, and teachers newsletters are very helpful.	11/8/2018 3:28 PM
489	Grove Preschool does a phenomenal job of teaching each child at their own level and ensuring that the educational needs of each child is addressed and progress is made and monitored!	11/8/2018 2:56 PM
490	Kingsley does a very good job of providing a comfortable and inclusive environment for all students. My child is a special education student from a different elementary school area and was made to feel a part of the Kingsley family!	11/8/2018 2:52 PM
491	I feel that Pierce Downer does a good job of creating a family atmosphere for the students and providing them with some different avenues for social/emotional learning. Some examples would be the Pierce Downer Families program and having ██████████ provide lessons on friendship etc to all students and small groups when necessary.	11/8/2018 2:41 PM
492	communication and teaching the children about diversity, bullying, kindness, etc	11/8/2018 2:06 PM
493	Classroom emails are a nice reminder because I do not always have time to remember each of my son's teachers and look on the website for their web pages, which I am sure a lovely but it just doesn't happen.	11/8/2018 1:59 PM
494	Teachers give the children extra support when they need it.	11/8/2018 1:30 PM
495	Good communication with parents on what's going on.	11/8/2018 1:26 PM
496	Teachers have always been great on communication to us as parents. Receiving and following up on emails.	11/8/2018 1:03 PM
497	Belle Aire has great teachers. They continue to go above and beyond, despite being shifted grade levels each year.	11/8/2018 12:15 PM
498	A lot of fun activities for the students, social events, and outside speakers, field trips	11/8/2018 12:13 PM
499	Keep up the great job in communicating regularly	11/8/2018 11:11 AM
500	Belle Aire staff consistently works to provide a positive experience for my children.	11/8/2018 11:10 AM
501	I think it's imperative that art/gym/music are still included in the curriculum and I believe the District so far has tried to keep those in tact.	11/8/2018 11:01 AM
502	My teacher is doing a very good job of meeting my student at where he was at in his learning. He entered Kindergarten not knowing how to read and the teacher has done a very good job at going at his pace and not frustrating him. As such, he is incredibly excited at attempting to read.	11/8/2018 10:49 AM
503	The district does a good job of creating a small community feeling withing a large public school district.	11/8/2018 10:32 AM

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504	██████████ has created a caring, supportive and great educational environment at ██████████ which is wholly attributed to his dedication to student success. I have found the teachers to be very good as well but the overall culture is set by ██████████ and he has done a tremendous job.	11/8/2018 10:14 AM
505	Parent teacher conferences twice a year is essential. The technology available to students is awesome. I also like the binders they are using at O'Neill.	11/8/2018 10:10 AM
506	Keeping kids engaged.	11/8/2018 10:04 AM
507	All the events at school are well organized.	11/8/2018 10:02 AM
508	Focusing more on success in state tests	11/8/2018 9:54 AM
509	Both the district and the school provide continuous, detailed communication. I always feel like I'm in the loop.	11/8/2018 9:40 AM
510	At Herrick-Excellent communication to parents from ██████████ Weekly email update from ██████████, the posting of the Daily Announcements on the Herrick HomePage and Twitter posts are appreciated, keeping us informed about events happening school wide. PowerSchool and individual teacher's websites are great for the middle school parent-to have a check-in on what is being worked on each week in the classroom and how your children are performing.	11/8/2018 8:52 AM
511	Communication with parents - via remind, emails	11/8/2018 8:32 AM
512	Herrick is a shining example in District 58. My children have attended a D58 grade school and I wished each of them had been at Herrick in sixth grade as well as seventh and eighth. The grade schools do not understand the shift from hand-holding the schools do to "you're on your own" in sixth is poor at best. Not only does Herrick do a phenomenal job overall, they understand the needs of individual children and are prepared to deal with all types of issues. Cannot say enough about the Herrick staff and teachers.	11/8/2018 8:26 AM
513	This survey was supposed to be about the school not the district but your final open-ended questions are about the district. I think this is a good example of the haphazard approach the district leadership takes to planning and attention to needs of the students as a whole. Additionally, the disrespect shown parents at public meetings is as appalling as the "I learned about this in college" experiments with the students is as a whole creating a poor environment at Lester where that school's administration is encouraged to ignore parents and students' needs.	11/8/2018 8:22 AM
514	The staff is great. We've had great experiences with our teachers thus far and have had good experiences with other staff members as well.	11/8/2018 8:12 AM
515	Great environment. I feel my daughter is safe (alerts)	11/8/2018 8:02 AM
516	Social/Emotional development	11/8/2018 7:56 AM
517	Great communication from the principal	11/8/2018 7:31 AM
518	Very good communication home.	11/8/2018 6:35 AM
519	Communication about my child's successes or challenges.	11/8/2018 1:21 AM
520	I like that my son always takes some of his work home and is elated to share every let bit of it with us.	11/7/2018 11:46 PM
521	Great communication between parent and teachers/school administrators. Always available and open to dialogue.	11/7/2018 10:12 PM
522	Excellent teachers.	11/7/2018 10:06 PM
523	I like the SEL program, however I do hear that kids still often times don't want their parents to intervene because they are worried about the situation escalating.	11/7/2018 9:56 PM
524	Puts a large focus on social education just as much as core education.	11/7/2018 9:34 PM
525	All the different online resources are very helpful - whether it's learning in the classroom or just things that parents can use.	11/7/2018 9:18 PM
526	Orchestra program is great. Great teachers.	11/7/2018 9:04 PM
527	Good teachers	11/7/2018 9:01 PM
528	Communicating with the parents and striving to always be even better.	11/7/2018 8:48 PM
529	I like teaching about being a complete person/student and not just reading, writing, etc.	11/7/2018 8:45 PM

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530	We are new to Herrick and so far very happy.	11/7/2018 8:26 PM
531	Wonderful communication from the teacher	11/7/2018 8:26 PM
532	The curriculum is current	11/7/2018 8:24 PM
533	Great teachers and staff!	11/7/2018 8:22 PM
534	n/a	11/7/2018 8:20 PM
535	Communication	11/7/2018 8:19 PM
536	I think communication from D58 and Kingsleyis to the community is outstanding.	11/7/2018 7:48 PM
537	My children feel very cared for at Highland and are excited to go to school.	11/7/2018 7:42 PM
538	Communication has been a wonderful asset to being a Hillcrest parent. We always feel there are multiple ways to get the information we need.	11/7/2018 7:40 PM
539	Offers student involvement in daily activities, school goals and treating the school as a whole	11/7/2018 7:36 PM
540	Good communication	11/7/2018 7:02 PM
541	teacher updates on what is happening in the classrooms	11/7/2018 6:46 PM
542	Welcoming, informing parents, family environment, caring.	11/7/2018 6:41 PM
543	Creating a sence of community and a safe environment.	11/7/2018 6:29 PM
544	Fairmount school is generally a great place. [REDACTED] is not always friendly. She is snooty, short tempered, and rude. I do LOVE my children's teachers.	11/7/2018 6:20 PM
545	The support team and teachers in the DLP program are exceptional. The resources provided to the classroom such as SEL and social field trips are extremely beneficial to the students. Thank you for incorporating life-skills curriculum into the program and continuing your support for creative academic programs for DLP.	11/7/2018 6:03 PM
546	Communication from a high level. Lots of communication. Being more concise would be an improvement, but love the communication at the top.	11/7/2018 5:49 PM
547	Love the social and academic focus the school maintains. Very welcoming and warm environment.	11/7/2018 5:48 PM
548	Executive functioning focus	11/7/2018 5:41 PM
549	Communicates effectively with parents	11/7/2018 5:37 PM
550	Provide help for organizational skills in middle school. [REDACTED] was one good person in helping my 2 kids try to stay on track.	11/7/2018 5:32 PM
551	There are always plenty of extra-curricular activities and opportunities for students to participate in and get involved with.	11/7/2018 5:30 PM
552	The teachers at O'Neill have been incredibly impressive and amazing. The experience with them has been outstanding. The staff as well.	11/7/2018 5:22 PM
553	Mostly fantastic teachers	11/7/2018 5:20 PM
554	The individualized partnership with me as a parent, [REDACTED] and the team have always reached out to partner together on my kids needs. From medical to learning challenges that has been fostered.	11/7/2018 5:17 PM
555	Communication has between school and home has been so much better over the past couple of years.	11/7/2018 4:51 PM
556	I think the student class size is nice and I'd hope that does not increase. I also like the use of daily technology.	11/7/2018 4:36 PM
557	The teachers and principals are dedicated to the success of the kids.	11/7/2018 4:31 PM
558	Hiring excellent teachers	11/7/2018 4:19 PM
559	Herrick communicates very well and frequently with Parents	11/7/2018 3:51 PM
560	Our principal has made changes to help reduce the number of people in the building and I really appreciate these efforts. Having to speak to the secretary before being buzzed in (despite them knowing who I am) is GREATLY appreciated- I want them to be selective about who is let into the building.	11/7/2018 3:50 PM

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561	Consistency in the teaching staff	11/7/2018 3:48 PM
562	Social/ emotional learning	11/7/2018 3:36 PM
563	I appreciate the regular communication via email and memos, as well as parent involvement nights, like Curriculum Nights, etc.	11/7/2018 3:29 PM
564	Gifted program and accelerated math	11/7/2018 3:26 PM
565	E-mail blasts, parent/family activities	11/7/2018 3:11 PM
566	Seesaw to keep parents connected with classroom activities and any homework expectations	11/7/2018 3:00 PM
567	We really like how they do school families so that our child has a chance to meet the students and teachers from other grades. Emailing teachers with quick communication is also been very much appreciated.	11/7/2018 2:59 PM
568	The use of apps featuring my child's work, classroom updates, etc. in real time.	11/7/2018 2:53 PM
569	Or new principal is awesome!	11/7/2018 2:53 PM
570	Communication	11/7/2018 2:49 PM
571	I like the pictures and Twitter notes about what is happening in school. I like seesaw and enjoy seeing my child's work in many different classes. The emails from the principal are full of information, which can be overwhelming.	11/7/2018 2:33 PM
572	Great insight to the curriculum.	11/7/2018 2:33 PM
573	My kids are in the RISE program and the fact that this exists in the district is incredible. With my kids showing red flags of ASD and SPD I had concerns on their support. The Grove Preschool team is amazing and I feel my kids are getting the best support available.	11/7/2018 2:33 PM
574	Special services in the district are amazing. I would hate to see any impact to these (social work, speech, reading specialist, OT, ect)	11/7/2018 2:28 PM
575	Teachers provide great feedback on daily progress	11/7/2018 2:24 PM
576	Please continue the PD Family groups! My kids love them. It's such a great way to build social skills and friends across all grades	11/7/2018 2:22 PM
577	Great involvement and communication by the Principal.	11/7/2018 2:21 PM
578	Provide academic challenges for my student & encourage community involvement/ leadership skills	11/7/2018 2:05 PM
579	I like the interaction with Seesaw, emails and open communication with the teachers.	11/7/2018 2:01 PM
580	Regular emails regarding current and upcoming events.	11/7/2018 1:58 PM
581	Great teachers and administrators who really engage with each child.	11/7/2018 1:57 PM
582	Great teachers	11/7/2018 1:53 PM
583	General communication from the principal is good.	11/7/2018 1:52 PM
584	Henry Puffer feels like a loving community. Great teachers, staff and admins.	11/7/2018 1:51 PM
585	Communication	11/7/2018 1:50 PM
586	High quality of teachers	11/7/2018 1:50 PM
587	I like the use of Seesaw so we can see what the children are doing in their daily lives at school.	11/7/2018 1:49 PM
588	communication is great between schools, teachers and parents	11/7/2018 1:45 PM
589	wonderful teachers	11/7/2018 1:41 PM
590	I love the social emotional lessons they provide and how there are frequent guests that come and show students different aspects of society.	11/7/2018 1:35 PM
591	Teaching to the whole child, not just teaching to the test	11/7/2018 1:33 PM
592	Extend program is great. Allowing older students to take a higher level math is great.	11/7/2018 1:18 PM
593	We love seeing what our child is doing throughout the day because her teacher uses the Seesaw app often.	11/7/2018 1:12 PM

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594	I like the social emotional learning lessons.	11/7/2018 1:11 PM
595	They do a great job talking about & preventing bullying. SEL (social emotional learning) worksheets are great way to discuss important topics.	11/7/2018 1:08 PM
596	Events	11/7/2018 12:55 PM
597	Communication between principal and teacher and parent.	11/7/2018 12:55 PM
598	Communication	11/7/2018 12:52 PM
599	Communication	11/7/2018 12:51 PM
600	Communication	11/7/2018 12:38 PM
601	Communication each week about upcoming school activities to be aware of and involved in.	11/7/2018 12:36 PM
602	Email communication oon thing's happening	11/7/2018 12:28 PM
603	Hillcrest Headlines! Very informative!	11/7/2018 12:17 PM
604	I love the caring and personalized environment both of my kids receive. They are very different students, yet the district has offered resources that allow each one to grow and learn.	11/7/2018 12:17 PM
605	We love Fairmount! The teachers are excellent and caring and there is a strong sense of community. My child has some mild behavioral challenges and they worked hard with him for the last three years- and it has totally paid off. His behavior is a thousand percent better because of the strong communication and consistency from his teachers.	11/7/2018 12:12 PM
606	I really appreciate the use of Seesaw to make my children's learning visible to me.	11/7/2018 12:11 PM
607	The PTA has raised an extraordinary amount of money and they direct it to help better the students experience. I hope this continues. Small classrooms allow for greater attention to each student, this is also very positive.	11/7/2018 12:09 PM
608	Choir & orchestra idea but please upgrade from [REDACTED]! You have true talented, younger teachers that teach with passion not frustration!	11/7/2018 12:03 PM
609	Posting on Seesaw	11/7/2018 12:01 PM
610	Innovative in teaching and always looking for new ways to teach the lids	11/7/2018 11:59 AM
611	I am continually impressed by how welcoming the school is. Staff greets my daughter by name as she arrives in the morning. Her teacher asks about her when she's sick, and expresses such enthusiasm when discussing her. I am so grateful that I get to send my child to a school where she is so cared for.	11/7/2018 11:55 AM
612	Differentiated learning!	11/7/2018 11:41 AM
613	Communication and Engagement	11/7/2018 11:39 AM
614	Weekly emails from principal	11/7/2018 11:38 AM
615	We've been very happy with all of our interactions with the school and staff so far. Love the inclusivity of the school and its culture.	11/7/2018 11:38 AM
616	we couldn't be happier with the love and support we feel from our children's teachers which is extremely important to us and most of all the care and attention that all of the faculty exudes! Keep up the great work!	11/7/2018 11:38 AM
617	Lester is wonderful at getting to know each child and their strengths/weaknesses. Also being able to rally around a child when needed	11/7/2018 11:37 AM
618	District 58 has an amazing park district which allows our children to express themselves through sports, the arts and music.	11/7/2018 11:33 AM
619	Parent input	11/7/2018 11:32 AM
620	Focus on reading. PD families and reading buddies	11/7/2018 11:30 AM
621	School programs	11/7/2018 11:29 AM
622	Great communication.	11/7/2018 11:24 AM

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623	Great communication from the school and district . Teachers and principal are easy to reach. I love how El Sierra has family meetings. My child really enjoys that and can meet students from other grade levels.	11/7/2018 11:22 AM
624	The new principal is very visible and does a nice job with a weekly newsletter.	11/7/2018 11:21 AM
625	El Sierra has always been extraordinary in putting our children's education first and foremost and this includes involving parents/families as much as possible in the full education process.	11/7/2018 11:17 AM
626	Our school is very welcoming, friendly, and they dont allow failure with a child. They go above to help a child who is struggling to ensure that child succeeds. The principal and staff are wonderful!	11/7/2018 11:15 AM
627	The communication from [REDACTED] is great. [REDACTED] is a hands-on principal and I feel that is doing an excellent job for not only my child, but for all the children.	11/7/2018 11:15 AM
628	Fostering the neighborhood feel is so valuable to me. It creates a real sense of belonging.	11/7/2018 11:13 AM
629	The dedication to seeing the child succeed when they are struggling.	11/7/2018 11:06 AM
630	[REDACTED] weekly emails are a fantastic way for us to stay informed without being inundated.	11/7/2018 11:05 AM
631	Great reading programs starting with small groups and allowing students to progress at their own rates.	11/7/2018 11:04 AM
632	Teaching to my children's levels and needs.	11/7/2018 11:04 AM
633	The staff who works together on the IEP process is amazing. The implementation and follow up are thorough and professional. Excellent work!	11/7/2018 11:03 AM
634	Creating a supportive community for our children	11/7/2018 11:01 AM
635	Fairmount focuses on student relationship and SEL. [REDACTED] is wonderful! Seesaw is an amazing and ALL classrooms should utilize this tool. [REDACTED] is a model example of what a teacher should be.	11/7/2018 10:58 AM
636	Kids are happy and teachers are caring. There are a variety of clubs and activities available for the older grades.	11/7/2018 10:55 AM
637	Continue teacher emails with progress in the classroom regarding what they are learning and when there are tests/quizzes and opportunities to do makeup work.	11/7/2018 10:50 AM
638	Send information about how my daughter can learn more.	11/7/2018 10:49 AM
639	My children love their schools and feel valued. I appreciate the small schools and the sense of community they bring. I love that 6th graders are leaders of the elementary school as opposed to being the lowest rung of middle school/junior high. 11-12 year olds belong with elementary.	11/7/2018 10:49 AM
640	Provide air conditioning for ALL students!! So much more valuable and critics to student success than more technology updates. My students class room was well over 98 degrees in the summer. The current "cooling plan" is a joke and don't provide enough relief. I shouldn't be forced to decide to keep them home va sending to school because the building isn't suited for summer temperatures.	11/7/2018 10:48 AM
641	Involving parents as much as possible and open communication	11/7/2018 10:47 AM
642	Many opportunities for students to get involved	11/7/2018 10:42 AM
643	Love the communication and growth this school is striving for.	11/7/2018 10:40 AM
644	Our school communicates well about what is going on and upcoming events. Our principal sends out weekly newsletters that highlight important events and include pictures so parents can feel involved. Our teachers use the Seesaw app to send communication and pictures as well. D58 has done a better job highlighting different schools in the district.	11/7/2018 10:40 AM
645	Education	11/7/2018 10:40 AM
646	El Sierra staff especially [REDACTED] does an amazing job communication with the families. We always know what is going on, get ample reminders and have a great school community despite limited funds being given to our school.	11/7/2018 10:35 AM
647	Principle and Teachers [REDACTED] are so engaged and always willing to improve processes	11/7/2018 10:34 AM
648	Differentiation is amazing and I love that the District is leading the way in understanding that children all learn differently and are at different levels. Keep up the good work	11/7/2018 10:33 AM

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649	Principal involvement and social worker involvement.	11/7/2018 10:32 AM
650	Good communication	11/7/2018 10:30 AM
651	The communication is top notch! I love receiving a weekly communication piece from [REDACTED] at Kingsley and my child's teacher this year is amazing at sending communication through Seesaw.	11/7/2018 10:30 AM
652	communication from principal to parents is excellent!	11/7/2018 10:28 AM
653	Everything!	11/7/2018 10:27 AM
654	I like that my student has additional help from other teachers on subjects they're struggling with.	11/7/2018 10:25 AM
655	Fairmount School is excellent with school and classroom communication.	11/7/2018 10:24 AM
656	In my view, the faculty and staff at Henry Puffer have been very willing to communicate with my spouse and I regarding our child's performance and help us address any issues relating to their success. I am grateful for that continuous open dialogue and expect it to continue under the next principal.	11/7/2018 10:24 AM
657	The kids learn how to work well with others and feel important in the school and their environment.	11/7/2018 10:22 AM
658	I've seen teachers who care and work to develop positive relationships with the students which in my opinion is more important than any curricular initiative.	11/7/2018 10:21 AM
659	Many activities for students and families	11/7/2018 10:19 AM
660	Educating the whole child. SEL lessons are so important. Consistent use of Seesaw by all teachers help support this and other learning initiatives.	11/7/2018 10:19 AM
661	Encourage kindness. Whittier families.	11/7/2018 10:18 AM
662	I love the SEL focus! So important.	11/7/2018 10:17 AM
663	I appreciate all the opportunity the Grove Pre-school offers parents to be involved in their child's learning environment with being in the class as a helper, VIP Day, Field Trips, etc.	11/7/2018 10:17 AM
664	I like Whittier's focus on family last year and being kind this year. I hope the school continues to promote values like these.	11/7/2018 10:15 AM
665	Great people !	11/7/2018 10:14 AM
666	I like that the teachers and kids use the Seesaw app to show me what they are working on in class, art and gym!	11/7/2018 10:14 AM
667	I think the curriculum is strong and works with every learning level.	11/7/2018 10:13 AM
668	Keeping kids safe and alerting us if anything seems unusual on or around school grounds, as well as, lock downs when needed.	11/7/2018 10:13 AM
669	Fairmount has a great community feel where you feel like everyone is working towards the same goal. We have a great theme of Be You. Be Fairmount. We feel very welcome to ask teachers/staff any questions we have.	11/7/2018 10:12 AM
670	Weekly and often daily communication via email, seesaw, etc.	11/7/2018 10:12 AM
671	The values of being a good human being.	11/7/2018 10:11 AM
672	Communication is great	11/7/2018 10:10 AM
673	I think the Reading Games is a wonderful opportunity for all district 58 students to come together over rich, quality, literature.	11/7/2018 10:10 AM
674	Getting to know the parents and working with them	11/7/2018 10:10 AM
675	Social emotional learning.	11/7/2018 10:10 AM
676	The communication is great from DG 58. There's a lot of great teachers at Herrick that keep parents informed and provide fair classroom rules that apply to all students.	11/7/2018 10:09 AM
677	Get rid of the bloated administration.	11/7/2018 10:07 AM
678	Supporting the kids, my oldest son has [REDACTED] for his teacher and he talks about her every day as to how much he likes her, says she is nice, but also making him work hard.	11/7/2018 10:05 AM
679	Puffer Families	11/7/2018 10:01 AM

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680	The support staff and school counseling is always available and helps my child when needed.	11/7/2018 10:01 AM
681	I really appreciate that there is a focus on kindness, empathy, and emotional well-being. I think that is essential. Keep the emphasis on that up.	11/7/2018 10:00 AM
682	Whittier does a great job on focusing on social emotional skills - with their families program and with their annual themes - choose kindness - etc	11/7/2018 9:58 AM
683	I appreciate the open lines of communication, especially with school work and homework. I always know what my child is expected to work on as well as how she performs.	11/7/2018 9:54 AM
684	The seesaw app	11/7/2018 9:53 AM
685	Great community feel for families feeling welcomed	11/7/2018 9:52 AM
686	giving the kids a job to feel like they contribute in class	11/7/2018 9:52 AM
687	parent communication	11/7/2018 9:51 AM
688	I appreciate the level of communication between teachers and the students family.	11/7/2018 9:50 AM
689	Provide different learning experiences for kids in the same grades but are at different skill levels.	11/7/2018 9:50 AM
690	I like the use of Class Dojo	11/7/2018 9:50 AM
691	The inspiration and value of "Be Kind" is really great.	11/7/2018 9:48 AM
692	Communication is amazing -- especially the weekly emails from the principal and the teacher.	11/7/2018 9:48 AM
693	Technology use in class.	11/7/2018 9:47 AM
694	Keeping my child engaged.	11/7/2018 9:47 AM
695	One of my children has an IEP. The team at Highland is always supportive of him and always keeps me informed of his progress and when challenges arise. They are a true partner in his educational plan.	11/7/2018 9:47 AM
696	Communication. I always feel like I'm in the loop	11/7/2018 9:46 AM
697	Communication with parents is strong by all teachers.	11/6/2018 7:20 PM

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

Answered: 694 Skipped: 642

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Learning Curriculum, and a Lunch room!	12/21/2018 11:45 PM
2	As the iPad refresh was considered highly important it should be just as important to make all district students more than users of technology. Students across the district should have equal opportunity to become producer with regards to technology and not simply users of technology. Anyone can learn how to use an app. Conversely, it takes knowledge and skill to create a program that results in some type of action. This may be achieved by integrating programming and coding into the district's curricula consistently across grades.	12/21/2018 11:37 PM
3	Install AC (even wall units) to all classrooms and have a small lunch/snack shop kids could buy items from.	12/21/2018 10:58 PM
4	Writing, including time for writing and teaching the craft of writing	12/21/2018 10:56 PM
5	We're almost done with District 58 now, but I'll say what I've been saying for many years: Earlier differentiation, particularly in math. My boys still don't think math classes move fast enough.	12/21/2018 10:28 PM
6	Updated curriculum, better plans around using technology and iPads	12/21/2018 8:52 PM
7	I would like to see homework given from workbooks rather than iPads.	12/21/2018 6:50 PM
8	Consistency of teachers and their teaching methods - have had excellent teachers and saw my child grow by leaps and bounds... have had mediocre teachers and seen the lackluster results.	12/21/2018 6:40 PM
9	Honest parent communication	12/21/2018 6:07 PM
10	Stronger curriculum to prepare for middle school, particularly in English and Math. No need for iPads in early grades and should have free all day kindergarten.	12/21/2018 5:27 PM
11	My first child at Herrick has [REDACTED] and for the first time hates [REDACTED]. When asked why she, said [REDACTED] is mean and does not like us. This is disturbing and at conferences I brought this up and was assured this is not the case. Then was asked a strange question, how my other child likes school. I was taken by surprise and felt a little threatened. Like complain and see what happens. I asked another teacher I trusted and was told since [REDACTED] is very involved in the union he can make people's lives miserable. The advice was just drop it, that is what the teachers do that disagree with union leadership. We are considering not sending our other child to Herrick. This is startling to hear in such a fantastic district. You hear unions control Illinois but I never thought it was this bad that I needed to fear my child's education would be affected.	12/21/2018 5:11 PM
12	The district as a whole is disorganized and does not operate as a team. There is a lot of pointing fingers at board meetings when issues arise. They also do not support their teachers as professionals.	12/21/2018 4:16 PM
13	Something is really wrong with Herrick [REDACTED] department. [REDACTED] seems to control the department yet is a terrible teacher. The other [REDACTED] teachers are fantastic. [REDACTED] makes [REDACTED] a traumatic experience. He needs to understand you don't have to be a jerk when a child needs help. If your child just stays quiet and doesn't ask questions he leaves them alone. They just get through it. If your child struggles at all and ask for help [REDACTED] embarrasses the child. He is training our children to just be quiet and get by. If he doesn't like children why is he a teacher?	12/21/2018 3:32 PM
14	FIRE [REDACTED]. My second experience with this poor excuse of a teacher. My third child will absolutely not have this negative person teach them. I will pull my son out of District 58 before I ever let him experience this abusive individual. Has anyone ever investigated the complaints against him? I have been unable to find anyone that can stand him including other teachers. One parent told me he is a union leader so he is untouchable. I hope that is not true. We have so many great teachers but this one makes the whole [REDACTED] experience suck!	12/21/2018 3:00 PM

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15	Advertising all extracurricular activities so parents are aware	12/21/2018 2:17 PM
16	The only complaint I have about Fairmount is the food we get for fun lunch.	12/21/2018 2:16 PM
17	Challenging academically advanced learners.	12/21/2018 1:43 PM
18	The class sizes are too large and students are not getting the individualized attention they need despite groups etc. Reducing the recess time for the kids is not going well. The children feel as if they barely have time to get coats and boots on. They do not have enough time to burn energy.	12/21/2018 1:21 PM
19	I think its difficult to manage K-6th grade but I do feel the staff could be a bit more accommodating to the 6th graders and their energy levels..	12/21/2018 12:58 PM
20	Class sizes!! 3 sections with 28 or 29 students is too many!	12/21/2018 12:49 PM
21	Holding the correct student accountable for their actions. I know faculty can't see everything, however kids very discouraged when they are blamed for something they didn't do. There needs to be more staff on the playground and in specials	12/21/2018 12:41 PM
22	More music programs or holiday programs for family to attend would be nice.	12/21/2018 11:48 AM
23	Drop-off/pickup supervision on playground area, facilities maintenance	12/21/2018 11:33 AM
24	Low fee based or free drop in service where younger siblings could be watched for an hour or two so parents like me with limited childcare options could volunteer more often in my son's class.	12/21/2018 11:08 AM
25	Whittier does need Air Conditioning A/C, and better electricity to handle any window units per each classroom.	12/21/2018 11:01 AM
26	Receiving More learning materials the children might need.	12/21/2018 10:58 AM
27	Social Media/Twitter updates from the classroom	12/21/2018 10:58 AM
28	More opportunities to focus on diversity. Whittier is not super diverse ethnically or socioeconomically and would be great to get to expose kids to a bit more diversity somehow...	12/21/2018 10:51 AM
29	Using ipads as an instructional/learning tool. It seems they might be used as a babysitting tool.	12/21/2018 10:50 AM
30	More parent involvement / votes on school calendars / changes. More holiday programs / sings where parents can attend. Bring back the holiday parties.	12/21/2018 10:41 AM
31	Nothing I can think of ag this moment	12/21/2018 10:38 AM
32	The school has gotten a lot more strict since the new principal has joined. My child has commented on more than one occasion that the changes are bothersome.	12/21/2018 10:37 AM
33	Awareness on cultural and religious differences for the staff students and parents	12/21/2018 10:37 AM
34	Getting back to a top tier school in the county. The teachers and staff need to be more engaged and drive the learning process to better the school as a whole. Individually they need to focus on the individual needs of students as well but class size has become too large.	12/21/2018 10:33 AM
35	Better communication between teachers and parents. It would be nice to have some school performances to invite families to attend (singing, music, etc). Also, these performances should be in the evening and not during the school day. There is currently not a performance for kindergarten.	12/21/2018 10:30 AM
36	Making communication manageable for parents is important. I'm really enjoying the Remind app my teacher uses and would like to see it used more. Information is short and concise to help me check with my child that work is complete or remind me about a school activity.	12/21/2018 10:28 AM
37	I have a son with special needs I would like to have conference parents with both teachers.	12/21/2018 10:22 AM
38	Academics	12/21/2018 10:16 AM
39	Too many kids and crowded classrooms.	12/21/2018 10:11 AM
40	Continue to provide teachers with professional learning in the area of technology. They need support and modeling so they can best utilize the iPads available to the students.	12/21/2018 9:48 AM
41	Continue to push innovation! Train the teachers in instructional technology and the best ways to utilize the iPads! If parents see the good this happening (not just in pockets) the support for technology will increase. Support your teachers in inderstanding how technology can benefit kids and give them models of best practices. Move them away from worksheets! Our kids deserve it.	12/21/2018 9:45 AM

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42	The use of technology. I feel like the Chromebook are not used to the full potential.	12/21/2018 9:45 AM
43	Decrease the non-educational technology use in schools (what is benefit/risk of filler ipad time in school? What has this time replaced (social interaction with peers, game with friends, recess, instructional time, etc?) Reflect on current disciplinary measures that are being used in schools, the effectiveness of current measures, exploring alternative options which may have a more positive long-term impact. Modeling appropriate and positive behavior for impressionable students - actually listening to kids when there is conflict, not yelling, etc.	12/21/2018 9:34 AM
44	I will speak directly about [REDACTED], and his quality of teaching [REDACTED]. My child depends on other students, tutors and a family friend who teaches high school [REDACTED] to teacher what is not getting properly explained in class. When the students ask him to better explain a lesson, he repeats himself instead of finding a different way to help his class understand. Or he will tell them that he did just explain the concept and why don't they understand it which makes them feel like they're the dumb ones. At this point in the year, they don't even ask any more because they aren't able to get what they need from him. They take tests that cover concepts and terms not discussed in class. We're on the internet trying to find answer corrections to test questions because it's not in the notes or book. I see frustration and tears because my student just doesn't know how to do the work that's been assigned and feels that asking questions will not help. Also, he is not reliable when sending over answers for the homework assignments in the evenings. These are needed to check work against and confirm if it's being done correctly. Sending over in the morning is just too late to be helpful. He knows [REDACTED]. He's a smart man. But teaching requires a skill he does not seem to have. He doesn't recognize that if one way of explaining a concept isn't working, then try something different until your students can comprehend.	12/21/2018 9:32 AM
45	This year is a huge improvement over last year at Pierce Downer, where it seemed things were going a little sideways [REDACTED]. I think that there has been some curriculum challenges in the district, and it would be nice if we could get those resolved and back to the business of educating the children.	12/21/2018 9:30 AM
46	I think every child having an iPads is a waste of money. The kids hardly use them at home. Any app they might needs can be accessed by a parent's iPad, or there are alternative ways to complete the required reading and math that do not require an iPad at all. I think each grade could share a set of iPads for use at school only.	12/21/2018 9:26 AM
47	Updated and new curriculum.	12/21/2018 9:24 AM
48	I do have ot like the new conference schedule. Not enough time passes before. I do not understand why there is a huge lag between the end of the trimester and the distribution of report cards.	12/21/2018 9:19 AM
49	When hiring classroom teachers, to try to have at least one of the two grade level teachers to be experienced with the school. Also to consider teacher personality to match better at the grade level they are teaching at. More compassionate, kind teachers for younger grades.	12/21/2018 9:17 AM
50	I have 2 children at Hillcrest and so far it's been a great experience. The only thing concerning is the "tier 2" ratings.	12/21/2018 9:16 AM
51	Allowing parents to be more active in having lunch with their child and socializing. At least on special occasions like Birthdays.	12/21/2018 9:16 AM
52	Be equally open to Christian issues as district is open to all other issues...	12/21/2018 9:13 AM
53	There are certain teachers at Herrick that could improve thier attitude and teach, without bringing their personal life into the classrooms (specifically [REDACTED] classroom).	12/21/2018 9:12 AM
54	I noticed that science fair is an option and not required by the teacher. I hope in future the school makes it mandatory for kids to do a science fair project. The teacher too should do a live project with them. It should be a competition for the kids. It will really improve their skills	12/21/2018 9:06 AM
55	I feel as if the parents are blocked from the school. There is only one party for parents to volunteer at and we are no longer invited for assistance in the classroom. I am saddened that I can no longer be involved in my child's classroom.	12/21/2018 9:03 AM
56	The binders are a great idea just have some overall concerns about ergonomics of carrying said binder all day. Maybe a backpack version could be considered in the future?	12/21/2018 9:03 AM
57	Seems alright	12/21/2018 8:59 AM
58	Continued proactive communication.	12/21/2018 8:59 AM

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59	I'm not saying it's a problem but all schools could improve on bullying.	12/21/2018 8:58 AM
60	Partnerships with tutoring organizations or individuals that could be made available after school -- similar to Young Rembrandts program.	12/21/2018 8:52 AM
61	Herrick should share the [REDACTED] kids equally with O'Neill. Share the love. Some [REDACTED] kids cannot assimilate in the general population - they disrupt class and sometimes become violent. In fact, the violent [REDACTED] kids should be at a separate school. It is not fair to the rest of the kids and negatively affects the quality of their education.	12/21/2018 8:51 AM
62	6th grade teachers are way too extended this year. Class size is too large. And with only two teachers, one of them has to teach both 6th and 7th grade math. I believe this is not setting the teacher or students up for success. And while it won't affect our family, I hope the district will make the decision to move 6th grade to the middle school.	12/21/2018 8:51 AM
63	Smaller class sizes or more aides	12/21/2018 8:49 AM
64	Curriculum improvements - I'm surprised and discouraged at the amount of time spent on completing worksheets and watching videos.	12/21/2018 8:48 AM
65	Put the [REDACTED] kids in a separate school - OR share the love with ALL the schools, not just Kingsley. Some [REDACTED] kids cannot assimilate in the general population, creating unsafe situations and it is unfair for the rest of the kids. It disrupts their education. And it sometimes even gets violent. The next time one of my kids is assaulted by any child at Kingsley or O'Neill, I will be contacting the police.	12/21/2018 8:46 AM
66	Allowing parents with younger (non-school age) siblings to volunteer at school	12/21/2018 8:43 AM
67	Technology working correctly. iPad's don't have apps installed or they don't always work.	12/21/2018 8:40 AM
68	Dealing with stress and emotions in a healthy way. Giving students opportunities to learn how to deal with it.	12/21/2018 8:40 AM
69	The pick up/drop-off procedure at Highland.	12/21/2018 8:39 AM
70	Events lake pancakes thanks	12/21/2018 8:38 AM
71	N/A	12/21/2018 8:37 AM
72	Getting class assignments out a day earlier I also feel that in 6th grade it is hard to keep the students engaged the second half of the year. Middle school should be 6-8	12/21/2018 8:35 AM
73	N/A :)	12/21/2018 8:28 AM
74	Give IEP STUDENTS equal Access to learn from gifted program. Allowed Them to learn Higher Math. Give them the best Teacher.	12/21/2018 8:28 AM
75	The use of technology, esp iPads, is a real problem. I don't think they are monitored closely enough and are used far too often at school. They are also introduced way too young. First graders do NOT need their own iPads.	12/21/2018 8:28 AM
76	Relax on holiday parties. Allow food and drink. Less micro management of these events.	12/21/2018 8:17 AM
77	Communication- about events; at beginning of year; have dates of events on a calendar to help parents prepare for the school year. As far as tests/assignments go in the classroom; the length of time to get grades is too long. Ex-student has a spelling test; studying with student for a week- have test-no feedback as far as the graded test before preparation for the next test. So how do I know as a parent that my teaching/helping skills are effective for my child. Same goes for other subjects; the graded assignments & tests are not given back to the students in a timely manner.	12/21/2018 8:10 AM
78	Nothing	12/21/2018 8:10 AM
79	After school programs	12/21/2018 8:10 AM
80	School bus service for preschool kids.	12/21/2018 8:06 AM
81	Lower ratio of students to teachers. Classrooms are full. And space in the school is tight, there is not even space for an art room.	12/21/2018 8:03 AM
82	In my opinion out school is not very accommodating to working parents when it comes to school programs and night activities. Patents who work find the times of our programs very hard to get to. Example being a 10:30 or 2:00 start time. Many parents that I speak to wish that these programs be held in the evening.	12/21/2018 7:59 AM

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83	The teachers should provide better feedback about the child and what can be done outside of class. I have been told by a teacher that they can not comment this way because it would mean the district is responsible for paying for the outside help. Budget and lawyers seem to trump education and communication	12/21/2018 7:58 AM
84	Academic quality	12/21/2018 7:57 AM
85	The parking.	12/21/2018 7:56 AM
86	Easier to find the staff emails on the websites.	12/21/2018 7:55 AM
87	Getting air conditioning to foster a better learning environment for students in the summer and warm months!	12/21/2018 1:09 AM
88	More notice of parent meetings for school and sponsored activities (ex. Two day notice on science fair meeting)	12/21/2018 12:27 AM
89	Offer more chances for parents to interact face to face with teachers. I feel like I don't know my child's teachers at all. It's December, and I've only met her once. I was unable to make curriculum night, which was only offered one night.	12/20/2018 10:02 PM
90	Have a nurse on all the time at the school. Every school needs one. They can also help with SEL/anxiety that a lot of students today are facing.	12/20/2018 9:49 PM
91	Handouts that show what level your child is in but it does not explain where they fall relative to other kids in their grade, nor does it spell out what they are focusing on or working to improve.	12/20/2018 9:47 PM
92	Homework, especially in the lower grades! It's far too much.	12/20/2018 8:49 PM
93	I am ok with the school.	12/20/2018 6:42 PM
94	The approachability in the main office-not approachable. This is noticed and commented upon by several parents, although the principal is fabulous. In addition, when my child is not feeling well, telling him/her to just take a 'drink of water' and go back to class is not appropriate. Not only has this been said to my child, but I have personally witnessed this being said by a teacher to another child whose mother I know when the child complained of a headache.	12/20/2018 4:38 PM
95	Less emphasis on grades or "normative" behavior; more opportunity for kids of different grades to work together and learn together.	12/20/2018 2:43 PM
96	i feel like the district as a whole could improve their communication and be more transparent and honest at times. it creates more trust and unity in the long run	12/20/2018 2:11 PM
97	Curriculum in world languages & communication about students' academic struggles (and interventions)	12/20/2018 1:56 PM
98	MAP Testing. These kids are being grouped into groups based off of MAP testing. I do not feel our school does a good job at challenging the students. They are not taking into consideration some kids may just not do well on MAP testing but can be challenged more. I feel we are holding our children back from what they can do because of one simple test. I also feel sorry for the older children who did not have the Reading program in place we have now. Those kids are suffering as a result of it. not a fan of the trimesters either. We had a PTC what 5 weeks into school. What good does that do ? Then we get a report card months later and then we have to wait another month for PTC's ? Makes no sense.	12/20/2018 1:04 PM
99	Some teachers are very thorough with sharing information about the current learnings and expectations in the classroom and overall communication. Others are not...is there a way to set a standard?	12/20/2018 12:52 PM
100	I'd like to see cubbies in the hall as opposed to hooks. A way they can keep there gym shoes or snow pants at school and not worry about will they be there tomorrow.	12/20/2018 12:25 PM
101	Herrick: Be more involved with students on a 504. My child was on a IEP before, and once entered into Herrick got put on a 504 and support was completely different than the IEP. Council staff and Teachers don't seem to reach out to the student on a 504 and leave it up to the student to reach out to them. I felt when my child is noted to be on a 504, most of his teachers had no idea he was on one or were not aware he was autistic until we discussed at parent teacher conferences. If any student is on any special plan whatever it may be.. each teacher should be aware of that students situation. Also, Council staff could do a better job returning msg's to parents. as for district 58: Have 8th grade Graduation with cap and gown vs calling it a "promotion"	12/20/2018 12:01 PM
102	not much, Whittier does a fantastic job.	12/20/2018 11:50 AM

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103	Improved Art Program for all ages Clear communication pathways/website (not necessarily teacher related however school activities, programs, vacations).	12/20/2018 11:49 AM
104	I'd love to get rid of iPads:)	12/20/2018 11:41 AM
105	I really can't think of anything. I'm so happy with [REDACTED] and all the teachers at Whittier school!	12/20/2018 11:29 AM
106	Specific to Whittier: Communication on individual student progress and overall grades	12/20/2018 11:09 AM
107	Safety protocol in child retrieval; Diversity in curriculum	12/20/2018 11:09 AM
108	Please teach students typing skills! How can they be expected to do well on assessments if they don't know how to type? I don't know how District 58 can solve this, but I am so sick of the same vocal minority whining on social media about their personal gripes! I've noticed that some parents complain about issues that are not only based on misinformation, but are also issues that the district has already clearly communicated to the public! I heard that at the last board meeting, a parent yelled at the board for 10 minutes about not receiving information from her school, only to realize after the meeting that she *had* actually received the information in question via an email, but she just never opened her email.	12/20/2018 10:32 AM
109	n/a	12/20/2018 8:08 AM
110	N/A	12/20/2018 5:50 AM
111	Better communication for parent involvement - do we take bus to field trip or drive, do we bring in our our games for a special day or does the teacher provide them, etc	12/19/2018 8:52 PM
112	Smaller class size	12/19/2018 8:48 PM
113	None	12/19/2018 7:36 PM
114	Having airconditioning in the classroom.	12/19/2018 4:07 PM
115	DG58 needs to improve budgeting and transparency	12/19/2018 1:41 PM
116	Offer full day kindergarten for all.	12/19/2018 1:35 PM
117	Modeling reactions	12/19/2018 1:26 PM
118	Offering more after school programs. They offer only one after school program through the year.	12/19/2018 11:58 AM
119	Not always having to adjust 25 students needs to accommodate only one, e.g. food policy for lunch or events.	12/19/2018 11:51 AM
120	More gross motor/outdoor time; more time for lunch (especially for the little ones)	12/19/2018 10:45 AM
121	More extra curricular activities, like clubs and intramurals after school for elementary school aged kids.	12/19/2018 10:44 AM
122	Getting all curriculum dialed in ASAP.	12/19/2018 10:27 AM
123	I think the District could improve on making parent involvement more consistent in the schools. Each school has these wonderful musicals that the students perform with the music teacher. The kids work very hard and lots of parents come out to see their kids at the shows which are offered at 2pm. The only problem is I have multiple kids and I have to take a day off of work to see such an event. Schools in other districts offer a night show and a day show to the family and communities. I think these performances should be offered outside of school hours. It is really the only night activity children are performing in at all grade levels for parents to see them sing and dance K-6. I know teachers have conferences outside the school day but these performing arts for all grade levels really should be offered outside of the school day for all the schools. I recently went to a Kingsley show and they had a packed house of parents and grandparents there to see the kids perform. I am just lucky I have days I can use to see my kids perform.	12/19/2018 10:17 AM
124	My daughter is in Kindergarten and it seems like math is not highly focused on. She excels at Math and I am hopeful she can start to be challenged in this area.	12/19/2018 10:03 AM
125	More art class	12/19/2018 10:00 AM
126	Everything looks good	12/19/2018 9:15 AM

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127	Rigor of curriculum seems lacking compared to other districts. Especially in areas if math/reading. Consideration of gifted enrichment each day during intervention time rather than one whole day per week which causes stress on kiddos because they have to make up work. Music program is lacking in frequency, rigor, and connecting to students. Music programs seem lack luster and kids don't seem to be enjoying it. Most districts have music 2x per week for 25-30 min each. Incorporating band, chord, orchestra s a class in jr high.. not a before school activity. Evident at HS level that our students are behind those of districts who have more. More evening programming for working parents..ie. music programs, 6th Grade culture project (food to be brought at 10:30am)...makes it difficult to support our children if we work.	12/19/2018 9:12 AM
128	A big problem is the Common Core Curriculum. Minor problems between student(s) seems to be blown up out of proportion at times. At the annual daddy daughter dance no AC/DC songs should be played!	12/19/2018 8:50 AM
129	More opportunities for diverse clubs/activities during the school day and after school. I also think some contents need a more rigorous curriculum, the new ELA is good, but science and social studies is lacking. Our test scores are declining as well as our schools report card is lower, The "specials" are very limited- art one time every other week?? A foreign language in elementary would be great.	12/19/2018 8:43 AM
130	We havent been here long enough to have an informed opinion	12/19/2018 8:35 AM
131	We haven't been here long enough to give informed opinion	12/19/2018 8:31 AM
132	Give less attention to the angry moms who have nothing nice to say about anything ever. Too much energy is committed to the grievances of the very few who will never ever be happy.	12/19/2018 8:13 AM
133	Social emotional learning	12/19/2018 7:37 AM
134	I can not think of anything	12/19/2018 7:19 AM
135	They need more specific special head teachers. More resources to provide help for those child who need it.	12/19/2018 2:37 AM
136	Having more resources for kids who need help.	12/19/2018 2:30 AM
137	The students that behave badly are not really disciplined and continue their bad behavior day after day. Some are very disrespectful to adults.	12/18/2018 11:07 PM
138	More opportunities for parents to volunteer within the classroom. It would be nice if the school was more welcoming of siblings in more instances too.	12/18/2018 10:45 PM
139	I wish the helpers/teachers on the playground can have a little more respect and patience of children and there parents at Henry puffer school. More communication with parents about things that are happening in the classroom.	12/18/2018 10:16 PM
140	Quality of food and Air conditions during the summer	12/18/2018 10:08 PM
141	Social Emotional Learning and Bully Prevention lessons and activities should be scheduled regularly, not just once in a while or when a problem arises.	12/18/2018 9:55 PM
142	So far it has been a great experience	12/18/2018 9:51 PM
143	A weekly newsletter of some sort letting us know what the students are working on would be great! We do get occasional updates, but some sort of classroom weekly update would be helpful.	12/18/2018 9:33 PM
144	Except air conditioning? Air conditioning.	12/18/2018 8:54 PM
145	I try to stay abreast of what is going on in the district but from things I read, I typically find the district is reacting to something rather than being pro-active about any initiatives. I also have gone to some board meetings and when I get those emailed reports from the district about what happened, many times what is written is not exactly what happened or what was said at the meeting and I know this because I was there. I also do not think technology is appropriately used in the classroom and don't believe 1:1 is necessary. My family is not seeing the benefits of technology integration in the classroom based on our experience and that of our friend's kids either across the district.	12/18/2018 8:43 PM
146	Meeting needs of all students IE average to above average students- how to engage them to grow	12/18/2018 8:11 PM
147	More homework. A better accommodations for the sixth grade trip.	12/18/2018 7:40 PM
148	Differentiated instruction. Curriculum is very rigid and there is no wiggle room for differentiated instruction. Saying you offer it, is not enough, train the teachers more about it.	12/18/2018 7:30 PM

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149	Maybe breaking up students into smaller groups more often for less distractions...	12/18/2018 6:56 PM
150	Communication	12/18/2018 6:46 PM
151	Communication	12/18/2018 6:44 PM
152	Air conditioning during hot days. My child has difficulty learning and paying attention when overheated	12/18/2018 6:31 PM
153	Not sure how I feel about the binders..	12/18/2018 5:41 PM
154	Raise money for playground at district level. Parents are asked to give ALL the time for things that should simply be provided.	12/18/2018 5:23 PM
155	Better communication when issues arise before it gets out of hand.	12/18/2018 5:14 PM
156	concentration on the arts - more well-established holiday program / concert Should do something in regards to Veterans Day other schools in Illinois do an amazing Job recognizing our veterans I think district 58 you do the same for more well rounded program would be much appreciated in the community More well-rounded communications overall from the leaders	12/18/2018 5:11 PM
157	Change the way SOME teachers discipline bad students. Don't punish the classroom. Punish the bad kids! It is not fair my child comes home every day upset because of ridiculous things happening in his classroom that he has no control of, but gets punished for. There are some pretty awesome teachers at Highland. Both of my kids love the strict teachers, because they don't let the class run all over them.	12/18/2018 5:05 PM
158	Incorporating more physical activity into the day. Making sure kids in every classroom are moving and not glued to a desk. Take a 5 minute break to run laps in the gym once a day. Stretch at transition times in classrooms. Et cetera.	12/18/2018 4:58 PM
159	Seeing beyond test scores. Classes are too big.	12/18/2018 4:56 PM
160	Targeted communications and the process overall could improve. So many emails. Relevant content from the teacher and inconsistent and irrelevant content from various other senders.	12/18/2018 4:48 PM
161	Lunch programs. Continuing to implement updated curriculum, and support teachers in doing so.	12/18/2018 4:38 PM
162	I wish we could do the same for math, provide smaller group settings to allow the children to move at their pace.	12/18/2018 4:32 PM
163	The writing curriculum. They need to start writing at an earlier age (simple journal in kindergarten or 1st) and the writing assignments could be more interesting for the older students.	12/18/2018 4:09 PM
164	Go back to traditional math. Get rid of the common core math. Get rid of the executive functioning organizer plan instituted at O'Neill. Eighth graders should not be required to carry that briefcase. My daughter had her own system that she developed a long time ago for being organized. She was taught executive functioning skills in 3rd grade. If a student needs support, help them. Do not institute a school wide plan for older students. Put in place interventions for students as needed. The MAP testing is overused and by middle school and late grades kids are tired of it and it takes too much time away from other things. Way too much testing!!!	12/18/2018 4:01 PM
165	It would be great if there was one hub for information, signing up for conferences, fun lunches, events, the directory, etc. instead of having different apps and web sites. It's hard to remember where to go for which thing - especially as a first-time family!	12/18/2018 4:00 PM
166	Certain teacher(s) do not appear to be outwardly positive towards the children.	12/18/2018 3:40 PM
167	I think they should improve the gifted program so that children are selected according to the results of actual assessments created to identify gifted children rather than through MAP testing since there is no literature to suggest MAP testing has any correlation to gifted ability. Gifted children are being excluded from the program because no one is testing them appropriately. I would not have moved to this town had I known they basically ran an 'academic achievement' program rather than a gifted program.	12/18/2018 3:28 PM
168	move sixth grade classes to o'neil and herrick to help kids prepare for high school and college.	12/18/2018 3:21 PM
169	Informing parents of situations within the classroom when it is affecting learning	12/18/2018 3:10 PM
170	Parent engagement	12/18/2018 3:05 PM

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171	More time for play, outdoor learning, active recess, more student-led project-based learning, art programs, community building. All the good, healthy, important stuff that gets pushed aside in pursuit of more reading / math instruction. Let go of the behavior charts and reward systems! They do more harm than good, and can foster inequality, competition, and exclusion. Let our amazing teachers be progressive in their teaching!!	12/18/2018 3:02 PM
172	move 6th grade to the middle schools (herrick or o'neil), the [REDACTED] is an experiment that has expired. it's insulting to the kids. having a teach tell them it's the other teacher while that one does the same is wasteful and a drain on enthusiasm. besides they do a poor job preparing the kids for middle and high schools.	12/18/2018 3:00 PM
173	Kingsley should implement after school program (clubs) once a week (Legos, chess , drawing, cooking class) etc	12/18/2018 3:00 PM
174	Challenge the kids more. Should have more homework. At least 30min per night. Right now, they get approx 10min per night	12/18/2018 2:48 PM
175	Educate the parents more on how some of the virtual homework works.	12/18/2018 2:44 PM
176	Reading curriculum is severely lacking if in the grading only ONE A was given for the entire class because the "benchmarks were too difficult". Significantly concerned!!!!!!	12/18/2018 2:42 PM
177	Bullying is still a part of the school atmosphere at Indian Trail school, more work needs to be done to curtail this as it stifles a students emotional growth.	12/18/2018 2:33 PM
178	Giving parents an opportunity to observe/volunteer in the classroom	12/18/2018 2:32 PM
179	District 58 needs to look into redistricting the lines so kids can attend the same school as their neighbors. Bussing students to other schools in the district is not a responsible use of resources.	12/18/2018 2:32 PM
180	Sync the planner with school work,make notes clear - complete with Chapter title,page,expectations.Kids don't know how to take notes,are not ready for middle school!!!	12/18/2018 2:27 PM
181	Longer lunch times	12/18/2018 2:24 PM
182	Delivery of Services to all four student core tile groups to ensure all children are reaching their growth targets. I would like to see Research based programs in the area of Reading and Math available to students on their individual iPads to use in school during stations when teachers are working with small groups and at home.	12/18/2018 2:22 PM
183	Communication of overall educational progress	12/18/2018 2:21 PM
184	It would be great if our district offered more interdistrict events aside from Camp Edwards and Pen Pals.	12/18/2018 2:21 PM
185	Wonder why the report card changes every year or so? It is so confusing and no consistent to students or parents. Seems like there is a big disparity between schools. One school a 5th grader can be doing 7th grade math with the high 6th graders other schools you are limited to one grade level advancement in math. Reading isn't grouped by level so the high readers are not challenged enough. MAP testing wasn't done in a quiet environment. My student reported a child having an outburst and during a reading MAP test and she was told to work on. Kind of hard if you are distracted. I am not sure when the playground conditions became the responsibility of the PTA. Why does the school board not budget for the whole school. I hear at other schools parents offer to put in window air conditioners. When the parents are allowed to make up the budget for the the schools in higher income neighborhoods it increases the disparity between schools.	12/18/2018 2:21 PM
186	Diversity training More social emotional learning opportunities for the students	12/18/2018 2:21 PM
187	Eliminate iPads for all the students. As a parent, I see that the iPad has not provided any useful learning for my two students at Lester. I see that it provides more distraction than anything else. As a teacher, I see the same problems in the classroom. Students have more ways to get off task and it is easier for them to get off task. My students in my family and classroom want to finish tasks, so that they can do other things on their iPad not related to academics. iPads are hindering our children's learning and creativity.	12/18/2018 2:21 PM
188	Air condition the school.	12/18/2018 2:08 PM

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189	The class sizes are way too big. The kindergarten teachers are absolutely wonderful teachers and humans, in general, but I have voiced concerns where I felt like my daughter was excelling beyond what they were learning in class and I'd like to see her challenged. She's in a special reading group sometimes, but there's not much more. I know the focus is on bringing the bottom students up, but challenging the top kids is not something I'm seeing much of. I don't think it's a fault of the teacher- I believe it's a symptom of oversized classes. As a parent, I feel like this is mostly just a throw-away year and, maybe this is idealistic, but I wish I didn't feel like that. I wish my daughter was challenged. I hear that there's more of that in later grades, so I'm looking forward to that. One more note, communication from the nurse- even just a note that says my daughter was there. One day my daughter hit her head in gym class and got sent to the nurse for ice, but I didn't know until a couple of days later when she randomly brought it up. I feel like it would have been nice to know that there was an incident with her head.	12/18/2018 2:00 PM
190	More communication, information, background, etc (on all events) for incoming families. We are a new family to Whittier this year and I have gotten most information on activities from other parents (variety show, candy cane sales, etc.)	12/18/2018 1:59 PM
191	More homework every day. The children do not have homework every day.	12/18/2018 1:56 PM
192	Addressing conflict and student issues with assurances to parents that the issues are resolved.	12/18/2018 1:55 PM
193	Academically I feel the teachers are fantastic. I do feel strongly that the school needs to be air conditioned in order to promote a better environment for concentration and learning.	12/18/2018 1:54 PM
194	Security entering building/check in-no ID required etc, dress code Of staff is is too informal, supervision of students in front and side of school is lacking, parent drop off is a liability lawsuit waiting to happen, in my opinion everything is way too laid back-not proactive but reactive	12/18/2018 1:44 PM
195	Providing suggestions for helping students who need extra support.	12/18/2018 1:42 PM
196	It would be great if each teacher can challenge each individual student to take on harder assignments outside of their comfort zone. This year in particular my child's teacher is actively promoting her to do harder math problems. This is not only creating a higher level of learning, but it is also boosting confidence in achievement. I feel some teachers just teach to minimum standards and don't try to reach the upmost potential in the kids. Also - the school security standard operating procedures need to improve. I am a general contractor working in many school districts. I would have to say that our district 58 schools are on the very low end of school security in terms of design (secured vestibules), protocols, and procedures.	12/18/2018 1:40 PM
197	Expanding/applying SEL in classrooms, on playground, during lunch, etc. I applaud efforts to go over the SEL lessons in the class; I believe they would be better understood and much more meaningful to students if the lessons were shown in action. I am not sure how to do that! There are plenty of times when they are issues on the playground or at lunch where we could practice what is taught with guidance from staff instead of taking a game away, or telling kids to speak kindly, etc.	12/18/2018 1:38 PM
198	We've been at Lester less than a year, so I don't have any perspective on this.	12/18/2018 1:35 PM
199	Zero communication from teacher this year. Problem kids in class are a distraction. Classroom seems to have a lot of subs.	12/18/2018 1:30 PM
200	Playground updated, more recess, more social adult guided activities.	12/18/2018 1:29 PM
201	Air conditioning!	12/18/2018 1:28 PM
202	Would like to see foreign languages integrated into the curriculum at a young age.	12/18/2018 1:28 PM
203	Teachers need to learn to be more supportive with certain students when they have a question in class	12/18/2018 1:26 PM
204	Recess supervision:)	12/18/2018 1:26 PM
205	Providing interventions prior to a parent asking for them. Having said interventions at all schools and not just some of them.	12/18/2018 1:12 PM
206	Hillcrest has a HUGE lack of supervision on the playground!!! Also a lack of understanding when a child needs to be pushed to more advanced learning and when the child is just plain bored with the lessons.	12/18/2018 1:08 PM

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207	The district is not proactive in solving its many issues. I have seen this "wait and see" approach for too many years, and am extremely disappointed by the Board. Highland School, for example, has had severe overcrowding for years. The district simply uses a band-aid approach, instead of actively solving the problem. A temporary cap of 28 students in these young elementary years is simply unacceptable. I can understand not wanting to remove current families, but why would a new family be allowed to enroll their child in a class that already has 27 students? Why not allow natural attrition occur, to prevent these overcrowded classrooms? Or, why not PROACTIVELY address these issues? There are many, many disgruntled parents that are tired of the Board not listening to the parents and not willing to make the tough decisions that are needed. The spending of the exorbitant amount of money on iPads when so very many parents spoke out against it and wanted these resources to be used for updated curriculums and more teachers aides is another example.	12/18/2018 1:07 PM
208	less iPad time and more social (skills) problem solving focus	12/18/2018 1:05 PM
209	Building updates	12/18/2018 1:02 PM
210	Certain teachers could be more proactive in responding to parents.	12/18/2018 1:00 PM
211	Being open to discussing issues with teachers and not always only blaming the student. Be open to mutual change, not just the student while not expecting the teacher to have any improvements to make.	12/18/2018 12:58 PM
212	More school functions, such as a winter performance, after school reading nights, etc. Having hot lunch provided daily. Making sure new teachers are using standard based lessons and making sure the kids in the class are succeeding and learning at the pace they should be. Not evaluating and changing the teacher's strategies at the end of the year when it's too late.	12/18/2018 12:56 PM
213	none	12/18/2018 12:49 PM
214	The student is the customer and should always come first. I'd love to see DG58 include this in the mission/vision statement and ALWAYS consider in EVERY decision? Decisions seem to consider the teacher first then student then parent. Although I applaud our educators, the customer = the student and should again, be given first priority always. As with any non-profit or for profit organization, the organization should cater to the customer needs/demands and the employees schedules adapt accordingly. 1) TriMester schedule = Board presentation focused on the fact that PTC were all about report cards rather than the student. Trimesters would change that. What in the world and where did this come from? Wouldn't it have made more sense to adapt to the customer and sync with D99 calendar as it would benefit customers greatly, both students and parents. 2) School events are scheduled during the school day with rare exception to that rule. That's great for the teacher schedule but what about the customer? It would benefit the customer if events were planned once the school day ends. The student would receive a full day of education while allowing as many parents/guardians to attend the event and thus support the student. 3) Air conditioning - This topic still makes me lose complete faith and support in DG58 Admin. It's 2018 and we don't have an essential component to a customer's education, air conditioning. Furthermore, my children receive a "Popsicle break" in the only air conditioned locations = teachers lounge and the main office (unbelievable really that this crap has been going on for so long. If you can't afford AC for your customers, don't give it to Admin and teachers = teachers first. If the Principal and district really asked in every single matter whether xyz benefits the student first, I believe parents would support DG58 decisions at a much higher rate. Right now, decisions seem so biased so parents honestly roll their eyes and say "Here we go again". Sorry for the rant. Lots of frustration, clearly...but I am hopeful for the 3 year district Strategic Plan. Let's turn this ship around and make DG58 THE sought after school district.	12/18/2018 12:49 PM
215	Nothing, I am proud for my children to be a part of this district.	12/18/2018 12:48 PM
216	Needs to give more opportunity academically to keep the children challenged	12/18/2018 12:47 PM
217	Nothing that I can think of	12/18/2018 12:46 PM
218	At Herrick, there are some teaching styles that aren't as responsive to the classroom learning needs as others. I'm just not sure how to best address those concerns and if it will even make a difference.	12/18/2018 12:45 PM

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219	The school year calendar is challenging for working parents. ENOUGH with the in-service days that immediately follow holidays or breaks. Couldn't this in-service have occurred DURING the break when the kids were already off school? And the week-long "fall break" was unnecessary and indulgent, particularly just a few short weeks before the two-week winter break. Did I mention the inconvenience of in-service immediately following the fall break?? And making up the in-service snow day by extending the school year??? And WHY oh WHY do the kids get good Friday off? Especially when it's in no way connected with spring break. I would also love to see some male teachers in Pierce Downer. There's not one. It's a shame. Children, boys and girls alike, need male role models.	12/18/2018 12:44 PM
220	Our school needs to improve upon serving it's students that are performing above average academically. There is a lot of time dedicated to the students that are performing at lower levels, but not a lot of time is given to students that are performing at high levels.	12/18/2018 12:42 PM
221	Providing more consistent feedback to parents regarding what students are actually working on in class. Provide a better understanding of how teachers determine grades. Provide bi-weekly or monthly reports indicating various grades for class work, tests or homework assignments that determine overall grades. Our school would benefit from a more friendly, cooperative relationship between parents and administrators. There is a lack of communication and willingness to work together.	12/18/2018 12:41 PM
222	I don't have a wish list at this time.	12/18/2018 12:41 PM
223	more updated calendars on line; a place to find out about clubs and when they meet	12/18/2018 12:40 PM
224	Lunch options in school	12/18/2018 12:39 PM
225	Bus Service	12/18/2018 12:39 PM
226	Make more time for Parent-Teacher conferences at the grade school level. Right now, they are too harried and short to be really constructive for the child. Also, I could make a specific appointment, but I don't know what the agenda would be (I don't know what I don't know). In upper grades, it is harder to be helpful as a parent. Emotional issues tied up with school and homework are less easily overcome. I would love some help applying strategies to my child.	12/18/2018 12:38 PM
227	Exclusion and putting down other children still is a problem in the upper groups. It is not from lack of lecture however it is through the practice of exclusion on the playground during lunch this is most apparent.	12/18/2018 12:38 PM
228	Foreign language opportunities and more art classes.	12/18/2018 12:36 PM
229	Playground updates	12/18/2018 12:35 PM
230	Communication on day to day progress in a classroom. May not be a reasonable request considering how many students are in a classroom and the amount of time/effort that goes into teaching those kids. What individual students are working on only seems to be communicated at conference and report card time.	12/18/2018 12:35 PM
231	Get a new Board of Education and Administration. I am not impressed with the leadership in this district at all. How embarrassing to be in Downers Grove Schools and have such incompetent people making the big decisions for us.	12/18/2018 12:30 PM
232	I think everyone is doing great job there!	12/18/2018 12:30 PM
233	Figure out a long term solution for over crowding	12/18/2018 12:28 PM
234	For this survey, you could have a Response choice "I Don't Know" because I don't know the answer to every single question. Thanks.	12/18/2018 12:28 PM
235	science and math curriculum	12/18/2018 12:28 PM
236	Can't think of any	12/18/2018 12:25 PM
237	Not have them all stand outside before school. Let them inside when they arrive.	12/18/2018 12:24 PM
238	At this time I have nothing to add.	12/18/2018 12:23 PM
239	I know parent involvement is hard in middle school, but it would be nice to come into school for something education related at least once a year (besides band / choir /orchestra)	12/17/2018 11:55 PM

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240	I feel that son has very poor writing skills for his age and academic level. At the age of nine, I am still having to work with him on forming letters correctly, correct sentence structure, etc. I don't know if this is due to excessive use of iPads for homework/class work in 1-2 grades, but it's frustrating to see him excel in so many areas and then barely be able to write.	12/17/2018 10:33 PM
241	Be more accommodating of students at the upper end of the learning spectrum in the lower grades. I sometimes feel these kids are left waiting for their peers to catch up.	12/17/2018 6:29 PM
242	Extend Champions hours	12/17/2018 12:11 PM
243	Math groups should be more individualized, without such large gaps between groups.	12/17/2018 11:59 AM
244	Indian Trail needs more after school family type events or activities. Not just run by the PTA but teacher initiated as well. It would also be great if the school had more clubs run by staff (staff would be paid of course). There isn't enough to do there unlike other schools or the other district we came from. It's very sad. If they want more parent engagement we need more activities at the school that the kids want to come to and have those kids encourage their parents to take them. PTA or not. The school needs more. Also, playground is very depressing.	12/17/2018 11:51 AM
245	Listen to the kids more and care more	12/17/2018 11:27 AM
246	n/a	12/16/2018 11:29 PM
247	n/a	12/16/2018 11:25 PM
248	Getting classroom teaching assistants into classrooms, especially with classes 25 or more students. This is crucial in k-2 classroom. I would like to see a weekly emailed update from the teachers on things students are learning about and things happening within the classroom. Less studying facts for science and social studies tests and more pBI projects to show understanding of topics. Better communication of the RTI process and criteria for tiers. Better communication about grouping for math especially in 3rd grade and above.	12/16/2018 10:31 PM
249	Increased opportunities for advanced learning beyond math and foreign language.	12/16/2018 8:41 PM
250	Updated bathrooms, more air conditioners.	12/16/2018 8:06 PM
251	I would like to see more communication from teachers about how they are teaching reading/writing/math. Is my child in a small ability level group? What is taught whole group? Unless I specifically ask, teachers do not send home regular information about what they are doing in the classroom. Weekly letter from the principal is appreciated but I'd like to know more about my child's specific classroom. Also I would like more opportunities to be in the classroom (help with small groups, math game, etc). It's the best way to really understand the classroom environment and see how the students are learning! Also, ipads are a wonderful tool that each child has, but how are they using them for learning?	12/15/2018 11:41 AM
252	Match the school calendar to D99. Not so many long weekends	12/15/2018 7:47 AM
253	More time with art classes and P.E.	12/15/2018 1:49 AM
254	Line up in the AM!! To many young kids without adequate supervision running around near a busier side street and where busses are. Not enough adults to properly keep kids safe. Also, think it's ridiculous to have them sit outside in the freezing cold when they can sit warm in the hallway. Also, sad that there was no holiday performance for Kindergarten. Very disappointing!!!	12/14/2018 10:31 PM
255	Stop with trying to be politically correct. Administrators don't seem to care about students and when a conference is requested the time period is too long. Follow up are difficult and principal is inaccessible and seems like he does not care. Does not take comments and concerns to heart. But if he doesn't want to accept responsibility, how can it be expected of the staff? Very disappointed, but fortunately our kids are only there two years. Superintendent should look into this but she too, is not responsive, so that comes to the School Board but they are just as incompetent. Our tax dollars at work.	12/14/2018 10:06 PM
256	I really dislike the 1-to-1 iPad program and think students should not take iPads home until at least 3rd grade.	12/14/2018 9:46 PM
257	Writing instruction	12/14/2018 4:41 PM
258	I wish there was an opportunity for my children to learn a foreign language either during the school day or as an after-school activity.	12/14/2018 12:07 PM
259	Sports team needed	12/14/2018 11:40 AM

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260	I would like to see more consistent communication/general standard of required teacher communication. We have one child with a teacher that is fantastic with communication. We always know when there are any concerns academically or socially. She is proactive, frequent and thoughtful with communication. We have another teacher that have never sent a single proactive email ever, even when the report card indicated our child was struggling and spending tons of time in the nurses office.	12/14/2018 10:27 AM
261	There should more resources devoted to kids on the upper end of the academic scale. Too often these kids are left alone while the resources are given to the lower and middle learners.	12/14/2018 9:02 AM
262	The curriculum could be more challenging with more resources given to high achieving/accelerated students.	12/14/2018 8:57 AM
263	Help a child who is drowning and not transitioning into the middle school role vs just watching it happen	12/14/2018 12:31 AM
264	The middle school should rethink the use of the binders and requiring all students to carry them, not so sure it is helping with executive function and organization skills	12/13/2018 10:32 PM
265	The playground needs to be updated	12/13/2018 10:31 PM
266	Get rid of the filthy rocks on the playground, costs and clothes are being ruined every day.	12/13/2018 9:29 PM
267	More gym, more recess, getting rid of the reading homework where we just reread material my daughter has already done in class - this is a real waste of our family time.	12/13/2018 7:40 PM
268	The curriculum. Period.	12/13/2018 6:16 PM
269	bringing in more advanced work as regards to the standards other districts follow	12/13/2018 5:36 PM
270	We could be better at pressing students to do their best and push their educational boundaries further.	12/13/2018 4:59 PM
271	Nothing.	12/13/2018 4:14 PM
272	Get rid of the crabby, old, my-way-or-the-highway teachers. These people are not willing to adapt to today's generation of kids. They're close minded, impatient, and angry and these bad attitudes are then thrust onto the students as demeaning, degrading, belittling comments that causes the kids to lack confidence and lowers self esteem.	12/13/2018 4:13 PM
273	teachers that are invested in helping students learn	12/13/2018 3:46 PM
274	Being more proactive and properly communicate if and when a student is struggling in a particular subject.	12/13/2018 7:12 AM
275	Communication with high school about expectations for better transition (i.e. not enough homework in middle school)	12/12/2018 11:42 PM
276	Getting rid of bad teachers	12/12/2018 8:22 PM
277	Grading system. No grades for homework ("formative") is very upsetting and problematic especially for children who do not "test well"	12/12/2018 5:58 PM
278	There is feedback from my child and other students about not learning as much as they want. They feel they could be learning more and actually appreciate and respect teachers who are more strict and hold students accountable.	12/12/2018 5:31 PM
279	District 58 needs to hire better teachers, especially at O'Neill Middle School. Many of the veteran teachers have been doing the same things for years even if it isn't common core aligned. It surprises me what the teachers get away with there. Where is the accountability? High expectations are not expected of the teachers. The higher level students will learn and do well no matter what. But what about the kids who need quality instruction to learn? They're not receiving it and it isn't fair. These student's are not prepared for high school. If I had to do it over again I would not buy a house in District 58. The state report card doesn't lie. The students in district 58 are not performing as well as other students in similar districts.	12/12/2018 1:44 PM
280	Consistent communication from teachers Each teacher is very different in their response to parents. Middle school should start in 6th grade	12/12/2018 12:54 PM
281	I think all of the teachers need to remember to keep all children's information private and not share any confidential information. (even when it's being done in a friendly, "helpful" way) Parents enjoy a professional relationship with their children's teachers. We are not looking to be charmed or befriended.	12/12/2018 12:38 PM

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282	Helping students who receive special services to navigate their day with more ease	12/12/2018 12:32 PM
283	More consideration to some parent concerns/suggestions regarding special ed children. (their placement, their goals, etc.)	12/12/2018 12:27 PM
284	Kids who disrupt class need to have more consequences. It seems like a lot of time is lost dealing with kids who talk out or are not ready to learn when the bell rings. (This is coming from my child, so not a first had source. Thought it should be addressed, though)	12/12/2018 11:45 AM
285	Parking and student pick up. School need to enforce rules regarding only parking on one side of the street. Cars can't get down the street before and after school	12/12/2018 11:27 AM
286	Academic rigor	12/12/2018 10:58 AM
287	Seek feedback on teachers from students and parents	12/12/2018 10:10 AM
288	Supporting the social. emotional needs of new transfers.	12/12/2018 9:54 AM
289	Retire older teachers	12/12/2018 9:47 AM
290	Update the learning environments. With the way kids learn today I do not think the environment is very supportive of that. Also- the Thanksgiving Break was too long and disruptive to the rhythm of the kids learning, shorten it up next year!	12/12/2018 9:47 AM
291	Have District 99 and 58 calendars align	12/12/2018 9:41 AM
292	The school bus companies	12/12/2018 9:25 AM
293	No comments I am very happy with the kind people in the schools	12/12/2018 9:22 AM
294	grades seem to have a large weight on testing, I would like to see more homework completion attached to grading system. Poor test taker does not equal poor student.	12/12/2018 9:22 AM
295	I would like online access to my children's grades. I would like to see teacher's institute days scheduled away from holidays. As a working parent, I already have to make child care accommodations for holidays, and then putting an institute day at beginning/end of the holiday weekend it adds much stress.	12/11/2018 7:24 PM
296	Communications about changes in teachers immediately and abruptly before school starts. Better mentoring for new teachers, especially recent graduates.	12/10/2018 8:37 PM
297	Special education planning and implementation, and ensuring students with special academic/behavioral/medical needs are treated fairly and provided equal opportunities	12/10/2018 1:28 PM
298	Looking forward to changes next yr. Not happy with current teachers and leadership at Puffer. There should be more district wide events.	12/10/2018 1:07 PM
299	Administration at Puffer I've found to be exemplary. Beyond that I've found, as the parent of both [redacted] and [redacted] graders that went through pre k at Puffer, that select teachers go above and beyond. Other teachers go through the motions and just plain suck. I suppose this is a problem across the board in school systems, and the solution has probably been hard to come by. I feel at least one year has been almost entirely wasted based on two observations in class. The pta is so quick to defend the school and teachers i've felt unable to speak out. An unannounced district observation multiple times per year is an inexpensive solution I believe. An unprepared lesson can't be performed in such a way that it is acceptable to trained observation. Thanks.	12/10/2018 12:48 PM
300	I wish the bilingual program was not so segregated.	12/10/2018 12:48 PM
301	1) ALL Puffer report cards in the open-ended prose portion should include child-specifics notes about that child, not a generic "good job!" or "see you at conferences." There is a wide disparity of what we get from Puffer teachers over the years, and I think a staff meeting should occur where teachers are told how important those few sentences are in showing a parent that you really care and are paying attention to the specifics of each particular child. In this day of Seesaw and Dojo and email and websites, we get plenty of info about what is happening at school in my opinion, but the best teachers are the ones that use that report card space wisely, in my opinion and personal experience. 2) The D58 superintendent needs to spend more time working on administrative matters and less time handing out awards and visiting classrooms and then having that all plugged by the PR team on social media. It's out of whack. Or maybe the D58 PR team ought to consider talking up more the time she spends on doing the critical elements of her job description? 3) creative thinking and exploration could be encouraged even more in d58. The projects my child does in the gifted program ("Extend") are fantastic, by I wish that type of learning experience were more available to all kids.	12/10/2018 12:23 PM

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302	We need a tangible math and social studies curricula that espouse a district-wide philosophy and pedagogy centered on student-centered inquiry and creative thinking.	12/9/2018 6:34 PM
303	Making children that do not fit the "typical" mold feel accepted. Finding each child's gift and making them feel special.	12/8/2018 9:23 PM
304	reduce/unify number of communication channels (e. g. just one app for a specific type of communication across all grades, so we do not have to manage different communication patterns for each teacher individually)	12/8/2018 3:02 PM
305	Better curriculum, increase in homework. Education is key in the success of our student. Many surrounding districts do so much than District 58. It is disappointing to see.	12/8/2018 12:21 PM
306	Use of text messages to relay important information instead of an email.	12/6/2018 8:05 PM
307	District 58 needs to do a better job on transparency. There are many parents that feel that while one thing is said in public another thing may occur beyond the public knowing about it. To me, that is concerning.	12/6/2018 3:58 PM
308	They could improve the way bullying is handled, it's not really dealt with very well. Herrick is adequate, but Whittier is not effective at all.	12/6/2018 9:56 AM
309	Purchasing things for our building that really should be the district responsibility instead of the PTA having to raise money. Provide all the materials needed to the teachers to effectively teach our children.	12/6/2018 7:12 AM
310	Implement stricter safety system for visitors- i.e. scan driver's license	12/5/2018 11:02 PM
311	Teachers could more clearly understand testing metrics and results. None of my child's teachers fully understand MAP tests or what the purpose of them is.	12/5/2018 9:17 PM
312	District 58 needs to come up with a plan for the future in terms of curriculum as well as the increase of incoming students. The Highland overflow situation for the 2018-2019 school year was not handled professionally by all involved nor were parents concerns taken seriously by the professionals involved. The newest communication regarding first grade at Highland School for the 2019-2020 school year do not fill me with confidence.	12/5/2018 8:55 PM
313	You can communicate to parents the VARIETY of classes and levels of classes available to all students even if there aren't that many kids at your own school partaking. If you are an average kid that has potential to excel if you actually knew about another option (like accelerated ELA at herrick) then that child may be motivated to work harder to get those scores up to be able to get into the accelerated class. If you just keep letting the already accelerated kids know about the accelerated options, that doesn't education the general ed kids about those options to trigger them to work harder towards that goal of being in accelerated class at herrick. Start talking transition sooner! Educate parents on the track your child is on (gifts/accelerated or not) starting in 4th/5th grade so all are aware of renzulli scale or, at the other end of continuum, guided courses at herrick that are more hands on for needier kids. Examine the math tracks. Right now Accelerated Math track kids at HMS end up in Math 2 or Math 2 honors freshman year. BUT....the Math A/Math B track kids ALSO end up in Math 2 or Math 2 honors freshman. So what is the point of having those two different tracks? It almost seems like the Math A/B track is a more difficult one with cramming three years of math into two years. How can you make the Accelerated Math track kids STILL accelerated (more than the Math A/B kids) by the time they leave Herrick?	12/5/2018 4:23 PM
314	Science resources	12/5/2018 1:43 PM
315	It is time for a new district leadership. Scores are lower than when we started in the district, and it seems that we spend way to much money on the wrong things.	12/5/2018 10:31 AM
316	Re: the survey: I didn't yet know how to answer some of the questions - e.g. like about supporting diversity, or whether there is always an adult to help if my child has trouble - because I've either not yet seen evidence or noticed an issue. I answered them to the best of my ability with only 3 months experience/exposure to the district. I would like Kindergarten to be full day automatically. I understand that there's a cost to this for the district, so in the end I'm grateful that OKEEP is an option.	12/5/2018 9:30 AM
317	More transparency with the tiered school rating system.	12/5/2018 9:12 AM
318	More art, more physical education- our children do not get enough exposure to either. Teach to tests- the test scores need improvement and is worrisome that our children aren't being taught the appropriate or current skills needed to succeed.	12/5/2018 12:23 AM

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319	Testing - our scores must improve!!! Hopefully curriculum will help. However all other neighboring towns have significantly better scores, i don't understand why DG 58 can't learn from them?	12/5/2018 12:17 AM
320	A new superintendent. This woman is a mastermind of deceit and false charm She is completely incompetent and is ruining the school district. Also the special ed system is completely broken. Principals and special ed staff - esp the [REDACTED] are interested only in keeping kids out of services.	12/4/2018 10:34 PM
321	Class size! 28 students per class for the last 3 years is too large. I am considering transferring her to private school to benefit from better class ratios.	12/4/2018 9:29 PM
322	Teachers need to be teaching the same curriculum. At Herrick, a student's education completely depends on the teacher they get. Personality conflicts between students and teachers are fine and something kids need to learn to navigate. Losing a year of [REDACTED] instruction because you didn't get one of the teachers who is actually working daily toward standards isn't ok for any student. This situation has created an environment which requires a parent to request particular teachers to ensure rigor and learning (again, this is not about whether students "like" the teacher or not).	12/4/2018 9:23 PM
323	communicate to parents more info in a timely matter	12/4/2018 9:21 PM
324	Teach spelling, grammar, and vocabulary more than just 1/2 semester. The folks at DGN know what school your child came from when they see a remarkable pattern of not being able to spell or use grammar properly	12/4/2018 9:01 PM
325	Taking a closer look at kids struggling with reading and writing. MAP scores do not always indicate problems with reading and writing/fluency. I wish the AIMS % passing score was higher than 25%. I think there are several students struggling that fall through the cracks of these scores.	12/4/2018 7:37 PM
326	District 58 is behind in many areas in regards to student learning vs many area schools. Moreover, parents and teachers do not feel that their opinions and concerns are heard.	12/4/2018 7:25 PM
327	Offering interventions for deficit areas at all schools, including all deficit areas.	12/4/2018 6:04 PM
328	Other languages being part of the curriculum	12/4/2018 5:59 PM
329	I have one gripe about the transition in math between 2nd and 3rd grade. For students who go into 3rd grade, but are placed into 4th grade math, it would be really helpful if there is a letter or email that is sent to parents over the summer communicating how critical it is for students who will essentially be skipping 3rd grade math to learn their multiplication tables over the summer. I believe that my child's second grade teacher mentioned this somewhat casually to us in a teacher conference, mainly as a suggestion in case she was put into 4th grade math. But, as we have been learning, it was pretty essential that she go into third grade knowing those cold. We had worked on them a little but not nearly enough. It set her up for some pretty extreme frustration and stress as she's still trying to learn her multiplication tables now, while the class has already finished multiplication and is now in division. Homework has been very time consuming and frustrating. There should be some streamlined communication early in the summer to let kids know they should spend a lot of time working on this, and perhaps making sure students have access to xtramath or IXL. This would set those kids up for success, as it's been a really rocky transition that we are still navigating well into the year.	12/4/2018 5:27 PM
330	Meeting my child where s/he is academically. There are several options available if a child falls outside the norm, but if a, b, or c do not work for your child then the school or district just tells you it's policy and that is what has to work for your child. Although improvement has been made, the school and district have a ways to go to meet each child where they are at.	12/4/2018 5:03 PM
331	Communication and making sure all schools in the district are on the same page.	12/4/2018 4:21 PM
332	Social emotional curriculum	12/4/2018 3:26 PM
333	Consistency is lacking overall. Different schools attend different field trips, lessons, use of IPAD etc. You would think wanting all DG 58 students to have the same experience would benefit for when they blend together at Middle/High School. Same within our small school. Our child is in 2nd grade and classes are run differently. Enough that my child has observed and heard from her friends in the other class- lessons, IPADs, activities, Also- the iPad's are being used very diffidently from my first child to my second. Both have had them in second grade. My eldest (now in 6th) was getting and turning in assignments through them. Using them for journals, mirroring answers in class, and was editing images and putting together presentations. Now it just seems like they are babysitting. My younger daughter hates it. No skills being learned about technology it seems. Yes - she is strengthening her math skills, etc. but it could be so much more.	12/4/2018 3:02 PM

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334	More communication from the individual teacher about how my child is doing, both socially and academically.	12/4/2018 2:53 PM
335	Regular communication between teachers and parents via email on at least a monthly basis would be helpful. I also think that the new Benchmark, while very specific to individual needs is quite challenging, so clarifying to parents what kinds of results on unit assessments equal a meets vs an exceeds vs a does not meet would be helpful. It would also be incredibly helpful if parents had access to the math textbook as my son is not with his classroom teacher for math instruction and there are times where it would be incredibly helpful to be able to see the work they did in class in the textbook to assist better with homework. I know of other students who make their textbooks available on line for both students and parents to assist with homework.	12/4/2018 9:15 AM
336	Playground equipment	12/3/2018 7:49 PM
337	Everything is great!	12/3/2018 4:40 PM
338	Nothing comes to mind! :)	12/3/2018 12:09 PM
339	Although most of the teachers are outstanding, there are a couple of teachers who do not seem to reflect the same high standards of care for the students. A couple of teachers do communicate as well and it is difficult to know what is happening in class and how my child is doing. While almost all of the teachers are outstanding and are very caring and supportive, a couple seem less than connected with the kids. I wish all of the teachers could be as caring and worked as hard as most do.	12/2/2018 10:50 PM
340	Continue to improve math curriculum, especially for the students who are in the middle. Great job with the new ELA.	12/2/2018 10:40 PM
341	Easy access to the school when evening activities are scheduled with the park district.	12/2/2018 7:32 PM
342	locker sizes! My child can't fit a winter coat in his locker and therefore goes to school cold. A/C installed for fall and spring and certain classrooms are very cold in the winter	12/2/2018 7:26 PM
343	Smaller class sizes.	12/2/2018 3:45 PM
344	Lower class size.	12/2/2018 3:45 PM
345	N/A	12/2/2018 8:24 AM
346	move 6th grade to junior high / middle school	11/29/2018 10:22 AM
347	Class size	11/27/2018 11:58 AM
348	1) When we received an email that the school had to go on "lock down" we never received a follow up email when it was lifted (at least I didn't see one). That closing of the loop would be nice 2) coordination with D99 vacation days	11/27/2018 11:27 AM
349	Please keep giving students the whole week off at Thanksgiving!	11/26/2018 12:27 PM
350	Communication from school to home (newsletters, emails, etc). Also, please continue to give whole week off at Thanksgiving.	11/26/2018 12:23 PM
351	I would like to see 1-2 more field trips added. Learning outside the classroom can be very important, and I feel like this has been scaled back over the years.	11/26/2018 10:39 AM
352	I've heard from my child that his classmates aren't always supportive. His classroom is loud and they make fun of him for asking them to be quiet. He also tells me the kids from St. Joe are dismissive of him and don't allow him to contribute during group work because his elementary school was "inferior" in their opinion. His classmates often make him feel stupid.	11/25/2018 10:17 PM
353	Communication can be enhanced for accuracy of information. Principal(s) could be more proactive following up on resolution of issues and addressing parent concerns.	11/25/2018 8:20 PM
354	I feel that in general the teachers teach one way and don't adapt to kids that learn in ways other than they are accustomed to or They way they want to teach.	11/25/2018 8:11 PM
355	I was unhappy with the district email saying teachers received a 12% raise. The raises for everyone added up to that amount. No teacher even received cost of living increases this year. Please be honest and transparent in your communications with the community.	11/25/2018 7:23 PM
356	Less stressing of the iPads. Less screen time is better.	11/25/2018 11:42 AM
357	I would like to see a more robust program for students who continuously show they are performing above average on certain subjects.	11/20/2018 4:32 PM

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358	I wish there was one site for everything. Right now the school uses multiple apps...seesaw, hot lunch, A to Z connect. We were previously at st Marys and I liked how they had one website for everything. I also think it's unfair we have to pay for full day K when other districts don't. For example Woodridge, Naperville.	11/20/2018 3:03 PM
359	I really wish that there would be some way to get AC in the building. It's not that big of a deal, but sometimes on those really hot days, which are usually pretty few and far between, I almost feel bad for what they have to go through at school.	11/19/2018 9:39 PM
360	Continued improvement In including children from all programs in Kingsley to school-wide events. More Handicap accessible parking.	11/19/2018 5:11 PM
361	FIRE [REDACTED]. The emotional stress he inflicts on students and parents is unacceptable. He does not like to teach outside of his parameters regardless of how students learn. He told us that "differentiation is not conducive to his teaching style". Are you kidding me. His needs are put ahead of the children? Well that is totally backwards and should not be tolerated. Time to replace [REDACTED] with someone that is up to the challenge of maintaining the excellent standards of District 58. The only reason I did not give all top scores on the survey is because of [REDACTED]	11/19/2018 2:16 PM
362	Relying too much on Ipod. Another 5-10 mins extension on lunch time	11/19/2018 10:49 AM
363	middle school does not focus enough on social emotional issues and fairness. many of the 'popular' students get praised by teachers and staff, then turn around and bully and torment other students. teachers and staff need to be more aware of what is going on around them. just because a student is quiet and doesn't get noticed by the teachers and staff, doesn't mean they are not good, giving, and helpful students. many of these students get overlooked and left out. dg middle schools need to take more student surveys to know what is really going on with the children in and outside of the school. also, the district needs to take more action for safety violations done by students. herrick had a snap-chat threat incident, and then that student was in class the next day. where is the example being set?? interesting enough, the student was a 'popular' student. stop playing favorites, open up teachers and staff eyes and realize there are many fantastic students in the middle schools getting bullied and left out. last year, a pride award was given out to a 'popular' girl at herrick, and she received a popsicle treat, two girls walked behind her and were commenting how they would have liked a popsicle, and the 'popular' girl turns around and says 'too bad for you.' that is a great attitude for a girl who the teachers just presented with a pride award.	11/19/2018 8:25 AM
364	encourage all schools to host more child events, instead of adult events. not all schools are equal in making things about the kids. teachers/staff need to work closer with pta and encourage events for kids and families. example, puffer has many student/family events, but hillcrest only hosts a few. more family events leads to a closer bond with students, families, and the school.	11/19/2018 8:04 AM
365	more emphasis on math for brighter children	11/19/2018 7:35 AM
366	Ten days off for Thanksgiving is a little too much. Would rather have a different Monday off to spread out the days off.	11/18/2018 9:20 PM
367	Increase opportunities for advanced learners. Curriculum is currently deficient in challenging certain students. There's not much available (in terms of resources and staff) to address their needs.	11/18/2018 8:13 PM
368	Not sure	11/17/2018 11:05 PM
369	More out of school experiences and learning opportunities	11/17/2018 9:06 PM
370	Remembering that kids learn differently meaning they learn in different ways. I feel like if my kid doesn't get the assignment as it's taught modifications aren't made.	11/17/2018 2:20 PM
371	1. Please stop spending so much money on the latest iPad technology and/or devices. Technology is relevant but nowadays technology can be disruptive to the teaching process. 2. Please INVEST in air conditioning. We live in a district where the majority of our property taxes are going in the schools, and our children are SWEATING in the classroom. The lack of AC in many schools is not conducive to LEARNING. Let's get with the program!! 3. Invest in our teachers! Pay qualified teachers appropriate salaries so that they are motivated to remain in our school district. 4. Invest in our SCHOOLS! Besides Air conditioning, several schools are looking run down. We should not have to worry about water quality - take care of the schools.	11/17/2018 2:07 PM
372	iPads, too much focus on technology: replace with desktop use in higher grades & do not offer technology to kids before age 10.	11/17/2018 10:09 AM
373	Im not sure at the moment.	11/17/2018 6:36 AM

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374	Try to motivate kids to behave instead of punishment all the time	11/16/2018 5:18 PM
375	Facilities	11/16/2018 4:01 PM
376	Plan for the future. Qucikly	11/15/2018 9:28 PM
377	When problems are brought to your attention take action to solve them.	11/15/2018 6:06 PM
378	Parking	11/15/2018 3:35 PM
379	All schools she be equitable w/ programs...offering Spanish, Watch Dog etc.	11/15/2018 3:27 PM
380	I realize it's in the strategic plan, but just wanted to share my view that AC for our children shouldn't be viewed as a luxury. For our children to learn, they need to be physically comfortable - full bellies, kind people, safe surroundings, etc. My kids are pretty tough and don't have medical issues, but they come home after the 90+ degree days completely depleted and borderline unwell. We can do better for our children.	11/15/2018 2:57 PM
381	I think the PARCC testing is so wasteful. Our students curriculum is packed and is already being taught to them very fast with little review for the teachers to account for if need be. I am very disturb that teachers are asked to take time out to teach/practice for the PARCC testing then another week to take it. I think the students are stressed from it as well as the teachers. Maybe there should be a survey about PARCC trsting to get parent and teacher feedback.	11/15/2018 2:56 PM
382	Equitabililty among the schools...offer Spanish class, Watch's DOGs program, VIP Day etc.	11/15/2018 2:42 PM
383	More time for Art, PE and Musics and less screen time.	11/15/2018 2:35 PM
384	One small thing would be communication about drop off /pick up lines. I don't remember receiving information about where my child should line up outside in the mornings or where/which door to pick them up at in the beginning of the school year.	11/15/2018 2:03 PM
385	I think doors should be open at 8:15 and not have kids stand outside in winter.	11/15/2018 12:33 PM
386	The gifted program needs to be larger or have another tier that allows for more children. OR their needs to be a better way to serve children in the classroom that are above average, but don't qualify for the gifted program.	11/15/2018 10:39 AM
387	Communication at the building/principal level is lacking. Most information comes from the district and very little other than a monthly generic newsletter is shared from the school.	11/15/2018 6:24 AM
388	Kids need to learn how to deal with stress/bullying etc. There should be yoga classes, mindfulness classes.	11/15/2018 1:48 AM
389	managing children's behavior in class too many disruptive kids.. to the point learning is hindered teacher's hands are tied	11/14/2018 6:01 PM
390	More school provided lunches would be appreciated, as well as, the ability to have cheese or applesauce for fruit breaks.	11/14/2018 4:11 PM
391	the actual building at highland could use some improvements, specifically the bathrooms, I like the new decorations, but the bathrooms can be smelly and need some updating	11/14/2018 12:12 PM
392	preparing kids for PARCC.	11/14/2018 7:09 AM
393	Provide a gifted program that is on par with neighboring schools (Naperville & Hinsdale) to encourage advanced growth for those who need it.	11/13/2018 6:14 PM
394	I cannot think of anything at this time.	11/13/2018 5:09 PM
395	Please have musical performances, and other events that the children have worked on after school. Many working parents can't attend things like this mid-day during the week. I also think it is critical that we are on the same schedule as our family members at District 99. When our children are in different districts, and aren't on the same schedule, it is very difficult for families. I hope that that can change soon.	11/13/2018 3:30 PM

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396	Foreign Language!!! Please, please, please don't wait till students are in 8th grade to start a foreign language. It is soooo much harder for students to learn a 2nd language that late. If you look at most middle schools around us - foreign language starts in 5th or 6th grade. We are so behind the times with this.....this needs to be changed. Somehow other districts can fit this in early grades.....why can't district 58!! Another thing with regards to the middle school - it's a shame that the sports teams only has 1 for each sport (volleyball, basketball). Why don't we have A and B teams. It discourages kids to then want to try out later in high school. Also, our grade schools should have some sports starting in 5th and 6th grade - basketball, volleyball, soccer, cross country, track.....the teams could just play other schools within the district. It would give kids another chance to try a sport that they may not have a chance to do. Look at the Catholic schools - they start sports in 5th grade.	11/13/2018 2:53 PM
397	Better teacher web pages that have assignments and curriculum on them would be nice.	11/13/2018 2:47 PM
398	Grading only related to assessments in science seems very unfair for a 7th grader.	11/13/2018 2:26 PM
399	Offer school bus transportation for students to after school clubs that meet at different schools. (Ex:band) Riders can pay an additional fee to help reduce the cost of the service on the school's budget.	11/13/2018 1:41 PM
400	Stronger supervision of children outside, also stronger enforcement to parents driving habits.	11/13/2018 1:30 PM
401	I think the District as a whole could offer more clarity to the community. I saw many people complaining during the District 99 referendum about the school wanting the money to do things other than which they advertised, so people were against it. I saw people try to squash those rumors, but they weren't school officials, so they weren't believed. With social media, rumors pop up all the time about District 58. I have seen employees from 58 comment on things, but I think we need more real clarity to all problems to squelch the rumors before they get too far.	11/13/2018 10:51 AM
402	Purpose behind assignments, homework. Expectations of parents concerning child's education needs.	11/13/2018 10:20 AM
403	6th graders finally have keyboards. Need to teach kids to type early. They are hunt and peck method.	11/13/2018 9:23 AM
404	The BEST program, which is for all students in the district with Behavioral, Emotional, and/or Social issues, is supposed to support and educate these students, as needed. We, as parents, do not feel supported by the BEST teacher. We want to be involved in our child's education, especially since he has a disability. The BEST teacher in our child's room has NOT been supportive of us as parents. In fact, her communication via email has been mostly negative and petulant. This makes us concerned about how she treats the students. She has not seemed to try to gain an understanding of the true nature of our child's disability, which causes behaviors and outbursts. She is all about punishment and taking away our child's preferred activities, which include recess, OT group therapy, and Art therapy, all of which are calming activities. The BEST program could be a great district resource if staffed properly. Our child could probably do very well in the general education classroom, if given a one-on-one teacher's aide, rather than going into the BEST classroom. Unfortunately, the district spent over \$1.4 million on new iPads, plus ongoing annual costs. This money could have been used to hire better teachers, more teacher's aides, more nurses, increase salaries of the excellent teachers who work hard on daily curriculum for the students, etc...	11/13/2018 9:16 AM
405	food allergy advocacy	11/12/2018 10:50 PM
406	Payment methods for OKEEP and PreK are a bit outdated. District 58 should allow for automatic withdrawal, or the ability to pay for multiple children in different schools as one payment and/or at the same time each month. Also, kindergarten should be full-day at no cost, as all surrounding district are. It's ridiculous.	11/12/2018 8:38 PM
407	N/A	11/12/2018 7:02 PM
408	Introduce foreign languages at elementary level.	11/12/2018 6:14 PM
409	i feel there could be more options for kids who are achieving above the norm academically. my child does not always feel challenged. The extend program is great, but only one day a week. It would be nice if there could be more stretch-growth opportunities within the regular school setting.	11/12/2018 2:00 PM
410	I do not believe there is a need for ipads that go home unless there is a specific task the children need to be doing on them. I also don't see a need for 1-1 ipads.	11/12/2018 2:00 PM
411	Alignment of instruction to Illinois learning standards.	11/12/2018 12:49 PM

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412	I really wish we could have better science instruction. A dedicated Ed science trained teacher and a lab for each school would make a huge difference. It's not always an elementary Ed trained teacher's specialty -and so much preparation comes along with teaching science- so the subject is often not well taught.	11/12/2018 12:44 PM
413	Not being afraid to punish kids or put them in their place when it's clearly necessary.	11/12/2018 1:13 AM
414	Hot lunch, would be nice. Children would try new foods and would allow them to expand their eating. More \$ for aids in classrooms. At the elementary level, building a foundation for all children's education is the most important. Missing even a simple step, you're not forming a solid foundation for learning. I feel more aids are necessary to achieve the learning of the fundamentals and to continue the love of learning. When children are successful at young age, they want to continue to be successful.	11/11/2018 10:27 PM
415	Get rid of supt and smaller class sizes please 28 is too many	11/11/2018 9:57 PM
416	More teachers' awareness, understanding of tween development.	11/11/2018 9:09 PM
417	Improvement on technology devices. To ensure that they are in working order before the children use them. For example during the kindergarten MAP testing in September, the test kept rebooting and the students were asked to log back in numerous times in some cases which frustrated them. My child for example got so frustrated and felt pressured that the test will bomb out again, so when the test finally let him in again, he was more concerned in finishing the test as opposed to answering the questions correctly. This in turn affected his scores. We discussed this with the teacher during parent-teacher conference.	11/11/2018 8:58 PM
418	not much	11/11/2018 8:14 PM
419	not sure, good so far	11/11/2018 8:09 PM
420	Welcoming new parents and students. My son is a new 8th grader, and wasn't able to get into a language because he was new this year. I'm not sure why a language was offered, considering he took 2 years prior at his old school. In addition, the school principal has never once said "Hello." As a new parent, while I was registering he walked right by. He seems personable with his staff, but doesn't not necessarily with new parents. Very different than I was accustomed to at our old school.	11/11/2018 8:08 PM
421	I would like to know about all visits to the school nurse and/or any medical issues. My son has had bloody noses at school that I was not made aware of. It was a problem he was having for awhile, so I would have liked to know about all occurrences.	11/11/2018 8:06 PM
422	A curriculum for the advanced students that extends & makes connections to the classrooms objectives.	11/11/2018 8:00 PM
423	Infrastructure. School needs updates and better accommodations for children who are wheel-chair dependent.	11/11/2018 7:30 PM
424	The attendance policy I have read about this year. More and more students are going to school sick because their parents are afraid to keep them home to avoid truancy. This is spreading germs which could otherwise be avoided without a threat of missing too many days. Charging for full day kindergarten and calling it enrichment (O'keep)is a huge issue as I'm not aware of any other school that does this. The ones who did, to my knowledge had lawsuits filed. This discourages families who can't afford it to not participate which then is confusing to the kids who are in it as to why everyone is not doing the same thing.	11/11/2018 7:28 PM
425	Sticking with a curriculum for more than a year or 2, but perhaps that needs to start with not replacing a curriculum until the new one has been fully evaluated and determined to be better, and until you have a plan for implementing the new curriculum.	11/11/2018 7:07 PM
426	It would be nice to have more individualized check-ins with the teachers to make sure things are going well academically and socially/emotionally with my child. Not sure how this would work, but just a suggestion. Thanks!	11/11/2018 6:34 PM
427	Consider moving 6th grade students to O'Neill and Herrick and add on to these buildings. Use Powerschool for elementary buildings.	11/11/2018 6:14 PM

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428	The binder and organizational strategies thrust upon the students has been a problem. While I agree that executive functioning needs to be taught, I do not agree that there is one cookie cutter way to solve the problem that many students have. I know the program at Rush that O'Neill is using and although the program is a researched-based program, I wonder if O'Neill is using the program with fidelity. There are several lessons in the program and I have not heard that these lessons are being carried out. Regardless, it may seem better to have a system, but then offer the students alternatives to match the way that they like to keep themselves organized. Organization is only one facet of EF as well. Instruction for EF should offer a variety of strategies that the students can implement and practice. They can learn to understand their own strengths and weaknesses and the strategies they need to utilize to compensate. Also, because the students are not allowed to carry their backpacks, my child has had several accidents at school related to her sanitary needs. She is embarrassed to carry a purse and that would be one more thing that she has to manage to carry. She does not have enough time to go to her locker between classes if she needs to use the restroom.	11/11/2018 6:10 PM
429	phone system---it seems that it can use an update; email is a great way to communicate but I would like more accessibility to my children's teachers through phone calls as needed	11/11/2018 5:12 PM
430	There are some teachers that are checked out and not engaged with parents. Even with multiple parents providing feedback, these teachers continue to teach. Let's hold all our teachers to a level of high accountability.	11/11/2018 4:57 PM
431	Nothing	11/11/2018 1:16 PM
432	Updating that outdated playground.	11/11/2018 11:57 AM
433	Kinsley desperately needs new playground equipment.	11/11/2018 11:19 AM
434	Engaging the rest of the community	11/11/2018 9:16 AM
435	Writing instruction.	11/11/2018 7:21 AM
436	The district could improve providing academic information that is more parent friendly and easy to understand. Typically our district MAP data is presented in a way that NWEA would not recommend. Our district uses an algorithm that is in addition to the NWEA algorithm that is already in place which contradicts the original set of data. NWEA does not recommend us using our own algorithms in addition to those that are already there to provide us with academic data. Something that could improve at [REDACTED] is the principal's relationships with new families. As a school administrator of a small school, I have a SMART goal each year of meeting 95% of families. Unfortunately not all parents are able to volunteer or be in school during school hours and I would love to see [REDACTED] reaching out to new families to get to know them as they become partners in their children's education for the next 7 years.	11/10/2018 10:53 PM
437	More opportunities for excelled learning in earlier grades. Waiting until 3rd grade to get an opportunity to move up in math for instance is years wasted. Why not give similar opportunities in 1st or 2nd?	11/10/2018 10:32 PM
438	Nothing so far!	11/10/2018 9:50 PM
439	District 58 could improve upon presenting their greatness to everyone else to increase their ratings to match the school we know we attend. (high scoring)	11/10/2018 8:16 PM
440	maybe better playground equipment? Looks kinda sad from the street.	11/10/2018 7:13 PM
441	I wish I could participate more in the PTA or school activities that require parents involvement. But my job demands a lot from me. Yet, I see how beautiful the other parents can do it and I greatly and truly appreciate it.	11/10/2018 5:46 PM
442	I am satisfied with everything my child is experiencing. Even the other side of growing up and coming to age issues they encounter are managed promptly.	11/10/2018 5:42 PM
443	Math at junior high level needs to involve extended task type problems	11/10/2018 4:41 PM
444	increase extracurricular activities	11/10/2018 3:17 PM
445	Nothing at this time	11/10/2018 1:15 PM
446	Hillcrest is not in the top 10% of schools right now. We would like to see a push to get into that bracket.	11/10/2018 12:36 PM
447	I feel my daughter has grown so much in the last few months of starting with District 58, that I would just say to continue to keep up the good work!	11/10/2018 8:59 AM

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448	Class size could be smaller	11/10/2018 8:15 AM
449	Communicate consistently and effectively. Often information is communicated last minute or it is uncertain if the information will be posted online, conveyed through "backpack mail," verbally given to the children, using SeeSaw or through an email.	11/10/2018 6:34 AM
450	Increase inquiry and science based activities.	11/9/2018 11:21 PM
451	Crumbling infrastructure is affecting the quality of education they're receiving. Consequently, there aren't enough class rooms/ staff to address the needs of all students. The advanced programs for the younger elementary school is lacking.	11/9/2018 10:39 PM
452	It would be nice for teachers to have the same website format for looking up homework. Each teacher is so different.	11/9/2018 10:30 PM
453	The timing of school-related events is really quite inconvenient for working parents. We want to be involved, but when things are scheduled at 4:30 on a weekday, it is very difficult to participate.	11/9/2018 9:37 PM
454	safety and security	11/9/2018 9:27 PM
455	I'd like to see a cap on the class sizes especially for primary. Students' academic and social needs are not being met in a class size of 30.	11/9/2018 5:46 PM
456	More IEP offerings equally at all schools.	11/9/2018 3:34 PM
457	Overall, have not been impressed with the [REDACTED] Departments at Herrick as a whole. [REDACTED] teachers who spend hours discussing what students did in their free time and teachers who give their students entire double blocks of time for "free reading" is not teaching and is just pure laziness. Stop trying to be my child's "friend" and teach.	11/9/2018 2:54 PM
458	Acknowledge academic success in all the grades, not just presidential awards in 6th.	11/9/2018 2:41 PM
459	I do wish there were more opportunities for ALL parents including WORKING parents to be involved. This school continues to cater to households with one stay-at-home parent. I could rattle off a dozen examples this year alone that absolutely do not accommodate to working parents but exclusively to stay at home or flex schedule parents. It is unfair to the parent(s) and children and is simply not "real world".	11/9/2018 2:33 PM
460	More after school programs	11/9/2018 1:50 PM
461	Since my child is doing so well, I'd like to see if she could tutor in a more official way. She helps her friends one on one in study groups but I'd like to see it be recognized and an opportunity to lead.	11/9/2018 1:48 PM
462	I would LOVE to see foreign language instruction integrated into the curriculum. Our kids are sorely missing out on opportunities to learn while their brains are malleable.	11/9/2018 1:34 PM
463	Consider expanding teaching of second languages and musical instruments to younger kids	11/9/2018 10:53 AM
464	Class size student to teacher ratio is completely unacceptable. Children require outside tutoring to do well at school due to lack of individualized attention.	11/9/2018 10:04 AM
465	increase academics and enrichments and decrease social-emotional learning in the curriculum	11/9/2018 9:32 AM
466	I would love a snapshot of what my kids are doing each day at school which could be done through Seesaw. Something universal that all teaches could use. This would open up conversations between my children and myself and allow me to make sure they are supported. Currently in the lower grades, I only see completed worksheets come home and occasionally a homework assignment. It would be nice to know what topics the students are learning about in all subjects so that we can expand upon them at home.	11/9/2018 9:27 AM
467	I feel fortunate to be in a district that nothing comes to mind when I am asked to consider improvements.	11/9/2018 8:48 AM
468	Communication	11/9/2018 6:48 AM
469	Pick up and drop off planning. It is better at Herrick than in past years but if there is a long line of cars waiting to pick up cars wanting to park in the lot can't get into the lot.	11/9/2018 6:22 AM
470	The facilities are very outdated, inside and out. Not having air conditioning throughout the school is unacceptable in 2018. The playground also needs updating.	11/8/2018 10:28 PM
471	Less paperwork & emails.	11/8/2018 9:37 PM

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472	Have better programs for advanced learning. District seems to cater to the kids that have learning limitations. Make the PARC tests mandatory for all students and teach to the test early on so they don't get stressed. Start teaching English to those who need it, and teach Spanish to others.	11/8/2018 8:30 PM
473	Teachers giving each the benefit of the doubt when it comes to in-school behavior. The boys of a different race seem to be zeroed in on when they do nothing in the first place (subtle discrimination)?	11/8/2018 7:31 PM
474	More time for music and art	11/8/2018 7:13 PM
475	I am incredibly pleased with District 58 and our school. Perhaps, there is a way to communicate these events to not only El Sierra parents, but the surrounding communities as well. Can flyers be distributed in the neighborhoods if we have a fundraising event happening?	11/8/2018 7:03 PM
476	Providing more student choice and opportunities for children to talk about their learning with peers.	11/8/2018 6:53 PM
477	I struggle to know the topics that my students are working on each week/month. I would like to help them better but I don't always see work coming home (or even better newsletter) that tells us what topics are being worked on.	11/8/2018 6:26 PM
478	There is at one teacher at Herrick who needs to be seen by a psychiatrist and who should not be teaching.	11/8/2018 6:21 PM
479	Grade communication	11/8/2018 6:08 PM
480	?	11/8/2018 4:51 PM
481	Pushing kids to be their personal best academically. Don't teach just to standards. Challenge them to be better.	11/8/2018 3:50 PM
482	Tailoring each child's learning plan to the individual child (teach to that child's own pace, not the expected pace of a particular class).	11/8/2018 3:49 PM
483	District 58 could improve upon creating an environment where teachers/staff feel respected and treated as professionals. The input and feedback of teachers about how curriculum and programs or working or not working is absolutely vital to student achievement. This input and feedback should be actively sought and listened to by district leadership!	11/8/2018 2:56 PM
484	District 58 could improve upon being proactive instead of reactive. The district is too often consumed with "putting out fires" instead of being forward thinking and innovative in its approaches to curriculum and instruction!	11/8/2018 2:52 PM
485	District 58 can improve upon its honest communication, especially in situations where they will receive potentially negative feedback in return. Honesty in a negative situation is one of the signs of true integrity and leadership. Without that, there will be no trust.	11/8/2018 2:41 PM
486	not scheduling teacher institute days after holiday weekends or thanksgiving week...	11/8/2018 2:06 PM
487	If more of the teachers could email as a group that would be fantastic!!	11/8/2018 1:59 PM
488	Please consider getting rid of common core. The kids mastered basics so much better without it.	11/8/2018 1:30 PM
489	Get rid of common core.	11/8/2018 1:26 PM
490	District 58 - communication and transparency. The leadership at the top has to change. You will never pass a referendum with Dr. Cremascoli in charge. 58 has been stagnant for too long. We need fresh and innovative ideas. I don't think we will get there with our current administration. You also need to treat your teachers better. They are the face of your district. When parents leave 58 and think "what a great district" it is because of the teachers they interacted with. The admin at 58 gives off the impression they tolerate their teachers, not respect them. I find that very alarming. Belle Aire needs to work on not being so reliant on the PTA to get information out. PTA should support the school - not be the main source of communication, funding, etc. And from my gatherings at district PTA meetings it sounds like most PTA's in the district are heavily relied on for financial support - above and beyond what they should be contributing.	11/8/2018 12:15 PM
491	Smaller class size, keeping teachers current and innovative, better communication regarding some events. For example, we were not informed that Robert Crown was visiting our child's class either before or after it occurred. This is a huge problem.	11/8/2018 12:13 PM
492	There is little to no communication from the principal. She did respond quickly to an email but again, nothing sent out regularly to communicate with parents. The school website has pictures from last fall and also mentions a different school in the information on Title One. Why isn't the individual website updated regularly?	11/8/2018 11:28 AM

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493	Make the school websites easier to navigate as a place to get all relevant info. (So we're not combing through emails to see where we say mention of something...	11/8/2018 11:11 AM
494	The district needs to continue to assist teachers and staff on developing curriculum, with resources and materials as needed, related to Common core.	11/8/2018 11:10 AM
495	Condense teacher improvement days/in service days with long holidays. They are barely in school for a whole month all year long without days off for teacher in service days. Understandably this has something to do with the unions, but this year they have the entire week of Thanksgiving off and a teacher in service the Monday after. It's ridiculous and very hard for working parents to schedule around.	11/8/2018 11:01 AM
496	Communication. Communication with my school (not teacher) and the district has been poor since my son started school. I feel as if I got no information on critical aspects such as how lunch/snacks were being handled, procedures for the beginning/end of day, etc until a few days before school started. Conversely we get so much information in weekly emails that it is easy to miss things. I wish some of this was posted on an easily accessible (mobile phone friendly) website, rather than getting a weekly email.	11/8/2018 10:49 AM
497	Get air conditioning for the the school. It's hard for students to focus and take exams in the HEAT. It's hard on children with environmental allergies and asthma. Not to mention headaches and heat rash during the first/last few months of school. 4th grade choir should be open to everyone, not a tryout only. I would think that would be a great time to promote the love of music, not exclude children so early. Was a very disappointing experience. There need to be better avenues to communicate with long term substitute teachers. For example, an email for parents to communicate with them would be helpful.	11/8/2018 10:32 AM
498	District 58 as a whole could reduce the administration cost and amount. This has grown exponentially while teachers and student quantity has grown at a much lower rate.	11/8/2018 10:14 AM
499	I think O'Neill is in need of some upgrades and maintenance that is long overdue. The PTA shouldn't have to pay to get new drinking fountains in the school. That is a district responsibility.	11/8/2018 10:10 AM
500	How about fresh air for classrooms. The school as it is currently constructed will not meet code if built today. There is no ventilation in space resulting in poor air quality in space . More kids getting sick, tired and headaches. . You can open windows but not when its too cold or hot outside. Air conditioning would be nice too as well as sprinklers. Im sure all theses issues are outlined in the Health Life Safety Reports. From an education standpoint the school does well the facilities are sub par.	11/8/2018 10:04 AM
501	Pay more attention to bullying. Give more homework for kids.	11/8/2018 10:02 AM
502	air conditioning! These poor kids and teachers, two months out of the school year they're miserable.	11/8/2018 9:54 AM
503	I'd like to see our school/district incorporate more theme based learning. Not sure if this is possible based on state curriculum standards, but knowing that independent private schools have success with theme based learning, it would be neat to see some of it incorporated at Fairmount. For example, students learn about outer space over the course of a week. Most of their work/projects would focus on outer space in math, reading, science & social studies. Not sure if it's possible, but would love to find out!	11/8/2018 9:40 AM
504	I am weary of the younger children (my son is in first grade) using their ipads to take tests so much, and also a lot of tests and learning happen by them just plugging into their ipads with headphones. It makes me sad that they are losing so much of hearing actual human voices (teachers) speaking to them, and interacting with headphones on to an ipad instead of a human. I understand and agree ipads should be used, but I wish again at the younger levels more of the learning segments could involve more human interaction. Also, it seems like his teacher is taken away from the classroom an awful lot for trainings, meetings, etc.	11/8/2018 9:24 AM
505	Herrick-expand foreign language to 7&8th grade while also offering exploratory classes in 7th&8th grade instead of having to choose language over exploratory (or vice-versa) during students' 8th grade year.	11/8/2018 8:52 AM
506	Take sixth grade out of the elementary schools & move them to Herrick / O'Neill.	11/8/2018 8:26 AM
507	Lester is incapable of not only addressing bullying but stopping it. Further, they consistently fail to properly understand children have differing needs. Also, the double-class in 6th grade is a joke. Overwhelmingly parents do not like it but you fail to take that into consideration. Move 6th grade to the middle school where these students can thrive and not be suffocated at Lester.	11/8/2018 8:22 AM

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508	Update curriculum and invest in our school, I'm happy that steps are being taken to update the curriculum, please continue. Infrastructure is another area of concern. Overcrowding/classroom sizes, no air conditioning, no parking lot, etc. There's a lot of open land surrounding the school. It would be nice to see it better utilized considering out current issues.	11/8/2018 8:12 AM
509	Nothing comes to mind	11/8/2018 8:02 AM
510	Helping/continuing to communicate regarding standardized testing and how to interpret and assess their importance and results.	11/8/2018 7:56 AM
511	I can't think of anything!	11/8/2018 6:35 AM
512	Although communication is good, I believe this is still the key thing to improve. Communication is always key, and there are opportunities for improvement with regards to school schedule throughout year, relationship/happenings b/w school and PTA, and more.	11/8/2018 1:21 AM
513	All classrooms need air conditioning not just new addition,technology is great but we need to cover the basic needs first, so our kids can learn and focus in school and classrooms that are comfortable.	11/8/2018 12:29 AM
514	N/A. You all are doing wonderfully.	11/7/2018 11:46 PM
515	Fire dr. Cremascoli!!!! And stop lying about the fact that air conditioning was on the roof.	11/7/2018 10:53 PM
516	The worst principal ever. She thinks she knows it all. Doesn't listen. Rude. And the school environment is a disaster. Great teachers...awful behavior everywhere except class. I blame the principal and she's so checked out.	11/7/2018 10:51 PM
517	Focus has always been on the improvement of learning for children who are on the average or lower than average spectrum, with little regard to the children who are excelling and score very high on most tests. Its discouraging that there is little or no acknowledgement towards that particular group. Those children end up NOT learning at their capacity and being complacent with the low expectations of the school system.	11/7/2018 10:12 PM
518	Fairmount is not as welcoming as it was in past years. I'm not sure if it's all the security at the doors...it seems that no one knows each other anymore.	11/7/2018 10:06 PM
519	I have heard several complaints about one teacher in particular and I also have heard that concerns were brought to administration, but nothing was done and the teacher continues to demonstrate behaviors unacceptable to certain students.	11/7/2018 9:56 PM
520	Up to date Curriculum and standardized test scores	11/7/2018 9:42 PM
521	Central air conditioning in all schools.	11/7/2018 9:34 PM
522	Air conditioning in those classrooms!	11/7/2018 9:18 PM
523	Allow more parents to attend field trips.	11/7/2018 9:04 PM
524	I know things are in the works but I want to see all curriculum up to date with the same high standards several neighboring towns use.	11/7/2018 8:48 PM
525	Consistency between teachers. My younger child is having a whole different experience compared to what her older sister had in the same grade levels.	11/7/2018 8:45 PM
526	I would like to see an expanded art program for all grades. In addition, it would be wonderful to have a gifted program available at all DG 58 schools.	11/7/2018 8:28 PM
527	Welcoming New students at the beginning of the year	11/7/2018 8:26 PM
528	Teacher communication with parents and teaching to children with different styles of learning	11/7/2018 8:24 PM
529	Buildings- especially air conditioning/ventilation and classroom environment.	11/7/2018 8:22 PM
530	n/a	11/7/2018 8:20 PM
531	More opportunities for accelerated learning classes	11/7/2018 8:19 PM
532	D58 could allocate more finances for building updates to improve learning environments.	11/7/2018 7:48 PM
533	The district is not proactive in dealing with parent concerns. The enormous growth at Highland, for example, is treated year after year with a "wait and see" approach. In the meantime, the classrooms are so full that the teachers spend more time disciplining than instructing. The teachers do the best that they can in these unacceptable circumstances that the district refuses to deal with and make the hard decisions.	11/7/2018 7:42 PM

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534	n/a	11/7/2018 7:40 PM
535	Weed out staff that is moody and not approachable	11/7/2018 7:36 PM
536	Challenge the children more academically, ie. assign homework	11/7/2018 7:02 PM
537	being straight forward with information. no one is perfect, tell it like it is and what the plan is to make adjustments. all of the good gets clouded by all of the exaggerated good	11/7/2018 6:46 PM
538	*A nurse for each school *Smaller class sizes *Longer lunch by 5-10 min, at least for the younger kids	11/7/2018 6:29 PM
539	Better [redacted] teacher. Get a new superintendent that is honest. The district as a whole has a huge issue with special services that allows students with behavior issues to continue in the general ed classrooms who scream, freak out, and pick on students. Smaller class sizes at Fairmount!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	11/7/2018 6:20 PM
540	Bringing back Building Bridges for parents.	11/7/2018 6:03 PM
541	Taking a page from countries (Norway in particular) that consistently outperform the U.S. in education. I think we need to allow for more social development. Children learning how to :Communicate in groups, work with other children on problems, learn how to solve disagreements together, build skills to work with others...especially at a young age are so crucial and not focused on enough	11/7/2018 5:49 PM
542	Pick up is a bit chaotic	11/7/2018 5:48 PM
543	Funds toward facilities not technology. Tech is overused	11/7/2018 5:41 PM
544	Consider parents input when making decisions about moving into and out of special groups and or classes.	11/7/2018 5:32 PM
545	The principal has on several occasions been poorly responsive. On several occasions it has taken over a week for responses when listed as the direct contact. The teachers have been amazing, but he has terrible response and follow through as a contact for several items.	11/7/2018 5:22 PM
546	Stop forcing kids to play and be friends with each other.	11/7/2018 5:20 PM
547	I would like to see more textbooks vs iPads	11/7/2018 5:05 PM
548	The communication that comes from school to home is very Belle Aire specific. I would like to hear more district-wide news coming from [redacted] so we have, as parents, have a better handle on things like curriculum, building additions, and other things that impact our entire tax base.	11/7/2018 4:51 PM
549	I'd like the kids to learn cursive writing as well as proper typing. They might learn a little of it but it's not enforced as it should be.	11/7/2018 4:36 PM
550	Stop wasting money on 1 on 1 technology. We have more important things to spend our money on.	11/7/2018 4:31 PM
551	Progress reports	11/7/2018 4:19 PM
552	Herrick could use more field trip type opportunities for learning outside and in addition to the classroom.	11/7/2018 3:51 PM
553	Science curriculum, Social studies curriculum, better way for me to monitor how my kid is doing emotionally/behaviorally/academically with the teacher. I always want to know but never want to email and bother.	11/7/2018 3:50 PM
554	More consideration for dual working couples who cannot be at conferences, meetings, or events in the middle of the business day. Not every student has a stay-at-home parent.	11/7/2018 3:48 PM
555	Transparency from the board	11/7/2018 3:29 PM
556	Have healthier choices available for lunch purchases. They seem to have plenty of pizza, chips, ice cream, etc. Salads seem to be iceberg lettuce, and little else. It shouldn't be difficult or expensive to produce a healthy salad or two.	11/7/2018 3:26 PM
557	School security, paper usage is so wasteful-use do much for things they don't need to or don't even use double sided when they could, make parties and teacher lesson planning more coordinated-I have twins and the quality of ducation is not equal, I also feel like we aren't really welcome except designated certain times, I wasn't given the option to even tour school when looking for my child's education choices	11/7/2018 3:11 PM

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558	For my 2 kids, most of the SEL issues come during recess and lunch. I know teachers need a break, but there has to be a way to get more eyes and ears to help coach more friendly/respectful play.	11/7/2018 3:00 PM
559	We are really happy with El Sierra and the school district. We have been trying to raise funds for an upgraded Playground, with hopes that the children can have a new playground for a 50th anniversary gift. It appears it is going to be much more expensive than anticipated. Hopefully the district can help us fund this gift for children for generations to come.	11/7/2018 2:59 PM
560	Better communication of progress other than report cards. Also, a recommendation of specific materials or suggestions for how we can supplement areas our student may need help with. Sometimes when papers come home and our kids need more practice, it's frustrating not having a better resource to go to for practice.	11/7/2018 2:53 PM
561	When there is a problem the administration has a tendency to stop answering emails or not call back instead of dealing with the problem.	11/7/2018 2:35 PM
562	Air conditioning in every classroom	11/7/2018 2:33 PM
563	Educating us parents on iPad (screen time) usage/benefits.	11/7/2018 2:33 PM
564	I mentioned this in my home school survey but it is worth repeating: I hate all the squabbling between a contingent of parents and the board/superintendent. The bridge needs to be mended so we can move forward. It is a dark cloud over some of the amazing things happening in the district.	11/7/2018 2:33 PM
565	I hate all the squabbling between a contingent of parents and the board/superintendent. The bridge needs to be mended so we can move forward. It is a dark cloud over some of the amazing things happening in the district.	11/7/2018 2:28 PM
566	Feedback from tests/quiz. Kids get their grades but don't have opportunity to bring home and show parents who are helping them study.	11/7/2018 2:26 PM
567	My child's classroom is always warm. This can make it difficult to concentrate in August and September.	11/7/2018 2:24 PM
568	More specific training on how to treat others at recess. It seems as if some students, my own included, forget how to be nice and inclusive on the playground.	11/7/2018 2:22 PM
569	More updates on what the children are learning and the child's individual progress.	11/7/2018 2:21 PM
570	Nothing that I am aware of!!	11/7/2018 2:05 PM
571	We can improve our playground.. and when they have holiday sings or any kind of play they don't let the rest of the school see it, and sometimes the parents don't get to see it.	11/7/2018 2:01 PM
572	To involve parents at a regular level regarding notice prior to curriculum changes and overall new processes put in place at the school prior to them taking effect	11/7/2018 1:58 PM
573	Allocate funds or fundraise for updating the school (i.e. Water fountains, bathrooms, art and music supplies)	11/7/2018 1:57 PM
574	More advanced noticed about school activities so could take off work to attend	11/7/2018 1:53 PM
575	I'd like to see consistent usage of the website by all teachers, including homework, activities, places for extra help/tips, etc. Some teachers are good about this, others not at all.	11/7/2018 1:52 PM
576	Registration forms appropriate for same-sex parents. Every form says mother and father but our child has two moms	11/7/2018 1:51 PM
577	Choice of Second languages Variety after school clubs	11/7/2018 1:50 PM
578	Clarity for parents on homework and test content. Often our kids don't know exactly what to do. The IPAD era offers too much freedom. The websites are not well developed and should be. More communication is always better. Thanks	11/7/2018 1:50 PM
579	I would like to see all-day kindergarten required in the future. So many children participate in OKEEP. It's a great program and offers fantastic learning opportunities in addition to PE, additional library time, etc. This should be included for all students!	11/7/2018 1:49 PM
580	introducing the iPads at a later grade level - kindergartners do not need them	11/7/2018 1:45 PM
581	Class size is too large, especially in the younger grades.	11/7/2018 1:41 PM

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582	We understand it is hard to do personalized learning, but sometimes our child complains of being bored. Emphasis of repetition to achieve mastery and different approaches to the same thing might help keep up interest.	11/7/2018 1:35 PM
583	Watch over children on playground and create some proactive programs to help kids navigate friendship challenges - especially starting in 3rd grade and after. And offering social work assistance to more than just IEP kids. Social emotional curriculum is great, but the kids sometimes need some more support and oversight putting it into action.	11/7/2018 1:33 PM
584	It would be great to extend the extend program! A more extensive gifted program would really help keep those students engaged.	11/7/2018 1:18 PM
585	As far as I know, nothing.	11/7/2018 1:12 PM
586	I think that some of the tests I see my kids take at the 4th grade level should be reviewed. The tests have some questions that are confusing and some valid responses in multiple choice are considered incorrect. I have seen one example where 3 children selected the same 'wrong' but valid answer to one of the questions.	11/7/2018 1:11 PM
587	Writing. It is very hard to read what my child writes both letters and numbers. Spelling. Why are they not taught proper spelling?	11/7/2018 12:59 PM
588	There are kids who really disrupt the flow of classes and safety and this needs to be taken more seriously even though we are in a safe suburb.. kids get consequences for walking out to support women's right but kids who are screaming during an active shooter drill don't get a consequence.. don't make sense to me. Peaceful versus totally disrespectful and jeopardizing safety. It infuriates me. Also principals should not be allowed to have their son/daughter at same school they are at.	11/7/2018 12:55 PM
589	No concerns at this time	11/7/2018 12:55 PM
590	Streamline all of the communication district, school, Pta etc	11/7/2018 12:52 PM
591	More supervision during children's interactions and conversations	11/7/2018 12:51 PM
592	The incident with the new air conditioning was embarrassing and the district did not handle it well.	11/7/2018 12:28 PM
593	Since children rotate classes, it would be great to get some feedback from the reading or math teacher.	11/7/2018 12:17 PM
594	The district needs to communicate openly and honestly with the community!! I have seen some improvements but there is still room to grow. I want to also see the district continue to focus on curriculum improvements.	11/7/2018 12:17 PM
595	Can't think of anything. There is a strong sense of community and inclusion.	11/7/2018 12:12 PM
596	My daughter needs additional math support, more than leveled groups.	11/7/2018 12:11 PM
597	Na	11/7/2018 12:09 PM
598	Making technology more useful in the classroom. If iPads are not going to be used for a homework assignment, have them leave them at school for the night.	11/7/2018 12:08 PM
599	Radical change of employment procedures - a teacher must possess passion for teaching! You have employees that despise children and being around school.	11/7/2018 12:03 PM
600	fewer emails	11/7/2018 12:01 PM
601	Air conditioning in the school. These poor kids in months of August, September and May . My kids would come out glassy eyes, red cheeks, sweating , headache's, exhausted. What kind of learning can they retain in that environment . It's not optimal and I don't see why window units can't be installed for the few months it needed. Our PTA have offered many times to pay for this expense each year and don't see why the district won't allow it.	11/7/2018 11:59 AM
602	I'd like it if my daughter could have PE everyday, and I wish the school had more space. There is so much good programming that the building is bursting at the seams. The PTA wanted to bring in a yoga class but there was nowhere to put it.	11/7/2018 11:55 AM
603	Not sure	11/7/2018 11:41 AM
604	Explaining how students are separated for RTI and also what RTI is supposed to entail	11/7/2018 11:38 AM
605	We're just a few months in to our experience with District 58, so nothing specific noted at this time.	11/7/2018 11:38 AM

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606	To ensure that our school gets accurately rated on the numerous websites. There have been many times that other friends, relatives, potential newcomers to the community have questioned Downers Grove School because they saw a 5 out of 10 on Redfin or some other school ranking site	11/7/2018 11:38 AM
607	more value and quality for the huge property taxes paid	11/7/2018 11:37 AM
608	after multiple children going thru Lester I cannot say enough wonderful things about the majority of teachers (and admins), however, a few tenure teachers really need a fresh look on their jobs.	11/7/2018 11:37 AM
609	In the classroom, I wish the District would offer foreign language studies, music and art more regularly for younger grades. Longer recesses - more physical activity for younger grades. And improve run down playgrounds. Communicating how ipads are being used to complement curriculum and expand our child's learning as a learning tool- especially in grades K-3. Finally - I would like to see air conditioning in all classrooms.	11/7/2018 11:33 AM
610	More connection to math and science	11/7/2018 11:30 AM
611	After school programs	11/7/2018 11:29 AM
612	Challenge students who excel/met guidelines. Time is not equally spent on students who do well vs students that struggle. All students should get attention.	11/7/2018 11:24 AM
613	Please stop testing the kids so much. Everyone, kids included, are putting too much emphasis on the MAP scores. Give teachers more time and freedom to develop and teach their individual classroom.	11/7/2018 11:24 AM
614	Classroom size	11/7/2018 11:22 AM
615	I would like teachers to help students prepare better for standardized tests. These children will be taking lots standardized tests for many years to come and I think helping them with test-taking skills and strategies will benefit them immensely.	11/7/2018 11:21 AM
616	Online progress reporting would help considerably, especially for older grades.	11/7/2018 11:21 AM
617	District 58 really needs to improve upon treating all schools with the same respect and allowing for equal opportunities across the board in all areas: from district involvement in the school, to providing maintenance and equipment, all the way through evaluating the school boundaries in a fair manner.	11/7/2018 11:17 AM
618	The school can improve on the playground. The pebble rocks are a nuisance and xan be dangerous to a child cause the kids tend to throw them and can become hazardous. U wish they would out down mulch and stop delaying this process!	11/7/2018 11:15 AM
619	I would like the overcrowding issue to be really and truly addressed. I feel the current solitons at highland are band-aids and that many grades have classes that are just too full.	11/7/2018 11:15 AM
620	I think that just more support for teachers and administrators - i want to see and feel like the district is working as a team with them when sometimes it feels like they're on opposing sides of the team. Our community, our schools, our kids, and all around them will benefit when we work together to solve problems and value each other's opinions.	11/7/2018 11:13 AM
621	When a child has an IEP or 504 making sure that it is being followed to the fullest especially as the new school year starts.	11/7/2018 11:06 AM
622	Math curriculum. Does not seem to get the same level of dedication as reading programs and does not give children enough opportunities to advance and be challenged.	11/7/2018 11:04 AM
623	Transparency by the administration. Use of the very expensive technology for academic purposes, not See saw and games.	11/7/2018 11:04 AM
624	I believe the children could benefit from an expanded arts program.	11/7/2018 11:03 AM
625	Differentiation for High Reading Students. The Gifted Program is only for those who are gifted at both Math and Reading. There are acceleration opportunities for those high in Math. However no opportunities for students gifted in solely reading and need opportunities of challenge which might not be available to a whole class setting.	11/7/2018 11:01 AM

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626	I still feel like the district has a way to go in meeting kids where they are at...specifically in regards to kids in the top 20%. Inroads are being made, such as allowing kids to participate in math classes a grade or two higher. (Something the Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills schools have been doing for years, btw) But English at Herrick is the Wild West. We level kids in reading until 6th grade and we level them in English at North, but the 2 years at Herrick is a wasteland with a lack of structure, limited consistency across teachers and no leveling outside of the gifted classes. We are missing a big opportunity here. The writing skills of my high schooler and eighth grader are marginal at best and these are kids that test in the to 10-15%. I don't care what spell check and voice recognition technology exists. Being able to communicate clearly is a LIFE SKILL. But, it certainly doesn't seem like English is treated that way...	11/7/2018 10:56 AM
627	Lester is such a large school. They need a school nurse dedicated to the school. The district should donate money to the Lester playground committee to help update the playground equipment to be all inclusive for this very large school that has kids with special needs. Fractures and injuries have occurred on some old equipment as a result of the equipment type and this is a major liability for the school and district 58. There should be more opportunities offered at Lester for gifted children and there should be more small groups and multilevel class blending to keep gifted kids challenged and interested.	11/7/2018 10:55 AM
628	Need more communication from teachers and also more help may be needed for kids with ADHD and those with learning disabilities.	11/7/2018 10:50 AM
629	District 58 could develop more community forums/programs teaching parents about technology controls and the effect technology has on developing brains. The district can also choose ONE learning management system (Google Classroom) for the entire district so that students aren't having to go to multiple different ones to get class notes and manage their work.	11/7/2018 10:49 AM
630	Air conditioning in all classrooms. If admin can't handle the heat and requires AC then certainly our KIDS (taxpayers) require it!!!! Safety improvements to protect against shooters and other threats. Sadly it's the time we live in and hillcrests building is so old.	11/7/2018 10:48 AM
631	Air Conditioning and ensuring no bullying is going on.	11/7/2018 10:47 AM
632	Using Google classroom consistently	11/7/2018 10:46 AM
633	The use of Seesaw is lacking. Would like to see it being used more, especially for the younger students as they do not convey anything about their school day.	11/7/2018 10:41 AM
634	Offering full day kindergarten without the additional cost monthly, almost surrounding areas have this already	11/7/2018 10:40 AM
635	The district could be better about communicating a curriculum plan and explaining how technology should be used in the classroom to facilitate learning. Additionally, the district needs to update our schools to be more modern.	11/7/2018 10:40 AM
636	Listening to students.	11/7/2018 10:40 AM
637	Bullying	11/7/2018 10:37 AM
638	Schools are not treated fairly. There are major income variances at the schools and schools with lower income populations suffer. For example, most of the elementary schools in the district have PTA's that have been able to fund new playgrounds. However, El Sierra has a small and low income school population so we are not able to raise the same amount of funds which leads us waiting until the playground equipment becomes unsafe. This is a major issue. The school district needs to step in with additional funds to compensate for the lower income schools in the district.	11/7/2018 10:35 AM
639	El Sierra's playground for the kids	11/7/2018 10:34 AM
640	Fire [REDACTED] He is angry and condescending. He acts like kids are a bother. Why he is a teacher is beyond me. We got so frustrated that we asked for our child to be removed from the [REDACTED] class. We were asked to stick it out. When we asked other parents and even another one of our child's teachers we were told this is an ongoing problem and that if they let every parent that wanted their child removed from [REDACTED] class that he would be left with very few students. How is this teachers behavior tolerated. He lies and is arrogant and down right mean. One teacher said what can we do he controls the union. Wow we put unions first kids second that is a shame. I would give District 58 high scores in everything except for dealing with crappy teachers like [REDACTED]	11/7/2018 10:33 AM
641	Recess supervision. Would like to see the principal, nurse and teachers/instructional assistants observing and being present on recess for both medical and SELneeds and observations!	11/7/2018 10:32 AM

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642	Environmental conditions such as too hot classrooms.	11/7/2018 10:32 AM
643	Air conditioning, communication via email instead of so many paper handouts!	11/7/2018 10:30 AM
644	Nothing at this time. I have been thoroughly happy with Kingsley and I hope that continues for a long time because I will have kids there for the next 7-8 years!	11/7/2018 10:30 AM
645	spreading resources throughout the District equitably	11/7/2018 10:28 AM
646	I think that my student's school should offer more arts and foreign language programs. Especially at the elementary level.	11/7/2018 10:25 AM
647	use of I pads for instructional use in classroom and homework for when out of school (snow days, sick days)	11/7/2018 10:24 AM
648	In my view, District 58 is remarkably complacent in its approach to both academic achievement and improving the outcomes of all students. The best schools in the state, whether located in Chicago or in the suburbs, demonstrate a sense of urgency in improving the performance of their students and pursue all avenues to provide first rate academic experiences and supports. The recent discussion surrounding the use of instructional technology feels like it is off-target. Improving tech is merely the types of tools that are used. District leadership, at the superintendent and board levels, should be actively striving to improve academic outcomes and make DG58 the envy of the state rather than rest on previous laurels, accept that the relative affluence of the district gives kids a natural leg up, and coast. I say that with all due respect, but the sense of purpose around providing a best-in-class education for every child in the district is weaker than in other areas.	11/7/2018 10:24 AM
649	Standardize the curriculum within the classroom. Teach all of the kids the same material at the same level. Push the kids to reach a high bar of achievement and grade it accordingly (not on a subjective scale of 1,2,3).	11/7/2018 10:22 AM
650	Less is more. Be great at some rather than good at all.	11/7/2018 10:21 AM
651	Consistency and collaboration with teachers of a kid has special needs.	11/7/2018 10:20 AM
652	nothing	11/7/2018 10:19 AM
653	I am concerned about the resources being used in math. It seems like a lot of internet provided worksheets coming home as opposed to materials from a core curricular resource.	11/7/2018 10:19 AM
654	Keeping individual teacher websites and the school website up to date. I find events from last year on both.	11/7/2018 10:18 AM
655	Consider how to further engagement and learning for advanced students, as gifted programs do not start until higher levels.	11/7/2018 10:17 AM
656	Student to teacher ratio could be better	11/7/2018 10:17 AM
657	I feel Indian Trail could be more inclusive with the Grove Pre-school. I feel the Grove Pre-school is included for fundraising events when they need to raise money. Why were they not invited to the welcome back to school festivities???? Also, one question in the survey asks about my child being taken care of if hurt or sick. Last year my child was hurt on the playground requiring stitches. It was the Friday before Spring Break. Not one person contacted me to see if my child was doing ok. Not anyone from the Grove Preschool or Indian Trail. Everyone just went on their merry way to enjoy Spring Break. This summer another one of my children was injured at Indian Trail requiring stitches. The summer school principal, [REDACTED], was amazing in checking in on my child's well being. She sincerely cared. Even sent me pictures with an accident report. Never received an accident report for my other child. Even his summer school teacher reached out to me to check on him. The Summer Program staff rocked and did things the right way!!! The regular school year staff was horrible and I am glad we will not be continuing on there after this year.	11/7/2018 10:17 AM
658	Involving parents. I realize that security is an issue but Pierce Downer no longer feels like a warm and inviting local community school.	11/7/2018 10:16 AM
659	Listening to, discussing more and when appropriate, acting upon valid parent/community feedback.	11/7/2018 10:15 AM
660	October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Did Kingsley or the District show observance of this ? Posters in the hallway ? Talk about what it means ? How not to be a bully. How not allow yourself to be bullied.	11/7/2018 10:14 AM

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661	Better/appropriate math and reading interventions and better communication on when my child needs it.	11/7/2018 10:14 AM
662	Making sure parent teacher conference, school orientation, and student performances are not scheduled during the work day.	11/7/2018 10:13 AM
663	I think safety is an issue at IT. I've heard over and over that there are students that have been aggressive since they were little and it seems almost accepted that this is how they behave and is tolerated. There have been numerous physical confrontations on the playground this year and its unsettling. Taking away recess doesn't seem to be a strong enough punishment for older students. Also, I was at the school for a meeting at 7:30 a.m. and the front doors were unlocked people were coming in for work etc. My husband and I thought this was odd because someone could easily slip in and go undetected if they had intentions of doing so. It would be nice to see a key card entry on the doors and the doors locked in this day and age.	11/7/2018 10:13 AM
664	It's not about teaching them as a whole to make it fair for everyone. It's about making sure EACH student gets the level of help they need. Sometimes this may prove to be difficult, but it is the teachers and the staff that must lead the way in this. For all of those who hear this but don't understand it, you're the ones I'm reaching out to.	11/7/2018 10:13 AM
665	N.A	11/7/2018 10:12 AM
666	Improving the school buildings and grounds.	11/7/2018 10:11 AM
667	Curriculum is too easy and often I feel my child is bored. The most exciting part of her day is the after school program where she works with older students on problem solving and other activities. Our daughter did not do well on the standardized tests, but the material at school is honestly below her level.	11/7/2018 10:10 AM
668	I feel that there is a lack of rigor in all disciplines at the school.	11/7/2018 10:10 AM
669	Communication	11/7/2018 10:10 AM
670	Quality of resources for learning disabilities especially in middle school. It becomes stagnant and they are not well-prepared for high school. Additionally, fairness in rules among classes. Ex. my daughter's "A" in a class dropped to an overall "B" due to earning a "C+" on an exam. She was not allowed to retake the test (as is customary in that class) and was told only students who achieved a "C-" or lower were allowed to retake it. If retakes are offered, they should be allowed for anyone.	11/7/2018 10:09 AM
671	Cut the pensions, property taxes and bloated administration.	11/7/2018 10:07 AM
672	Cannot see anything at this time.	11/7/2018 10:05 AM
673	I think the one thing that was lacking is support of new teachers that need help controlling the classroom. I believe this will create a better environment for the kids to learn and be more successful in a less stressful situation.	11/7/2018 10:01 AM
674	Do not keep charging for OKEEP. All surrounding school districts have full day kindergarten that is FREE. Why can't you honor that? Where is the OKEEP money going? It is not fair that these families need to pay for full day education.	11/7/2018 10:01 AM
675	The building is very old and uninviting. The band, choir and orchestra concerts are held in the gym, and parents have to squeeze to find room in the bleachers. The hallways at Herrick are crowded, and the class sizes are big. The district needs to think about redistricting or adding on to Herrick. The building is too small for the enrollment.	11/7/2018 10:01 AM
676	The resources pulled out of Pierce is so sad. Stop the turnover at PierceDowner. It will impact the quality. The children need consistency	11/7/2018 10:00 AM
677	Get air conditioning Also, at my son's prior school (Tate Woods, Lisle), they were part of a grant project which focused on cooperative learning. It was excellent. I think that my son's teacher does a terrific job with it, but I also wonder if there's info from how other schools approach learning which could be helpful at Fairmount.	11/7/2018 10:00 AM
678	I'm not sold on homework for kids and I would love to have a larger discussion on the need for homework at all grade levels...	11/7/2018 9:58 AM
679	Communication. Last school year we were not told about our child's performance and how behind our child was until Feb parent teacher conference. In October all was good. Then four months later it was a completely different situation. Parents should be contacted when your child is declining in school work and not improving within a month at most. Not four months later.	11/7/2018 9:58 AM

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680	On the social/emotional side of things, there is less transparency. I didn't find out for weeks that my daughter was even talking to the school social worker, let alone consulted so we could coordinate ways to work together. The classroom communication is great, but communication outside the classroom on what else is going on in the school needs to improve.	11/7/2018 9:54 AM
681	The school need air conditioning, asap.	11/7/2018 9:53 AM
682	Communication and handling of poor behavior. It's a very lax school, socially and educationally.	11/7/2018 9:53 AM
683	My biggest concern is the OKEEP program at Lester. My son switches classes and has caused us some issues. I am also not very happy with the afternoon class size. If this continues in the next couple years, I would not put my other kids in the program. Thanks for hearing our concerns!	11/7/2018 9:52 AM
684	The school is more interested in following curriculum than just using text books.	11/7/2018 9:52 AM
685	cant think of anything	11/7/2018 9:52 AM
686	bring in a new school board and new Superintendent - they aren't doing a good job	11/7/2018 9:51 AM
687	Cooling system during summer months.	11/7/2018 9:50 AM
688	Provide more learning experiences that are about creative / non-linear thinking.	11/7/2018 9:50 AM
689	More regular feedback about my child's progress	11/7/2018 9:50 AM
690	Communication. Could use more methods of knowing an event is upcoming beyond 1 weekly email. More email reminders would help, flyers...	11/7/2018 9:48 AM
691	I think activities could be communicated better on the district and/or school website. Especially for new parents entering the school with kindergartners or transfer students. It took a lot of digging to find kindergarten registration information, even when it had been announced. Otherwise, things are great!	11/7/2018 9:48 AM
692	Regular hot lunch at Lester.	11/7/2018 9:47 AM
693	N/a	11/7/2018 9:47 AM
694	Honesty and equality for all students	11/7/2018 9:46 AM