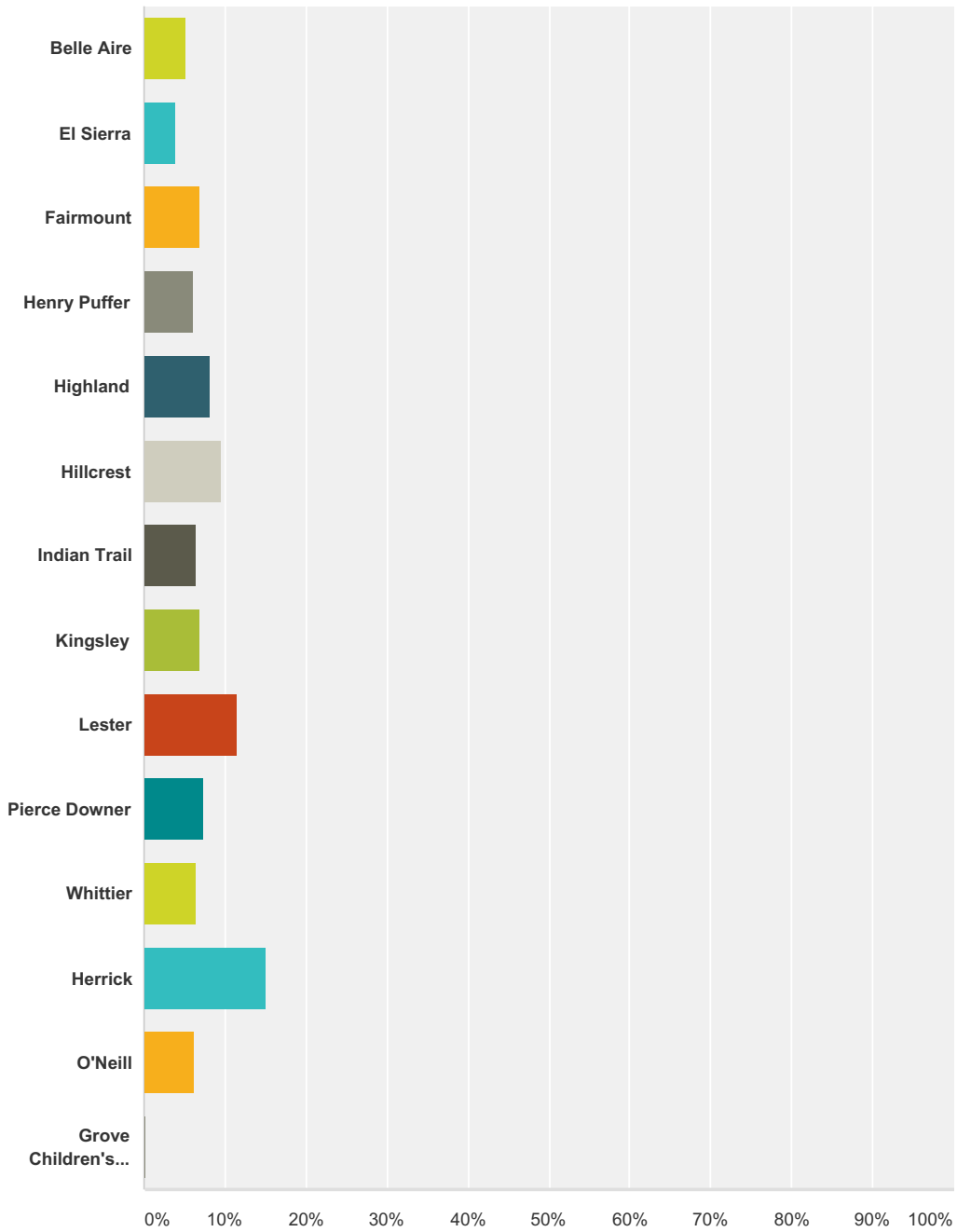


Q1 My student attends

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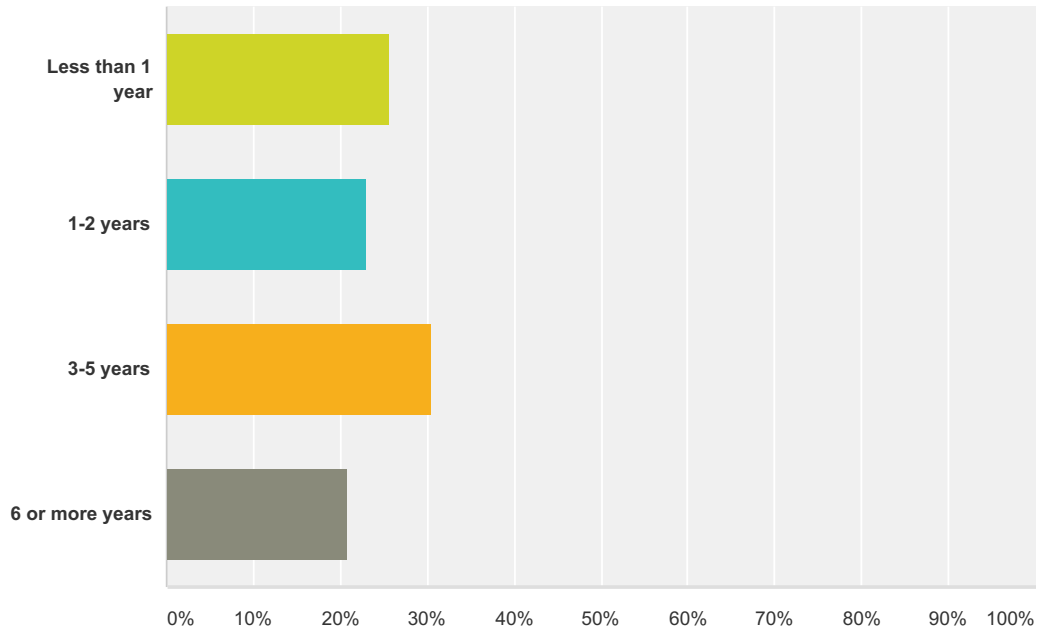
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Belle Aire	5.24%	63
El Sierra	3.99%	48
Fairmount	6.91%	83
Henry Puffer	6.07%	73
Highland	8.07%	97

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Hillcrest	9.65%	116
Indian Trail	6.49%	78
Kingsley	6.82%	82
Lester	11.56%	139
Pierce Downer	7.24%	87
Whittier	6.49%	78
Herrick	14.98%	180
O'Neill	6.32%	76
Grove Children's Preschool	0.17%	2
Total		1,202

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

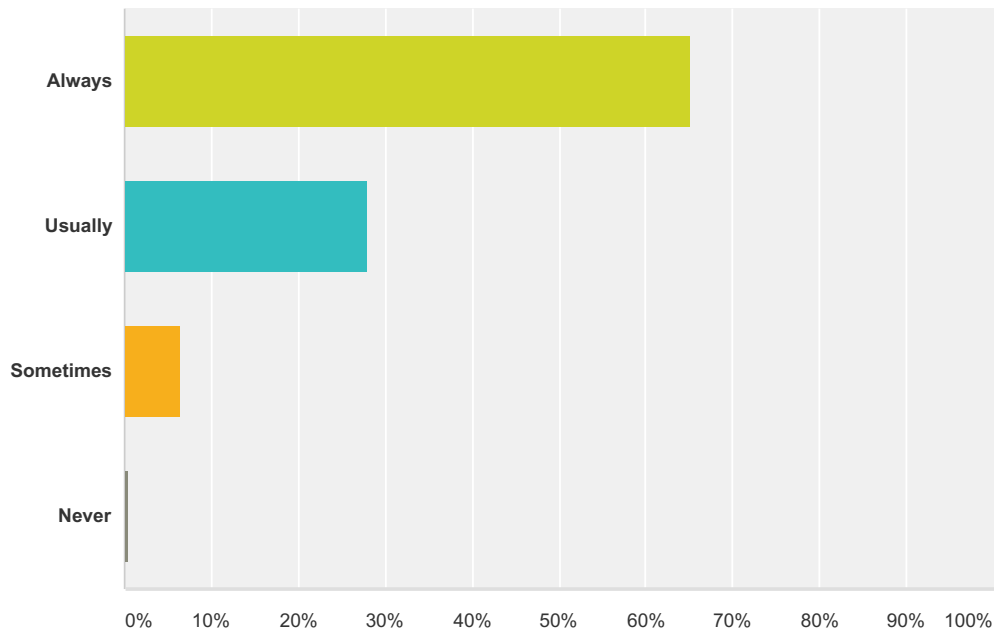
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Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 1 year	25.73% 309
1-2 years	22.98% 276
3-5 years	30.47% 366
6 or more years	20.82% 250
Total	1,201

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

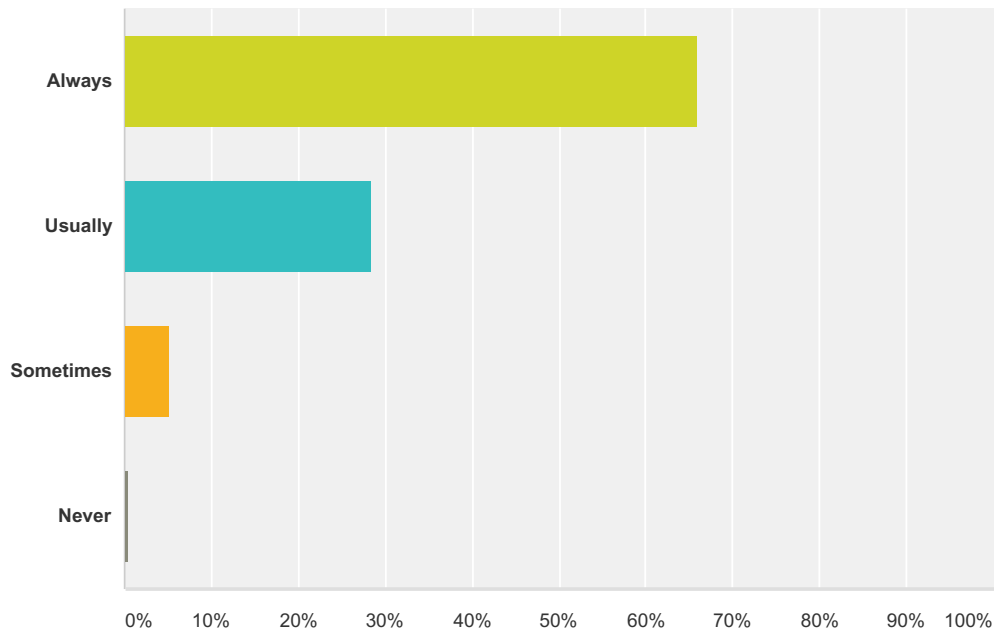
Answered: 1,087 Skipped: 116



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	65.04% 707
Usually	28.06% 305
Sometimes	6.53% 71
Never	0.37% 4
Total	1,087

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

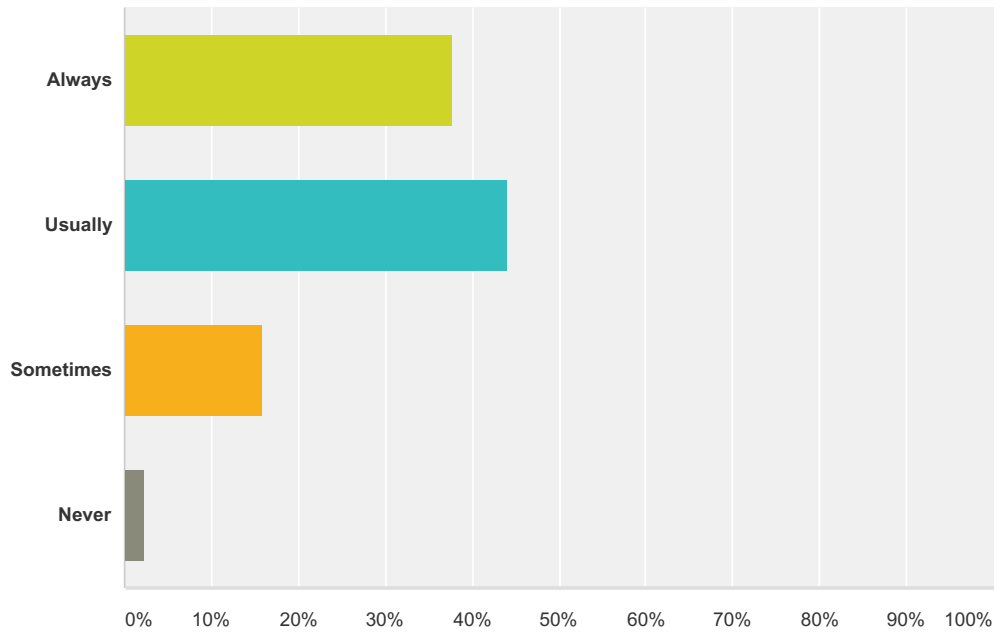
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Answer Choices	Responses
Always	66.02% 717
Usually	28.36% 308
Sometimes	5.25% 57
Never	0.37% 4
Total	1,086

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

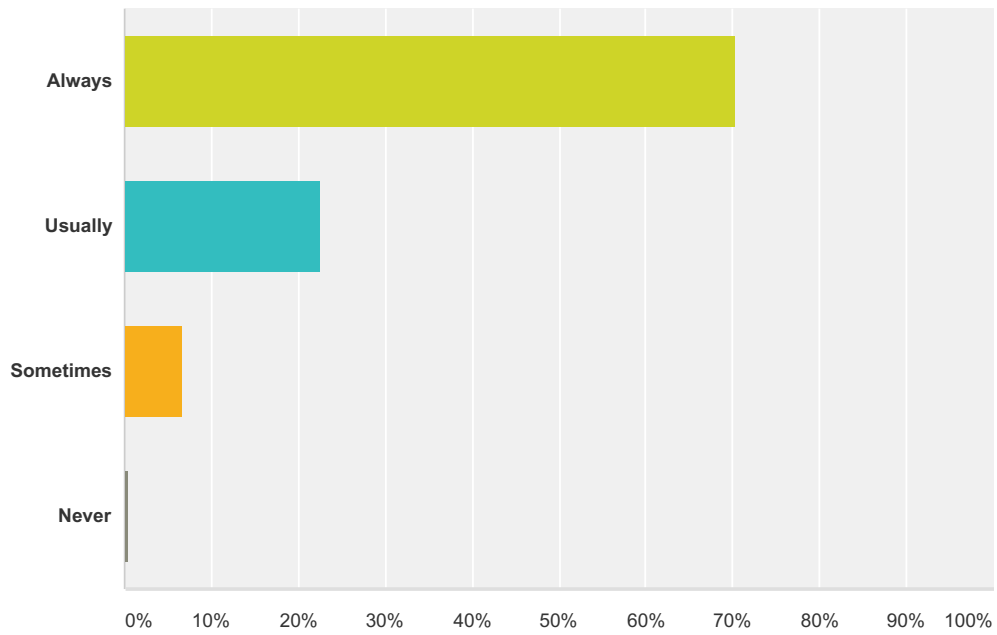
Answered: 1,078 Skipped: 125



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	37.76% 407
Usually	43.97% 474
Sometimes	15.96% 172
Never	2.32% 25
Total	1,078

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

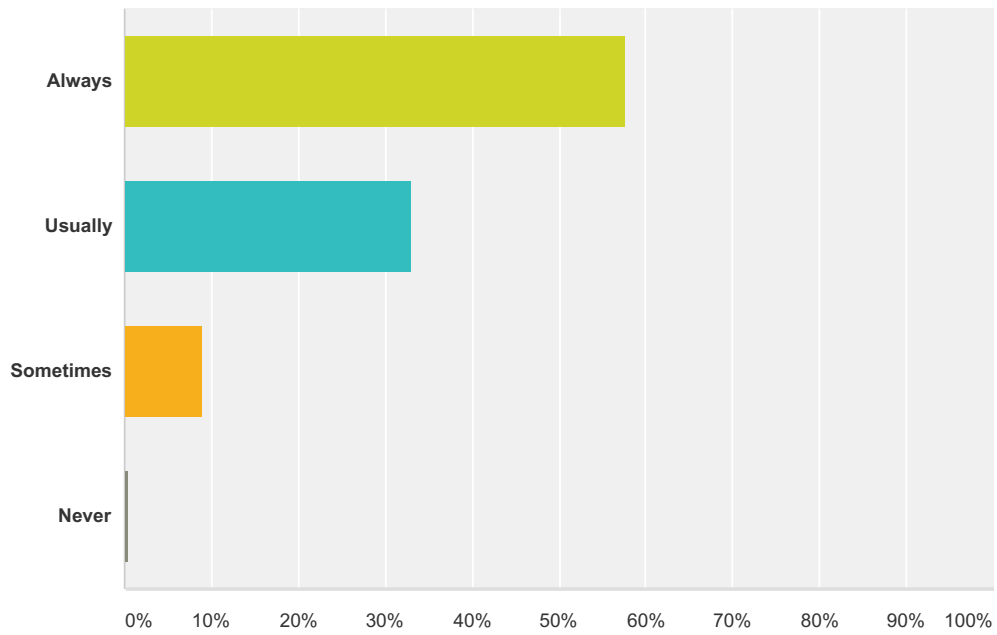
Answered: 1,085 Skipped: 118



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	70.41% 764
Usually	22.58% 245
Sometimes	6.64% 72
Never	0.37% 4
Total	1,085

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

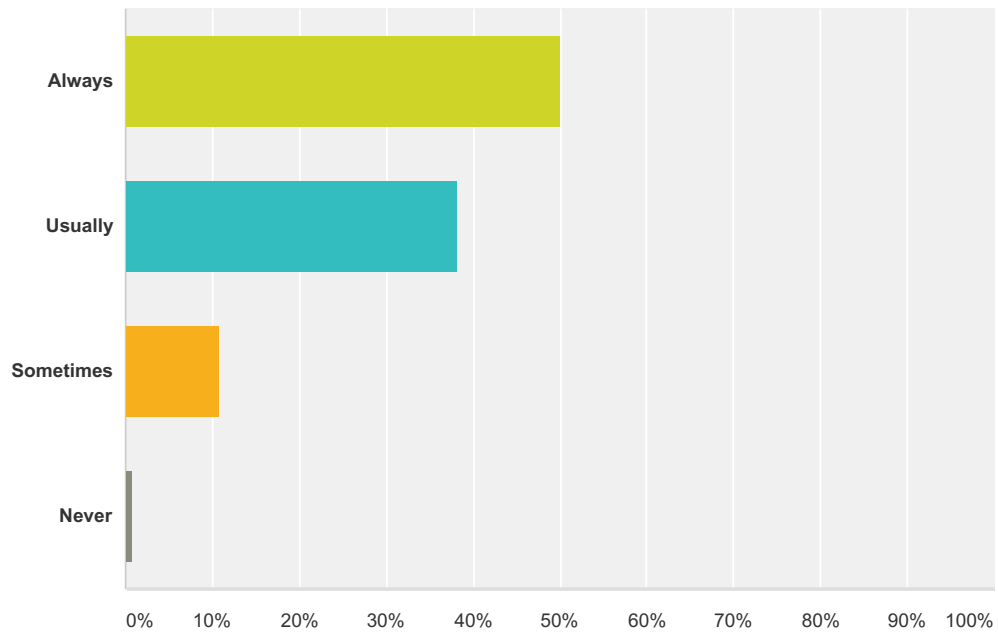
Answered: 1,081 Skipped: 122



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	57.63% 623
Usually	32.93% 356
Sometimes	9.07% 98
Never	0.37% 4
Total	1,081

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

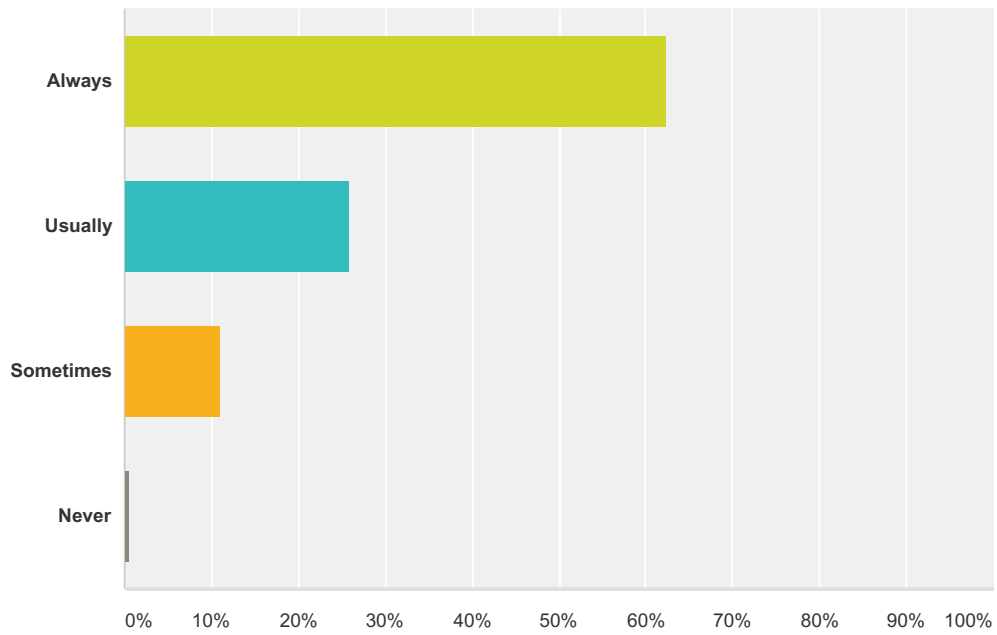
Answered: 1,075 Skipped: 128



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	50.14% 539
Usually	38.23% 411
Sometimes	10.88% 117
Never	0.74% 8
Total	1,075

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

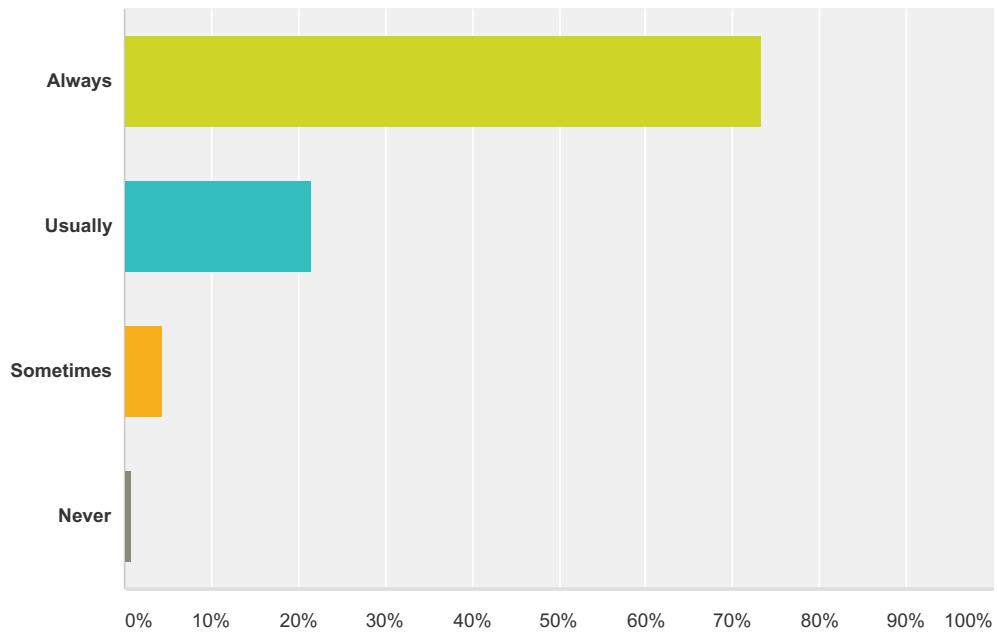
Answered: 1,080 Skipped: 123



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	62.50% 675
Usually	25.83% 279
Sometimes	11.02% 119
Never	0.65% 7
Total	1,080

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

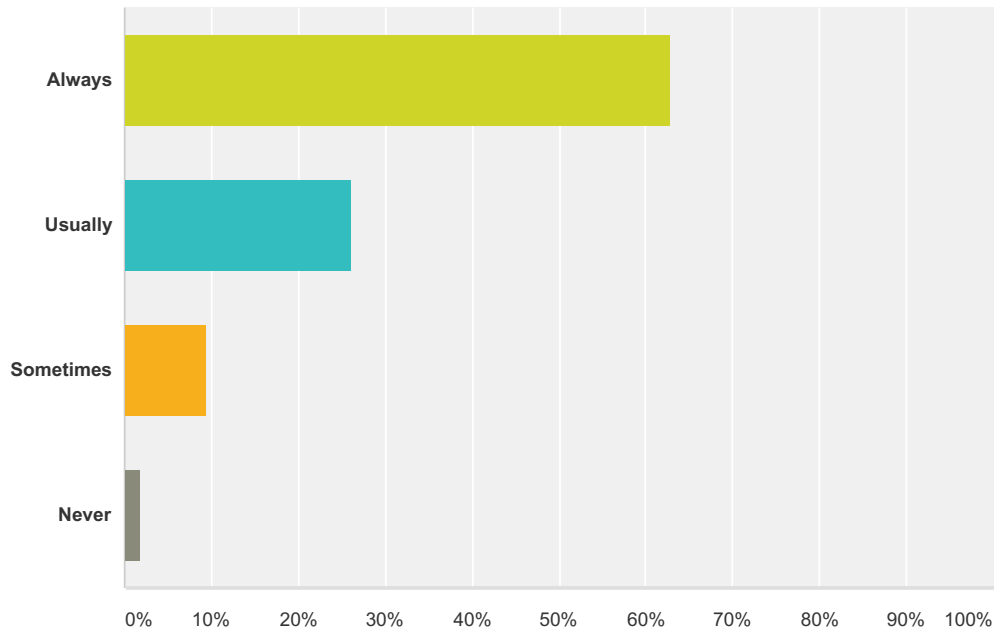
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Answer Choices	Responses
Always	73.27% 795
Usually	21.47% 233
Sometimes	4.33% 47
Never	0.92% 10
Total	1,085

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

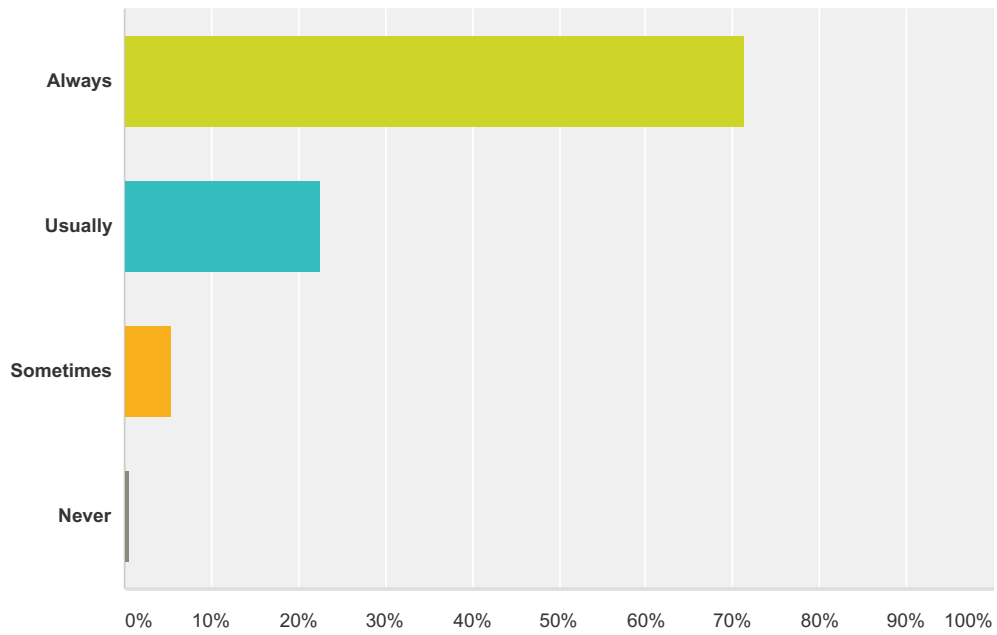
Answered: 1,081 Skipped: 122



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	62.81% 679
Usually	25.99% 281
Sometimes	9.34% 101
Never	1.85% 20
Total	1,081

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

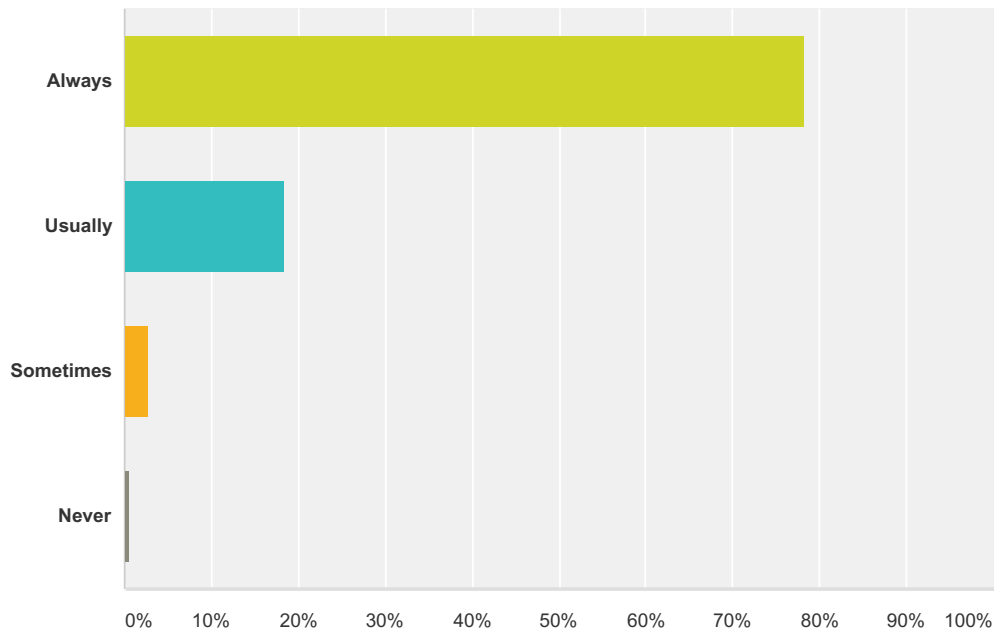
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Always	71.43%	770
Usually	22.54%	243
Sometimes	5.38%	58
Never	0.65%	7
Total		1,078

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

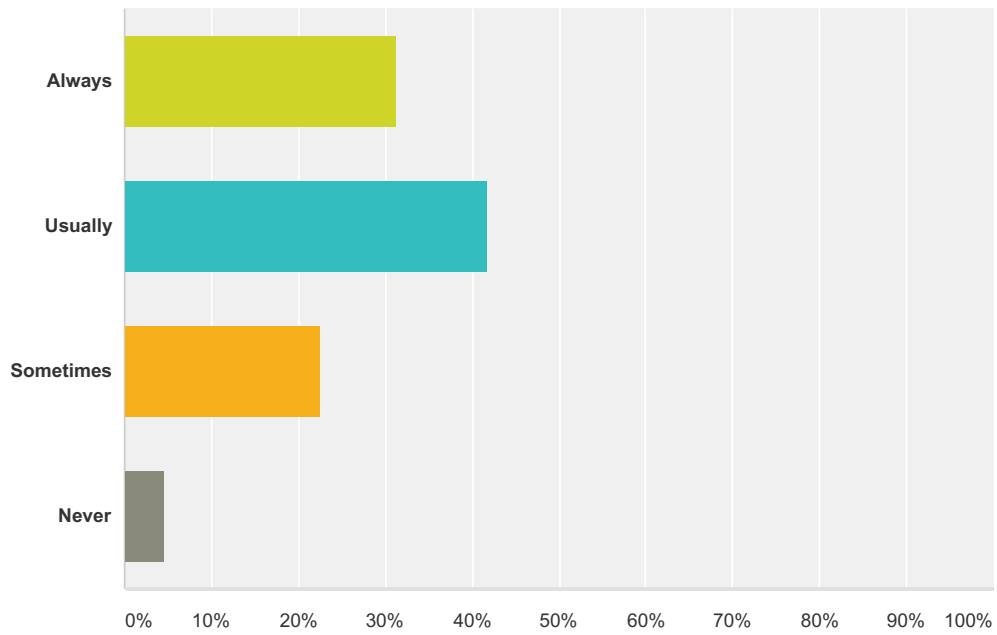
Answered: 1,079 Skipped: 124



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	78.31% 845
Usually	18.35% 198
Sometimes	2.78% 30
Never	0.56% 6
Total	1,079

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

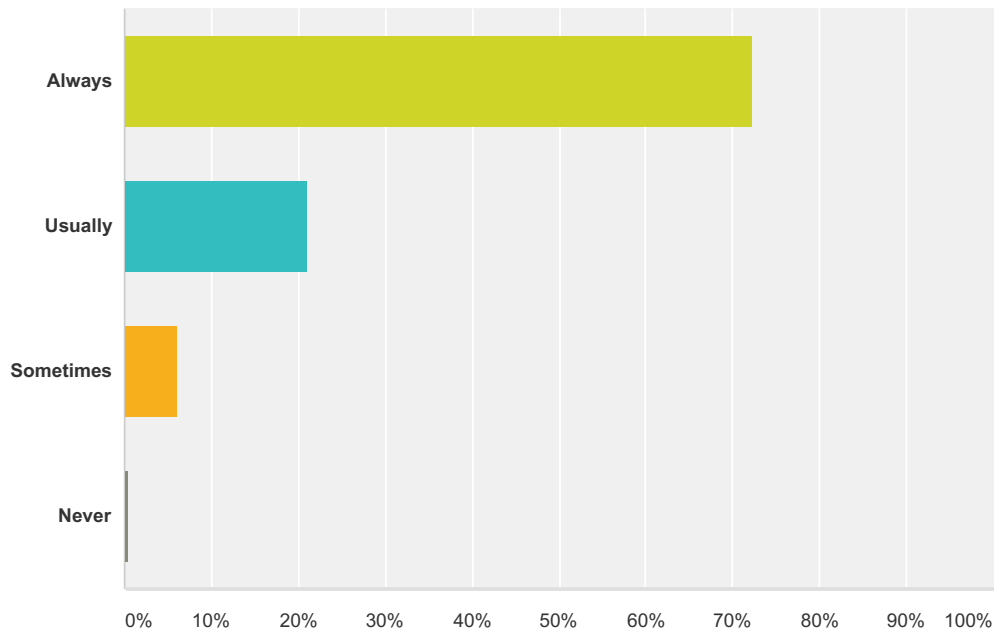
Answered: 1,068 Skipped: 135



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	31.27% 334
Usually	41.67% 445
Sometimes	22.57% 241
Never	4.49% 48
Total	1,068

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

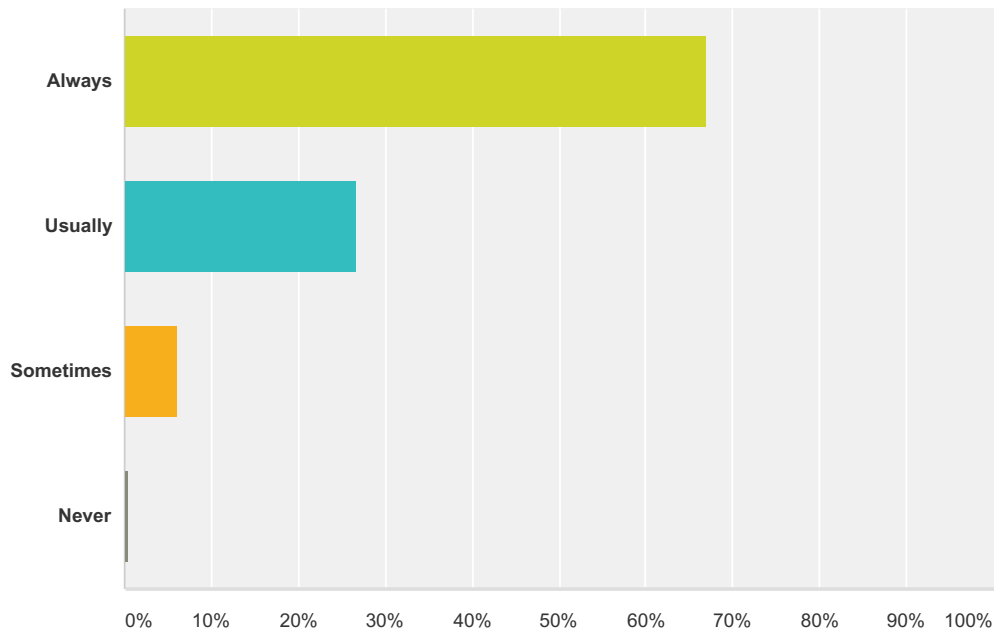
Answered: 1,083 Skipped: 120



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	72.30% 783
Usually	21.14% 229
Sometimes	6.09% 66
Never	0.46% 5
Total	1,083

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

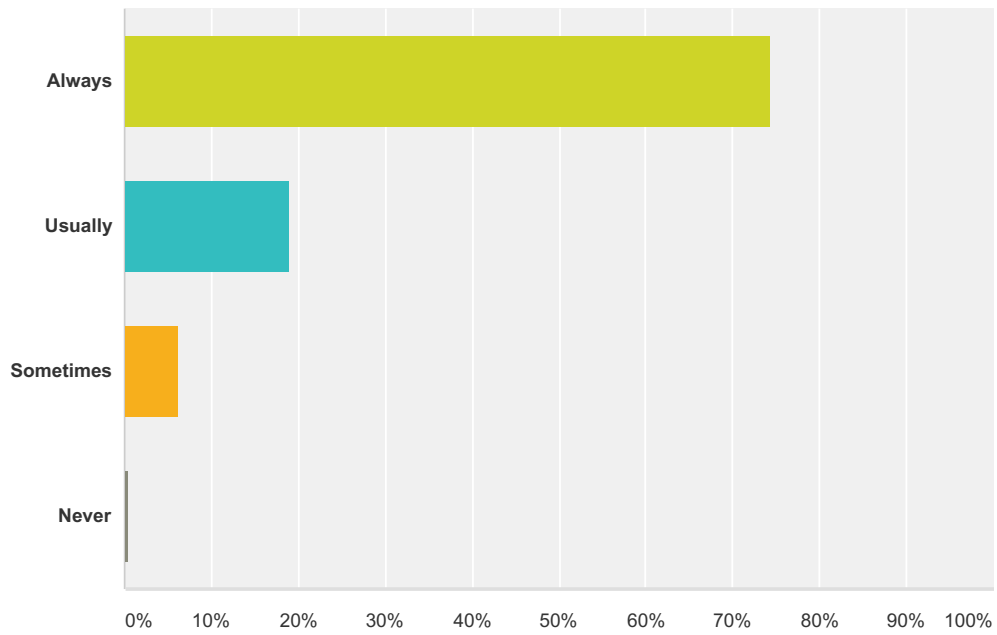
Answered: 1,082 Skipped: 121



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	66.91% 724
Usually	26.71% 289
Sometimes	6.01% 65
Never	0.37% 4
Total	1,082

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

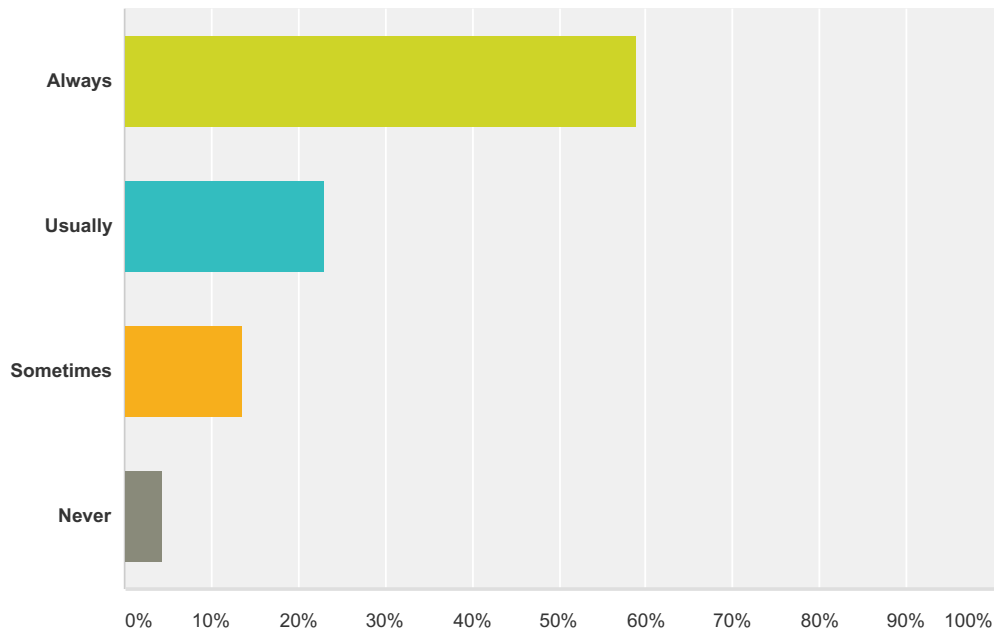
Answered: 1,082 Skipped: 121



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	74.31% 804
Usually	19.04% 206
Sometimes	6.28% 68
Never	0.37% 4
Total	1,082

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

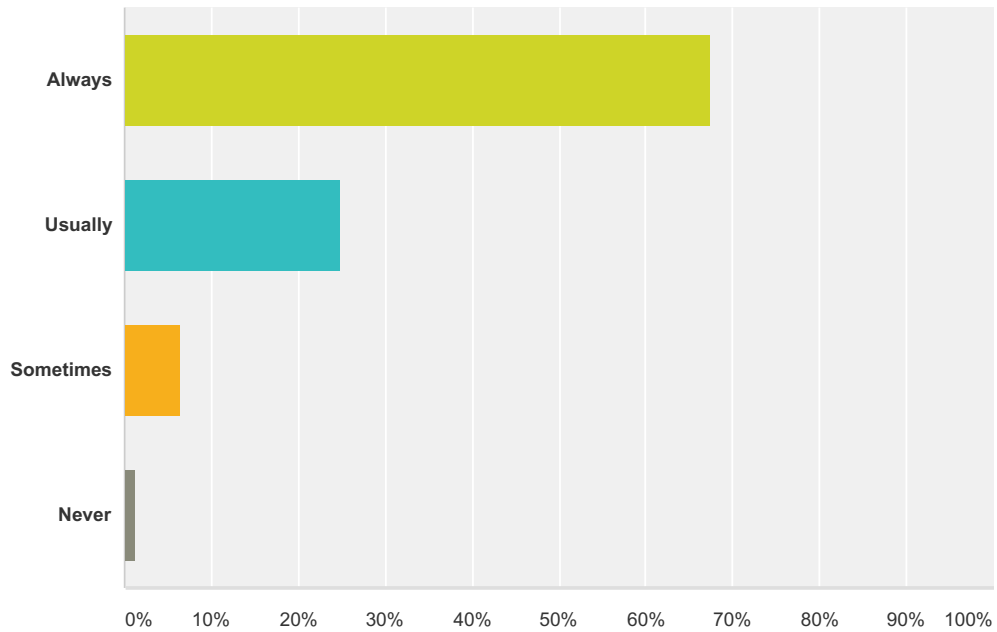
Answered: 1,074 Skipped: 129



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	58.94% 633
Usually	23.00% 247
Sometimes	13.59% 146
Never	4.47% 48
Total	1,074

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

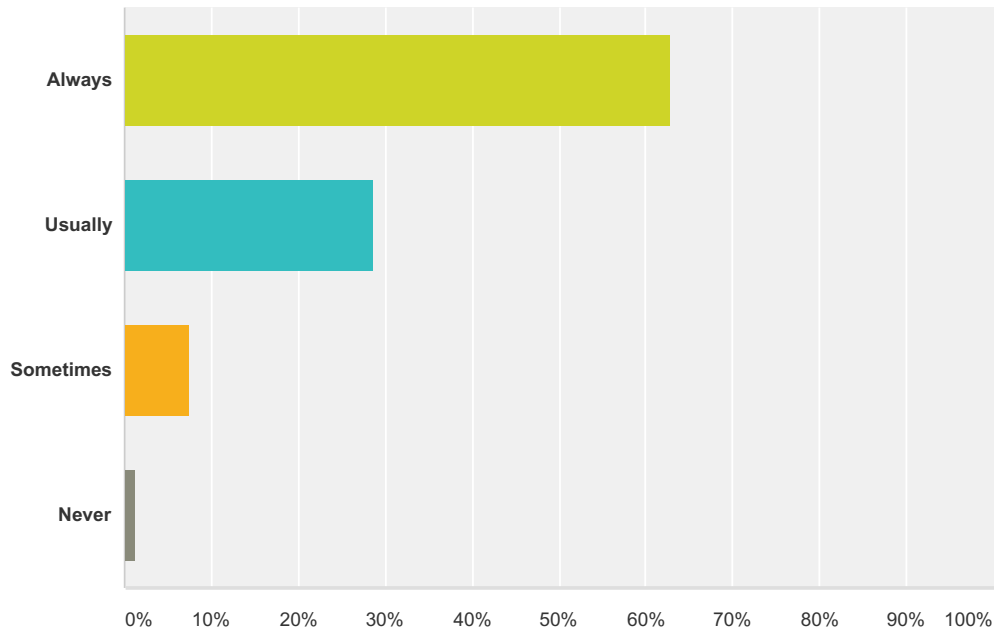
Answered: 1,076 Skipped: 127



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	67.47% 726
Usually	24.91% 268
Sometimes	6.41% 69
Never	1.21% 13
Total	1,076

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

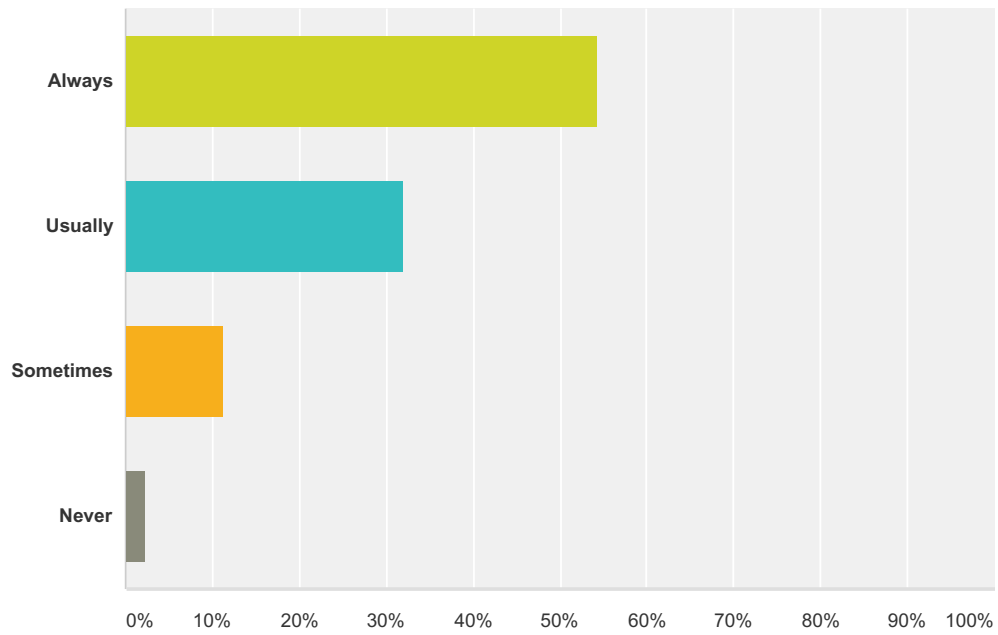
Answered: 1,084 Skipped: 119



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	62.82% 681
Usually	28.51% 309
Sometimes	7.47% 81
Never	1.20% 13
Total	1,084

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

Answered: 1,087 Skipped: 116



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	54.37% 591
Usually	31.92% 347
Sometimes	11.32% 123
Never	2.39% 26
Total	1,087

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

Answered: 625 Skipped: 578

#	Responses	Date
1	The security and safety in the school	12/17/2016 12:35 AM
2	Principal has a wonderful relationship with parents and students	12/16/2016 10:57 PM
3	Continuing library, music, art and PE on a regular basis for the kids.	12/16/2016 10:13 PM
4	I love the fact that my child's school takes the time to provide him with the proper education. If he doesn't grasp a concept the first time around, they work with him until he does.	12/16/2016 7:38 PM
5	Curriculum seems to be getting more differentiated based on ability. That's been good to see.	12/16/2016 7:01 PM
6	They create a safe environment for dropping and picking up my child.	12/16/2016 6:17 PM
7	All the different programs, activities, speakers etc. that make every day different and fun!	12/16/2016 5:59 PM
8	I feel that overall there is always really positive talk about the teachers. They care about the students and want the to love learning. I love hearing these things about our school.	12/16/2016 5:58 PM
9	I am very impressed with the caliber of District communications. I enjoy reading Communicate 58 and the Board updates that [REDACTED] sends out. I also appreciate the Facebook posts. Beyond that, I'm very happy with the curriculum. I feel confident that my child is in good hands and is being taught to his level.	12/16/2016 5:32 PM
10	I appreciate the school integrating the specialized therapists into the general education program so that all students can experience a common language, i.e. Zone regulation.	12/16/2016 4:45 PM
11	Good communication	12/16/2016 2:48 PM
12	Small group work at appropriate learning levels.	12/16/2016 1:49 PM
13	The curriculum continues to improve. It would be great to see it elevate so as to not just respond to test scores but focus more on classroom performance as the metric for success.	12/16/2016 1:37 PM
14	The emailed communication is very much appreciated!	12/16/2016 1:35 PM
15	band is very good. Herrick teacher s are very involved	12/16/2016 1:17 PM
16	Lends to a strong feeling of community among the families at the school.	12/16/2016 12:56 PM
17	The teachers are very open to parent feedback and concerns as it pertains to the individual student.	12/16/2016 12:43 PM
18	lpads, Seesaw, top-notch and supportive teachers, communication from D58	12/16/2016 12:13 PM
19	The personal relationship the staff display with the students and parents	12/16/2016 11:46 AM
20	Is proactive in keeping our children safe.	12/16/2016 11:39 AM
21	I feel that [REDACTED] has a fabulous staff and really care about all the children.	12/16/2016 10:42 AM
22	There is no other school I would ever want my children to attend. [REDACTED] is excellent because it begins with office staff and the principal to set the tone of openness and sincere concern for the families within the school. Then, the teachers are invested in finding ways to make learning meaningful and relevant to each student.	12/16/2016 10:36 AM
23	Great school communication.	12/16/2016 10:24 AM
24	Art, gym, music and extracurricular classes that make kids well rounded are much appreciated. And loved by both kids and parents. Orchestra offered at 4th grade level is an amazing opportunity for kids.	12/16/2016 10:22 AM
25	Weekly emails from [REDACTED] about the school happenings / information.	12/16/2016 10:11 AM
26	I feel that all of the teachers al [REDACTED] are terrific and [REDACTED] is a wonderfully engaging and supportive principle.	12/16/2016 9:58 AM
27	Reading curriculum	12/16/2016 9:46 AM
28	supporting private parent involved after school activity's.	12/16/2016 9:23 AM

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29	caring for the whole child, not just academically.	12/16/2016 9:09 AM
30	Challenging kids to think and problem solve as this will be critical as they mature.	12/16/2016 8:46 AM
31	My child likes using Ipads bc "they are fun"	12/16/2016 8:32 AM
32	I love the neighborhood school system and that a child will attend the same school for 7 years. It has helped to build the great family community of Downers Grove. Families really get to know each other because they have kids at the same school for sometimes 10+ years. I don't feel like I am raising my kids on my own. I have support from all these families, teachers and administrators that I have know since my kids were little.	12/16/2016 8:23 AM
33	Dist 58 is trying to cover their area so-to-speak but not listening to child/kids or parents concerns regarding health being impacted from potential toxic issues inside the school or using safe methods for cleaning & maintaining bldg; really sad about the ongoing issues IAQ being ignored for students & teachers & others working at the school(s). We believe in being the KEY-Keep Educating Yourself but politics & ineffective SOP is not helping our kids; also not sure if the tech is so good if it can't be monitored in this time of tech the negative for kids to reach content not to their benefit & bullying is made easier... another solution to kids getting potentially sick from being inside the schools could be virtual classrooms so they can still connect with teachers & classmates; our child is forced to be alienated because she keeps getting sick & can't participate so she's left out & sometimes feels bullied by staff & kids because of being sick; it is possible to do this & it is possible to turn & tune more opportunities to help kids. It's as important to listen as it is to be heard; thank YOU for the opportunity to communicate these very real & serious issues. If you are not part of the solution that's the biggest part of the problem. Warm wishes to you & yours.	12/16/2016 7:44 AM
34	?	12/16/2016 7:15 AM
35	Share updates regularly on issues that arise in the district.	12/16/2016 6:53 AM
36	Encourages kids to be responsible for their education.	12/16/2016 5:31 AM
37	Reading education	12/16/2016 5:23 AM
38	Quality of teachers. For the most part, I have been extremely impressed with the teachers my children have worked with over the last few years. They have been incredible!!!!	12/16/2016 5:20 AM
39	Immediately communicates with parents about haappenings, good or bad, at school or the surrounding community.	12/16/2016 3:50 AM
40	Communication is excellent	12/15/2016 11:31 PM
41	OKEEP	12/15/2016 10:35 PM
42	Keeping students engaged and excited to learn.	12/15/2016 10:32 PM
43	The care the teachers show for the students.	12/15/2016 10:16 PM
44	Providing different curriculum based on students abilities	12/15/2016 9:37 PM
45	Wonderful communication and outreach to parents.	12/15/2016 9:13 PM
46	Offering so many opportunities for children and their parents to get involved in activities .	12/15/2016 8:45 PM
47	Excellent communication, devotion to quality education, well rounded curriculum	12/15/2016 8:45 PM
48	The tablet really helps	12/15/2016 8:44 PM
49	My child's teachers have been excellent- very kind and caring people. They have been flexible when needed, which I appreciate.	12/15/2016 8:35 PM
50	Communication	12/15/2016 8:27 PM
51	Creating a community around [REDACTED], thanks [REDACTED]	12/15/2016 8:00 PM
52	[REDACTED] and staff make us feel like family always there for parents and student	12/15/2016 7:56 PM
53	Movement rooms, frequent breaks (within reason), different types of classroom seating/sitting arrangements/options. I am very impressed at faculty's flexibility here.	12/15/2016 7:33 PM
54	Giving hot lunch	12/15/2016 7:20 PM
55	This school provides excellent learning and development opportunities for every student's academical, behavioral, and social skills.	12/15/2016 7:07 PM
56	Social emotional skills as well as academic	12/15/2016 7:05 PM
57	VIP Day was fantastic: well-organized and meaningful. Teachers and faculty work extremely hard and are creative.	12/15/2016 6:16 PM
58	Seesaw program is great	12/15/2016 6:08 PM

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59	Communicating with Parents in a timely manner.	12/15/2016 6:02 PM
60	Communicating issue with parents in a timely manner.	12/15/2016 5:59 PM
61	Technology	12/15/2016 5:40 PM
62	Promoting good behaviors through "Spotted Being Good." It's so exciting for kids to get spotted.	12/15/2016 4:56 PM
63	Supportive and friendly teachers.	12/15/2016 4:56 PM
64	I like being able to email staff and they email back right away. Seesaw is great too! Just need to use it more	12/15/2016 4:53 PM
65	Great resources for kids to learn such as lab equipment for science experiments and supplies for various art projects. Also the emphasis in physical education about being fit and active versus just focusing on athletic strength is terrific.	12/15/2016 4:48 PM
66	COMMUNICATE WITH THE PARENTS.	12/15/2016 4:19 PM
67	Communication. ...communication. From teachers and others involved in the children's development. Great principal!!	12/15/2016 4:12 PM
68	Caring about the development of the children	12/15/2016 4:07 PM
69	The teachers and support staff are excellent	12/15/2016 4:05 PM
70	band, orchestra and choir	12/15/2016 4:00 PM
71	Providing extra learning activities for students	12/15/2016 3:56 PM
72	Providing a loving and nurturing place for students to learn and grow	12/15/2016 3:41 PM
73	Encouraging school pride.	12/15/2016 3:34 PM
74	Creates a nurturing environment, great staff and leadership.	12/15/2016 3:07 PM
75	Providing extra help to children with need.	12/15/2016 2:53 PM
76	Our school provides a safe, healthy and happy learning environment for our son.	12/15/2016 2:46 PM
77	The school and staff does a great job communicating information out.	12/15/2016 2:37 PM
78	Our principal is phenomenal at hearing parent feedback and implementing at her discretion. [REDACTED] holds teachers accountable yet is kind and fair.	12/15/2016 2:36 PM
79	I always feel very informed & in the loop with what is going on at the school and in the district.	12/15/2016 2:20 PM
80	Continue to hire great teachers and principals - they drive the school and are the key interaction with student and parent. We need quality teachers	12/15/2016 2:10 PM
81	Friendly, welcoming environment	12/15/2016 2:02 PM
82	Has a high level of learning and quality staff (with the exception of a couple)	12/15/2016 2:00 PM
83	Making parents feel welcomed and giving a couple opportunities a year to get in the classroom if wanted. (Art appreciation, classroom project help, holiday parties fun lunch)	12/15/2016 1:55 PM
84	Parental involvement	12/15/2016 1:40 PM
85	Pretty good communication from teachers about how things are going	12/15/2016 1:34 PM
86	Please continue Educating the students on acceptance of others. Asking for help from social workers and child and family counselors when students need that special care	12/15/2016 1:27 PM
87	there is a large diversity in teaching strategies. I think that works well.	12/15/2016 1:18 PM
88	Receiving weekly updates from the principal about the events/happenings within the school.	12/15/2016 1:12 PM
89	[REDACTED] is an excellent school. Anywhere I answered Usually is because Usually is appropriate, meaning parents should NOT be overly involved at this level in my opinion and the school has the right amount of parent interaction. They do this very well and preparation for high school very well.	12/15/2016 1:10 PM
90	school extras like pta reflection, one school one book ect..	12/15/2016 1:08 PM
91	My son has cp and they do a great job of including him in everything and allowing the other students to see how smart he is and all his strengths. The kids are really amazing.	12/15/2016 12:54 PM
92	My school creates a very open and inviting place for students and parents.	12/15/2016 12:49 PM
93	Excellent communication! I love the weekly class agenda updates.	12/15/2016 12:43 PM
94	Offer free of charge programs for before/after school... yoga, friendship club, etc.	12/15/2016 12:33 PM

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95	Good support staff interaction	12/15/2016 12:22 PM
96	Communication, Small class size	12/15/2016 12:21 PM
97	Everyone was so helpful and nice helping us get used to kindergarten and being in a new environment! The kindergarten sign up process was easy and we felt like "part of the family" right away!	12/15/2016 12:15 PM
98	Letting us know when there is an issue at school or something going around (illness, lice, etc.)	12/15/2016 12:14 PM
99	continuous visibility of assignments and grades online	12/15/2016 12:08 PM
100	Small class sizes and neighborhood schools	12/15/2016 12:08 PM
101	communication: emails are a constant source of information	12/15/2016 12:02 PM
102	Communication is fantastic.	12/15/2016 11:57 AM
103	The staff cares about my children. It is clear.	12/15/2016 11:56 AM
104	I am ver happy overall!	12/15/2016 11:56 AM
105	Communicatiob about my child progress and learning	12/15/2016 11:45 AM
106	I like the ability to view my child's grades and progress. I also like how quickly teachers and staff respond after I contact them.	12/15/2016 11:43 AM
107	Love principal twitter and district 58 communications via social media. Love school families and SEL programs.	12/15/2016 11:43 AM
108	Both 1st Grade [redacted] teachers communicate very well with parents and set good expectations for students.	12/15/2016 11:41 AM
109	The overall education my child receives would be considered well above the standard. The students are prepared to make the transition into the High School environment and be able to succeed in their academic accomplishments.	12/15/2016 11:37 AM
110	Provide a productive learning environment.	12/15/2016 11:36 AM
111	great communication with parents	12/15/2016 11:34 AM
112	Grouping our child's ability with other kids with similar skills	12/15/2016 11:32 AM
113	Great communication between school and home.	12/15/2016 11:30 AM
114	I like that all kids are included and treated fairly.	12/15/2016 11:29 AM
115	We have the best teachers.	12/15/2016 11:28 AM
116	My child loves time in the classroom and extra classes. The school focuses on kindness and my child loves the kindergarten teacher.	12/15/2016 11:20 AM
117	Communication regarding district programs,	12/15/2016 11:17 AM
118	Communication	12/15/2016 11:16 AM
119	Hires excellent, competent teachers and staff.	12/15/2016 11:14 AM
120	All the teachers my child has had are wonderful. They are caring and dedicated to academic and social and emotional learning. They always respond to parent concerns with a suggested solution and follow up after putting into action.	12/15/2016 11:14 AM
121	Focusing on the social/emotional learning is done really well at district 58. At [redacted], I especially love how they pick the themes for each year and stay active with promoting it on a daily basis.	12/15/2016 11:13 AM
122	[redacted] has high academic standards compared to where we moved from. It's great and we hope to see it continue!	12/15/2016 11:12 AM
123	I love the new [redacted] family time.	12/15/2016 11:11 AM
124	Working with the individual student as much as possible	12/15/2016 11:10 AM
125	The school has many opportunities for parent involvement.	12/15/2016 11:06 AM
126	I have been impressed with the way [redacted] has created a sense of community in the school, with [redacted] Families, SEL work both in the classroom/ assemblies and by sending work and books home. This has been such a wonderful improvement from our last school, and has also helped my children to be accepted as new students this year.	12/15/2016 11:06 AM
127	Great communication & caring by the teachers/administrators	12/15/2016 11:06 AM
128	IEP	12/15/2016 11:03 AM
129	Communicating via class dojo. I love that.	12/15/2016 11:03 AM

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130	Foster a caring learning environment	12/15/2016 11:01 AM
131	Keep enriching the students who need much more than the Core Curriculum. Many of our children need to be challenged/enriched in all areas!	12/15/2016 10:57 AM
132	Continue to involve kids in multiple activities	12/15/2016 10:56 AM
133	support individual creativity	12/15/2016 10:55 AM
134	The teachers all care very much for the academic and social/emotional well being of our kids. The instruction and material is characteristic of high standards. My child loves going to school.	12/15/2016 10:55 AM
135	Posting grades online	12/15/2016 10:50 AM
136	Challenging coursework, especially in math. Teachers care about the students and really want to see them be successful. Great communication from the school and district teams.	12/15/2016 10:50 AM
137	Keep ████████ happy as she is the best teacher at ████████ and you are lucky to have her! Amazing person who reaches out to all her students and looks out for the kids who may be struggling emotionally, socially, etc. and builds them up and helps them believe in themselves. She is a treasure. The teacher of a lifetime; the one kids will remember forever.	12/15/2016 10:48 AM
138	Focus on academics	12/15/2016 10:47 AM
139	excellent communication with teachers and staff	12/15/2016 10:47 AM
140	A small, tight-knit community that supports all students	12/15/2016 10:46 AM
141	Seesaw	12/15/2016 10:46 AM
142	Continue to hire caring teachers	12/15/2016 10:45 AM
143	communication	12/15/2016 10:45 AM
144	The principal and staff are always around and engaged with the kids for after-school events	12/15/2016 10:45 AM
145	The communication offered through the web for those of us who work and are not able to see the teacher every day	12/15/2016 10:45 AM
146	Communicating with parents weekly via email, twitter, seesaw, etc.	12/15/2016 10:45 AM
147	The teachers do a good job communicating with me on where my child is and needs to be	12/15/2016 10:44 AM
148	Welcoming us as newcomers in the middle of the year.	12/15/2016 10:44 AM
149	The ████████ teachers are amazing...especially art and 2nd.	12/15/2016 10:44 AM
150	Social Emotional Learning	12/15/2016 10:44 AM
151	Teacher / Parent Communication	12/15/2016 10:43 AM
152	Caring teachers	12/15/2016 10:41 AM
153	Daily recess	12/15/2016 9:45 AM
154	Hiring Fabulous, Good Teachers	12/14/2016 10:29 PM
155	Principal is incredible. Always helpful and always very promptly responds to issues	12/14/2016 10:28 PM
156	Opportunities to communicate with my child's teacher.	12/14/2016 10:25 PM
157	encouraging parental involvement and keeping us informed of what our child is learning	12/14/2016 9:19 PM
158	The fifth grade teachers are exceptional and not only care about academics but the social environment.	12/14/2016 5:34 PM
159	The teachers are very attentive and focus on helping the students succeed.	12/14/2016 11:13 AM
160	Collaboration with children and school community	12/14/2016 9:01 AM
161	Tablet is a good tool maybe	12/14/2016 9:01 AM
162	New learning opportunities	12/14/2016 8:58 AM
163	Provides many opportunities for extracurricular clubs and activities.	12/14/2016 7:50 AM
164	Before and after school activities. My child loves heart smart and breakfast with books and yoga. Technology is something I believe the district excels in.	12/14/2016 5:39 AM
165	Communication	12/13/2016 10:36 PM

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166	At the moment, not sure. Seems like District 58 cares about Reading, Math and Science. And that is it. The Math curriculum of centers/groups is terrible though.	12/13/2016 5:41 PM
167	Encourage physical activity, art, music & science.	12/13/2016 5:14 PM
168	Dist 58 has caring staff members that work at our school.	12/13/2016 4:32 PM
169	I feel that [REDACTED] does an excellent job of creating a "family" atmosphere for the students. My child feels a part of something there and that the adults in the building care about her!	12/13/2016 4:18 PM
170	I appreciate the work on Class Dojo related to Mindset.	12/13/2016 10:07 AM
171	I like the schools VIP activities, its an opportunity for parents to meet and know each other. I love the activities in the classroom at the VIP event.	12/13/2016 9:47 AM
172	Email weekly information is helpful	12/12/2016 7:56 PM
173	Daily communication sent home with my child is greatly appreciated.	12/12/2016 4:07 PM
174	I love everything about District 58. Small schools, community feel, highly involved staff, kids, parents!	12/12/2016 2:52 PM
175	Excellent Teachers and School staff.	12/12/2016 2:19 PM
176	Keep the LRC	12/12/2016 2:05 PM
177	Safe and inclusive environment where the kids learn together.	12/12/2016 1:33 PM
178	I have 1-1 communication with each of my son's teachers every year, which is key in helping him succeed	12/12/2016 1:19 PM
179	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the best teachers we have ever encountered.	12/12/2016 1:01 PM
180	Email communication	12/12/2016 10:15 AM
181	Giving students different opportunities like the Reading Games	12/11/2016 9:44 PM
182	The math blue print has been extremely helpful this year to given extra help and to know what your child is doing in math since some classes don't give homework so you have hard time accessing your child's grasp of a subject until the test comes home.	12/11/2016 8:37 PM
183	SEL. Identifying different skill groups in math.	12/11/2016 8:21 PM
184	SEL	12/11/2016 8:18 PM
185	Emails are great.	12/11/2016 5:53 PM
186	Extracurricular activities	12/11/2016 4:27 PM
187	PTA	12/11/2016 3:34 PM
188	Spots allow children performing at different levels to be appropriately challenged	12/11/2016 3:04 PM
189	no much	12/11/2016 6:25 AM
190	N/a	12/11/2016 6:23 AM
191	Always gives my kids the academic help they need.	12/10/2016 7:41 PM
192	They have teachers that are enthusiastic about their subject and and therefor happy to teach students.	12/10/2016 7:34 PM
193	Parent involvement.	12/10/2016 5:00 PM
194	[REDACTED] is a wonderful teacher! He is very passionate about his focus on the kids.	12/10/2016 5:00 PM
195	Continue to make school somewhere he enjoys going every day.	12/10/2016 4:31 PM
196	[REDACTED] preschool drop off and pick up procedure is outstanding. The children are safe, the teachers are welcoming, and the entire process is quick and efficient.	12/10/2016 1:51 PM
197	Parent involvement	12/10/2016 1:28 PM
198	Email communication from the principals office and the teacher.	12/10/2016 1:23 PM
199	Creating a sense of community on district level, not just school level.	12/10/2016 11:20 AM
200	Preparing kids for high school is excellent at this school. The teachers encourage positive behavior. The arts are supported.	12/10/2016 4:46 AM
201	My son is in his second year of preschool. Keep doing what your doing. He is doing great and loves it. [REDACTED] is a terrific teacher.	12/9/2016 11:58 PM

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202	The consistent communication	12/9/2016 8:38 PM
203	Hiring great teachers.	12/9/2016 6:01 PM
204	Communication is usually pretty good but could still use improvement.	12/9/2016 5:18 PM
205	Differentiating to student needs.	12/9/2016 4:02 PM
206	The activities/fundraisers put on by the PTA are fantastic. The kids seem to really enjoy participating - Fun Run/Halloween Haunted house etc.. [REDACTED] does a great job with the students and the parents.	12/9/2016 3:27 PM
207	I think the orientation for incoming students is excellent. Both my kids have made an excellent transition from elementary to middle school at [REDACTED] That is in LARGE part due to all the efforts of the faculty and staff at the school. Well done and THANK YOU!	12/9/2016 3:22 PM
208	Communication concerning child's progress. Teachers are excellent at it, and it is very much appreciated.	12/9/2016 3:17 PM
209	[REDACTED] provides a lot of opportunities for parents to stay involved with their kids, and be a part of the community.	12/9/2016 2:48 PM
210	Activities offered.	12/9/2016 2:07 PM
211	Communication from the principle.	12/9/2016 1:11 PM
212	The school was very helpful in explaining things to me since our family was new to the school this year. They were especially responsive to any email I sent.	12/9/2016 1:09 PM
213	Weekly communications	12/9/2016 12:24 PM
214	I am so happy that social-emotional learning has returned to daily learning. Please continue creative programming supporting this among the students within the classroom and all grades.	12/9/2016 12:24 PM
215	Teachers are amazing at getting to know the kids and giving special attention when needed.	12/9/2016 11:39 AM
216	Fosters a supportive/respectful environment. I like the [REDACTED] Families & Buddies.	12/9/2016 11:34 AM
217	I'd love for you to continue incorporating social/emotional learning. I love that you've begun teaching the kids yoga! And was very happy to see that kindergarteners were being taught mindfulness with their emotions. I'd love to see more of this extended beyond kindergarten, so that what they learned is not forgotten. Learning to pay attention to when they were feeling a certain way (in a certain zone), and what they could do (breathing techniques), to get back into a calm, focused, ready to learn state of mind was great to see. I feel that more of this type of learning is essential to the success of students. These are tools that are so valuable, not just in school, but for life. I'd love to see more mindfulness learning as a constant. I believe this should be a part of the curriculum and be taught in every grade, and practiced every day.	12/9/2016 11:18 AM
218	Team approach involving all specialists in the primary grades to help the whole child succeed.	12/9/2016 10:46 AM
219	Communication with District 58 through emails is great, and [REDACTED] PTA is great with communication also.	12/9/2016 10:36 AM
220	They include all students regardless of race, religion or sex.	12/9/2016 9:39 AM
221	Making our children feel safe and cared for.	12/9/2016 9:13 AM
222	Caring environment that makes children and parents feel like they are part of a family.	12/9/2016 8:46 AM
223	The school has genuinely good teachers. I think our experiences are really positive in every grade.	12/9/2016 8:36 AM
224	I feel the communication has improved greatly over the years.	12/9/2016 7:49 AM
225	Love the the emphasis on reading during school. I also like the fact much of homework can be done during homebase. Makes evenings a lot less stressful.	12/9/2016 7:46 AM
226	I appreciate all of the communication from the teacher and from the school as a whole.	12/9/2016 7:34 AM
227	Taking each child as the individual vs. thinking every child will learn the same.	12/9/2016 5:59 AM
228	SEL as part of daily curriculum	12/8/2016 11:57 PM
229	We enjoy the family activities the school has throughout the year.	12/8/2016 11:35 PM
230	Caring and responsive teachers	12/8/2016 11:10 PM
231	Inviting feedback and addressing concerns when they arise. I really enjoy the bimonthly newsletter that is emailed from [REDACTED]. It provides a tremendous amount of local, current information.	12/8/2016 10:41 PM
232	My son's experience overall in middle school has not been a positive one I am sorry to say. I know the faculty cares- I do not feel enough individuality is embraced to make every student successful, or feel successful. Socially it is a disaster	12/8/2016 10:40 PM

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233	I love the use of the SeeSaw app so that I can receive updates and see what my child does throughout the day.	12/8/2016 10:33 PM
234	The school keeps my child well rounded. He comes home talking about Math as well as what he learned that day about Christopher Columbus or Abraham Lincoln, etc. Not to mention the Science projects he likes to replicate at home as well. This is a great school, with great staff and administrators.	12/8/2016 10:27 PM
235	Inclusion, anti-bullying focus with a good sense of community.	12/8/2016 9:25 PM
236	My child's teachers have been wonderful and the reason for his good school experience. She cares about him and is interested in his academic and social development.	12/8/2016 9:07 PM
237	I appreciate all the ways that the school encourages kindness to one another. The installation of the Buddy Benches, as well as assemblies discussing their purpose and uses, helps to make sure that the kids take it seriously.	12/8/2016 8:50 PM
238	Advanced opps for high performers	12/8/2016 8:19 PM
239	Open communication between the teacher and the parent even if its sending a flyer home or a reminder! They have been more than helpful as well	12/8/2016 8:12 PM
240	teacher and parent communication	12/8/2016 8:11 PM
241	The after school activities for enrichment such as math club and fit dogs are amazing. Teachers are all phenomenal supportive of students individual learning styles. Classroom activities are unique showing teachers really put thought into their lesson plans. I am so extremely satisfied with the education being provided. School environment feels safe and family oriented. I never worry about my sons safety or well being. I would like to give a huge compliment for [REDACTED] he is amazing responsive to us even calls us after hours ifbwe have questions. He reaches every child and invokes a love of learning.	12/8/2016 7:59 PM
242	The teachers at [REDACTED] are fantastic!	12/8/2016 7:41 PM
243	Communication - many different forms of communication	12/8/2016 7:21 PM
244	I feel like I'm always informed as to what is happening	12/8/2016 7:13 PM
245	Encourages students to reach out to teachers for help - working on improving their independence	12/8/2016 7:13 PM
246	The school environment is very supportive for the students. I really like how they have groups called [REDACTED] Families which consists of students from each grade. My child always looks forward to these meetings! I think it is also nice that they have many opportunities for the older students to partner with/help younger students.	12/8/2016 7:03 PM
247	Teaching diversity is something to celebrate.	12/8/2016 6:59 PM
248	The school events, communication via e-mail, and teacher communication.	12/8/2016 6:36 PM
249	Have an open comunication policy with parents regarding students progress.	12/8/2016 6:30 PM
250	Overall I think the district does a wonderful job incorporating rich literature into the curriculum.	12/8/2016 6:23 PM
251	Fostering openness to diversity.	12/8/2016 6:22 PM
252	Openness to diversity and fostering emotional growth (two things!).	12/8/2016 6:18 PM
253	Provide access to IXL program. Provide iPad. Provide extracurricular programs like variety show, choir, musical instrument instruction, etc.	12/8/2016 6:16 PM
254	I appreciate the periodic re-evaluation of his skills level and subsequent adjustments to materials that keep him challenged. It keeps him happy as well.	12/8/2016 6:11 PM
255	Communication	12/8/2016 6:03 PM
256	[REDACTED] is a small community and has a warm environment as you walk in the building.	12/8/2016 6:01 PM
257	Ever thing is perfect	12/8/2016 5:55 PM
258	Communication	12/8/2016 5:54 PM
259	Although communication from the school and teachers is quite good...	12/8/2016 5:51 PM
260	keep family involved	12/8/2016 5:37 PM
261	iPad use for educational purposes.	12/8/2016 5:24 PM
262	Great family friendly events.	12/8/2016 5:19 PM
263	We are new to [REDACTED] and everyone has been very welcoming and inclusive.	12/8/2016 5:12 PM
264	Open communication with parents. Implement parents input and suggestions.	12/8/2016 5:01 PM

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265	Everyone is very prompt in returning answers to questions or concerns.	12/8/2016 5:01 PM
266	Having children in different grades interact through projects or in their [REDACTED] Families"	12/8/2016 5:00 PM
267	Keep employing good teachers!	12/8/2016 4:51 PM
268	email communications.	12/8/2016 4:46 PM
269	I wouldn't say there is much I feel is being done well. Adequate but not well.	12/8/2016 4:42 PM
270	Encourages academics and events inside and outside of school, Science fair, Reading Games, Reflections	12/8/2016 4:39 PM
271	Sneak peek Keep [REDACTED]	12/8/2016 4:35 PM
272	[REDACTED] is a warm, welcoming place. i cannot say enough about how well it is run, how it handles students of all backgrounds and levels. just phenomenal.	12/8/2016 4:29 PM
273	Great after school clubs and district-wide activities	12/8/2016 4:28 PM
274	fantastic teachers. support and encourage teachers to grow with the students, innovate and encourage them.	12/8/2016 4:25 PM
275	Have more teachers like [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Again level-headed, unbiased professionals who give kids support across the board.	12/8/2016 4:15 PM
276	The teacher involvement in student's success is great.	12/8/2016 4:06 PM
277	[REDACTED] and last year [REDACTED] did a fantastic job of keeping the parents updated on classroom activities and my child's progress.	12/8/2016 3:56 PM
278	Communication between parents and school seems to be well done.	12/8/2016 3:53 PM
279	N/A	12/8/2016 3:52 PM
280	Incorporation of latest technologies	12/8/2016 3:50 PM
281	Encouragement and positivity.	12/8/2016 3:49 PM
282	Mostly excellent teachers	12/8/2016 3:48 PM
283	Love that administration listened to parents and teachers about class size. Made a huge difference adding a classroom for our 5th grade.	12/8/2016 3:42 PM
284	Promote diversity as many kids from different family dynamics (forms should say "parents" or "guardians" and not specifically "father" "mother"..)	12/8/2016 3:42 PM
285	Their positive attitude and friendly environment	12/8/2016 3:38 PM
286	Have more teachers like [REDACTED] [REDACTED] They are innovative and unbiased.	12/8/2016 3:32 PM
287	Like the way reading is at appropriate level for where my child is	12/8/2016 3:31 PM
288	Keeping parents involved	12/8/2016 3:30 PM
289	Friendly teachers and staff	12/8/2016 3:28 PM
290	I love that [REDACTED] offers the DLP program and ensures that all children in the school have an opportunity to be a peer "buddy" in the program. I also love the "buddy" program within the school for the younger KG - 2Y program. The acceptance of creating an inclusive school is amazing. Another big change that I noticed this year is the adaptive seating in the classrooms. I really feels this allows our children to learn to the best of their abilities. Having flexible seating supports children who need to move or be more comfortable while learning. I am excited to see more adjustments to the rooms over the future years.	12/8/2016 3:26 PM
291	Providing strong support of well being in all regards to the students	12/8/2016 3:25 PM
292	Class size is mostly good.	12/8/2016 3:23 PM
293	We love the protesting to place kids in the proper level of learning so the are challenged.	12/8/2016 3:20 PM
294	[REDACTED] does a good job of supporting needy families as much as it can. Our population is very diverse and within our school I think we celebrate differences.	12/8/2016 3:17 PM
295	Communicates well with parents	12/8/2016 3:15 PM
296	School employees try to make learning fun and not seen as a chore.	12/8/2016 3:15 PM

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297	Our school has some of the best teachers. They are responsive, respectful, and my kids have loved them all. I think the school does a good job at working with kids on bully or negative behaviors. Whenever there have been issues, I know they've been taken seriously and used as a learning tool.	12/8/2016 3:11 PM
298	They really love to see our kids succeed. I'm really happy with 6th grade teachers and how they are pushing my child to be his best.	12/8/2016 3:10 PM
299	PTA, Communication to parents, open doors for parents to participate in various activities, staff open to listen	12/8/2016 3:09 PM
300	I feel ██████████ school does an excellent job of communicating with parents and always takes a proactive approach!	12/8/2016 3:08 PM
301	Communication is great at class and school level	12/8/2016 3:03 PM
302	Writing and reading skills	12/8/2016 3:02 PM
303	Email updates	12/8/2016 3:00 PM
304	All school meetings, evening/week night events, open communication with teachers, a variety of learning opportunities, flexible reading groups	12/8/2016 2:58 PM
305	teaching kindness	12/8/2016 2:58 PM
306	Always encourage parent involvement and kids freedom	12/8/2016 2:57 PM
307	I do enjoy the parent teacher conferences. As well I like the open houses. Additionally- being invited to help during classroom parties and/or lunches is nice as well.	12/8/2016 2:57 PM
308	Parent communication and looking out for the kids has been excellent!	12/8/2016 2:57 PM
309	Communications and offering high quality and quantity educational and social opportunities	12/8/2016 2:57 PM
310	The teachers have been fantastic about responding to email questions - very engaged!	12/8/2016 2:56 PM
311	iPad usage for learning	12/8/2016 2:54 PM
312	I was very impressed that my son brought home the book, Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress from the LRC. Love it. Thank you for having a diversity of books.	12/8/2016 2:54 PM
313	Encouraging parents support & involvement	12/8/2016 2:53 PM
314	Excellent communication.	12/8/2016 2:53 PM
315	Fostering respect for others without regard to race, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation. This is needed now more than ever.	12/8/2016 2:52 PM
316	SEL, math block--would like to see expanded to other subjects, orchestra and many choir opportunities	12/8/2016 2:48 PM
317	I really like the interaction the students and parents get with the Principal and Assistant Principal	12/8/2016 2:47 PM
318	Electronic newsletters and information on upcoming events.	12/8/2016 2:45 PM
319	████████ families!	12/8/2016 2:45 PM
320	Amazing teachers at ██████████!!!!!! They make that school run!!! Love our new art teacher. He is so kind and motivating and my kids actually come home talking about their projects finally!!!!!! Glad the other one is gone!!!!	12/8/2016 2:44 PM
321	Great detailed communications via email. Thanks for consistent reminders and updates.	12/8/2016 2:43 PM
322	The teachers are wonderful. They go above and beyond. Please keep it up. The art teacher, ██████████ is amazing. He has made my children love art.	12/8/2016 2:43 PM
323	communication	12/8/2016 2:42 PM
324	My son is part of the BEST program and I sincerely hope it continues. I was pleased to hear they are adding another teacher to the program for the younger students.	12/8/2016 2:42 PM
325	Involving parents	12/8/2016 2:40 PM
326	Great social workers and support staff	12/8/2016 2:37 PM
327	Great partnership with the PTA to enhance resources.	12/8/2016 2:35 PM
328	I love all of the activities provided at ██████████ outside of the regular school hours.	12/8/2016 2:34 PM
329	Very inviting, & informative as well as helpful for new students! (My child is new)	12/8/2016 2:34 PM
330	Involving the parents. I love how community driven our school is.	12/8/2016 2:33 PM

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331	iep is wonderful	12/8/2016 2:32 PM
332	I'm worried about the future of public education with the new incoming administration in Washington please fight for our schools	12/8/2016 2:31 PM
333	I love the family community at my son's school. Between family meetings, friendship club, etc... it instills a great ownership of the school for my son that I would love to see continued.	12/8/2016 2:31 PM
334	Principal emails	12/8/2016 2:28 PM
335	Great communication between parents and teachers	12/8/2016 2:28 PM
336	Continue to foster a family friendly/community environment.	12/8/2016 2:28 PM
337	So far so good	12/8/2016 2:28 PM
338	SEL and family orientated events throughout the school year	12/8/2016 2:27 PM
339	Our teachers are super and are dedicated to our students in the building. I only wish they could have all the resources available to them to be able to spend less time finding resources and more time spending with our kids and being creative and fun and exciting.	12/8/2016 2:00 PM
340	set high standards for students, develop and enhance curriculum, create an encouraging environment to learn	12/8/2016 8:17 AM
341	deveop new curriculum, use of technology, set high standards for students, include music and art in curriculum	12/8/2016 8:14 AM
342	math A is working very well	12/7/2016 11:33 AM
343	Open, frequent communication.	12/6/2016 9:45 PM
344	Provides a wide variety of student experiences.	12/6/2016 9:10 PM
345	Incorporates technology into their schools and keeping kids safe.	12/6/2016 8:11 PM
346	Small group instruction	12/6/2016 5:30 PM
347	You do an outstanding job of communicating with parents.	12/6/2016 5:29 PM
348	Communication is great.	12/6/2016 4:56 PM
349	transition from elementary schools	12/6/2016 12:01 PM
350	Excellent communication	12/6/2016 10:37 AM
351	My student feels like there are adults who listen to her. After school activities are engaging and of high quality.	12/6/2016 8:01 AM
352	The teachers at ██████ care deeply for their students.	12/6/2016 7:54 AM
353	My child is happy at this school and is encouraged by teachers to do well.	12/6/2016 6:07 AM
354	My child always wants to go to school and he feels at home there, which says a lot about the staff and school!	12/5/2016 10:20 PM
355	The quality of the education my daughter is receiving is better than I thought would be offered. I teachers are phenomenal people who care about our youth and their education and it can be observed in the high quality of work our kids produce.	12/5/2016 9:16 PM
356	Communication through email.	12/5/2016 8:55 PM
357	██████ is a great principal and does a fantastic job keeping parents involved in all school activilies and events.	12/5/2016 1:50 PM
358	Communication (many different avenues between notes home, emails, twitter, etc.) is great. Like how focus on whole student.	12/5/2016 1:26 PM
359	Well rounded curriculum with opportunities for parents to get involved.	12/5/2016 1:06 PM
360	Orchestra and the talent show are equally the best things (instruments should be implemented before fourth grade.)	12/5/2016 12:08 PM
361	Welcoming diversity and teaching children to respect each other.	12/5/2016 11:44 AM
362	The information and communication is great	12/5/2016 11:13 AM
363	██████ has such a family feel to it where the teachers and staff know all the students and truly have their best interest at heart. I love that about our school!	12/5/2016 10:43 AM
364	I love the additional of social-emotional learning. If there is interest in extending this to parents, I may be able to help.	12/5/2016 9:49 AM
365	Fostering independence	12/5/2016 9:38 AM
366	Receiving letter grades for classes other than math.	12/5/2016 9:01 AM

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367	The way in which the curriculum, classrooms and teachers are set-up and work provides students with appropriate scaffolding and support to learn how to effectively organize their materials for the multiple classes they attend. [REDACTED] is amazing!	12/5/2016 8:04 AM
368	Everything. Love [REDACTED]	12/4/2016 9:16 PM
369	School events, such as math and science night, reading games, science fair, etc....	12/4/2016 9:11 PM
370	Differentiation is awesome and should be continued.	12/4/2016 2:18 PM
371	Communication from our principal about the goings on at the school	12/4/2016 1:42 PM
372	Principal communication	12/4/2016 11:23 AM
373	Quality of teacher staff is wonderful. I'm very impressed with the teachers. They seem to truly enjoy their jobs and working with the children.	12/4/2016 9:43 AM
374	The communication is very good. The use of social media for communication and staying current with events is really good.	12/3/2016 9:47 PM
375	Quality teachers.	12/3/2016 4:48 PM
376	Having excellent teachers and staff - more important than technology.	12/3/2016 4:45 PM
377	Communication by email and texts	12/3/2016 4:18 PM
378	We appreciate regular communication from [REDACTED]	12/3/2016 4:11 PM
379	Community involvement for the kids	12/3/2016 2:10 PM
380	No comment	12/3/2016 10:24 AM
381	The question about parents benign welcomed to classroom is odd. I answered never because parents do not belong in classroom. I love [REDACTED] as a school, all teachers and those in office are very welcoming and the whole district!	12/3/2016 8:49 AM
382	I love the direction math has taken over the past few years and feel like it is only getting better. I feel like students' overall individual academic needs are being addressed.	12/3/2016 8:35 AM
383	Constant communication is key with teachers and parents. My child's teachers have done a good job communicating with us.	12/3/2016 12:22 AM
384	Communication is excellent at [REDACTED] I always feel welcomed to express my opinions.	12/2/2016 9:58 PM
385	the up-to-date communication email by Principal and [REDACTED] is a way to keep me involved with what is going on and what is coming up.	12/2/2016 7:38 PM
386	Please continue District 58 communications from [REDACTED]	12/2/2016 6:32 PM
387	Great communication with teachers via emails.	12/2/2016 6:29 PM
388	Continue to provide enriching after-school activities	12/2/2016 6:10 PM
389	I like the email communications.	12/2/2016 5:14 PM
390	Communication	12/2/2016 4:35 PM
391	Regular communication with parents	12/2/2016 3:53 PM
392	e newsletters	12/2/2016 3:50 PM
393	I was afraid it would be hard to get connected in the two years of middle school. I am very pleased with the direct email updates that the administration and sometimes the teachers provide. It helps with our conversations at home about upcoming activities and deadlines as well as unusual events during the school day.	12/2/2016 3:38 PM
394	make school an inviting and safe place for kids.	12/2/2016 3:31 PM
395	great communication from the principal and asst principal.	12/2/2016 3:28 PM
396	Music, Art and Choir Programs	12/2/2016 3:07 PM
397	I feel that the teachers are always open to discuss concerns and keep me informed on my child's progress.	12/2/2016 2:59 PM
398	Online grades & attendance, etc.	12/2/2016 2:57 PM
399	Communication	12/2/2016 2:55 PM
400	Awesome Teachers/Staff	12/2/2016 2:51 PM

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401	Engaging parents in classroom activities and encouraging parents to participate.	12/2/2016 2:51 PM
402	Communication is very good at District 58.	12/2/2016 2:49 PM
403	Stressing and modeling the importance of kindness to others	12/2/2016 2:35 PM
404	I find that DG 58 does a great job at ensuring that the environment is safe, respectful and conducive to learning. ████████ does a great job with that.	12/2/2016 2:35 PM
405	The IEP for my child.	12/2/2016 2:28 PM
406	Communication is great, and this is my 2nd child here and both have loved it.	12/2/2016 1:59 PM
407	Keep in touch with parents via e-mail. Keep us posted with everything that's going on, what happened and what is going on in the near future. ████████ and teachers are great in sending e-mail day to day and keep us parents informed. Thank u	12/2/2016 1:08 PM
408	I love the Reading Success program	12/2/2016 10:47 AM
409	We are new to ████████ We have been pleased so far.	12/2/2016 10:31 AM
410	The communication has greatly improved in the last two years at our school. 150% turnaround.	12/2/2016 10:25 AM
411	The communication newsletter from the principal is excellent. It makes me feel in touch as a whole with the school. It seems that the staff as a whole enjoys each and works together which helps keep building success	12/2/2016 9:28 AM
412	████████ is very welcoming to parents and families. Communication is also very good.	12/2/2016 9:10 AM
413	Working together to make our kids feel successful and happy. So fortunate to be in this district.	12/1/2016 6:58 PM
414	Differentiating in the classroom.	12/1/2016 5:00 PM
415	Parental involvement	12/1/2016 3:47 PM
416	I feel the district promotes a safe and encouraging atmosphere that produces kind and caring children.	12/1/2016 10:45 AM
417	Inviting atmosphere for both kids and their parents.	12/1/2016 10:36 AM
418	There are resources available for my child who is an advanced learner. I appreciate consulting with administration and working with his teacher to ensure that the work is individualized and challenging enough to keep him engaged.	12/1/2016 10:34 AM
419	My school has been supportive in parent/teacher/student communication efforts. SeeSaw has been a nice addition.	12/1/2016 9:58 AM
420	Gifted and Talent program	11/30/2016 10:21 PM
421	continue to support the social and emotional needs of students	11/30/2016 9:09 PM
422	Keep making the development of the whole child a priority.	11/30/2016 9:02 PM
423	Communication between teachers and parents is quite good; I feel that is essential in giving my children a good all-around school experience.	11/30/2016 7:25 PM
424	PTA	11/30/2016 6:58 PM
425	Emails summarizing what's happening at school	11/30/2016 6:40 PM
426	Concern for child's development both scholastically and personally.	11/30/2016 5:34 PM
427	Strong academic programs	11/30/2016 5:07 PM
428	class dojo . i feel very informed more than i did last year.	11/30/2016 4:02 PM
429	small group 1:1 learning	11/30/2016 12:58 PM
430	Excellent communication between school and parents	11/30/2016 11:46 AM
431	Selecting wonderful, dedicated teachers.	11/30/2016 9:35 AM
432	The teachers are wonderful. I hope they will continue to be well supported in their roles.	11/30/2016 9:33 AM
433	Communication regarding general District 58 items is wonderful.	11/30/2016 9:15 AM
434	Constant communication with updates via email	11/30/2016 8:38 AM
435	Feeling of family and closeness	11/30/2016 6:07 AM
436	Offers a variety of extra curricular opportunities for the students.	11/29/2016 10:02 PM
437	Seesaw, email/text notifications, family activity nights	11/29/2016 10:02 PM

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438	Encourages a positive community relationship with all families. Parents work together to raise funds for the school.	11/29/2016 9:57 PM
439	Partnering with Champions (even though the space available is too small).	11/29/2016 9:52 PM
440	Frequent email contact	11/29/2016 6:12 PM
441	offers a quality and balanced education, as well as a variety of extracurricular activities	11/29/2016 3:05 PM
442	Teachers, principal, staff are all willing to help my children in any area(s) of difficulties. Their communication with me regarding this is wonderful.	11/29/2016 2:58 PM
443	Student lead conferences.	11/29/2016 1:32 PM
444	Making learning fun is a big positive I've noticed so far	11/29/2016 12:58 PM
445	There are a few teachers in the school that continue to focus on basic building concepts, such as addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts; spelling; and developing writing skills through papers with multiple drafts and peer/teacher edits. Unfortunately, these teachers are going to be retiring soon. I'm concerned some of the younger teachers don't put the same emphasis on these critical foundations of learning.	11/29/2016 12:42 PM
446	I'm happy with the education my son is receiving. His teacher is fantastic and is very accommodating.	11/29/2016 12:08 PM
447	Incorporating technology into the learning process while still allowing time and focus on basic fundamental schools of writing and reading. Also, regular parent communication is great - sometimes it is a little overwhelming, but I'd rather have more than not enough.	11/29/2016 11:36 AM
448	Have parent teacher conferences, email us with updates	11/29/2016 11:18 AM
449	Focuses on meeting the needs of the whole child and including all children at all levels of learning.	11/29/2016 11:07 AM
450	The school seems to have lots of family events throughout the year to try to build community.	11/29/2016 10:29 AM
451	Total care (physical and emotional) for the child	11/29/2016 10:11 AM
452	██████████ provided a warm and caring environment. I feel how cared for the children are, and my children feel it, too. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful school.	11/29/2016 9:25 AM
453	Excellent communication through emails.	11/29/2016 8:59 AM
454	The transition from 6th grade to middle school is well thought out, my daughter was able to be successful right away at ██████████ thanks to supportive staff there and at ██████████	11/29/2016 7:18 AM
455	I really appreciate the SEL program!	11/29/2016 7:14 AM
456	Our school fosters a family environment not just by grade level. Kids in all grades know each other and are friendly to each other	11/29/2016 6:55 AM
457	The district communicates well with parents and the community.	11/29/2016 6:38 AM
458	Progressing each child, whether they are ahead, behind or right on grade level.	11/29/2016 6:31 AM
459	Please continue and increase social/emotional learning in the classrooms. There seems to be an increasing need for coping skills, social skills and emotional regulation.	11/29/2016 6:27 AM
460	PTA events	11/29/2016 12:48 AM
461	Communication between the school and parent is very timely and helpful.	11/29/2016 12:01 AM
462	asking for feedback.	11/28/2016 10:14 PM
463	Using seesaw parent for all grades.	11/28/2016 10:06 PM
464	Communication via email is done very well and it is appreciated! I hope that it continues.	11/28/2016 10:01 PM
465	Good communication to parents	11/28/2016 9:58 PM
466	Great support staff	11/28/2016 9:36 PM
467	██████████ families	11/28/2016 9:33 PM
468	Making this a safe environment	11/28/2016 9:32 PM
469	Academically challenging my child.	11/28/2016 9:30 PM
470	My sons teacher uses an app called seesaw that has been absolutely amazing.	11/28/2016 9:21 PM
471	██████████ uses a family system to help promote older children working with younger children and being mentors, this program is great.	11/28/2016 8:44 PM

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472	██████████ School has a fantastic teaching staff. Keep up the hiring and training of excellent teachers!	11/28/2016 8:39 PM
473	The principal ██████████ and my son's teacher ██████████ do an excellent job communicating with parents while also encouraging students to learn how to advocate for themselves.	11/28/2016 8:22 PM
474	I love the updates and pictures I get via Twitter.	11/28/2016 8:18 PM
475	I really enjoy meeting teacher and seeing class room prior to school starting. It makes my child and family feel welcomed by the school. I also like open house.	11/28/2016 8:13 PM
476	The teacher communicates well with emails & pictures to let us know what's going on!	11/28/2016 8:08 PM
477	The seamless transition from school to the champions after school program.	11/28/2016 8:06 PM
478	The staff are superb. Top to bottom we've been impressed by all of the staff. Problem is, cuts and overcrowding are weighing on the staff.	11/28/2016 7:50 PM
479	I think the emails are useful to stay abreast of what is happening. I don't even mind if some are a little trivial to send an email because I know the intention is to communicate.	11/28/2016 7:42 PM
480	██████████ communicates extremely well. My son started at K and is now in 4th. He's always had fantastic teachers - so keep hiring (and keep) awesome teachers.	11/28/2016 7:38 PM
481	The vast majority of teachers are dedicated to making sure that all kids learn despite state legislation that makes it difficult to give kids what they need.	11/28/2016 7:30 PM
482	I feel that the reading interventions and enrichment are done very well. The office staff are friendly and very enjoyable to work with.	11/28/2016 7:20 PM
483	Communicating with parents	11/28/2016 7:03 PM
484	Our child's class size is excellent, under 20, and not a split class. We feel that this helps in our child's learning very much. Also, the Orchestra program is excellent.	11/28/2016 6:53 PM
485	Good parent teacher communication	11/28/2016 6:37 PM
486	getting my children the help they need.	11/28/2016 6:12 PM
487	My children love, love going to school. That is rare for kids to say that and dg58 should be tremendously proud about that.	11/28/2016 6:09 PM
488	Taking time to talk to students outside school	11/28/2016 5:43 PM
489	Great extra curricular choices	11/28/2016 5:41 PM
490	Positive place to learn	11/28/2016 5:35 PM
491	They have done a great job with social emotional learning.	11/28/2016 5:26 PM
492	Communication	11/28/2016 5:10 PM
493	Kindergarten round up	11/28/2016 5:07 PM
494	They have done a good job adding classrooms to keep class sizes manageable.	11/28/2016 4:45 PM
495	Communicate with Parents	11/28/2016 4:34 PM
496	District 58 is cares about kids and parents. We especially appreciate that parents are considered an integral part of the IEP process, that our input is not only heard but also valued. Teachers and staff have been very good about communicating with us and seeking our input. Thank you.	11/28/2016 4:30 PM
497	I can see that they are trying to teach to the students abilities. I would like this to continue and even improve.	11/28/2016 4:20 PM
498	SEL	11/28/2016 4:12 PM
499	Provides a good basic education, without being distracted by the fads that are popular at the time. This can be both good and bad, but mostly good as the kids are getting a good solid base education.	11/28/2016 3:17 PM
500	Communication home is great. Flyers, emails, etc help a lot.	11/28/2016 3:14 PM
501	██████████ has great teachers. We are very happy with the new art teacher....my child actually likes art now. The office staff at ██████████ is amazing. We hope that ██████████ is better next year and leads the teachers to continue the excellence that we love about the ██████████ teachers.	11/28/2016 3:12 PM
502	██████████ has excellent leadership in ██████████ and it shows throughout the entire school!!	11/28/2016 2:55 PM

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503	This is our 1st year in Dist 58. So far everything I've seen or have been a part of at [REDACTED] has been amazing! The teachers, staff, and parents are awesome - please don't change a thing!	11/28/2016 2:55 PM
504	Our teachers are awesome!!! They go above and beyond for their students. We are so fortunate to have so many dedicated teachers.	11/28/2016 2:53 PM
505	Getting good teachers	11/28/2016 2:32 PM
506	Parent/teacher conferences 2 times a year, an approachable principal who listens to concerns as well as praise, recognizing quality teachers/teaching.	11/28/2016 2:23 PM
507	Teachers are fantastic at [REDACTED] keep it going. I like the differentiation in the math curriculum. Great improvement from 10 years ago when my first child attended [REDACTED]. The teachers are great.	11/28/2016 2:15 PM
508	I like the school spirit and special events.	11/28/2016 2:10 PM
509	Quality Education and differentiation in teaching. I like the teaching of the student centered around their abilities and not just teaching them the grade level they are in. Really exceptional method of teaching.	11/28/2016 2:09 PM
510	Communicating with the parents (email, class dojo, phone calls). Feeling like my child is supported is extremely important.	11/28/2016 2:08 PM
511	Flexibility with learning styles and levels. It's not one size fits all.	11/28/2016 2:06 PM
512	Continue sending email updates	11/28/2016 1:57 PM
513	Great communication. Open channel between families and the school.	11/28/2016 1:45 PM
514	this school has wonderful programs for developing SEL - reading buddies; [REDACTED] family; etc. I couldn't be happier with the focus on my child's character as well as academics.	11/28/2016 1:39 PM
515	Use of technology in classrooms.	11/28/2016 1:34 PM
516	Math Blocks - Placing children in appropriate math groups regardless of grade they currently are enrolled.	11/28/2016 1:31 PM
517	I love the social/emotional support for the students. My children look forward to "family time" and form a relationship with students not just in their classroom.	11/28/2016 1:30 PM
518	We love all of the opportunities to participate in/be part of the school community.	11/28/2016 1:25 PM
519	The PTA is phenomenal! All the events and activities that are planned and coordinated are absolutely amazing!	11/28/2016 12:51 PM
520	Communication with parents	11/28/2016 12:47 PM
521	The teachers are compassionate and very dedicated. Communication on events from around the district are very well covered.	11/28/2016 12:43 PM
522	Band concerts are well done. We'll miss [REDACTED];(but we are happy for his well deserved retirement. :)	11/28/2016 12:33 PM
523	Mr children believe their teachers authentically care for them. This type of caring environment sees children more open to take positive risks in learning new or challenging material.	11/28/2016 12:28 PM
524	Posting homework/weekly agendas and grades online.	11/28/2016 12:27 PM
525	WELCOME BACK IN AUGUST. THE BOUNCE HOUSE, VENDOR, WELCOME BACK	11/28/2016 12:22 PM
526	The newsletters are nice to send.	11/28/2016 12:22 PM
527	Constant communication	11/28/2016 12:21 PM
528	They're open for school.	11/28/2016 12:19 PM
529	Hire teachers like [REDACTED]	11/28/2016 12:16 PM
530	Teacher/parent/student communication and use of website/classroom pages.	11/28/2016 12:07 PM
531	Student drop off and pick up is smooth as long as the parents follow the established procedure. LRC is well run. Communication with parents has been good.	11/28/2016 12:01 PM
532	Most of your teachers are absolutely fantastic and do a wonderful job of educating all kids. I have had one teacher in all the years we have been there who was horrible with my son who has some behavioral issues.	11/28/2016 11:58 AM
533	Our principal at [REDACTED] is an excellent communicator , leader and an asset to our school. She creates a positive learning environment and is fully committed to the students. families, and teachers of [REDACTED]	11/28/2016 11:58 AM
534	The curriculum is also need and the teachers are very professional and experienced. The district has high expectations.	11/28/2016 11:57 AM

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535	District 58 has one-to-one technology and did this well before before the surrounding districts.	11/28/2016 11:52 AM
536	Communication via email blasts	11/28/2016 11:46 AM
537	The Principal at [REDACTED] is outstanding. He is always available to answer questions and always has his teachers' concerns in mind when a solution is decided. It is nice to see an administrator that handles both the parents and the teachers' concerns as well as he does.	11/28/2016 11:40 AM
538	Our daughter just started 7th grade. So far we've been very impressed with [REDACTED] managing the transition to middle school - seems like kids are doing a good job accepting more responsibilities while still focusing on education & not getting (overly) caught up in all the social stuff going on at this age.	11/28/2016 11:34 AM
539	Incorporation of socio/emotional development, discussion of good personal and interpersonal values, encouragement of respect, celebration of diversity and individual traits and qualities. (Especially in [REDACTED])	11/28/2016 11:33 AM
540	Continually impressed with the arts program. Our older daughter said many times that she wouldn't have joined band but for [REDACTED] and now can't go without it - so great to have teachers to encourage new skills at an early age & see the kids learn to love it.	11/28/2016 11:27 AM
541	Great communication	11/28/2016 11:26 AM
542	They keep everyone involved	11/28/2016 11:23 AM
543	My children's school is supportive and cares about my kids	11/28/2016 11:21 AM
544	The communication of district 58 has been stellar. As parents we appreciate knowing what is going on not only at our school, but Also knowing what is happening at the other schools as well.	11/28/2016 11:15 AM
545	The District's Gifted and Talented program is very beneficial to the students. The variety of classes offered is very helpful.	11/28/2016 11:13 AM
546	Teachers are great!	11/28/2016 11:09 AM
547	[REDACTED] does a good job of keeping the parents informed while also fostering necessary independence in the kids.	11/28/2016 11:06 AM
548	The [REDACTED] PTA is very involved and supportive. [REDACTED] does a great job of integrating of people of all abilities in the class.	11/28/2016 11:05 AM
549	I feel like I'm kept abreast of the happenings in the school and the district, mostly by emails.	11/28/2016 11:04 AM
550	The school encourages model behavior with the "spotted be good" board.	11/28/2016 10:56 AM
551	art and music	11/28/2016 10:54 AM
552	I like the daily announcements posted on the website. But I'd like to see an archive of them - so if we miss a day (or week), we can check back.	11/28/2016 10:52 AM
553	Continue all SEL programs	11/28/2016 10:49 AM
554	Dojo is great!	11/28/2016 10:49 AM
555	Providing creative outlets, i.e. Young authors, photography contest, caring video	11/28/2016 10:45 AM
556	Take input from all stakeholders without judgement	11/28/2016 10:41 AM
557	Employing quality teachers.	11/28/2016 10:39 AM
558	[REDACTED] has gone above and beyond to meet my childs needs and are very involved. I could not ask for a better principle, teacher or support group.	11/28/2016 10:39 AM
559	Continue path of open communications that has been started.	11/28/2016 10:36 AM
560	[REDACTED] is a fabulous school with excellent teachers and staff members. [REDACTED] has wonderful communication with the parents.	11/28/2016 10:32 AM
561	SEL training for the kids! i love that my children are grouped with other grade levels.	11/28/2016 10:32 AM
562	continue to engage the parents on all aspects of my child's needs	11/28/2016 10:31 AM
563	[REDACTED] has been a very positive experience. Teachers that my student has had are very good and offer plenty of support before and after school if needed. They are all focused on getting the kids prepared for HS not just academically but organizationally as well.	11/28/2016 10:26 AM
564	I appreciate all the information, communication and opportunities to join in with the school's activities.	11/28/2016 10:24 AM
565	The STAFF! They are an incredible group of people who work hard everyday to teach all of our children.	11/28/2016 10:23 AM

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566	Good communications about overall school/district activities	11/28/2016 10:23 AM
567	I think communication by the school is excellent - I appreciate the weekly emails from ██████████ and also rely on the classroom app (Class Dojo) to communicate with the teacher. This is a huge help as a working parent.	11/28/2016 10:20 AM
568	Social emotional learning - morning meetings, etc. So happy you are partnering with Casel!	11/28/2016 10:14 AM
569	My child does seem to be very happy at the school.	11/28/2016 10:11 AM
570	accelerated math--like that students can be challenged in math now--	11/28/2016 10:01 AM
571	Provides a very caring environment.	11/28/2016 10:00 AM
572	Be caring and loving adults to all the children	11/28/2016 9:59 AM
573	Daily announcements on the ██████ website are very helpful when they provide info on after school activities like clubs and sports.	11/28/2016 9:58 AM
574	Continue trying new strategies and taking risks with curriculum. It is better to "fail" in testing new strategies for learning and measuring learning than it is to plod through using yester-year's methods. Today's world changes so quickly and our schools need to be agile in meeting tomorrow's needs.	11/28/2016 9:58 AM
575	parent involvement in classrooms for younger grades, ██████ Families - I love this tradition	11/28/2016 9:57 AM
576	Teachers do a great job and seem to care about the kids.	11/28/2016 9:57 AM
577	The communication between school and the district to our home is good. I am very happy with our school.	11/28/2016 9:54 AM
578	Communication	11/28/2016 9:53 AM
579	the emails and parent/teacher conferences keep us well informed	11/28/2016 9:51 AM
580	Engaging children with social and emotional learning from Kindergarten thru 6th grade, with the entire school. It has made my younger students feel welcomed and comfortable as they begin elementary school.	11/28/2016 9:49 AM
581	Excellent supplemental reading program for kids that are falling behind	11/28/2016 9:48 AM
582	The school considers the student's family to be an extension of their education. This is valued and appreciated. The 1:1 device program is also of great value and appreciated. The staff at my students school are nothing short of incredible. The Principal communicates to this to parents and from a parent perspective, seems to overwhelmingly support his own staff.	11/28/2016 9:48 AM
583	Arts & music	11/28/2016 9:45 AM
584	The emphasis on social and emotional well being of the child, character development is very good and should be continued.	11/28/2016 9:42 AM
585	Keeping our students engaged	11/28/2016 9:41 AM
586	Anti-bullying messaging	11/28/2016 9:40 AM
587	Emails and communications	11/28/2016 9:40 AM
588	Email updates about events	11/28/2016 9:37 AM
589	Teachers are responsive and try to be as supportive as possible.	11/28/2016 9:37 AM
590	District communication is good. And I like that a parent squirrel account was created.	11/28/2016 9:35 AM
591	Not only focusing on the academic success of our students but, also focusing on sculpting good, descent human beings as well.	11/28/2016 9:33 AM
592	The teachers, principal and staff are wonderful. We are delighted and grateful to have such wonderful people working with our children. Thank you to the teachers who are volunteering their time, energy and passion from ██████ to help create a math curriculum for the district as it was sorely needed.	11/28/2016 9:33 AM
593	District 58 communicates the districts happenings, events and board meeting notes well. Please keep this up.	11/28/2016 9:32 AM
594	great energy in keeping children engaged in classroom.	11/28/2016 9:30 AM
595	Strong communication between teacher/principal/school and parent.	11/28/2016 9:29 AM
596	In general, keep doing what you're doing.	11/28/2016 9:23 AM
597	The school is pretty good with communication.	11/28/2016 9:23 AM
598	Social and emotional education efforts are great! Hope this continues!	11/28/2016 9:22 AM

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599	I think ██████ does a wonderful job providing a loving, encouraging community.	11/28/2016 9:20 AM
600	My daughter feels safe at school and that means the world to me.	11/28/2016 9:16 AM
601	The teachers at ██████ are amazing.	11/28/2016 9:16 AM
602	* Continue focus on emotional and social learning	11/28/2016 9:16 AM
603	Powerschool is amazing.. My child and I like seeing his grades real time and how each assignment/test affects his letter grades. Thanks for bringing back letter grades and getting rid of longitudinal. This way is much more meaningful.	11/28/2016 9:15 AM
604	The teachers are fantastic.	11/28/2016 9:14 AM
605	██████ has been fabulous so far this year. She has great communication and my daughter is learning so much. My daughter loves coming to school.	11/28/2016 9:12 AM
606	I appreciate the good communication overall, I feel well informed at all times.	11/28/2016 9:12 AM
607	staff and teachers at ██████ are wonderful and kind	11/28/2016 9:08 AM
608	My child loves going to school and that is the most important aspect of her education at the moment. Thank you for all you do for our kids!	11/28/2016 9:07 AM
609	Improved communication. Better emails and calendar updates from the Principal's office. Good communication from the classroom teachers.	11/28/2016 9:07 AM
610	██████ has wonderful teachers who challenge and support the students.	11/28/2016 9:06 AM
611	Parent Teacher Conferences - Sign-up via Squirrel is appreciated.	11/28/2016 9:06 AM
612	Consolidated progress reporting	11/28/2016 9:06 AM
613	safe nurturing place	11/28/2016 9:06 AM
614	██████ is easy to work with. I appreciate their open communication style.	11/28/2016 9:06 AM
615	Love the connection with older students and the first graders.	11/28/2016 9:04 AM
616	Following up with issues.	11/28/2016 9:04 AM
617	The communication between teacher/parents	11/28/2016 9:04 AM
618	██████ in general is a wonderful school. However, there has been an issue with the special ed program and my child has not had adequate help this year at all.	11/28/2016 9:03 AM
619	I think most of the teachers are wonderful. They work hard and care about the success of their students.	11/28/2016 9:03 AM
620	Good communication regarding things happening in the district. Good website. Our school does a good job of instructing kids at their appropriate levels--breaking them into groups, etc.	11/28/2016 9:03 AM
621	Great communication with parents.	11/28/2016 9:01 AM
622	The reading program.	11/28/2016 9:00 AM
623	Communications - through emails and website updates.	11/28/2016 9:00 AM
624	The teachers and staff are fantastic. Very helpful and kind.	11/28/2016 9:00 AM
625	The help and care ██████ Staff gives to their students is amazing! Great teachers and staff there.	11/28/2016 8:59 AM

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

Answered: 623 Skipped: 580

#	Responses	Date
1	0 degree rule. Should be 30 degree	12/17/2016 12:35 AM
2	Need to focus more on grammar and basic math facts	12/16/2016 10:57 PM
3	Better communication to parents about about social emotional learning and protecting our students from bullying/violence	12/16/2016 10:13 PM
4	N/A	12/16/2016 7:38 PM
5	More rigorous teaching of academic subjects; less focus on this socio-emotional stuff. Challenge the gifted students in the everyday curriculum. Even the weekly gifted program has too much focus on socio-emotional stuff. How about putting together a Mathcounts or some other competitive math team?	12/16/2016 7:01 PM
6	There is not enough time to eat lunch! By the time students get settled there is only 15 minutes to eat before they need to clean up. There is SO much wasted food that ends up in the garbage!!	12/16/2016 5:59 PM
7	██████████ is too crowded. My sons first grade class has 28 students. I have expressed concerns to the teacher and principal and there has not been any attempts to make the situation better. This is a very frustrating situation for us as we think about our son being at this school in that big of a class for the next 5 years.	12/16/2016 5:58 PM
8	Balanced feedback at parent teacher conferences; encourage studenta to attend to explain what they are doing well and where to improve Better communication of progress and support for kids for the first two months of 7th grade around organizational skills and learning to communicate to teachers ans being comfortable doing so I think the teachers need to be more strict when children don't hand in homework on time- it doesnt teach responsibility and accountability. Teachers need to better support and encourage students that are introverted. The bathrooms are not clean when I have gone there for conferences and afterschool activities	12/16/2016 5:52 PM
9	I think the school could improve on creating more organic experiences in the classroom. I feel like too many worksheets come home and that creative arts are lacking. I also feel more gross motor activities and breaks should be integrated into the kindergarten class. I see so much emphasis on academics and technology that I feel students are missing a huge social piece by learning through play and discovery.	12/16/2016 4:45 PM
10	The morning dropoff procedure at ██████████ is not safe. Students are sent to their individual coatrooms to enter. Every morning there is a student(s) locked out at the back of the building that then has to walk all the way around to the front door unsupervised. Should all go in through front door.	12/16/2016 1:49 PM
11	██████████ does not have the friendliest of staff. This is not true for all of the staff, but certainly for some. It seems that many, not all, approach their daily task without the focus on the children first and foremost. There are one or two admin who are friendly, but others who are anything but friendly. Also, the school does not permit the children to play outside either before or after school. The children have to line up while they wait for the bell to ring. This is not true at other schools. After school, the children cannot play afterschool. They must wait for the staff to leave the playground before playing. The school seems more focused/concerned about labor union rights than ensuring that children are permitted to play and learn to enjoy the facilities that District 58 has to offer. This is an observation over the course of many years and includes two different administrations who have not changed the environment. The classrooms are great, it is the before and after school time that is noticeable.	12/16/2016 1:37 PM
12	More updates regarding RTI groupings and progress	12/16/2016 1:35 PM
13	quickly replace missing 6th grade teacher	12/16/2016 1:17 PM
14	My 1st. grade child brings home papers everyday from school. While we enjoy seeing what our child is working on, I honestly have to say that the amount of papers brought home is sometimes overwhelming and voluminous.	12/16/2016 1:17 PM
15	I think information about decisions regarding teaching/learning in the classroom could be better and more swiftly communicated to the parents. For example, what occurred with the ██████████ kindergarten this year. First, parents were told full and half day students would be evenly distributed among the 2 classes, which they were not. Second, the half day teacher went on an extended leave and eventually quil. It was the students who had to tell their parents that the teacher had not been coming to class. And lastly, it was up to students to tell their parents how the whole class was being taken out of the room when 1 student was causing problems, something that has happened on more than one occasion, and can not possibly be aiding in the learning process for these students.	12/16/2016 12:56 PM

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16	I have said this exact same thing on every one of these surveys for years, not sure why it never changes or if it's worth even writing it, but here goes. I wish we had regular (weekly or bi-weekly) communication from the principal about news, updates, School Improvement, special activities, etc. that go on at the school. I have mentioned this to the principal and she has directed me to the website, which is often outdated (some pictures are going on 5 years old!) A current website as well as regular communication from and about the school would help all parents feel welcomed and involved in [REDACTED]	12/16/2016 12:13 PM
17	Allowing the parents to partake more in classroom activities. Like being a helper for the day or helping at the classroom parties	12/16/2016 11:46 AM
18	Continue to make the children feel safe.	12/16/2016 11:39 AM
19	I wish that I could see improvement as far as the school building being updated. It needs to have air conditioning in the hot months and it needs to be expanded to have a lunchroom that is not the gym.	12/16/2016 10:42 AM
20	Although communication is exceptional at [REDACTED] Their newsletter is informative each week and Principal is out on the playground- accessible for questions. One improvement might be to have classroom teachers send out a quarterly newsletter about big assignment dates, special events, and interesting realizations gleaned during the subjects taught.	12/16/2016 10:36 AM
21	More focus on teaching and mastering the basics!	12/16/2016 10:24 AM
22	Smaller class sizes would help. 27 Kindergartners with no aide in the class seems ridiculous. ipad technology is helpful but I wish they had physical books and workbooks. There seems to be an abundance of reliance on information for students and parents on ipads. And a lot of information can be overlooked very easily.	12/16/2016 10:22 AM
23	As a working parent, I feel the only time I get to see/talk to my son's teacher is at conference time. I wish we had more individual feedback during the year.	12/16/2016 10:11 AM
24	Expand the preschool program to more schools.	12/16/2016 9:58 AM
25	I would really like my child to have art instruction with the certified art teacher each week.	12/16/2016 9:50 AM
26	Child to student ratios.	12/16/2016 9:46 AM
27	Better scrutiny of non-teacher adult classroom aides. Some are abusive of their power and hostile towards certain students when left alone in the classroom.	12/16/2016 9:29 AM
28	communication between teacher and parents about students academic success	12/16/2016 9:23 AM
29	Show greater support for children who are struggling academically - not everyone's child is an academic superstar.	12/16/2016 9:09 AM
30	Continuous disruptive behavior in the classrooms distracts kids, and makes it challenging for everyone to focus, learn, and have fun. Steps should be taken quickly to address these situations so kids who want to listen and learn can flourish.	12/16/2016 8:46 AM
31	The safety of kids going to school is a big risk. No crossing guards. Lack of teachers in the morning. Cars too fast and going the wrong way. I see kids almost getting hit almost every morning. Why isn't there an adult crossing guard closer to the school at the cross walk? That intersection is terrible and the kids do not help the kids cross. There should be different group levels for learning at this school. Not a sink or swim mentality. The only time I heard my child was having an issue with math was when I had a conference and nothing since. I'm not satisfied and do not think my child is safe at all and we are considering private school.	12/16/2016 8:32 AM
32	nothing, love it!	12/16/2016 8:23 AM
33	Educating kids; parents & staff about how to protect their school & health regarding IAQ-Indoor Health Quality etc. Biggest threat to human health in your home & where you work/learn is your air quality is scientific fact(s). We learned about brushing our teeth etc.(with pink chews); we learned about recycling; we should learn how to protect our buildings; homes & health. Fact is cancers & serious health issues are increasing in some cases 300%+ for our kids & family. We have not been helped with regard to the school potentially having toxic air quality we feel more like personally attacked. We know that many others are potentially suffering too & not just the kids, although kids are at greater risk to their immune systems being compromised. Another fact is this is getting worse nationally not better. Would love to donate to schools for real positive reasons & not for gift wrap or cookies dough etc. There is always a way to viable find answers & always a season for logic & reason. Educational institutions need to be more involved in SOL-U-tions evolution. Wishing you & yours continuous good health & LOLs every day. Thanks for the opportunity to allow us to make our views heard & we hope we can return to your school.	12/16/2016 7:44 AM
34	?	12/16/2016 7:15 AM
35	Bring back a full time LRC. This change really concerns me as does the amount on music and art time. I'd like to see more time devoted to those items.	12/16/2016 6:53 AM

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36	I'm uncertain about the strength of the science curriculum. Some math teachers are not good teachers and repeatedly just tell kids to try again without additional instruction or questioning to determine where the student is confused. My child's 7th grade math teacher was excellent but the man in 8th is very weak in comparison.	12/16/2016 5:31 AM
37	District 58 needs to improve Math education as well as teach keyboard skills early- kids learn bad habits using liuch screen "keyboards" or regular keyboards without proper hand positioning.	12/16/2016 5:23 AM
38	Make it more affordable for all day kindergarten	12/15/2016 11:31 PM
39	Same teachers seem to always be on committes. All teachers should rotate in and out of commitees.	12/15/2016 11:28 PM
40	More focus on students from Non English background	12/15/2016 10:35 PM
41	Seems to be a lot of substitute teachers covering for the regular teachers. I'm not sure why that is, but it disrupts the children's learning.	12/15/2016 10:32 PM
42	No complaints.	12/15/2016 10:16 PM
43	Communication. My son was called into the principal's office and I was not called	12/15/2016 9:37 PM
44	We've continued to be frustrated how heavily weighted the MAPS testing is in determining children's group placement in school. Making an assessment of such young children based on standardized testing and "advancing" some children while leaving others behind because their scores aren't high enough is extremely disappointing and frustrating. We were told that in our third grader's class, the students lhat were selected for advanced math were chosen exclusively because of their MAPS score. Because our child's score wasn't high enough, he is left behind even though his teacher acknowledges how bright he is. This needs to be changed.	12/15/2016 9:13 PM
45	Informing the parents about up coming events in the classrooms and school in advance - not just several days before hand .	12/15/2016 8:45 PM
46	A fence around school property	12/15/2016 8:45 PM
47	Could we have a conference with all the teachers	12/15/2016 8:44 PM
48	Install air conditioning. I wish there was more communication, both from the teacher as well as the school. I want to know what's being covered in the curriculum in each subject and news. For example, last year when Families started there was not a single piece of communication about what it was, how it worked, what was the purpose. And I read EVERYTHING I get from the school!	12/15/2016 8:35 PM
49	Lower the count of the kids in the classroom . So the kids can have more attention from the teachers .	12/15/2016 8:27 PM
50	Fixing that whole mess with not having a real curriculum for our students.	12/15/2016 8:00 PM
51	Better lunch menu	12/15/2016 7:56 PM
52	1) bit of a reach but: Maybe do a trial of standing desks? 2) How about a relaxation room? Bean bags, low light, allow them to just rest there eyes and clear there head for 15 minutes. 3) Maybe some kind of one-time lesson on manners, eye-contact, shaking hands, politeness, etc. I am beginning to think that many parents (most hopefully) bake this into them from the start, but when the students then go to school and socialize with kids who do NOT have this.....its all undone.. :(12/15/2016 7:33 PM
53	Less homework Better food More activities sports Activities for phisical education	12/15/2016 7:20 PM
54	Keep up doing such a great job.	12/15/2016 7:07 PM
55	Nothing at this lime	12/15/2016 7:05 PM
56	There is too much emphasis on academics to the detriment of children's social-emotional well-being. Our culture is far too competitive, and it seems as though the schools contribute to this problem. It is disappointing that students are under so much pressure and are constantly taking tests. School is never fun anymore to children, which I feel turns many kids off to school. My child is more than a test score. I want my child to be successful in life, but my vision of his success is broader than how well he is able to perform on standardized tests.	12/15/2016 6:16 PM
57	Nothing	12/15/2016 6:02 PM
58	Nothing	12/15/2016 5:59 PM
59	Smaller class sizes. It's needed and necessary.	12/15/2016 4:56 PM
60	As it is an open school it is very hard to concentrate in classroom for some kids. Would prefer separate classrooms. More attention to social and emotional skills, especially between students.	12/15/2016 4:56 PM
61	Kindergarten (2) classes at [REDACTED] have 24& 25 students in the classes with one teacher and no help/aide.	12/15/2016 4:53 PM

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62	Sharing specific curriculum updates on a quarterly basis so parents know what kids are focusing on. Middle schoolers don't share a lot and parents no longer get updates like you would in grammar school. And All work is electronic so we don't see our child's work very much. Maybe messages from teachers about completed work and links or reminders on how to view it, it would encourage discussions between child and parent as well.	12/15/2016 4:48 PM
63	Put Air conditioning in.	12/15/2016 4:19 PM
64	ESL program to have a greater time commitment and help them actually understand their daily workload and lessons. Also to differentiate the ages of children involved. More age appropriate material for older kids.	12/15/2016 4:12 PM
65	Offering hot lunch	12/15/2016 4:07 PM
66	Making parents aware of ways to track their child's homework assignments and upcoming tests.	12/15/2016 4:05 PM
67	Reducing iPad and PC use would be better.	12/15/2016 4:00 PM
68	Opportunity for parents to help or observe in the classroom	12/15/2016 3:56 PM
69	Curriculum and communicating with parents about it	12/15/2016 3:41 PM
70	Having sufficient amount of teacher aids for each class.	12/15/2016 3:34 PM
71	In 2018 the IHSA will recognize the sport of Lacrosse as an official state sport. Lacrosse needs to be part of the Phys Ed curriculum to get these students exposed to it. Over the next several years there will be tremendous collegiate opportunities in the mid-west as the sport is expanding exponentially. Other school districts have been doing this for years and their students are way ahead on the learning curve for this sport, purely because the kids know about it!	12/15/2016 3:18 PM
72	PLEASE offer Champions before and after school care at my school. There is a group of parents that have been asking for this for years...most other elementary schools in 58 have it. It feels unfair that because we have such a high low income population that we never have substantial numbers. Many of my [REDACTED] parent friends are frustrated by this. When we are contacted to show interest in Champions is so late in the spring that families have already made arrangements for the following year. If the district or Champions want to survey the need they need to do that well in advance of the following year. If [REDACTED] continues to not have Champions then students should be allowed to use Champions at other schools and be provided with transportation.	12/15/2016 3:07 PM
73	Doing a great job keep it up ?????	12/15/2016 2:53 PM
74	Communication and listening between the school and district. Adding more Art & Music into the curriculum and less testing.	12/15/2016 2:46 PM
75	Nothing!!	12/15/2016 2:36 PM
76	Teacher communication. And positive reinforcement.	12/15/2016 2:29 PM
77	- Curriculum support for teachers - I don't understand why the Board will not meet with the teacher's union and engage them as a stakeholder. As I mentioned above - they are the reason I like our school - they know what it takes to make it better, even if we have constrained resources, the District should listen to what they have to say. - Space issues with Kindergarten - More regular art; Creativity is fostered through the arts - let's embrace it.	12/15/2016 2:10 PM
78	If there is a problem teacher, addressing the problem I know there are obstacles in the way of dealing with this, but if the students are effected by the teachers behavior and attitude towards them as a whole, I really think something should be done	12/15/2016 2:00 PM
79	I have concerns on overall curriculum consistency and development throughout the district	12/15/2016 1:40 PM
80	The Board and upper administration's refusal to listen to the concerns raised by teachers and parents is disheartening to say the least. I chose Downers Grove for the schools but knowing what I know now, I regret that decision.	12/15/2016 1:40 PM
81	Really hate the math long form assessment. Sum it up for me. I've always assumed you have back up for the grade she receives and I'll ask for it if she's struggling. If she's getting an A, just tell me. Checking a bunch of boxes tells me absolutely nothing. It's useless.	12/15/2016 1:39 PM
82	The ongoing kindergarten situation is challenging and all students should be offered a full-day kindergarten option at [REDACTED] not bring bussed to a different school due to space issues. With the abrupt exit of [REDACTED] the situation was handled very poorly. Little communication as to how things were going with substitutes and what the plan was. The fact that there were no conferences for [REDACTED] kindergarten class was incredibly disappointing- it could have been handled so much better and I believe someone or the principal could have easily conducted those conferences using [REDACTED] notes. I have been fairly happy with [REDACTED] up until this year but at this point with how the situation has gone I am very disappointed and feel like our kids were done a great dis-service. The first 6 months of kindergarten was a waste of time. I hope they can do better in the future.	12/15/2016 1:34 PM
83	Better resolutions for kids being bullied and for the bullies.	12/15/2016 1:29 PM

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84	The Choral Music Classroom Music education is in need of more enthusiasm and support	12/15/2016 1:27 PM
85	There are children in the lower grade that still need a lot of social and emotional development maybe it would be good to get those children more 1 on 1 teaching. It could be positive for the child and the children who get distracted from their behavior.	12/15/2016 1:18 PM
86	Remaining consistent across grades on iPad use and what the staff is trying to achieve by incorporating the iPads into school work.	12/15/2016 1:12 PM
87	The only issue I have with a 2nd child now at ██████ is I do think writing preparation, especially how to write a 5 paragraph essay, could be improved. I did not feel my son was prepared for this when he got to high school and it was expected that he know this, which is reasonable. Additionally, my son took French because the Spanish offering at ██████ needs improvement. It would be good for them to carefully assess this important discipline and make needed changes.	12/15/2016 1:10 PM
88	Better after school pickup. kids just run free and after school pickups are getting more popular front door does not have a lot space.	12/15/2016 1:08 PM
89	Listen to the teachers when input is needed. They are in the trenches and see/hear things that administration and the BOE do not. Please stop changing report cards so often. I wish that the gifted program in K-6 was more like the one at ██████ where kids' receive gifted services related to their area of giftedness, instead of the way it is now.	12/15/2016 1:02 PM
90	Consistent curriculum in math and ELA.	12/15/2016 12:53 PM
91	I feel that the DG58 administration could do a better job of communicating with parents before major changes in policies plans.	12/15/2016 12:49 PM
92	It appears that there is a communication issue between the Board and teachers, resulting in the open airing of these communication issues at Board meetings. If it is indeed true that the Board President is refusing to schedule time to speak with the teacher's union, that is a huge issue. Either the Board is not interested in hearing from the teachers, or the relationship between the Board and the teachers is so acrimonious that it is unwilling to speak with them. If there is another explanation, the Board should explain the failure to meet regularly with the teachers.	12/15/2016 12:46 PM
93	My child is in pre-k. I have had no concerns to date, but my understanding is the class sizes for kindergarten at ██████ will be put the student teacher ratio at closer to 25-1. Vs the current 5-1. That concerns me.	12/15/2016 12:43 PM
94	Have programs set up for students who don't struggle instead of giving them more challenging work to do by themself on the iPad.	12/15/2016 12:43 PM
95	Principal to parent communication is poor. Leadership practices are "closed-door" and sorely out of date.	12/15/2016 12:33 PM
96	Busing. Chrome books once students get to 6th grade and beyond.	12/15/2016 12:32 PM
97	I have older children & my youngest is in 1st grade--seems a lack of focus on basics compared to previous years. no homework, spelling tests, etc	12/15/2016 12:22 PM
98	I wish they would have a specific writing program starting in earlier grades.	12/15/2016 12:19 PM
99	Children should have classes divided into groups that fit them better, it seems like they mix students that are advanced with students that are lagging behind and i dont think that helps either student	12/15/2016 12:19 PM
100	If PTA could figure out the cost per student for what is needed during the year, I think that would be more beneficial than attempting fundraisers. They usually conflict with outside organizations and it is too much to ask friends and family all of the time. I would rather pay a fee at beginning of school year.	12/15/2016 12:14 PM
101	I am bothered by the tension between the teachers union and the BOE/district level administration. This is not good for our students.	12/15/2016 12:08 PM
102	being more proactive on control of disruptive students	12/15/2016 12:08 PM
103	Teacher newsletter/twitter/something with simple classroom and curriculum updates	12/15/2016 12:08 PM
104	Because of the recent incident of a student threatening to shoot other student(s) & leading to his arrest, there should be metal detectors on all entrances to enforce firearms are not brought into the school at any cost - this is imperative for our kids' safety - I applaud school's reaction to this week's incident but we need to be screening EVERYONE entering the school	12/15/2016 12:03 PM
105	pre-emplive lice awareness. information sent out was good, but to be proactive and hit this before the breakouts start happening would be better. i first thought the lax policy was a bad one, but the commuicae have been excellent and i agree with school/district policy. just more info upfront would have been better for all. have this info out in the open so less rumors and hearsay and more practical medical tips (like they eventually sent out) would have been better sooner in the year!	12/15/2016 12:02 PM

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106	Nothing right now, still early.	12/15/2016 11:57 AM
107	Special Education qualification criteria is a major issue for me. The criteria is very poor, resulting in students who need IEPs not qualifying, which affects the student, his/her peers, and staff. Furthermore, the overcrowding of [REDACTED] is a significant issue. We have a staff that cares and works so hard, but there are simply too many students in a space that is too small to accommodate them. It is an issue that is simply being ignored and resulting in students at [REDACTED] receiving an education sub par to the other schools, and this is a safety issue. Additionally, the writing curriculum needs a major overhaul and the iPads use should not be the focus. The iPads should be an enhancement, not the springboard of children's education. Teachers need professional development on how to integrate this technology into the curriculum.	12/15/2016 11:56 AM
108	I'm concerned about class sizes. My son has 27 kids in his class and I feel like he has trouble getting assistance on work because there is no way his teacher can get to 27 kids! This is not her fault. I'm a teacher also so I know that a class this big is very difficult.	12/15/2016 11:56 AM
109	Too much homework for kindergartener. I have impressiin that teacher does not have enough time to help all the kids. Class sizes should be smaller	12/15/2016 11:45 AM
110	I feel that our class sizes are too large. 27 students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade class does not allow a teacher to provide a successful learning experience.	12/15/2016 11:43 AM
111	I believe that there is still often occurrences of social hierarchy and bullying that creates a less than positive school experience for those students who might be less athletic, extroverted, or identified as "popular". Perhaps more attention needs to be made to provide understanding and awareness to the students of their behavior and conduct and its affect on fellow students.	12/15/2016 11:37 AM
112	I think it would be great if the middle schools involved parents more in what they are doing.	12/15/2016 11:36 AM
113	Better programs/opportunities for gifted kids	12/15/2016 11:34 AM
114	hope to see gifted programs expanded to 1st and 2nd graders? i think there is an expectation for parents w/ gifted kids in district 58.	12/15/2016 11:32 AM
115	Enforcing the drop off procedures. It's crazy - especially during bad weather/snow!	12/15/2016 11:30 AM
116	The after care program. My child is bored and feels she is just with a sitter. Could they do some group activities or games after homework time?	12/15/2016 11:29 AM
117	Improved math curriculum - I would like to see a low, medium and high group offered at each grade level instead of moving kids into classes with students from other grades.	12/15/2016 11:20 AM
118	I have concerns about recess.... seems like lots of kids on the playground at once and not much supervision.	12/15/2016 11:20 AM
119	Less dependence on technology (ipads) for students under age 8. It's unhealthy and a huge waste of money for the district to have 1:1 for every student. The ipads for K-2 should be left in the classroom and have it be a sharing station/center in relation wit maybe 5-8 ipads rather than an ipad for every child. It's a constant distraction and a classroom babysitting tool. I try for hours to get my kids to NOT stare at screens and the district is against me at school. Its disappointing. I'm ok with having my child learn to write (not just type), recognize facial emotions of their teacher and not just stare at a screen to read books. https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/mental-wealth/201508/screentime-is-making-kids-moody-crazy-and-lazy https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/mind-change/201510/five-reasons-ipads-should-not-be-in-classrooms	12/15/2016 11:17 AM
120	Air conditioning! How much can teachers teach effectively when all the children (including the teachers) are melting from the heat for sometimes multiple days in a row?	12/15/2016 11:14 AM
121	The grading system is very difficult to understand; would be great if there was a more parent friendly reporting system.	12/15/2016 11:14 AM
122	I think the principal could be more engaged with the parents. She's unbelievably great with the children, so that's wonderful and really what is most important!	12/15/2016 11:13 AM
123	Sometimes I think the adults watching the morning lineups make too big of a deal of kids not being exactly in line or looking forward. During the fall I witnessed an older female yelling and berating the whole class for the misbehavior of just a few in line, and telling all the kids they would have to spend their whole afternoon recess standing quietly in line. It felt out of place for the caring nature of this school and more disciplinarian than was acceptable. One of the girls in the front of the line (who had been behaving) began to cry because they were all being yelled at. Later that evening I asked my child if they really had to spend their recess in line and they said yes. I wish it was handled in a different manner. It's the only time I saw this happen but it was a concern and I hope it doesn't happen in the future	12/15/2016 11:12 AM
124	Sports Activity	12/15/2016 11:11 AM
125	Getting a/c units in EVERY CLASS ROOM! My child had heat exhaustion last year!	12/15/2016 11:10 AM

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126	I'd like to see the children with special needs more actively involved with the students of there age, additionally, I'd really like to see these kids encouraged to join after school activities such as basketball, softball etc. I coach my daughters basketball team and we have had one of your special needs students on her team. I believe that including these kids in activities like this helps them mentally grow. You may contact me at [REDACTED] with questions	12/15/2016 11:10 AM
127	Add staff when needed. There is no reason to combine grades, ie first and second. District needs to provided the staff needed to properly provide the needs of the school	12/15/2016 11:07 AM
128	Decrease the number of days that teachers are out of the classroom for training, etc. so that there are less planned days with substitute teachers.	12/15/2016 11:06 AM
129	I would like to see more communication from the teachers. My youngest son did not score well on his MAP test and was given help in reading, but other than the information sent home, nothing more was said about the support he was receiving, what they were working on and how he was doing.	12/15/2016 11:06 AM
130	Bullying	12/15/2016 11:03 AM
131	One of the teachers, [REDACTED] She is too firm with the kids and my kids come home crying and fear her. This does not make me happy.	12/15/2016 11:03 AM
132	Streamlined curriculum across the grades and a clearly identifies LRC curriculum	12/15/2016 11:01 AM
133	The [REDACTED] administrators need to invite parents to all important student programs, including the holiday sing-a-long & especially the student awards ceremonies. We were always invited by the former principal, [REDACTED] We aren't anymore since [REDACTED] came on board! Also, many parents feel that the no food treats at any classroom parties or anytime at [REDACTED] is stupid!! I have a child with a peanut allergy, & I even feel that way. The parent party planners have ALWAYS made sure that foods/treats provided are safe for all of the students in the classrooms! So much fun has been taken out of the schools, it's pathetic!!	12/15/2016 10:57 AM
134	Teachers need to send emails about units and school projects at least quarterly. It's easier for us to be involved if we receive some advance notice.	12/15/2016 10:56 AM
135	I would love for the foreign language program to begin in the seventh grade so students are truly bilingual once they graduate from high school.	12/15/2016 10:55 AM
136	Have a clear focused strategy in Math. Year after year is change. I dislike how teachets5to to test score... not enough focus as an individual and not holding them back	12/15/2016 10:54 AM
137	Don't give Map tests the day after the kids back from Washington DC trip :(12/15/2016 10:50 AM
138	More communication about specific projects and assignments, especially in Science and Social Studies	12/15/2016 10:50 AM
139	Music classes have been abysmal for years at [REDACTED] makes the kids scared and unhappy and does not know how to foster a love of music. She should have supervision or be replaced.	12/15/2016 10:48 AM
140	Diversity	12/15/2016 10:47 AM
141	offer more sports. soccer, in particular, is offered by most of the other feeder schools for DGS	12/15/2016 10:47 AM
142	Increase differentiation, especially in the upper grades	12/15/2016 10:46 AM
143	More events, diversity. Less clicking with PTA. Give all parents equal opportunity to participate in school activities.	12/15/2016 10:46 AM
144	Smaller class sizes, student to teacher ratio is too high	12/15/2016 10:45 AM
145	more opportunities for family involvement	12/15/2016 10:45 AM
146	Make sure the kids are making it to their buses. 12-year olds tend to have no concept of lime. My Daughter doesn't mind walking but I worry sometimes.	12/15/2016 10:45 AM
147	Communicating my child's progress outside of parent teacher conferences	12/15/2016 10:45 AM
148	Making sure that all classes in the same grade are equally doing the same projects and having the same opportunities.	12/15/2016 10:45 AM
149	I hear to many limes from my kids that they are watching movies. From what I hear it sounds like the teachers are trying to kill time.	12/15/2016 10:44 AM
150	A more consistent math program	12/15/2016 10:44 AM
151	Nothing that i know of being here just a couple months	12/15/2016 10:44 AM
152	[REDACTED] is one of the most rude people I have ever met. She is disrespectful to her teachers and rude to parents. The ladies in the office are rude too. LRC teacher is useless. I wish that the PTA would focus on kids not being cliquish with adults. Sad. This was one a great school with veteran teachers...but sadly the teachers are all babies.	12/15/2016 10:44 AM

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153	More opportunities for Gifted during each day so that accelerated kids are not bored rather than one whole day per week..More challenging Math for gifted as well. Look into the way District 204 operates.	12/15/2016 10:44 AM
154	I would prefer more ethnic diversity, but that is out of the District's control.	12/15/2016 10:43 AM
155	We need improved building conditions. Teachers should respond to email in 24 period.	12/15/2016 10:42 AM
156	Less administrative work on the teachers so they can focus on the children	12/15/2016 10:41 AM
157	Music performances should be at night so all parents can attend.	12/15/2016 9:45 AM
158	-Allow Parents to buy air conditioners -More After School events -Musical Instruments during School performances	12/14/2016 10:29 PM
159	More resource teachers for more individualized help	12/14/2016 10:28 PM
160	Handling bullies or angry children better. I understand having a soft spot for children that don't seem to have the best environment at home, but when a child continually acts out against others and nothing gets done it's very frustrating as a family who may be on the receiving end of a student's anger issues, especially when there's an IEP involved and it's not being followed.	12/14/2016 10:25 PM
161	Special help for children having problems in math and reading. Don't tell parent your child is behind and could fail. Teacher should say this is what we are doing to get them up to speed.	12/14/2016 9:04 PM
162	More differentiated math / english classes. There has to be a way to split the students up so you don't have the full spectrum (from those who need more help to those that should be pushed faster) of students in one classroom.	12/14/2016 7:35 PM
163	I would like the school to relax and allow cupcakes again for birthdays and candy for Halloween and Valentines Day. These kids already have to grow up too soon. I feel that your taking away the best stuff of being a kid.	12/14/2016 5:34 PM
164	I believe the students use of I pads in the classroom is a bit excessive. I have read various articles that mention children should not have so much screen time due to radiation levels that these devices give off. I wish they would limit Ipad use in the classroom. Also, I noticed that my son is not learning cursive writing. He is currently in the 4th grade and I believe that is essential to learn. He was starting to learn cursive in the 3rd grade at the school he transferred from in Naperville.	12/14/2016 11:13 AM
165	Maybe conferences with all the teachers my children have	12/14/2016 9:01 AM
166	Foster a more collaborative environment for children and school community	12/14/2016 8:58 AM
167	Parent and child assimilation. I don't see any events/groups that assist parents and children new to the district or school helping them immesh and feel CONNECTED to the school and community. I've been here two years and still feel like an outside.	12/14/2016 7:50 AM
168	Socio-emotional learning is important, but I feel that [redacted] has lost sight of the core subjects. [redacted] has very low expectations. High achieving students are not adequately challenged. It's time that D58 gets in line with surrounding districts. We are lagging behind most other districts, in this area. Not all students are average nor is average an acceptable goal for all students or their parents. Sadly, D58 seems very content with average.	12/14/2016 7:06 AM
169	Playground needs updating, better communication concerning what curriculum components are utilized for instruction. Communication about and consistency with social emotional learning curriculum implementation. Is second step done with integrity at each grade level?	12/14/2016 5:39 AM
170	Less iPad use in the library. Let them explore the world through the books.	12/13/2016 10:36 PM
171	District 58 has to work on training for Principals so that they understand how to deal with bullying in school. Ignoring it doesn't help the bully or the child being bullied. Pretending there are no problems at a school is just awful for everyone. Social emotional learning is not being considered a priority in kids' education. Seems as though curriculum is only geared towards the gifted child, and everyone else is being missed. Disappointed in how this district has changed.	12/13/2016 5:41 PM
172	Proofreading for clarity. Almost every missive sent home has a typo and/or confusing wording.	12/13/2016 5:14 PM
173	Parent involvement	12/13/2016 4:32 PM
174	I feel there could be more communication between the school and home as well as the district and schools. It is becoming evident that perhaps the teachers insights into what might be helpful changes or improvements are not being considered or even heard by the BOE and I think this is doing the district and our students a vast disservice!	12/13/2016 4:18 PM
175	I believe students will benefit if they are given home work on Fridays.	12/13/2016 9:47 AM

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176	Not pulling teachers out of there classrooms for various Dist classes or school meetings of sort. My children get a sub continuously throughout the month and year. We don't have the best subs in our school. We need higher standards when hiring Dist 58 subs. I have seen subs sleeping in the past and subs during holiday parties not engage at all with the class, the sub just sits at her desk it bell rings. My kids say they don't learn anything when they have certain subs. Students need there teachers teaching them as much as possible and not the subs, I have expressed my concern to the principle and I get well it's the district that hire the subs and he has no control who the class gets. Not and acceptable answer for me.	12/12/2016 7:56 PM
177	Writing skills, I don't see any attempt by the school district to teach cursiff writing. My children struggle to sign their name, this was a basic skill I learned in second grade. My 5th grader seems to be self taught and my 8th grader had some intro to this. I feel this should be a requirement.	12/12/2016 7:04 PM
178	Continued improvements for the playground.	12/12/2016 4:07 PM
179	Math. More math - generally I feel across the U.S., we don't spend enough time in math. I think this hurts our performance as a country. We need to have an increased focus on math & technical science to see our children compete & succeed in this increasingly global workforce and economy.	12/12/2016 2:52 PM
180	Teaching our children more about Social and Religious freedom within our constitution.	12/12/2016 2:19 PM
181	school safety during drop off/pick up	12/12/2016 2:05 PM
182	Not sure we've seen much by second grade, but critical thinking skills, I'm hoping that we will see more of this soon.	12/12/2016 1:33 PM
183	Full day kindergarten should be offered	12/12/2016 1:19 PM
184	Getting more teachers like [REDACTED]	12/12/2016 1:01 PM
185	Increase parent involvement in classroom. Offer free all day kindergarten. My kids can't go all day because we can't afford it.	12/12/2016 10:15 AM
186	The report card was a joke if your child is in the accelerated math program. Also should be able to meet with the teacher who teaches your child math and reading if it is done by another teacher.	12/11/2016 8:37 PM
187	Identifying different language skills groups. Also, the kids need to learn typing skills since they're expected to use IPADS for word-processing/typing papers.	12/11/2016 8:21 PM
188	The kids need to learn typing skills. Both of my kids are required to do writing assignments on their IPADS, neither of them can type well, they hunt and peck. I don't think it's enriching to have them use technology when they're hampered by poor typing skills.	12/11/2016 8:18 PM
189	I think the principal at [REDACTED] is really not open to doing anything fun or doing anything differently than it's been done before.	12/11/2016 5:53 PM
190	Conference/ teacher availability teacher/student relations-co-taught classes at [REDACTED] are well received!!!maybe we need more of that- math!	12/11/2016 4:27 PM
191	Better notification and communication for the non-custodial parent.	12/11/2016 3:34 PM
192	Too many events in the middle of the work day and/or on short notice, which is hard on dual working parents.	12/11/2016 3:04 PM
193	doesn't communicate	12/11/2016 6:25 AM
194	Phone Calls not communicating via Email takes forever to get a responce!	12/11/2016 6:23 AM
195	Give letter grades for ALL subjects, especially after 3rd grade. I still don't understand why there is no letter grade for math. And get rid of 2 or 3 days a week of gym, how about Art once a week instead of only 2x a month!	12/10/2016 7:41 PM
196	Students, especially in elementary school, need more art and music. Music develps our brains creating pathways only music can do and adds joy to the students life. Art should be EVERY week and music 2 times a week.	12/10/2016 7:34 PM
197	Too much parent involment. Tone it done. Kids learn life by living life. Overall, very pleased with the school.	12/10/2016 5:00 PM
198	Very disappointed with the way pick up and drop off is conducted at this school. From my past experiences in other districts, they had a very functional, smooth system that work amazingly well. Safety should first priority for students and parents. With this system that is in place currently, I've experienced the safety of us all is compromised. I've mentioned to my concerns as a new parent to the principle and she seemed to agree because she also had experience with other schools she's worked with to have a teacher to car door student retrieval. Many parents I've come in contact with, expressed their concerns with the pick up drop off as well. I'd love to take a petition on other parents opinions on this matter. This has been a huge disappointment to me and would like to see a change.	12/10/2016 5:00 PM
199	I can't think of anything.	12/10/2016 1:51 PM
200	[REDACTED] is in need of more space. An addition or mobile classrooms are a must!	12/10/2016 1:28 PM

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201	One of the secretaries is grumpy and the parents tell me to don't bother her. Stay away. Say hi and go on.	12/10/2016 1:23 PM
202	Foriegn language at elementary level.	12/10/2016 11:20 AM
203	I'm really annoyed about the SEL crap. This time would be better served with additional art or music classes. Feelings based curriculum is a waste of time & taxpayer money. And after 3 years a [REDACTED] I still immensely dislike the "open air" classrooms. Wish I would have kept my child at their previous school.	12/10/2016 10:40 AM
204	N/A	12/10/2016 4:46 AM
205	Allow individual schools to make PP&E improvements outside district-wide construct if able (e.g. like via PTA)	12/9/2016 8:38 PM
206	More focus on STEM	12/9/2016 6:01 PM
207	Improve/establish a curricula for gifted/advanced children other than 1 day a week gifted program. My children are often bored in school and even when asked to be challenged more, there is no process in place to challenge them.	12/9/2016 5:18 PM
208	I am incredibly unhappy with how the Kindergarten enrichment program has been laid out. Either full day for everyone or half day. It is awful to not have the same opportunities as any other child due to finances. What a shame such a fantastic community would exclude a 5 year old from the same education as their peers based on income.	12/9/2016 4:02 PM
209	This survey could be improved upon. I felt there was a gap b/w "Usually" and "Always." I would like an option of "Most Always" for several answers. I may have answered "Usually" for several answers when it was really closer to "Always" but was not 100% always.	12/9/2016 3:22 PM
210	The [REDACTED] playground is in pretty rough shape ;-)	12/9/2016 2:48 PM
211	Teacher appraisal and development.	12/9/2016 2:07 PM
212	Helping children with special needs by hiring the right teachers. [REDACTED] has not been supportive in helping our son at all. I'm feeling like 7th and 8th grade were a waste of time.	12/9/2016 1:11 PM
213	It would have been nice if the school could have looked at my student's previous classes before enrolling her in "basic" classes. I felt she missed out on a lot of things because she was new to the school this year.	12/9/2016 1:09 PM
214	Adequate cooling in warmer months, the temperature inside the classrooms in late August and September are not safe when the weather is 90 degrees outside.	12/9/2016 12:24 PM
215	Maybe an annually updated visual timeline for parents & public to see what has happened and will happen in each grade. This not only includes subject matter or chosen curriculum (books, learning programs), but field trips (zoo, museums, parks), social & extra-curricular activities/opportunities (clubs, intramural sports, band/orchestra, camps), annual school/district events, benchmarks and milestones (graduations). It doesn't need to be a paper distribution event, but maybe just a website showcase of what is planned and what has been done.	12/9/2016 12:24 PM
216	Holding the kids accountable for their homework, notes & organization by checking in on what the kids are doing during class time.	12/9/2016 11:39 AM
217	Helping more kids who have learning differences. Doing homework checks and making sure kids are doing their work and learning the concepts before moving on or go back & giving kids time to do their best.	12/9/2016 11:34 AM
218	Consider allowing parents to come into the classroom for specific learning assignments (such as presenting cultural lessons, reading activity, etc).	12/9/2016 10:46 AM
219	My son started in the gifted program this year, and was not feeling challenged enough by it. Hence, he discontinued going and wanted to be in his regular classroom setting.	12/9/2016 10:36 AM
220	Life skills....for example, decision making skills, being held accountable for disrespect shown toward teachers, and somehow getting parents on board that their child is not always right and to support and respect teachers themselves. If their children don't feel the respect that their parents have, we can't expect the students to have it either. Not sure how to approach that.	12/9/2016 9:13 AM
221	Three things. 1) Despite having the highest tax base, the [REDACTED] school facility is seriously deficient when compared to others. 2) [REDACTED] doesn't seem to do enough to remedy bullying (and there are a lot at that school - which is also a parenting problem). 3) Communication around IEP programs can be improved.	12/9/2016 8:48 AM
222	More consistent approach to math curriculum with more numerous, improved tools and resources for the teachers.	12/9/2016 8:46 AM
223	We get strong communication about fund raisers and extracurricular activities, but no communication regarding education in the classroom, except for the MAP testing. How are they progressing, what topics are they learning, and most importantly if a new teacher or student teacher enters the classroom to teach for a few months, we should know about it through a brief email.	12/9/2016 8:37 AM

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224	Stop acting like bullying is addressed in this school . Just because you talk to kids about being bullies at assemblies doesn't mean it is swiftly dealt with at the school. These kids need to be punished for their actions. This is why bullying continues to be a problem ,actions speak louder than words? Why are children not sent home for their aggressive actions? Ridiculous. Also the curriculum seems to be very inconsistent . It's almost to the point I would consider moving my children out of the school because the High School isn't even in the top 50 in Illinois? Is it our crazy inconsistent curriculum that is doing this? Why would an area with million dollar homes have a school that doesn't compete with Naperville? That seems absurd	12/9/2016 8:36 AM
225	Conferences. Making certain core clases, ie math more available then just 20 or so slots.	12/9/2016 7:46 AM
226	Maybe using technology to communicate a little more. There are so many papers that come home each week!	12/9/2016 7:34 AM
227	More information about school events and what's involved. As a new parent in the school I don't feel I get enough detail as to what is going on with events.	12/9/2016 5:00 AM
228	Add more art education & field trips, especially at the higher grade levels, promote more STEM curriculum.	12/8/2016 11:57 PM
229	NA	12/8/2016 11:10 PM
230	██████████	12/8/2016 11:09 PM
231	I have been happy with ██████████. I believe my child is cared for and treated as an individual.	12/8/2016 10:41 PM
232	Follow through on commitments to make observations and provide feedback on requested issues seen by a parent Find ways for every student o feel successful, individuality is key- the same approach does not work for every student. New strategies need to be implemented to demonstrate success for some students	12/8/2016 10:40 PM
233	At this time I am not really sure. My child is only in his first year and from what I can see so far everything is working and going well	12/8/2016 10:33 PM
234	I feel lost at the beginning of the school year. There seems to be a little too much all at one time.	12/8/2016 10:27 PM
235	In this survey, only one question is asked about a quality education. And the right question to ask is this: do you feel D58 identifies and meets the needs of gifted students? Also, does the District consistently communicate and fairly apply protocols for identifying and meeting the needs of gifted students? Do you feel the District supports teachers working with gifted kids, and gives resources for better differentiated learning? I feel the District only focuses on what it does well, and fails to honestly address long-standing concerns that continue to remain longer-standing concerns because there's not a plan in place.	12/8/2016 10:21 PM
236	Pick up area after school, parking etc. Pick up area all blocked by kids cabs. I and some others have disability and can not park 2 blocks away for pickup bc kids cabs taking up all the spaces. Have kid cabs wait in teachers parking lot.	12/8/2016 9:26 PM
237	Better accommodations (timing of activities, plays, etc) for working moms.	12/8/2016 9:25 PM
238	I think that these two questions of the survey are worded poorly or should be separate questions. Your survey is about my child's school but this question wants to know about the school AND district. I don't think that my son needs an iPad that is exclusively his and there isn't a need for him to bring it home each day. I am sure the money spent on the iPads could be utilized in some other way to impact his learning and development.	12/8/2016 9:07 PM
239	have separate times for each grade for open house. My kids open house were at the same time so I had to miss one. Longer time slots for parent teacher conferences.	12/8/2016 8:51 PM
240	I would like to see more of a parent presence encouraged in the schools. It appears to be different from school to school, teacher to teacher, and grade to grade.	12/8/2016 8:50 PM
241	Continue efforts to make grade summary reporting more user friendly. Much better this year than last.	12/8/2016 8:19 PM
242	Absolutely nothing! District 58 is fantastic!!!	12/8/2016 8:12 PM
243	nothing	12/8/2016 8:11 PM
244	I would like to see progress reports in between report cards to give us an idea of areas we can focus on. Its hard to find areas at ██████████ that i would change i think everyone is doing a great job	12/8/2016 7:59 PM
245	Helping the children more when struggling ie keeping after school or before for extra help. Send home more study guides for tests. Let parents know when tests are coming up.	12/8/2016 7:44 PM
246	A bit more emphasis on project-based learning rather than assessments.	12/8/2016 7:41 PM
247	Reducing class sizes	12/8/2016 7:21 PM
248	Broadening the gifted la reading program to meet the needs of more students	12/8/2016 7:13 PM

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249	The school needs to limit the amount of time that a child with behavioral issues has in a regular class room - they are distracting to the other students.	12/8/2016 7:10 PM
250	I think it would be great if the District would consider or at least discuss the option of installing air conditioning or window units at the schools.	12/8/2016 7:03 PM
251	Playground.	12/8/2016 6:59 PM
252	No comment as of now we have been with the school less than a year.	12/8/2016 6:36 PM
253	Help minorities get more involved in school activities or programs. For example, at [REDACTED] school, PTA seems like an exclusive club for some.	12/8/2016 6:30 PM
254	There are many aspects of the district that need to be improved. I think home/school communication needs to improve.	12/8/2016 6:23 PM
255	The parking lot.	12/8/2016 6:22 PM
256	Having a dedicated librarian and having more teachers so grades are not combined!	12/8/2016 6:18 PM
257	Help improve interpersonal skills, rather than just evaluate them.	12/8/2016 6:16 PM
258	I'm afraid I can't think of anything at the moment.	12/8/2016 6:11 PM
259	No issues at this time	12/8/2016 6:03 PM
260	Communications between teachers and parents	12/8/2016 6:01 PM
261	:)	12/8/2016 5:55 PM
262	...improvements can be made in communication. Some things are missed or communicated poorly, e.g., promptly updating email addresses.	12/8/2016 5:51 PM
263	need to focus on 4th and 5th grade class student do not seem prepare for 6 grade	12/8/2016 5:37 PM
264	New playground at [REDACTED] PLEASE! :-)	12/8/2016 5:24 PM
265	Communication with parents about progress or needs	12/8/2016 5:19 PM
266	Air conditioning-It's hard to believe that in this day and age the school doesn't have air conditioning. Parking lol-the only parking that is available is for teachers. Nothing but street parking for visitors. Dismissal pick-up-it's an absolute zoo. Although they try to make the process orderly, I try to avoid it. At capacity-the school is at capacity or near capacity and is very crowded. The kids are on top of each other and some rooms have dual use.	12/8/2016 5:12 PM
267	Increased professional development in NVLD	12/8/2016 5:01 PM
268	Better communication about special help. Extra group learning. There are times I haven't known my child is seeing a special teacher for help (i.e. For reading or ot) and I haven't know until a couple of weeks later when my child mentions it.	12/8/2016 5:01 PM
269	Involve parents more	12/8/2016 5:00 PM
270	More discussion with children surrounding diversity issues and appreciation of other students backgrounds. Reduce the amount of standardized testing and use normal (A,B,C,D) grading.	12/8/2016 4:51 PM
271	enrichment opportunities	12/8/2016 4:46 PM
272	academics. The iPads are gimmicky and need to go. Teach these kids to hold a pencil, look up words they can't spell in a dictionary, research topics in books, not just copy and paste from Wikipedia. Math seems to be taught using apps on the iPads, that needs to stop. Get back to the basics and stop trying every new gimmick out there. Pick a math curriculum and stick to it. Every year my kids have been in d58 there has been some big new thing going on that the teachers can't even answer questions about because "it's too new and they're just learning it themselves, bear with us." By the time the teachers have figured out the new big change the district has moved on to something else.	12/8/2016 4:42 PM
273	Teachers knowing more about how to use the ipads. teaching organization, assignment books	12/8/2016 4:39 PM
274	Please do something with the 8th grade math department. I have 4 kids and my last one is in 8th grade. [REDACTED] - one is a little psycho and the other is nice but can't teach. Actually they both can't teach. It's an ongoing problem. I have addressed it every year and even before my last kid started at [REDACTED]. The 8th grade math department is awful.	12/8/2016 4:35 PM
275	Stop coddling the kids. The treats, games, and crafts restrictions are ridiculous. When can the kids learn to take care of themselves if the adults control and protect them from every little problem.	12/8/2016 4:32 PM

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276	prepare grade-school children to be independent and ready to handle their own schedules and responsibilities before shoving it at them in 6th grade. they are expected to have the skills honed in middle school and beyond and often the middle school has to allow for unprepared students from the grade schools. planning, notetaking, use of all materials (not just study guides) should be encouraged at earlier grades.	12/8/2016 4:29 PM
277	Need to offer OKEEP equally at all elementary schools	12/8/2016 4:28 PM
278	██████████ school administration is closed off, non-communicative, unable to handle bullies, and has no idea what to do with students on the autism spectrum.	12/8/2016 4:25 PM
279	Provide Art classes year round as opposed to only for 8 weeks in 7th grade. And ██████████ eliminated extra credit for students this year? For a more accurate view of the student's abilities...not a fan. For kids that maybe don't test well but have great ability this can be one of the best ways to showcase their skills. Can we please make it less about tests/assessments and more about teaching/human interaction?	12/8/2016 4:15 PM
280	Less reliance on lpads to teach younger children -- they are too young to be using technology to learn.	12/8/2016 4:06 PM
281	Respecting diversity/differences in an authentic way.	12/8/2016 3:58 PM
282	N/A	12/8/2016 3:56 PM
283	Can't think of anything. Keep up the good work.	12/8/2016 3:53 PM
284	N/A	12/8/2016 3:52 PM
285	Emphasizing importance of writing in early education. Using pencil and paper to write instead of using devices.	12/8/2016 3:50 PM
286	Higher quality teaching for the middling academic kids.	12/8/2016 3:49 PM
287	FULL TIME LIBRARIANS IN EVERY SINGLE SCHOOL. Institute a high-quality gifted program so that ALL students' needs are met. Not just math acceleration. Gifted education should be more than acceleration and enrichment. D58 is severely lacking in this area, which leads many parents of academically advanced students to explore other options, like area private & parochial schools.	12/8/2016 3:48 PM
288	Be nice to be involved in classroom a bit more. Only happens a lot in kindergarten.	12/8/2016 3:42 PM
289	Increase tuition and have hot lunch Promote diversity as many kids from different family dynamics (forms should say "parents" or "guardians" and not specifically "father" "mother"..) Allow parents to attend Robert Crown with kids For the \$5 gift card for teachers as xmas where the students name gets put on a card if their parents do donate only leaves room for discrimination on kids who have parents who couldn't or chose not to participate. A card signed by all should occur and hope families still participate	12/8/2016 3:42 PM
290	Leeway for tardy - 5 minutes after the bell.	12/8/2016 3:38 PM
291	Less testing and more teacher interaction. Have a better science curriculum and get away from Common Core Math.	12/8/2016 3:32 PM
292	Wish principal communicated more about what is going on at school	12/8/2016 3:31 PM
293	None everything is perfect	12/8/2016 3:28 PM
294	ESY program - having a transition meeting for parents and/or more insight into the program prior to summer transition. The roll-out was significantly better last year. Thank you.... I just want to see continued support in making this program as beneficial as possible for our children who have individual needs.	12/8/2016 3:26 PM
295	making sure the students are equipped with logic, rational thinking and common sense in their future life.	12/8/2016 3:25 PM
296	It is very unfortunate that celebrations at the ██████████ school cannot involve food of any form. Why is it left the each principal to decide if food can be brought to classroom parties? The district should have a stance a whole, either food is allowed at all schools or not at any school. Also, at ██████████, the students MUST go outside unless it is less than zero degrees. This is also ridiculous. The district should have a policy as a whole not to let students outside if it is less than 20 degrees. Who watches over these principals who make these outlandish rules for our children? No one wants to be outside when it is zero degrees out. Another thing about ██████████ is the lack of crossing guards to the school. There should be one stationed at ██████████. Many children cross at this intersection and there is no crossing guard. Other schools have students in the 6th grade that help out with the cross walk areas, but not at ██████████. Again, another failure of this school. If there is bad weather, no one is at the other crosswalk area on ██████████. The superintendent should be visiting the schools to see how they are actually being ran by the principals.	12/8/2016 3:23 PM
297	PARKING AND SAFETY OF SURROUNDING AREAS OF THE SCHOOL.	12/8/2016 3:20 PM
298	I would like my son to have the option to be able to come home for lunch on Halloween to get his costume on instead of having to do so at school.	12/8/2016 3:20 PM
299	One thing I'd like to see improved upon is providing some consistency between grade levels for how communication is handled. Every year is different and difficult to figure out. Always a new system...	12/8/2016 3:17 PM

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300	Focus more on academics and not do much on emotion	12/8/2016 3:15 PM
301	Lengthen the school day. Kids shouldn't feel rushed and stressed out because we're cramming so much into such a short time. For example, eating lunch is a race, which is not a healthy habit to be teaching kids.	12/8/2016 3:15 PM
302	Please touch base more often about how our children are doing in school before conferences and/or report cards.	12/8/2016 3:13 PM
303	Class size of 25+ kids is awful. With that many kids, there is not enough time in the day for there to be any one on one time. [REDACTED] is small so parents are not invited to things happening at the school often. I think most of these questions are leading and almost impossible to give a true impression. They are broad based and your data would be inconclusive. Plus.....feedback on my kids? The district is set up for us to look at things online when possible.are you asking teachers to communicate at an individual regularly on their status? We have wonderful teachers who respond quickly with my questions etc. As a district, don't force our wonderful staff out of teaching by making it an administrative nightmare....they have 26-27 students!	12/8/2016 3:11 PM
304	A little bit better communication on school events. Many parents were unaware of the 5th/6th grade concert last week. I felt like excuses were made rather than owning up to not communicating well and apologizing to those parents that didn't receive information.	12/8/2016 3:10 PM
305	Accelerated learning program. I appreciated intervention program for one of my kid but my other kid is ahead of the curve and wished more opportunities to challenge kids who ahead of the curve.	12/8/2016 3:09 PM
306	None at this time...very pleased!	12/8/2016 3:08 PM
307	I can't think of any	12/8/2016 3:03 PM
308	Math skills	12/8/2016 3:02 PM
309	i do not think kids need 1:1 iPads. It seems excessive to me. It would be wonderful if full day kindergarten could be offered for free. [REDACTED] playground is pretty bad.	12/8/2016 2:58 PM
310	more clear communication	12/8/2016 2:58 PM
311	It happened for the first time this year- my child's teacher emailed me to say that she was happy and proud to have her in class- she assisted someone and was kind. She wanted to share that with me. First time an email like that was sent- no issue- just a note of notice that my kid was doing the right thing. Its expected at conference time- but the extra effort was much appreciated and made me feel better that she was noticing my child.	12/8/2016 2:57 PM
312	It seems there is a disproportionate priority is given to orchestra class, since the students have to miss another subject every week for it. I have heard other subject teachers express frustration that large enough groups of kids miss their class at the same time that it affects what they teach that day. It would seem fair to make it reciprocal, at least, and let students miss one orchestra for every subject class they had to miss, in order to catch up or make up what they missed in class.	12/8/2016 2:57 PM
313	great job!	12/8/2016 2:57 PM
314	teacher attendance - i wish i had as many pto days as [REDACTED]	12/8/2016 2:55 PM
315	Putting a set curriculum in place across all schools in the district.	12/8/2016 2:55 PM
316	Offer language at younger age	12/8/2016 2:54 PM
317	Not enough visual arts. Once every other week is very very weak. I think there should be a third recess in the afternoon as well.	12/8/2016 2:53 PM
318	Large class size in first grade with a child that needs special attention/possibly special needs. This teacher needs a classroom aide to assist this child individually so that the teacher and students can all do their best.	12/8/2016 2:53 PM
319	Morning drop off procedure. I do not think having the classes line up outside when it's less than 20 degrees is appropriate or safe. I feel that kids should always be allowed to enter the building after 8:15 and sit by their cubby/hook. It just seems safer.	12/8/2016 2:53 PM
320	More challenging curriculum is needed for the kids between "gifted" and the middle of the pack.	12/8/2016 2:52 PM
321	SEL is off track.	12/8/2016 2:51 PM
322	how they use iPads	12/8/2016 2:48 PM
323	Caring for my students down time of lunch, Recess, and even fruit break. While I am thankful [REDACTED] promotes caring for our community through peer tutoring, safety patrol, and outreach to SASSED--every child deserves some down time and should be allowed a full fifteen minutes for their own lunch and time to completely consume a piece of fruit. Fifth graders may not be mature enough to understand their need to unplug or to tell adults they admire "no."	12/8/2016 2:48 PM

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324	There are too many locations that I need to log into to see information about my child. Just one location should be suffice,	12/8/2016 2:47 PM
325	More regular feedback from the teachers on what the kids are doing/learning in a given week. Many of the high school teachers have a weekly update.	12/8/2016 2:45 PM
326	I would like to see the traffic congestion fixed during arrival and dismissal. I feel if there was no parking on the north side of the street during pick up and drop off this problem would be fixed. It is a nightmare picking up my children!	12/8/2016 2:45 PM
327	Get champions!!!! [REDACTED] is the only one that does not have it!!!	12/8/2016 2:44 PM
328	The music program. My three children literally dread going to music. One even had an upset stomach on music days. The teacher, [REDACTED] does not make music an enriched experience for my children.	12/8/2016 2:43 PM
329	class size	12/8/2016 2:42 PM
330	More training with teachers/kids regarding autism and kids on the spectrum. It would be nice if each school had the sands rules regarding parties/parent involvement/etc. the secretary at [REDACTED] is not friendly at all and seems like parents/kids are bothering her anytime anyone asks her a question.	12/8/2016 2:40 PM
331	Sports and gym class	12/8/2016 2:40 PM
332	needs to focus more on the student body being kind to students with social anxiety	12/8/2016 2:37 PM
333	Support for high achieving students. They should not be always teaching themselves math lessons in the hallway while the teacher works with the rest of the class.	12/8/2016 2:35 PM
334	Air conditioning for those unbearable days!	12/8/2016 2:34 PM
335	Giving 6th graders more independence, & preparing them for middle school. As a parent of a 6th grader who just left a middle school to begin school here (bc of move) it's been a difficult transition only bc my son is upset to return to elementary, I thought if the school already treated their 6th graders like middle schoolers it wouldn't matter, but they don't. I definitely think he feels he regressed coming here, & it's been difficult. So if they can't put 6th in the middle school maybe they can change the way they treat them. For their sake & preparedness too!	12/8/2016 2:34 PM
336	Teachers appear to get personally defensive when discussing issues related to students. This gets in the way of good problem identification discussions, and resolutions. Communication in this area is particularly sub par. Especially for educators.	12/8/2016 2:32 PM
337	Relies too much on technology. Prime example -- why do these kids have iPads? I'd rather see the iPads go away and that money used to give teachers more resources! Secondly, why does my first grader come home with 7 different assessments? Seems the district should focus more on educating these kids instead of focusing so much on assessing!	12/8/2016 2:31 PM
338	Crack down on bullies	12/8/2016 2:28 PM
339	More frequent anti-bullying programs; encouraging acceptance and understanding	12/8/2016 2:28 PM
340	I would love for [REDACTED] to have "walls", but assuming that won't happen - please communicate more frequently with the parents regarding academic performance. The new standards/ratings don't communicate that (even with all of the "data").	12/8/2016 2:28 PM
341	Add air conditioning and ventilation. Place is uncomfortable in warmer weather. Indoor air quality is poor	12/8/2016 2:28 PM
342	Space. Class sizes are too big and the music and art room have been moved to a cart to accommodate growth.	12/8/2016 2:27 PM
343	District 58 should allow for parent feedback regarding the future of technology usage in our schools and also the report card. It doesn't seem like there is a lot of parent feedback used in decision making. There is also not enough emphasis put on writing for all the kids.	12/8/2016 2:00 PM
344	social emotional developement of children	12/8/2016 8:17 AM
345	social emotional developement of students	12/8/2016 8:14 AM
346	Making sure the lockers work well and are working all the time	12/7/2016 11:33 AM
347	I would like a better defined plan on how to incorporate gifted and talented learning at home schools starting at kindergarten through 8 grade. Better plan for differentiated leaning. Better communication from teachers if child is being pulled out for special assistance. Get rid fo PARCC testing since it doesn't seem to be used to determine student progress. Work on better consistency of programs across all schools. [REDACTED] needs to not be allowed to sub at the school. She is mean to the kids and picks on them if they don't know an answer to a problem at school and causes them to not want to be at school	12/7/2016 11:03 AM

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348	Enhance the social/emotional curriculum to help students apply what they are learning. So for example, observe what is happening on the playground, at recess, etc and use teachable moments.	12/6/2016 9:45 PM
349	Better management and support for non-typical learners in the middle school setting.	12/6/2016 9:10 PM
350	<p>First, ██████ School could improve upon their community involvement. There seems to be little community involvement from teachers and administrators with families outside the school day. As a family, we attended events such as bingo night, the ice cream social, balloon release, PTA breakfast first day of school and pancake breakfast. At these events from what I could see there was no teachers or administrators in attendance. They did attend trivia night but that was the only event I saw any school personnel in attendance outside of the school day. It is sad to see the lack of participation from teachers and administrators. When entering the school for curriculum night there was no one greeting you at the door or showing you where to go. There were people sitting behind the desk but it would be much more welcoming and inviting if they were greeting people by the door shaking hands and pointing you in the right direction of your child's classroom. It does not take much to show a friendly face and welcoming handshake at some of these events so the community could sense and see that the school cares and wants to be part of the community.</p> <p>Second, communication could also be better from teachers and the principal at ██████ school. The teachers from my experience have minimal communication through a few pictures online. I would love to have newsletters/blog some type of updates on what my child is learning without having to ask for it. They are more than happy to answer questions but I just wish the information was shared without having to ask. Everyone wants to know what their child is learning in school other than reports cards and curriculum night. The principal also shares a monthly newsletter and is on twitter but again the information is minimal and vague. As working parents or even stay at home parent's communication is the only way we can see what our children are learning and how the school is running as far as initiatives, awards, and celebrating children. There are no whole school initiatives for behavior or celebrating children's success. If there are these types of awards or recognition again it is not shared or communicated with parents. Communication is a way for parents to feel that they are part of the school community and their child's education. ██████ the principal of ██████ is always sharing on twitter. He shares what is happening in the teachers' classrooms and in his school. You can tell he is actively in the classroom and is celebrating his teachers and students. Students should know the principal and be having positive interactions with them. Having access to technology all the administrators and teachers should be expected to communicate at a more equal level. The students can even start school newspapers using blogs, twitter, or facebook pages to share with parents. Fifth and sixth grade students could easily start an online school newspaper under teacher supervision and share school happenings each week featuring a different classroom. Downers Grove has all this technology but teachers, administrators and even students don't use these tools to share what is happening in the schools equally with the community. Parents are only invited in the school for the holiday parties. There are no guest readers or parent volunteers in the classroom. If this is going to be the case we should at least be welcomed through teacher newsletters or more communication from the school. I am concerned about the math instruction my child is receiving in Downers Grove. In third grade students take the PARRCC assessment and are expected to answer multiply step math problems. The students are also expected to explain in written form their thought process on how these math problems are solved. It concerns me that Downers Grove uses a scope and sequence that provides a page worksheet as an example of concepts and standards. Worksheets are never the best way to learn. There is not a lot of work coming home that shows my child practicing extended response. It worries me that our district does not have a math program that follows the common core with common language and preparation for the PARRCC test. Teachers are using random and old materials to support the concepts and common core standards. At conferences I asked the teacher if she was going to be implementing guided reading with my child and she said the instructional associate would be reading with my child. I think that is great but I also think the teacher could fit in a 20 minute a week guided reading lesson with my child and the other students. I am a firm believer that students grades K-6 should be participating in at least one if not more guided reading lessons with their teacher each week.</p>	12/6/2016 8:11 PM
351	Not a big fan of schools having combination/split classes. Luckily ██████ does not have this, but others do and that should be looked into more.	12/6/2016 5:30 PM
352	Updating curriculum materials. Perhaps less money on one-to-one technology and more money spent on curriculum materials.	12/6/2016 1:10 PM
353	nothing	12/6/2016 12:01 PM
354	Language Arts curriculum in general is woefully behind the times but the middle school curriculum is particularly inadequate.	12/6/2016 8:01 AM
355	There is a wide disparity of experiences across the district in any given grade.	12/6/2016 7:54 AM
356	Teachers need to respect that children in middle school need to be allowed to do critical thinking processes by being given a variety of factual information and not necessarily just the information the teacher chooses to allow.	12/6/2016 6:25 AM
357	Communication, one central location for keeping track of events including PTA, choir, band, conferences, music programs etc. Each group would be responsible for submitting their info to the calendar. Could be via email and one paper copy monthly.	12/6/2016 6:07 AM

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358	One thing that I would like improved at [REDACTED] if possible, would be that the parking lot entrances be completely blocked off (sign placed in middle of entrance) during the morning and after school only when the children are walking to and from school. I know there is a crossing guard helper there, but it's dangerous and someone could turn in or pull out while the kids are walking by.	12/5/2016 10:20 PM
359	Perhaps the foreign language program could begin in seventh grade so our students do become bilingual students by the time they graduate from high school.	12/5/2016 9:16 PM
360	The reading curriculum is very outdated and not giving our students the skills they need to boost their learning. Particularly kindergarten, my child knew more going into kindergarten than he has learned yet so far.	12/5/2016 8:55 PM
361	I do not think having a 1st/2nd split class was a good choice. I think a 2nd/3rd or higher level would have been better. Parents were not notified until the very last day of summer. It was not handled well at all. I do not feel the children are being taught at the appropriate level in the split class.	12/5/2016 1:50 PM
362	Most teachers are great, but school has at least one sub-par teacher (he doesn't have much ambition and seems to phone it in) who has been around for a while. My children do not have this teacher now. Concerns about teacher have been made to administration by parents. Wish more could be done to have them improve or move on from school.	12/5/2016 1:26 PM
363	I don't have any suggestions for improvement at this time.	12/5/2016 1:06 PM
364	Helping children play in mixed groups and be friends as a whole. Thank you!	12/5/2016 12:08 PM
365	Asking for and incorporating parent feedback in decisions that affect our children.	12/5/2016 11:44 AM
366	Curriculum for the middle school.	12/5/2016 11:13 AM
367	Having art once every two weeks doesn't seem sufficient. At least once a week would be nice. [REDACTED] seems to have a very high number of students this year with significant behavior issues. It's proving to be very distracting to the other children in the classroom(s) and teaching time is being lost. Typing out stories or long passages of text on the iPad concerns me. It seems like the district should provide actual keyboards that attach to the iPads.	12/5/2016 10:43 AM
368	Really can't think of anything.	12/5/2016 9:49 AM
369	Communicating specifically with parents of food allergy students what the exact procedures are at the school, and telling the child what he/she has to do, where to sit, who opens their containers, meeting the nurse/office staff, etc. My son is a rule follower and was frustrated that he didn't know where to sit, how to ask kids to sit elsewhere if a child had a peanut lunch next to him, who opens his lunch etc. Some clearer instructions from administration directed specifically at parents of allergy kids and also the allergy kids themselves-- to help them advocate for themselves and feel like they're following the rules would be really helpful. Maybe a 1x/year meeting with all allergy kids & parents?? (We are a bit of a sub-community and it might be nice to meet the other parents dealing with allergic kids at school)? Just a thought. Or simply a letter from the principal to us would be good too.	12/5/2016 9:25 AM
370	The math report card is horrible. Telling me the date that my child "mastered" a given competency is completely unhelpful. It leaves me to guess what he understood well vs. areas of instruction that he struggled with.	12/5/2016 9:01 AM
371	Ask teachers to be more prompt in their responses to parents, especially when it is about requesting a conference time.	12/5/2016 8:04 AM
372	My daughter is deathly afraid of a boy named [REDACTED]. Please provide [REDACTED] the tools to maintain the safety of the well-intended, compliant students.	12/4/2016 9:16 PM
373	Differentiating in the classroom to meet advanced students needs and communicate better regarding what initiatives are being done.	12/4/2016 9:11 PM
374	Let parents evaluate teachers. I would give District 58 top marks if I could evaluate teachers individually. I gave [REDACTED] poor marks because of one teacher [REDACTED] is a horrible teacher. He is mean and has no business teaching kids. He may understand math but his teaching style is horrible. Children are generally afraid of him. He is a classic example of what is wrong with Unions apparently this guy can't be fired.	12/4/2016 2:18 PM
375	More transparency on the decision making process behind the scenes, such as staffing and class placement.	12/4/2016 1:42 PM
376	Food quality in lunchroom	12/4/2016 11:23 AM
377	Feedback over the years has turned from "we love the LRC" to "It's not fun at all". Also, complaints about lunch time "being yelled at" and "not having enough time to eat" have gotten more frequent.	12/4/2016 9:43 AM
378	Allergy awareness is evident. Implementation and follow through needs to be practiced.	12/4/2016 8:29 AM
379	Helping parents stay up to date with events and activities that are available, so that we can help encourage our children to participate. We (parents, teachers and students) get bombarded with so much information, from everything in our daily lives, that it's sometimes difficult to stay on top of things that we need to.	12/3/2016 9:47 PM

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380	Change administrative team	12/3/2016 6:46 PM
381	Art electives for 8th graders. There's no reason art should fall through the cracks in 8th grade. Teacher support - they are more important than any technology..	12/3/2016 4:48 PM
382	More art. Relieve teachers of stress of having all kids be high achievers and instead learn about having balance in life. Realizing that not all kids will grow up to be scientists and mathematician- good teachers know this and should be supported.	12/3/2016 4:45 PM
383	Caring for the whole child. Middle school years are wrought with physical and emotional development. Teachers should be sensitive to this. When students do the right thing and problem solve for task completion they should be given respect. As teachers respect students, students will respect teachers. This relationship fosters learning. Many teachers seem to imply that middle school students are mini adults. Basic psychology tells us this is not true. It is imperative at that this age, kids need guidance and encouragement. They need to feel respected and to be treated fairly. When this environment is where learning takes place success follows. ██████████ is a wonderful example of how respecting students fosters respect. We've been most impressed by him. Wish other teachers could learn from him.	12/3/2016 4:18 PM
384	If the schedule is altered to begin classes earlier in August, we must have a plan for air conditioning.	12/3/2016 4:11 PM
385	Providing more information and resources both for students who are gifted and for students with learning challenges.	12/3/2016 4:06 PM
386	Indoor recess. Cramming kids in the hallway is an accident waiting to happen.	12/3/2016 2:10 PM
387	Challenge students more and make them accountable for their actions.	12/3/2016 10:24 AM
388	Provide parents with Mid Quarter Progress Reports	12/3/2016 9:15 AM
389	When students with behavior issues enter a class, the amount of disruption to learning has been detrimental to other students in the class. I am not unsympathetic to the right to learn of all students, but when my child is afraid of a student in class, or I'm told of outrageous behaviors that happen frequently, I question how much time is being taken away from the 20+ other students who have a right to learn as well. I would like more attention given to this issue. I have shared my feelings with my child's teacher during the times this has occurred. Each time I have been told that they are aware of the situation and are working on it. This is more than one instance over the many years our family has been at ██████████, and I feel like in the more recent years, it is happening more frequently. I understand this is a difficult process, but needs some serious consideration.	12/3/2016 8:35 AM
390	District 58 could improve respect and appreciation for diversity of the student population.	12/2/2016 6:32 PM
391	Building facilities could use a face-lift	12/2/2016 6:10 PM
392	I district wide policy on classroom parties and food. These used to be fun. Now it seems that because no parent wants their child left out all the students and parent volunteers must adhere to the needs of a minority. The fun has been slowly drained away with all the rules.	12/2/2016 5:12 PM
393	Can't think of anything. They do a great job!	12/2/2016 4:35 PM
394	BRING LETTER GRADES BACK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	12/2/2016 3:50 PM
395	Remembering each child is an individual. Do not talk about one class to another. Communicate with the parents on a regular basis if needed.	12/2/2016 3:31 PM
396	felt information prior to the start of 7th grade could've been improved	12/2/2016 3:28 PM
397	Asking for less tissue and hand sanitizer - wouldn't it be better to charge us a fee per student and purchase in bulk?	12/2/2016 3:07 PM
398	Our school's rules on some issues seem to be pretty rigid and it would be nice if they were not so much	12/2/2016 2:59 PM
399	None	12/2/2016 2:55 PM
400	Detailed Info/Communication of progress. Aside from Grades, we have no idea how our child is progressing.	12/2/2016 2:51 PM
401	Pushing kids who might not be very challenged in the classroom with additional and higher level work. Striving for a slightly more rigorous learning environment.	12/2/2016 2:51 PM
402	The transition between elementary/middle/high school is challenging and it would be helpful to have support for parents with only one child who haven't navigated the waters before.	12/2/2016 2:49 PM
403	DG 58 could do a much better job in ensuring that the lunch provided at school ██████████ is of better quality. Honestly, the menu is not healthy and if you survey the kids, they will tell you it's disgusting.	12/2/2016 2:35 PM
404	Can't think of anything.	12/2/2016 2:28 PM
405	The math curriculum! It's unnecessarily frustrating for students and not developmentally appropriate for many of the younger student.	12/2/2016 2:02 PM

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406	Keep up the good work!	12/2/2016 1:08 PM
407	More space for full day kindergarten	12/2/2016 10:47 AM
408	I wonder if the teachers are taking advantage of the Map testing results and reviewing with the students. Causes a lot of stress and are the results used to prep for the next???	12/2/2016 10:31 AM
409	With all the testing, I don't believe there is a deep dive to understand the results. Given an MAP score and that dictates your reading group. That's all I know. I think these kids need to be challenged more - I know they can do it.	12/2/2016 10:25 AM
410	Less emotional learning, more math and science instruction.	12/2/2016 9:30 AM
411	My school could encourage our teachers to do weekly newsletters or email snipits. I feel in the younger grades, my child can't always communicate the information. They have started using Seesaw which I love, but it gives snipits and not an overall of the week. I would like to see a little less technology in the lower grades. Handwriting is so important and it's no wonder that writing skills are terrible when majority of the work is in iPads and homework is all iPad based. Worksheets would be very welcome at home. D58 as a whole needs to get a better blueprint on curriculum for grade levels. In speaking with parents from different schools, I wonder if my child could easily transition to another district school of in that situation.	12/2/2016 9:28 AM
412	Overcrowding full commitment to full day kindergarten	12/1/2016 3:47 PM
413	I have two older children that have come through DG58 and feel that their executive function skills were lacking when they entered high school. I know they are taught things at the middle school level, but I feel it needs to happen earlier in their education.	12/1/2016 10:45 AM
414	Lack of time devoted to physical activity by means of schedule Gym or PE class. Most other parents throughout the major metropolitan area I speak with go to Gym class once/day. My children go twice/week.	12/1/2016 10:36 AM
415	We haven't been a ████████ for very long so there's not been much of an opportunity to assess any shortcomings. Our child LOVES going to school each day and really does admire his teacher. And I do feel comfortable bringing up any concerns if and when they arise.	12/1/2016 10:34 AM
416	My child is part of the Rise K-2 Program and I feel that you should support our children in Gen-Ed Classrooms more. And have Aides/Gen-Ed teachers that have more training in terms of working with children with special needs.	12/1/2016 10:29 AM
417	I believe the school need air conditioning. I believe the heat in the classroom in the beginning and end of the year when the weather is hot makes it difficult for the children in the school to learn.	12/1/2016 10:02 AM
418	I am concerned with the use of common core math.	12/1/2016 9:58 AM
419	Each year it takes at least 3 months before my daughters are "placed" into the right reading and math groups. They lose good learning time before they are placed. Assess the end of the prior school year and place them the first few weeks the next year.	11/30/2016 10:21 PM
420	hold students accountable for standards in junior high	11/30/2016 9:12 PM
421	Air conditioning in the classrooms. Seriously. Can the PTA donate this?	11/30/2016 9:02 PM
422	Communication from the administration is frequently less than desirable both on the school as well as the district level.	11/30/2016 7:25 PM
423	Space and capacity issues	11/30/2016 6:58 PM
424	(1) Reduce sick days: Train kids to cough/sneeze into elbow and to wash hands before lunch. (2) Proactively tailor student needs to an at home action plan. My daughter didn't grow in two MAP areas, and I initiated discussions on what can we do at home to help her with those specific topics.	11/30/2016 6:40 PM
425	Structure of drop-off and pickup of students.	11/30/2016 5:34 PM
426	I do not like how decisions are made without letting parents know. Like taking child out of science and social studies for a extra reading class. i do not believe in taking a child out of a subject to help in another . What i think would be better is taking them out of art, music, recess, etc instead.	11/30/2016 4:02 PM
427	Watching better the Special Education and who is coordinating those programs.	11/30/2016 2:59 PM
428	develop a more current and comprehensive language arts program	11/30/2016 12:58 PM
429	More time to speak to teachers during conferences	11/30/2016 11:46 AM
430	Developing more STEM opportunities	11/30/2016 9:33 AM
431	Communication on specific classroom agendas, curriculum, ipad applications, is very lacking.	11/30/2016 9:15 AM

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432	More practice in writing and less on the iPad. Work on more problem solving for real life situations. Teach them to become thinkers and not rely on the computer so much. Also to have teachers be more present and willing to be present at school activities and PTA meetings.	11/30/2016 8:34 AM
433	Better explanation online regarding school programming options	11/30/2016 6:07 AM
434	██████ needs to be updated. The facilities are very old and need to be refreshed.	11/29/2016 10:02 PM
435	space/class size	11/29/2016 10:02 PM
436	Update the facilities. ██████ is very old looking and needs a good facelift inside.	11/29/2016 9:57 PM
437	space available for children to continue to promote the arts and creativity portions of learning, to grow the OKEEP program to include all children in Kindergarten and to expand space available for Champions to provide quality before and after school care to more students.	11/29/2016 9:52 PM
438	Better website for school...easier links to teacher's emails....could be more professional looking.	11/29/2016 6:12 PM
439	Too much time spent on standardized testing	11/29/2016 3:05 PM
440	Communicating with parents about how the teachers are preparing 6th graders for homework load in middle school.	11/29/2016 2:58 PM
441	Remove poor instructors like ██████. He provided me a parent teacher conference using the wrong child's information. I think it is no coincidence that this same year I had to teach my daughter math, because she was clearly not getting that from ██████.	11/29/2016 1:32 PM
442	The class size is too large to make sure that inappropriate comments aren't being made by other children. My son is one of the ones in his class and he comes home every day with stories about what kids are saying and how kids are acting that make it very difficult for a first grader like himself to learn	11/29/2016 12:58 PM
443	The principal mentioned forming a parent panel to assist with communication 15 months ago. To date this has not happened.	11/29/2016 12:42 PM
444	More activity diversity	11/29/2016 12:08 PM
445	Continuous improvement and analysis of how our culture is evolving so that our kids will be prepared as they move up in school and into the world. If possible, opportunities to focus on experimenting with vocational programs - such as farming or basic carpentry / construction, etc. would be fantastic!	11/29/2016 11:36 AM
446	N/a	11/29/2016 11:18 AM
447	Managing complaining parents.	11/29/2016 11:07 AM
448	Communication. As an incoming kindergarten family, we were in the dark about so much as the school year approached. We are also experiencing a teacher change midsemester, and the communication around that has been lacking.	11/29/2016 10:29 AM
449	I feel that there can definitely be better personal communication from the teachers. I understand that teachers' resources are taxed, especially with large classrooms, but I would appreciate regular feedback outside of conferences. I feel that "outlier" children on the high end can often be ignored.	11/29/2016 9:25 AM
450	Reminding kids of the long term harmful effects of social media if unkind pictures or words are posted.	11/29/2016 8:59 AM
451	Our children need more music and art education. Art Awareness lessons don't count.	11/29/2016 8:24 AM
452	I would like to see parent teacher conferences moved from second quarter to third quarter.	11/29/2016 7:18 AM
453	I would like for parent/teacher conferences to be first and third quarters instead of first and second.	11/29/2016 7:14 AM
454	Maybe more opportunities for foreign language for primary students, thats a stretch.. ██████ is great	11/29/2016 6:55 AM
455	There are too many initiatives that are pushed through without full planning and thoughtful collaboration with teachers. This negatively impacts student learning and success.	11/29/2016 6:38 AM
456	Nothing - it's a great school and district!	11/29/2016 6:31 AM
457	Differentiation for students with special needs, or children who learn differently. Continuation and communication of these learning/teaching strategies for these children from year to year. Teachers need to communicate these strategies more effectively to the following year's teacher.	11/29/2016 6:27 AM
458	Communication to both parents in a divorce situation. Especially if you send home information with the children, I may not receive it this the event is already over. The line of communication needs to improve for the non custodial parent.	11/29/2016 12:48 AM
459	Challenging students to work at a level higher than their test scores show. Not all students test well but are high academic achievers. If they test poorly then they aren't grouped appropriately and get bored quite easily	11/29/2016 12:01 AM

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460	- this questionnaire is biased to giving positive answers, I have no chance to select that I do not know. - make the questionnaire available on the school district website, so parents can answer anonymously.	11/28/2016 10:14 PM
461	provide another classroom at ██████ discontinue the 1:1 program and replace with more math/science	11/28/2016 10:09 PM
462	We are very pleased with the education that District 58 and in particular ██████ school has provided my children. If I could choose one thing that could be improved it would be the parking/driving around the school during drop off and pick up times. It would be wonderful to see police presence more often during the drop off and pick times where they could monitor the parking and the drivers. Other than that request ██████ has been a wonderful place for my children to gain the skills as life long learners!	11/28/2016 10:01 PM
463	Stop playing games. I know that districts have their own interests and budgets, but when it's not working, and it's obvious to everyone that it's not working, then it's time to stop playing games and talk about major changes in programming.	11/28/2016 9:36 PM
464	Need more accelerated curriculum for those who need additional challenges. My child is bored at school. It's too bad her gifted program is only once per week. It should be everyday.	11/28/2016 9:32 PM
465	2 things. 1. Less homework 2. Less ridiculous iPad work. I'd like the iPad to stay at school. It is a distraction at home, regardless of my rules of use and time.	11/28/2016 9:30 PM
466	I can't think of anything at this time.	11/28/2016 9:21 PM
467	Equality between schools within the district. ██████ is left with larger class sizes and fewer resources than any other school within in the district even though the statistics show the growth will continue in this school neighborhood for years to come. With an LRC teacher only available 2 days a week and class sizes either over 30 or split and combined between grades levels ██████ students do not get the same resources and teacher focus as the other students within the district	11/28/2016 8:44 PM
468	I think they need more resources beyond the classroom for help with math. They have reading resources and specialist but nothing extra for math.	11/28/2016 8:18 PM
469	Communication from the reading specialists. I don't receive any feedback from them and my child has been seeing them for several years.	11/28/2016 8:13 PM
470	N/A	11/28/2016 8:08 PM
471	More assistance/information to new parents of transferring students.	11/28/2016 8:06 PM
472	Less focus on filling superintendent level positions. More focus on things our kids need. Float a bond for public approval. Just because it hasn't worked in 50 years isn't a good reason not to try. We need better facilities for these kids- classes are overcrowded at ██████. the board seems tone deaf to parent input. ██████ has failed to deliver a curriculum. How many years should that take? More than one thing of course but this question is important	11/28/2016 7:50 PM
473	I have no recollection of being invited to the classroom. This extends back to when me son was at ██████. I would like to have these opportunities.	11/28/2016 7:42 PM
474	I think there can always been improvement on curriculum.	11/28/2016 7:38 PM
475	I was dismayed that the district took such a long time to repair the back playground at ██████. Allowing kids to play on a playground that was covered in caution tape is not my idea of the pride that I like to take in ██████ school. I feel I can take great pride in the quality education the kids enjoy and thrive within.	11/28/2016 7:20 PM
476	Improve space issues at ██████	11/28/2016 7:03 PM
477	More art classes, not just twice a month. Just like music, the art helps in overall education.	11/28/2016 6:53 PM
478	i wish we could meet w/teachers on a qtrly basis, i know this would be taxing to the teachers and understand why its only 2x a year vs 4x a year. i also am aware that i'm able to meet w/my children's teacher at anytime.	11/28/2016 6:12 PM
479	The math curriculum has gone through so many changes that it is no longer very coherent. The effort to push math skills lower down into middle and elementary school (while prescribed by common core) is a bit misguided.	11/28/2016 6:09 PM
480	Provide a better transition for your kindergarten students- currently it is either a "half"day program which is too short for most parents and not much different from preschool, or a full day program which is no longer a transition/preparation program but rather plunging into regular schooling. There's a need for middle ground- maybe so called half day students should be allowed to stay an hour or so longer at school for recess/lunch which would get them used to longer school days, but without the additional afternoon instruction. Such solution would provide a much better transition into full day 1st grade.	11/28/2016 5:50 PM
481	Sports at the grade school level	11/28/2016 5:35 PM

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482	They need to offer art in 8th grade. Also, they need to increase art to weekly for all kindergartners as well as elementary students. New state standards make it even more important to finally offer an art program like those offered in surrounding districts that feed into District 99.	11/28/2016 5:26 PM
483	Parent input	11/28/2016 5:10 PM
484	Fundraising	11/28/2016 5:07 PM
485	I would like to see much stricter security measures implemented at all schools. It is too easy to walk right into the school. Given the number of violent incidents at schools over the past several years, I think the district needs to have tougher security in place.	11/28/2016 4:45 PM
486	Understanding food allergies	11/28/2016 4:34 PM
487	I have 2 students at [REDACTED] for the first time this year. I would love if all teachers used the same app/tools to communicate with parents. Not only do I usually have to learn a new one each year, but I have to keep up with one for each kid. Ideally all teachers could agree on one method (Class DoJo, SeeSaw, etc.) and use that so parents can go to one place.	11/28/2016 4:20 PM
488	I wish the conference app would be opened in the evening instead of the day. Difficult to get to phone to sign up.	11/28/2016 4:13 PM
489	Address class sizes, give classes with more than 24 kids a teacher's aide or preferably create smaller classes. Why do we only have pe twice a week when the state mandates 5 days per week? Why is music more important than art, since music is once a week and art is once every other week? Schools need to have extra iPads so that students who forgot their iPads can still participate in school and not be left behind. Parents need to be better informed on what their children are actually doing in school, there's things they are learning in the LRC that we had no idea about for the last 4 years. There needs to be better communication from the staff, even just a couple of sentences on what's happening in each subject once a week. Some teachers provide much more information on their websites than others, there needs to be a standard set. The board needs to listen to teacher and parents concerns, the point is to improve the conditions, so working together is what needs to happen. The board needs to change attitudes. We should eliminate parc testing.	11/28/2016 4:12 PM
490	The principals that we've had (only two in the 12+ years we've been 58 parents) are somewhat lacking. Nice people, but not sure how effective they are in leading their schools, as a parent looking in, not all that impressed. Too many unacknowledged emails and unreturned calls. I don't consider us to be very needy parents or citizens of the schools, as such, I expect my calls or emails to be responded to at some point and not simply ignored. If I did that at my work, I'd be terminated. Not asking for much, just some basic courtesy.	11/28/2016 3:17 PM
491	When emailing a teacher, they should respond within 24 hours normally at other schools. Some of the emails I have emailed to my child's teacher have not been responded in a timely manner.	11/28/2016 3:14 PM
492	[REDACTED] is the ONLY school in 58 without Champions. Please get it ASAP. Don't wait until next year. The district needs to get ELA together!!! My son was getting an A in writing at another district school and now at [REDACTED] he's getting a C!!!! Not my sons fault. So now I feel like I need to get him a tutor to help him catch-up to the stuff he MISSED at another 58 school. Really. Also no supt should get paid what [REDACTED] proposed in her contract in October. I think the district needs to hold strong where her salary is and make her actually meet her goals and improve the district. If she doesn't like the money she's getting now then she can go elsewhere.	11/28/2016 3:12 PM
493	Support teachers	11/28/2016 2:55 PM
494	Provide teachers the necessary support and resources - they should not be spending their own money to fill in curriculum gaps.	11/28/2016 2:53 PM
495	Keeping the school calenar in sync with other school districts. Reading support entrance and exit criteria.	11/28/2016 2:23 PM
496	[REDACTED] is the weak link at [REDACTED]. He is not engaged and not respected by the children. He just does not seem to be cut out for the job as principal. Get a new principal.	11/28/2016 2:15 PM
497	I would like discussions on bullying. Also, as each year it seems to be getting hotter and hotter, the district should investigate the cost of air conditioning. My son comes home from school with heat rashes and it seems like the heat takes away from the learning environment.	11/28/2016 2:10 PM
498	Fire [REDACTED]. He is a horrible teacher and a nasty human being. Not sure what his problem is but he seems to have a chip on his shoulder and thinks he can take it out on the students. We have had multiple children in his math class over the years and he seems to get worse with time.	11/28/2016 2:09 PM
499	Diversity and social emotional learning.	11/28/2016 2:08 PM
500	None	11/28/2016 2:06 PM
501	Support for teachers; increase instructional staff such as Librarians for all schools; more streamlined implementation of curriculum;	11/28/2016 1:59 PM

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502	Stop making the smaller schools share resources, i.e. LRC	11/28/2016 1:57 PM
503	Have teachers no more than a week behind in updating the portal with grades & progress since there isn't communication w/parents. 12 and 13 year olds forget to share the district emails w/teachers so CC parents on these so stress is reduced at home.	11/28/2016 1:55 PM
504	Upgrade facilities- ie: bathrooms at ██████ are very dated. the locks on some stalls don't work. For girls going through puberty not having a stall that locks is a nightmare.	11/28/2016 1:45 PM
505	Overall I LOVE this school. There are one or two teachers that are not at the same level as the rest but that would be true anywhere. I would like DG58 to focus on supporting our wonderful teachers so they are happy to come to work.	11/28/2016 1:39 PM
506	Availability to see live grades/status. Perhaps this is only used for older schools but would be great to see for say 4th, 5th and 6th grades.	11/28/2016 1:34 PM
507	Communication on upcoming school events - reminders more often vs once a month emails from the principal.	11/28/2016 1:31 PM
508	There is no consistency. Most schools have a full-time librarian, ours does not. One school has smaller class sizes, ours does not. ██████ did away with their grade level splits, our school looks at grade-level splits as a way to not hire another teacher to meet the enrollment demands. These kids are not getting the same education as other students throughout the district. Don't believe me? Then why are 1st and 2nd grade students getting the same curriculum for both science and social studies. Also, why has the school done away with spelling? And grammar? This is a whole language approach to learning, one that we proved did not work for students in the 80's. I think the school and district's curriculum needs to be congruent from one school to another and be data driven.	11/28/2016 1:30 PM
509	We would love to see more equality between the schools. Some school have the resources and facilities they need and others don't.	11/28/2016 1:25 PM
510	Offer foreign language at a younger age. Offer more opportunities for advanced students to learn at a faster pace or more in depth material at a younger age.	11/28/2016 1:23 PM
511	Get rid of Common Core. It is putting our children so far behind children in surrounding districts. Consider an advanced/gifted program for students prior to 4th grade. If students are not challenged and utilizing their skills and talents then we are not maximizing a child's potential.	11/28/2016 12:51 PM
512	Full day kindergarten option at ██████ without the lottery and risk of kids being sent to another school. It is a stressful decision for the parents when they don't know what will happen and can't communicate to their young child what they will be doing the following year.	11/28/2016 12:47 PM
513	The policy about not letting parents know that lice is going around the classroom is terrible. The excuse about confidentiality is just that an excuse. This is not a hospital I don't believe I signed a HIPPA form for the kids to attend. I don't need to know what kid has the lice but I sure would like a note sent home so that all the parents are aware that it is going around and we can keep a close eye on it. Instead it was not let known and it is spreading like wild fire. This is not a common cold which most times you can't prevent but lice is preventable if you take the proper precautions.	11/28/2016 12:38 PM
514	E-mails, there are way too many of them. I will not unsubscribe because I don't want to miss something important. The quantity of emails and content of emails needs to be reduced and abbreviated.	11/28/2016 12:33 PM
515	More time should be spent teaching and reteaching using a diversified process rather than assessing for data for data collection.	11/28/2016 12:28 PM
516	DESK FOR ALL CLASSROOMS.	11/28/2016 12:22 PM
517	I see continued activities removed from the school including parent involvement activities. I am saddened that these traditions are not carried out. These bonded the kids as a school. Seems as though we have lost some community. While I understand all are trying to adapt, there doesn't seem to be any innovative ideas to replace things that are being removed.	11/28/2016 12:22 PM
518	Less testing	11/28/2016 12:21 PM
519	Realize that parents work and cannot always volunteer in the classroom and make more opportunities for us to help out.	11/28/2016 12:19 PM
520	Lowering class sizes. I hear there's over-populated schools and under-populated school, why on earth would you not ask parents to balance the load? Last year we had an awful teacher and our entire family wanted to leave ██████ I would bet there's others. But wait, you're just going to raise our taxes to add on to the school more because what do we know?	11/28/2016 12:16 PM
521	Continue with letter grades and standardized testing to prepare them for high school. End squirrel. That is two things, I know.	11/28/2016 12:07 PM

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522	The schools have a liberal leaning position on political and social issues. Political and social neutrality must be improved. The reception each of the last two presidential elects received from the schools has been very different. Conservative philosophies are not very welcome.	11/28/2016 12:01 PM
523	Continuity among the schools. Not all schools have the same advantages/disadvantages due to the individual parent groups in the schools and what each parent group for each school may or may not provide.	11/28/2016 11:58 AM
524	1. District test scores have fallen year after year at a higher and faster rate than surrounding districts. Our teachers are unhappy with the current curriculum as are the parents. 2. We need a District wide policy on class sizes. Surrounding Districts have them and District 58 does not. 3. Test scores directly relate to class size. 4. The salaried District Administrators do not appear to care and most certainly do not create a supportive environment for parents of District 58. The environment is extremely non inclusive.	11/28/2016 11:58 AM
525	ACTUALLY in ██████████ Classroom settings are not secure for intruders, are they?	11/28/2016 11:57 AM
526	I don't always know how my student is doing towards mastering standards. Math standards are more clear than language arts and reading standards. I am unsure on how mastering standards translates to a grade.	11/28/2016 11:52 AM
527	I am hard pressed to think of one thing at this time.	11/28/2016 11:40 AM
528	The shift from elementary to middle school creates a lot more student/teacher relationships to manage. As parents, we get mostly positive feedback on that at home, but in the couple cases where there have been issues, it's not been clear how to best address given more limited opportunities for parent-teacher involvement. (To be clear, having less P/T involvement than in elementary school is fine - just a challenge as a parent to figure out to raise issues appropriately, for those that are beyond the social skills of a 12 year old.)	11/28/2016 11:34 AM
529	Addressing the recent presidential election results by having a discussion with the students and families that regardless of the results, efforts will be made at a school level to continue to respect, embrace, and celebrate diversity and individuals with any and all of our differences.	11/28/2016 11:33 AM
530	At least at ██████████ I'd love to see some outreach to other schools/neighborhoods with more diversity. School definitely teaches respect for others, but it's very easy to get trapped in the ██████████ "bubble" - would welcome some opportunities for cross pollination with other schools, ideally with enough contact for kids to develop relationships outside of their ██████████ peer group.	11/28/2016 11:27 AM
531	Please bring fun back to school parties and let the kids have sweets	11/28/2016 11:26 AM
532	Continue allowing these elementary students to be kids, feel safe in their own classrooms, and not have to rotate through other teachers, as the jr high model promotes.	11/28/2016 11:21 AM
533	Curriculum changes occur abruptly without much planning or thought, leaving teachers and students to operate as Guinea pigs year after year. More frustrating is the lack of notification to parents as to what is changing or available to their student(s) until changes are already underway -- leaving many uninformed, left out, and (in many cases) left behind academically. Shame on District 58! The newly created committee is a bandaid and cannot ever erase what had been done to students who only get one chance at their grade school education -- while the district endlessly tinkers without owning the impact on students along the way.	11/28/2016 11:18 AM
534	Try to offer more challenging classes for the smart kids.	11/28/2016 11:16 AM
535	I'm concerned about foreign language coursework (for next year). I also have some concerns about ██████████ ability to prepare students for ██████████ (given feedback from ██████████ teachers that my other child has).	11/28/2016 11:13 AM
536	The District should review their requirements for acceptance to the Gifted and Talented program. I feel too much emphasis is placed on one standardized test that a student may not have done well on.	11/28/2016 11:13 AM
537	Diversity appreciation and spreading children out to ensure the diverse children are mixed with all students and not segregated. Teachers should be educated on diversity	11/28/2016 11:09 AM
538	Reconsider keeping kindergarteners with grades 1-3 on the playground at the same time. That's a lot of kids with 4 teachers. Kindergartners are small and may have trouble acclimating to the large and noisy play ground. Or add more teachers outside. Also consider adding a trial bus ride for kindergartens PRIOR to the start of the school year. Emails for new teaching staff should be ready to go on Day 1 of school. Air conditioning in all classrooms.	11/28/2016 11:05 AM
539	The District could improve by being more open to listening to teacher and parent concerns and feedback about the school. The teachers and parents continue to get push back from the District when discussing the future space challenges at the school. It is a great disservice to the community when full day kindergarten is open at every school except for one.	11/28/2016 10:56 AM
540	challenging the kids academically	11/28/2016 10:54 AM
541	Offer more anti-bullying, tolerance programs (for different race, religion, ethnicity, skin color, sexual identity, gender).	11/28/2016 10:52 AM
542	Offer more anti-bullying, tolerance programs (for different race, religion, ethnicity, skin color, sexual identity, gender).	11/28/2016 10:49 AM

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543	The classrooms are too hot in August. Push back the start date.	11/28/2016 10:49 AM
544	Try to teach to my child's level, especially reading and writing.	11/28/2016 10:45 AM
545	Keep up with other area school districts in terms of consistency in curriculum and comparison of test scores	11/28/2016 10:41 AM
546	This survey is useless. [REDACTED] teachers and principal are trying to do the best they can under an administration that keeps cutting resources for [REDACTED] in favor of other schools in the district. My daughter has been directly negatively impacted by the LRC cut this year, and her teacher is trying to assist her to the best of the school's abilities. However, the administration's decision to cut the LRC is not a topic of this survey. I cannot fault the teachers and principal of [REDACTED] when it is the administration's decision to cut the LRC.	11/28/2016 10:41 AM
547	Sending communications earlier for events.	11/28/2016 10:39 AM
548	Do not have students take standardized test when the heat index in the school is over 80 degrees. Do not have students eat lunch on the floor in the hallways because the 6th graders need to have a Camp Edwards meeting. Those meetings should be held in elsewhere or other times.	11/28/2016 10:39 AM
549	Less reliance on iPad technology	11/28/2016 10:36 AM
550	I would like to see District 58 adopt a wonderful reading program.	11/28/2016 10:32 AM
551	I love the 1-1 computer initiative but would like to see more pen/paper writing instruction so that they learn the process.	11/28/2016 10:32 AM
552	Too many to list but here is a sampling. Clear and transparent communication in regards to special needs and resources for my child. A more open and honest process when it comes to providing additional IEP resources for my child take a more proactive approach when it comes to my child's emotional and educational needs instead of trying to brush them off to a different place Be more accommodating and less obstructive when it comes to my child's needs as the law allows in this state.	11/28/2016 10:31 AM
553	So far so good. Hopefully the district will try a new curriculum for Middle school.	11/28/2016 10:26 AM
554	Even though I think the communication is already way above what other people claim their districts and schools offer, there could always be more. I wouldn't mind a weekly calendar sent to me a few days before the week starts. Thank you!	11/28/2016 10:24 AM
555	After all that has going on in the last year I think one thing the district can do better at is increase .communication between staff/administration/the board. This doesn't mean that in the past anything has been done wrong, it just means the more those 3 groups communicate the better it will be for our students.	11/28/2016 10:23 AM
556	Curriculum, curriculum, curriculum - challenging students in the middle vs. focusing so heavily on top tier performers (80% and above in test results). Kids in the middle are NOT being challenged as they were when my middle schooler went through. It is very sad that teachers are struggling and committing so much personal time to help fix our curriculum decisions. As a parent it is frustrating to see my kids no longer being challenged and not achieving. They have lost 2 years already - where awareness is finally become clear across the district and now they will 2 or 3 more while things get defined properly. It is truly a shame.	11/28/2016 10:23 AM
557	We've been at the school for a relatively short time, so nothing to note at the moment.	11/28/2016 10:20 AM
558	A little more information about what students are working on in the classroom would be nice. The only thing I see is math homework, so I'm not always sure what they are learning in the other subjects.	11/28/2016 10:14 AM
559	Our student is a kindergartener in [REDACTED] class, so the lack of communication since her departure could be improved upon with the new teacher or should the situation arise again. The recent letter from the principal was very helpful.	11/28/2016 10:11 AM
560	Desing survey better if you want to understand feedback at staff and teachers level. It is too generic as we have experience some teachers are great and others need constructive feedback. Provide more school organized opportunities for parents to connect with their kids' teachers.	11/28/2016 10:11 AM
561	Offer more Fun Lunch opportunities	11/28/2016 10:07 AM
562	class size	11/28/2016 10:01 AM
563	-install air conditioning -decrease number of standardized tests and teaching them	11/28/2016 10:00 AM
564	Before and after school care options.	11/28/2016 9:59 AM
565	this is specifically for Math: regularly remind the students and parents where to go for online help. When there is frustration with homework it is hard to remember where to get at the support materials.	11/28/2016 9:58 AM
566	i would like to see better integration of subjects through the use of projects that provide opportunity for application of their newly learned knowledge. Such an approach can provide students with real-life context of the material rather than memorizing for taking tests.	11/28/2016 9:58 AM

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567	The district needs to redraw the boundaries. [REDACTED] is overcrowded, and other schools are under capacity - its ridiculous. Rather than talk about spending a bunch of money we don't have on an addition - just redraw the boundaries!! Also - math grades would be nice - I can't believe there were no grades given in math this year.	11/28/2016 9:57 AM
568	Stop giving in to PC crap and let kids be kids. One example is to let kids bring in deserts for birthdays stop worrying upsetting one or two kids.	11/28/2016 9:57 AM
569	The school board and district office could listen and react more to parent concerns and not blame the principals and individual schools for district initiative difficulties.	11/28/2016 9:54 AM
570	Air conditioning, central or windows, in the school. I have been in my daughters class a few times this school year and the heat was near unbearable even with fans. This cannot be good for their learning development. I was teaching an art appreciation class and nearly passed out. Even teacher conferences were difficult. I feel terrible for the kids and the teacher. Controlling the temperature at [REDACTED] needs to be a priority!	11/28/2016 9:53 AM
571	there are some kids who act mean (e.g. punch my kid on the face while on the playground) and adults at school have no idea that this is happening	11/28/2016 9:51 AM
572	Advanced kids self teaching/peer teaching. Why do the kids in the higher reading and math groups get less attention from teachers??	11/28/2016 9:49 AM
573	Allowing for a full time LRC director to help students and teachers daily. The support is needed and very disappointed this has been placed on [REDACTED] this year.	11/28/2016 9:49 AM
574	Better communication on technology and app usage	11/28/2016 9:48 AM
575	The district focuses on technology yet are SO far behind in many of what I consider to be the "basics" like offering a lunch program, air conditioning in the buildings (besides in the teacher's lounge and main office - yes, parents take note that adults are put before students), controlling student pick-up/drop off. The latter is horrific and unsafe for students. The school has done a good job at communicating to parents but I see absolutely no resources provided by the district to help with traffic control. Trying to pick-up students and communicating to them where you're at is impossible. You can't park your car as cars are 2 blocks in with every direction. Summer school is outrageous as you must arrive 10-15 minutes early and honestly must walk at least 1/2 mile, toting your little ones along mind you, to get to the school. Don't get me wrong, my children receive an excellent education and love their school. However, why in the world can these "basics" not be addressed..considering it's 2016.	11/28/2016 9:48 AM
576	District 58 is lacking in leadership. All 11 schools should have a feeling of unity. District wide events and fundraiser should be done by our administration not planned by parents. I think the district could add some international or diversity dinners, etc..to show support for minorities in the school. [REDACTED] has a wonderful staff but I don't feel they get support from the Superintendent. I'm very upset that the board wanted to give a raise to the superintendent while cutting our library staff.	11/28/2016 9:47 AM
577	explaining specifically how the iPads are used/supplementing learning	11/28/2016 9:45 AM
578	There are two office personnel that need more training on how to be more pleasant and accommodating to the parents. The parents are the schools customer and they should make ever effort to "enlighten the customer"	11/28/2016 9:45 AM
579	Pushing the syllabus to grade level and above grade level curriculum for Ela and math.	11/28/2016 9:42 AM
580	Communication , information sent home with should also be sent via email also	11/28/2016 9:41 AM
581	Making it easier for families who work to get involved with school activities.	11/28/2016 9:40 AM
582	Have more hot lunches, kids really enjoyed them	11/28/2016 9:40 AM
583	Provide a school lunch program (not the horrible third party expensive pay option offered last year) Create a parent dashboard on iPad so parents know what the students needs to do. Way too many apps to keep up with. Learning environment includes AC. Teachers have it in the lounge but not in the classroom which is a learning environment	11/28/2016 9:39 AM
584	There seems to be an increase in behavioral concerns in the classroom across grade levels. I think it is vital that the district does not under estimate the impact it can have on peers at such a young, impressionable age. Teachers need to have immediate support in place, so they can teach. Perhaps a set discipline policy in place.	11/28/2016 9:37 AM
585	[REDACTED] should be given a full time LRC director. Enrichments programs have suffered and declined because the LRC director does not have time to plan for 2 schools. The LRC aide has not had appropriate training to help the LRC director and is also being used to run reading groups. The principal is not engaged with the families and the communication is lacking. Our school is small and I think is forgotten. I don't feel that [REDACTED] is a good fit for this school. Class size continues to be a problem. the 2nd grade class should not be continually split. And extra teacher should be hired. Building updates really need to be looked at to bring us up to modern times. There really needs to be math intervention if your child is behind. Right now that doesn't exist and I am forced to pay for a tutor.	11/28/2016 9:35 AM
586	Less homework. The amount of daily homework required, especially in 1-3 grade, is outrageous.	11/28/2016 9:33 AM

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587	District 58 has asked for open communication. Unfortunately District 58 has still not responded with a plan, solution or even an idea to work with schools to address class size problems that are leading to declining test scores. District 58 is falling behind other districts in the area that are of similar tax brackets and socioeconomic status. We are even falling behind Districts that have more difficult financial and social challenges than our area faces. Students are not receiving enough individual attention - this is no fault of the teachers - studies have conclusively shown that over 25 children in a classroom leads to declining performance. Our rockstar teachers are forced to utilize various strategies to teach to different levels to compensate for lack of hands on ability, using ipad apps that does not teach mathematical critical thinking. It is absolutely appalling that District 58 did not have a mathematics curriculum until this year. For those who are in charge and leading the District 58 curriculum development please note that there is indisputable, large quantities of evidence showing that our current choice of teaching via lecture, rote memorization, and (largely ineffective) short-term study habits is not working. As a parent I, and many other parents across District 58 would like to see change is for curriculum to be changed to prioritize substantive critical thinking. In order for any curriculum to be effective class sizes need to be smaller for students to exceed. The District has created an environment where the 'norm' is too many students in a classroom, and the teachers are not comfortable sharing that they cannot make as strong of progress with this class size versus a smaller group as this is akin to stating that they cannot do what the 'norm' is that their job has become. Please address the curriculum and class size. You have dedicated, engaged parents that want to partner with you and help make our schools blue ribbon worthy again. Your care and effort on this would be deeply appreciated.	11/28/2016 9:33 AM
588	██████████ principal could improve on communication with the parents. Many times information is vague. If a parent wants details, they have to probe ██████████ with questions in order to put the pieces of the puzzle together. This causes a lack of trust and confidence in ██████████ administration abilities.	11/28/2016 9:32 AM
589	treat all the children equal when it comes to discipline. Too many times the "apartment" kids are not punished to the level of the other children. Appears that the school does not want to deal with their guardians. School is worried that they will throw down the race-card. Which they do.	11/28/2016 9:30 AM
590	Nothing specific.	11/28/2016 9:29 AM
591	Id like a better curriculum and focus on learning, not just learn how to take a test.	11/28/2016 9:23 AM
592	Reminding children and parents that they do not have to be involved in everything! Down time is critical to their health also!	11/28/2016 9:22 AM
593	The music programs at ██████████ elementary school should happen outside of school hours. It is not fair to those parents who work.	11/28/2016 9:22 AM
594	I would like to see stronger programs for the gifted kids and more opportunities for kids to be challenged and encouraged to extend their learning.	11/28/2016 9:20 AM
595	I am not sure what skills my student is working on in SEL. Is there a monthly skill discussed, or morning meetings?	11/28/2016 9:16 AM
596	The principal is not welcoming and can be a bit hard. She is extremely unfriendly to parents, especially those who are not present in the school daily. The previous principal is dearly missed.	11/28/2016 9:16 AM
597	* Provide more focus on STEM * Further education on diversity and inclusiveness	11/28/2016 9:16 AM
598	Please provide healthier lunch foods. Real salads not just cups of lettuce and other healthy choices too. Communication with kids/parents about what a standard plate lunch deal is rather than getting several expensive items a la carte. After two years of looking for signage in the cafetorium and looking on the school webpage, I still can't figure out what a typical lunch includes or costs (i.e., if you get the main dish with two selected sides and a carton of milk it is always \$2.50. These are the sides you can choose from). It would be great to have this information readily available.	11/28/2016 9:15 AM
599	The building itself is small and quickly running out of space. It would be great to see it upgraded for a more inviting place to learn.	11/28/2016 9:14 AM
600	It would be great to get a Full Time Librarian back. ██████████ parents still haven't received a valid reason for the cut and from what I have seen/heard there have been hiccups from this change. We were promised this was a 1 year deal so I am looking forward to that promise being kept. Also, ██████████ is a little condescending. I think there are better ways to talk to/work with the parents in the building.	11/28/2016 9:12 AM
601	to new to comment	11/28/2016 9:12 AM
602	More opportunities for challenging higher level kids.	11/28/2016 9:08 AM
603	eliminate food from school parties	11/28/2016 9:08 AM
604	Classroom communication between home and school.	11/28/2016 9:07 AM
605	Better communication from the district regarding planning. Better communication from Specials instructors.	11/28/2016 9:07 AM

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606	Math Program still seems 'scattered'	11/28/2016 9:06 AM
607	let parents know of major changes to classroom teachers and/or which grade they will be in more than two days notice	11/28/2016 9:06 AM
608	Communicating the gifted and talented options at the middle school level	11/28/2016 9:06 AM
609	More communication on formative assessments and progress in reading and math and how the groupings are determined and then managed throughout the year.	11/28/2016 9:04 AM
610	Monitoring the children at all times/safely, more one on one time in classroom for a child to get what is needed, communication with the children from teachers/s.	11/28/2016 9:04 AM
611	Air conditioning. My kids are greatly affected on warm days when the classrooms get extremely warm. They come out at the end of the day with headaches & generally feel ill.	11/28/2016 9:04 AM
612	Communication with what happens to your child when their resource teacher leaves the school. I have no idea what my kid is learning and quite honestly feel like the beginning of the year has been a waste of time. Very disappointing. My other kids is doing great!	11/28/2016 9:03 AM
613	Providing support for students who are not disruptive, but are not doing well in class. The 504 plans exist, but are often times not followed.	11/28/2016 9:03 AM
614	I would love to see students washing their hands with water and soap instead using hand sanitizer right before lunch.	11/28/2016 9:03 AM
615	Less standardized testing. Would like greater support of the library/librarians (full time at each school). Also recommend that the board meet with parents outside of board meetings. Maybe host an occasional coffee with the board so they can chat in a less formal setting. It would help to get to know each other so meetings might be less contentious. Establishing trust is important so parents don't assume the worst without really understanding or knowing someones intentions.	11/28/2016 9:03 AM
616	There should be full day kindergarten at ██████ for children who have siblings already attending ██████. There should be a full time nurse at a school this size. There should be better staffing at the kindergarten level and new teachers should be given aides.	11/28/2016 9:02 AM
617	Overcrowding and reducing class sizes.	11/28/2016 9:01 AM
618	Na	11/28/2016 9:00 AM
619	Sounds silly, but updating the lunch menu's for ██████ are a little lacking. Otherwise, I truly do think the school and school district do an amazing job	11/28/2016 9:00 AM
620	Parent feedback is collected but not acted upon. This is not the fault of the School Administration but limitations placed by the Superintendent and school board which directly impacts staffing issues.	11/28/2016 9:00 AM
621	The physical facility at ██████ School could really use some updating. The building is run-down and they should really consider A/C. The playground is nice, but the inside of the building is what needs updating.	11/28/2016 9:00 AM
622	n/a. My son just started in Kindergarten and the school has been wonderful so far.	11/28/2016 8:59 AM
623	Disciplinary policy does not follow the latest research on what is best practice for the students.	11/28/2016 8:59 AM