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The *Family Survey* includes 44 questions that gather parents' and guardians' feedback about their students' school. Overall strengths and areas for improvement, recommend rate, and indexed qualitative comments are also included.

### General

- I would recommend this school to parents seeking a school for their child. *(1 = Strongly disagree; 5 = Strongly agree)*
- My child is getting a high quality education at this school. *(1 = Strongly disagree; 5 = Strongly agree)*
- What do you like most about this school? *(Friendly and supportive teachers and staff; Strong academic programs; Support services and programs for parents and families; Strong extracurricular programs; Great supplies and/or facilities; Nothing; Other)*
- What is one area in which this school could improve? *(Teachers and staff could do more to be more friendly and supportive; Stronger academic programs; More/better support services and programs for families; Stronger extracurricular programs; Better supplies and/or facilities; Nothing; Other)*
- Is there anything else you would like to share about areas where this school is doing well and/or areas where it could improve? *(Open text)*

**School Culture** — *Describes the degree to which families feel alignment in values and believe that their school fosters a culture of respect, fairness, and diversity.*

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(1 = Strongly disagree; 5 = Strongly agree)*

- My school is respectful of different races, ethnicities, genders, and backgrounds.
- My school's policies are administered fairly and consistently.
- My school runs smoothly.
- I am proud of my school.
- My school creates a friendly environment.
- My school's employees are committed to the success of the school.
- I understand my school's goals.
- I believe in my school's mission.
- Families and administrators care about each other.
- I feel valued by my school.
- Teachers are responsive to my concerns.

**Engagement & Empowerment** — *Describes the degree to which families feel connected to their school and empowered to influence decision-making.*

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(1 = Strongly disagree; 5 = Strongly agree)*

- I feel engaged with my school.
- I feel empowered to play a meaningful role in decision-making at my school.

- I have opportunities to contribute to helping my school.
- Parent/family members are included in planning school activities.
- Parent/family groups (i.e. Parent-Teacher Association) make meaningful contributions to my school.
- I feel represented by parent/family groups (i.e. Parent-Teacher Association) at my school.
- I feel informed about important decisions regarding my school.
- My school communicates a clear direction for the future.

**Relationships** – *Describes the degree to which families have positive relationships with staff, teachers, and school administration.*

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (1 = *Strongly disagree*; 5 = *Strongly agree*)

- Administrators treat families with respect.
- Families treat administrators with respect.
- Teachers treat families with respect.
- Families treat teachers with respect.
- Teachers and students care about each other.
- Families and teachers care about each other.
- I feel comfortable approaching the administration about my concerns.
- I feel comfortable approaching teachers about my child's progress.

**Communication & Feedback** – *Describes the degree to which there are open and effective lines of communication between families and schools.*

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (1 = *Strongly disagree*; 5 = *Strongly agree*)

- I feel informed about school policies.
- I receive regular feedback about my child's progress.
- I receive information about what my child should learn and be able to do.
- Teachers clearly communicate expectations for my child's progress.

**School Safety** – *Describes the degree to which families believe that their school is a safe place for students.*

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (1 = *Strongly disagree*; 5 = *Strongly agree*)

- My child is safe from violence at school.
- My school is a safe place to learn.
- Discipline in this school is fair.
- My child is safe from bullying at school.

**Resources** – Describes the degree to which families believe that their school has appropriate resources to support students.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (1 = Strongly disagree; 5 = Strongly agree)

- My school sets high expectations for students.
- My school has the resources necessary to achieve learning goals.
- My school has the resources necessary to prepare my child for the future.
- My school provides the guidance necessary to help my child succeed.

## Demographics

- What grade is your child in? (*Kindergarten (K); First Grade (1<sup>st</sup>); Second Grade (2<sup>nd</sup>); Third Grade (3<sup>rd</sup>); Fourth Grade (4<sup>th</sup>); Fifth Grade (5<sup>th</sup>); Sixth Grade (6<sup>th</sup>); Seventh Grade (7<sup>th</sup>); Eighth Grade (8<sup>th</sup>); Ninth Grade (9<sup>th</sup>); Tenth Grade (10<sup>th</sup>); Eleventh Grade (11<sup>th</sup>); Twelfth Grade (12<sup>th</sup>); Other (please specify)*)
- What is your race/ethnicity? (*please check all that apply*) (*White; Black or African American; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander; Hispanic/Latino; Other (please specify); Prefer not to say*)
- What is your gender? (*Male; Female; I identify in another way; Prefer not to say*)
- What is your relationship with your child? (*Parent; Other (please specify)*)
- What is the highest level of education that you have completed? (*Some high school; High school/GED; Some college; Associate degree or technical certificate; Bachelor's Degree; Graduate Degree; Prefer not to say*)
- At school, is your child able to receive lunch for free or at a lower price? (*Yes; No; I'm not sure; Prefer not to say*)
- What is the primary language spoken in your home? (*English; Spanish; Chinese; Vietnamese; Tagalog; Other (please specify)*)
- How many children do you have attending this school? (*Just to remind you: if you have multiple children at this school, you may complete the survey again so you have the opportunity to respond about each child that attends the school.*) (*One (1); Two (2); Three (3); Four or more (4+)*)