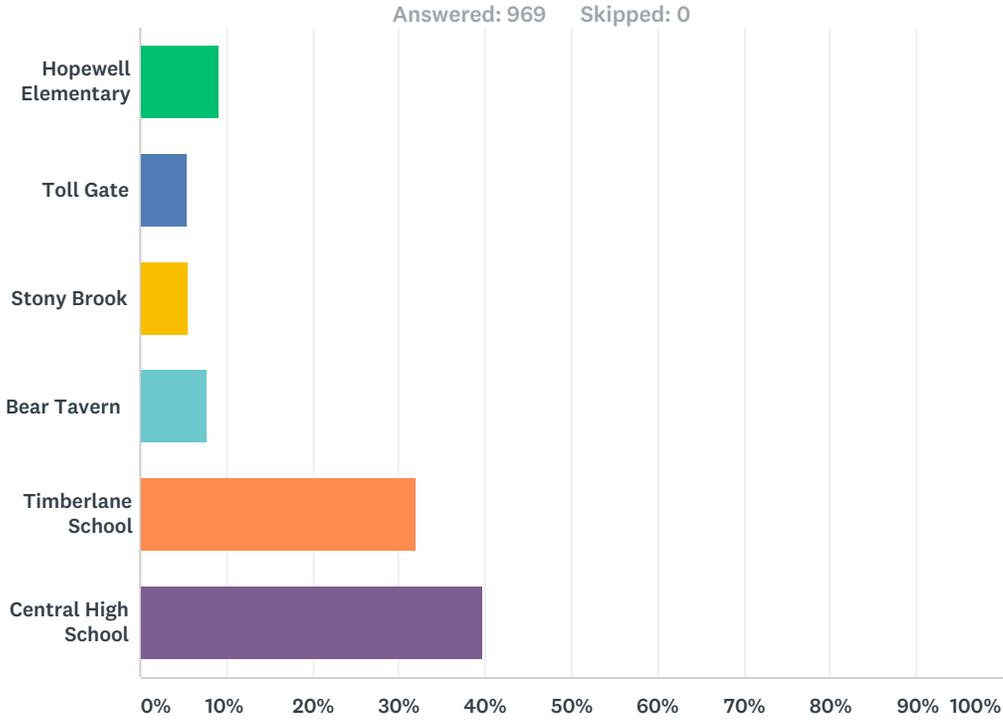


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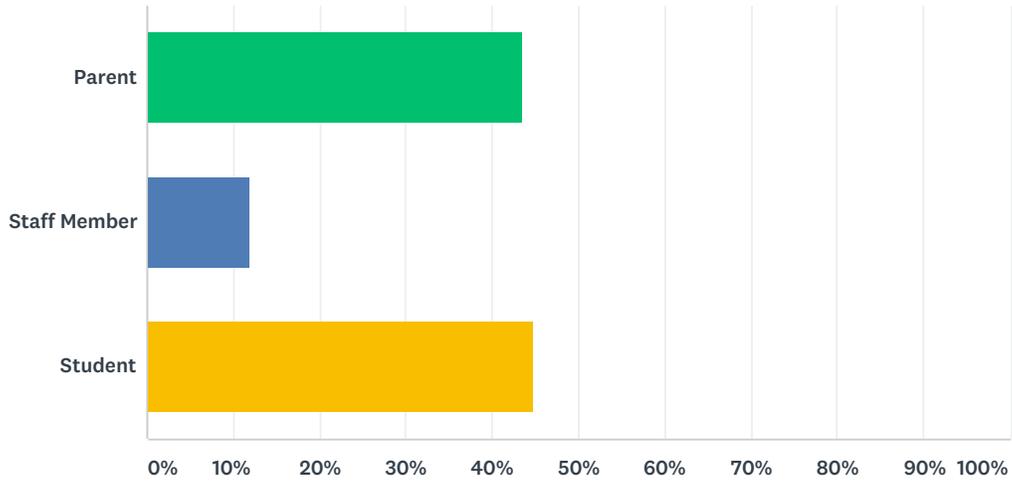


Answer Choices	Responses
Hopewell Elementary	9.18% 89
Toll Gate	5.47% 53
Stony Brook	5.68% 55
Bear Tavern	7.84% 76
Timberlane School	32.09% 311
Central High School	39.73% 385
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>969</b>

### Q2 Please choose one of the following. You are a:

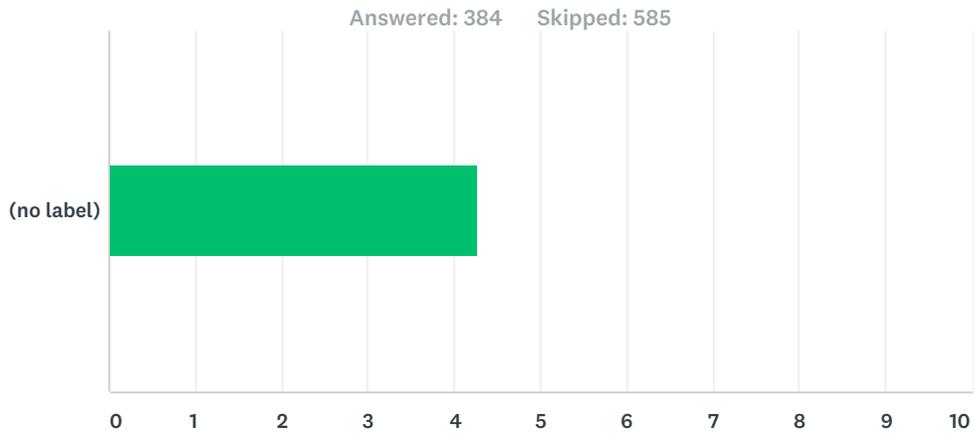
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Parent	43.45%	421
Staff Member	11.87%	115
Student	44.69%	433
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>969</b>

### Q3 My child's school is neat and clean

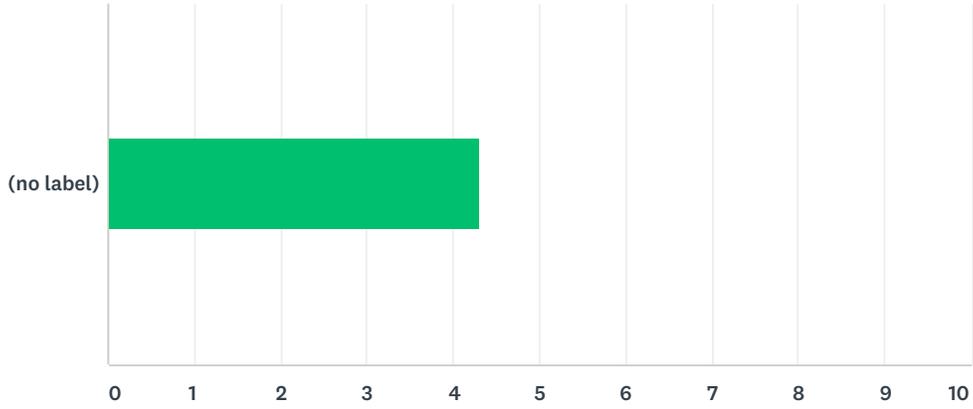


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(no label)	1.82% 7	1.30% 5	5.73% 22	50.26% 193	40.89% 157	384	4.27

### Q4 I am proud that my child attends this school

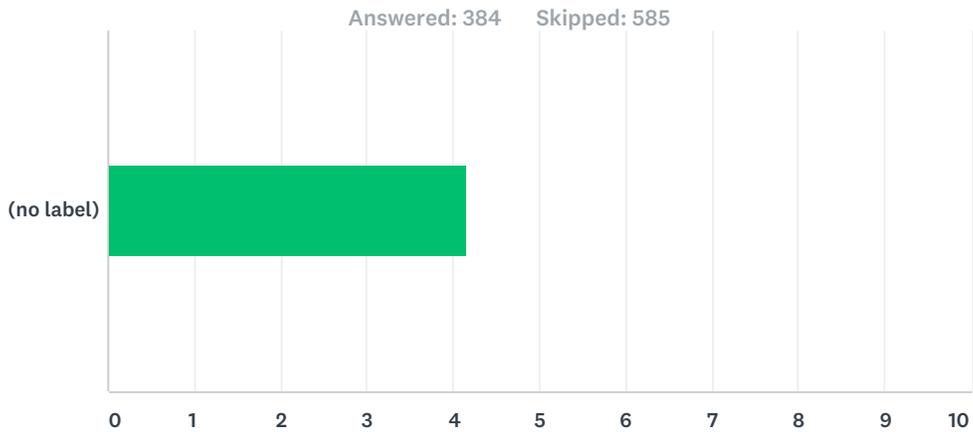
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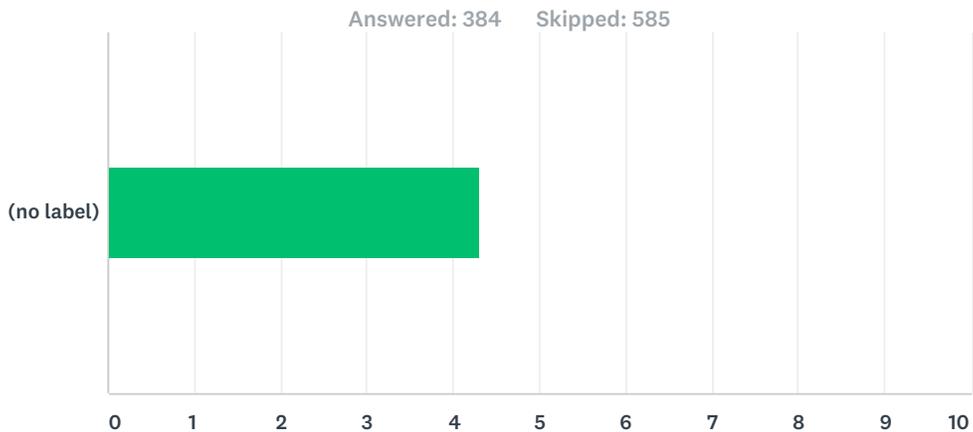
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(no label)	1.56% 6	1.82% 7	10.68% 41	35.68% 137	50.26% 193	384	4.31

**Q5 I feel welcome in my child's school**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.82% 7	4.17% 16	11.98% 46	39.06% 150	42.97% 165	384	4.17

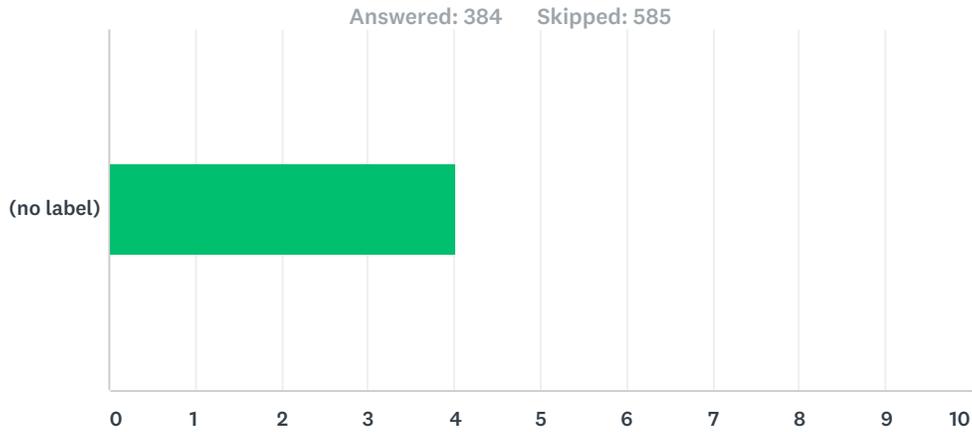
**Q6 The office staff in my child's school is courteous and helpful**



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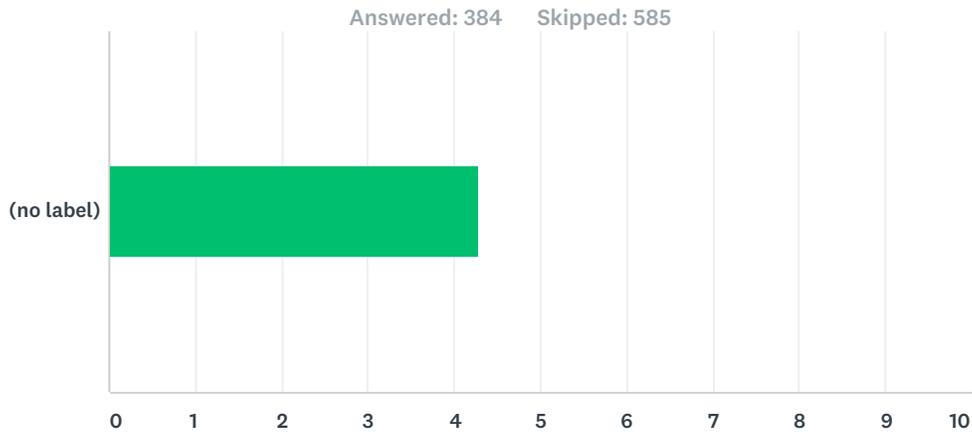
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(no label)	1.04% 4	2.34% 9	8.85% 34	41.41% 159	46.35% 178	384	4.30

**Q7 At my child's school, cultural differences are respected**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.82% 7	2.34% 9	18.75% 72	45.83% 176	31.25% 120	384	4.02

**Q8 I feel my child is safe in his/her school**

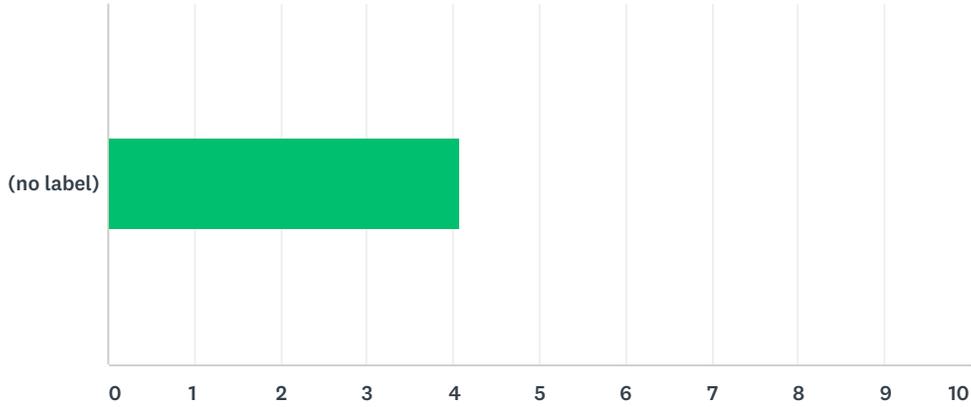


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(no label)	1.30% 5	1.56% 6	5.99% 23	49.48% 190	41.67% 160	384	4.29

**Q9 My child is challenged academically at his/her school**

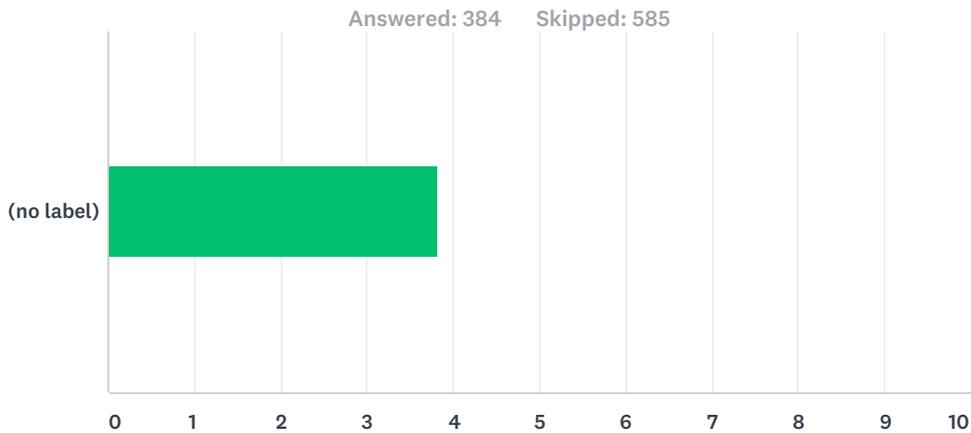
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(no label)	1.82% 7	4.95% 19	10.16% 39	50.52% 194	32.55% 125	384	4.07

**Q10 Learning expectations are clearly communicated by the school to me and my child**

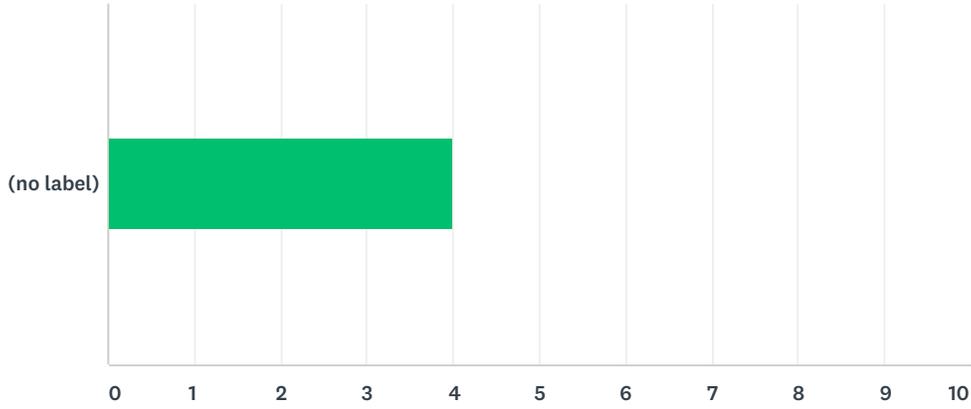


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(no label)	1.82% 7	9.64% 37	19.27% 74	43.75% 168	25.52% 98	384	3.82

**Q11 I receive information from my child's school in a timely and accurate manner**

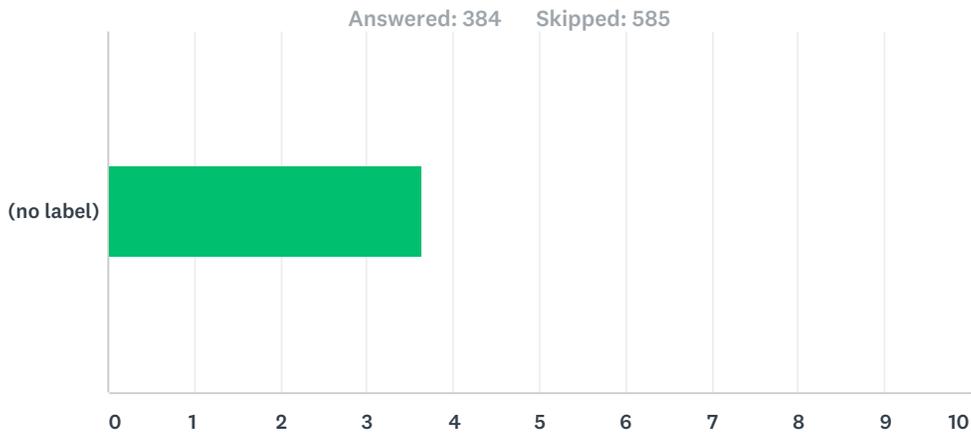
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	2.34% 9	7.55% 29	9.38% 36	49.74% 191	30.99% 119	384	3.99

**Q12 I am informed of my child's academic and behavioral progress on a regular basis**

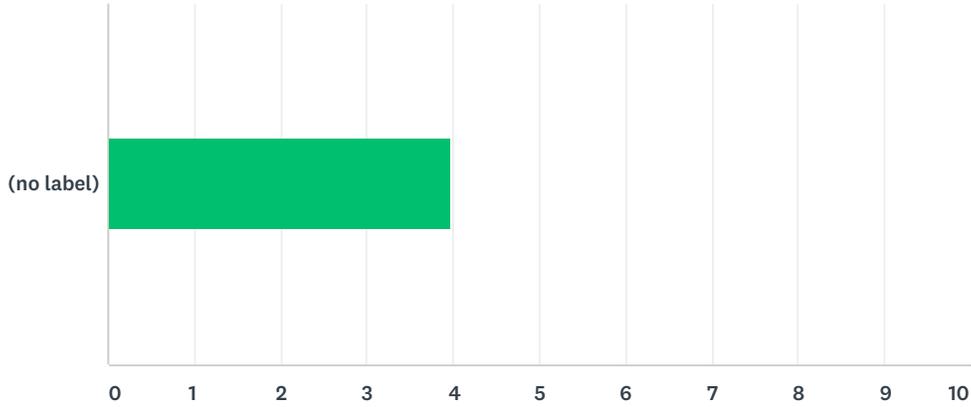


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(no label)	3.65% 14	13.28% 51	20.57% 79	40.36% 155	22.14% 85	384	3.64

**Q13 My child's teachers encourage students to think independently**

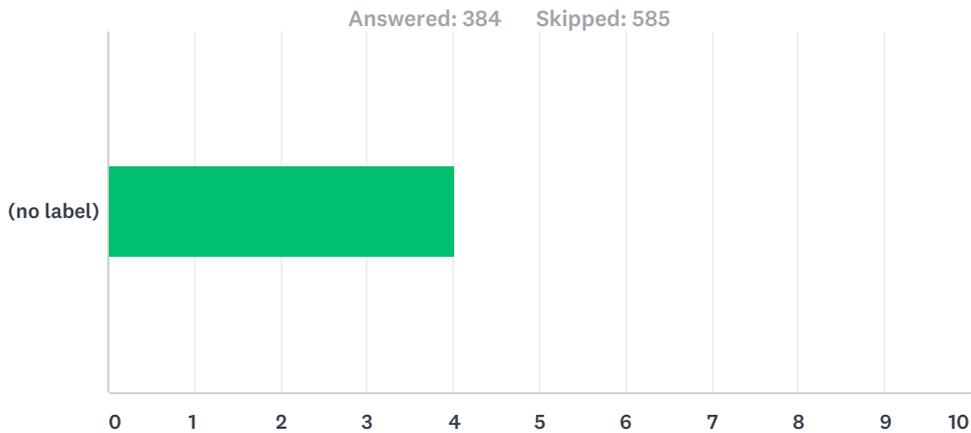
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(no label)	0.78% 3	4.69% 18	18.75% 72	48.70% 187	27.08% 104	384	3.97

**Q14 The teachers and staff at this school follow through on commitments**

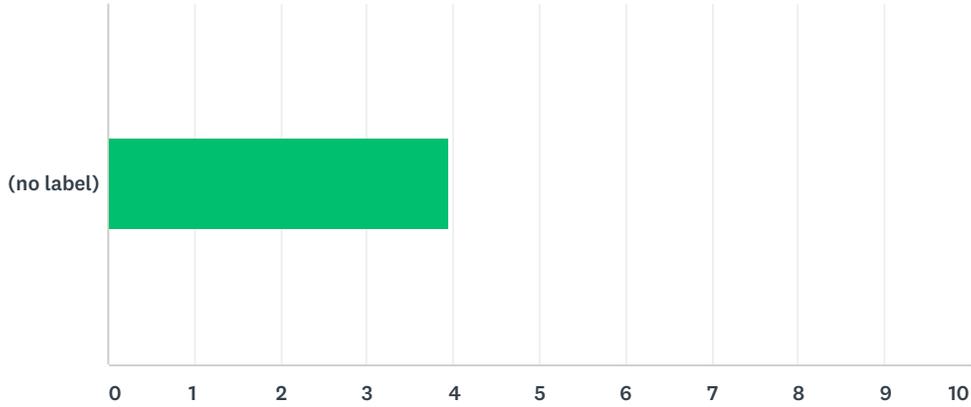


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(no label)	1.04% 4	3.65% 14	16.67% 64	50.26% 193	28.39% 109	384	4.01

**Q15 My child is learning what he/she needs to be successful in later grades or in college**

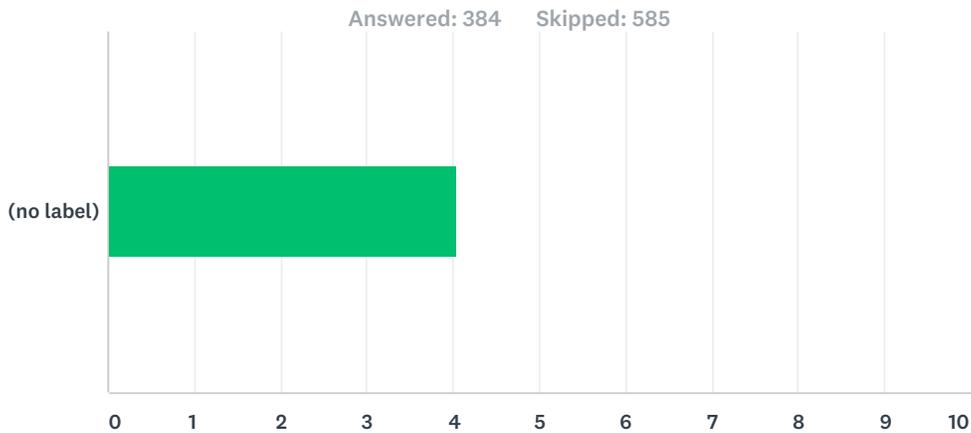
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.56% 6	4.43% 17	15.89% 61	53.65% 206	24.48% 94	384	3.95

**Q16 My child's school offers a wide variety of courses and activities to keep my child interested in school**

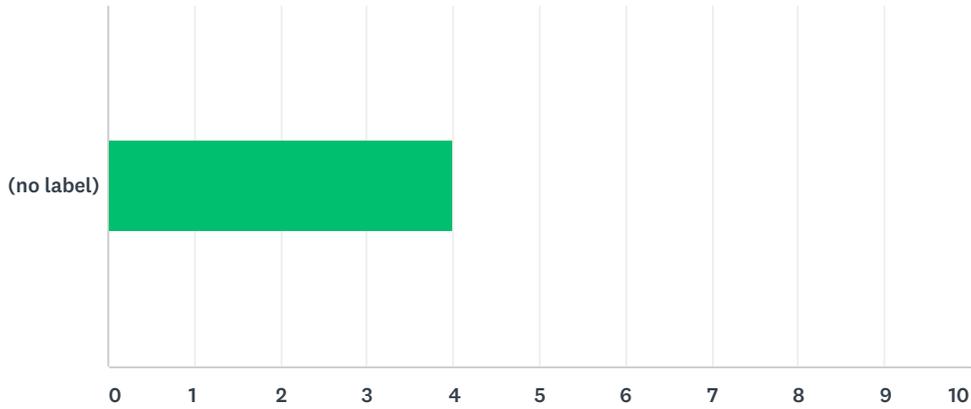


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(no label)	1.30% 5	3.65% 14	17.19% 66	45.83% 176	32.03% 123	384	4.04

**Q17 There is an adult in my child's school that he/she trusts and can go to with a problem**

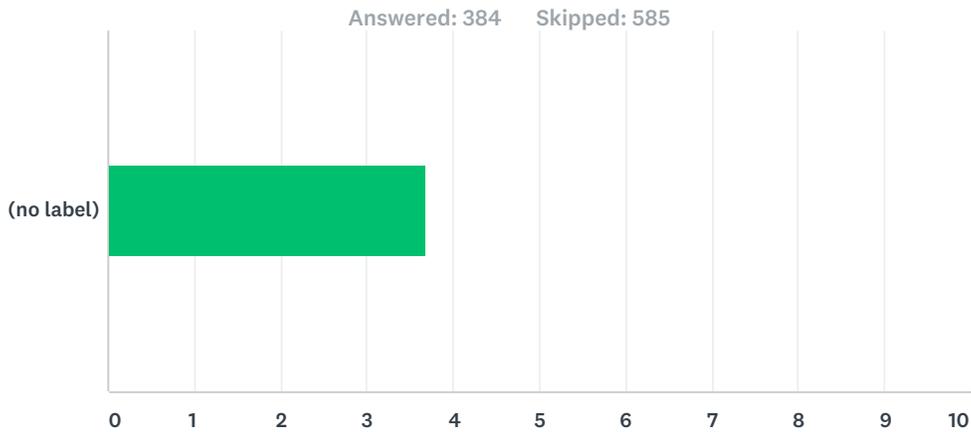
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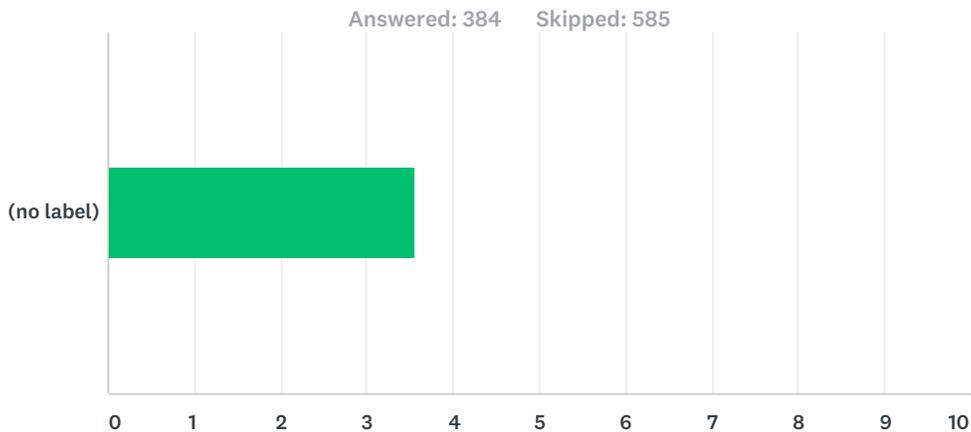
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(no label)	2.08% 8	4.17% 16	18.49% 71	42.45% 163	32.81% 126	384	4.00

**Q18 Discipline is enforced fairly at my child's school**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	3.13% 12	6.25% 24	27.34% 105	46.09% 177	17.19% 66	384	3.68

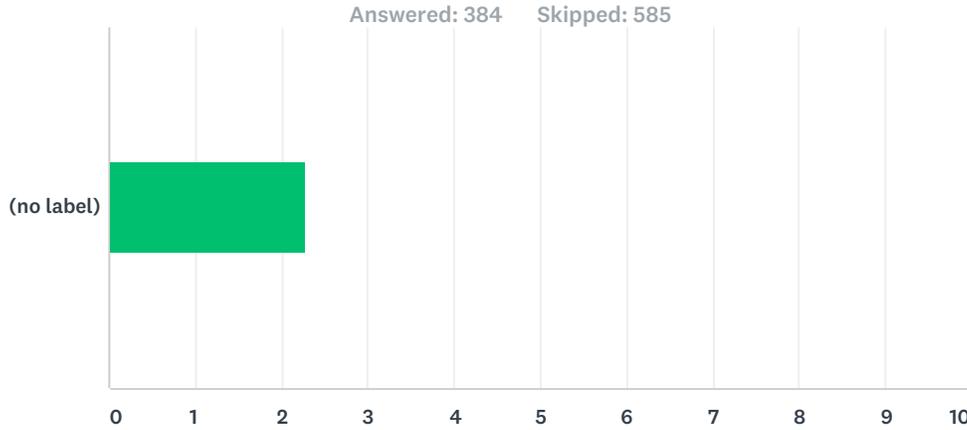
**Q19 My child's school does a good job of addressing bullying**



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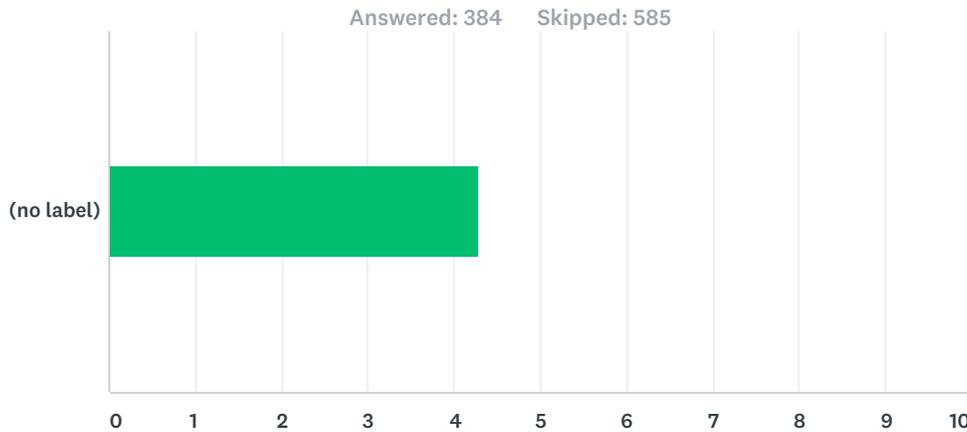
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	3.39% 13	8.59% 33	33.59% 129	38.02% 146	16.41% 63	384	3.55

**Q20 Drugs or alcohol are a problem at my child's school**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	37.50% 144	17.97% 69	27.08% 104	13.28% 51	4.17% 16	384	2.29

**Q21 My child's teachers are available to meet with me if requested**

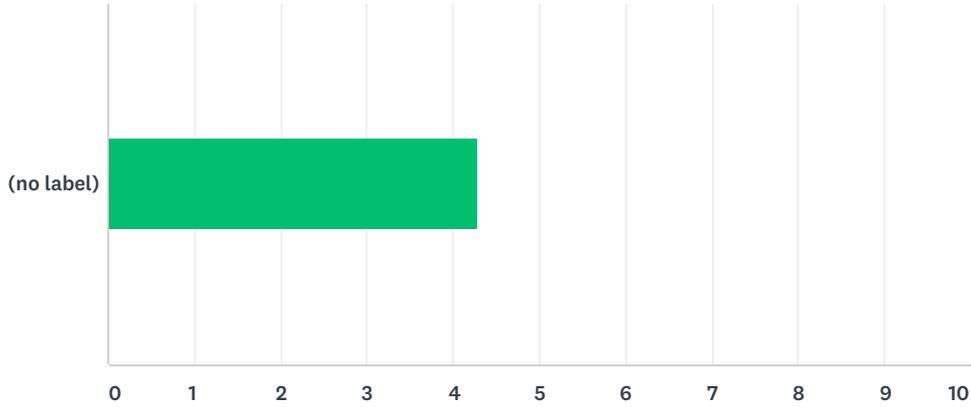


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	0.00% 0	1.82% 7	10.94% 42	44.01% 169	43.23% 166	384	4.29

**Q22 When I contact my child's teacher, I am responded to in a timely manner**

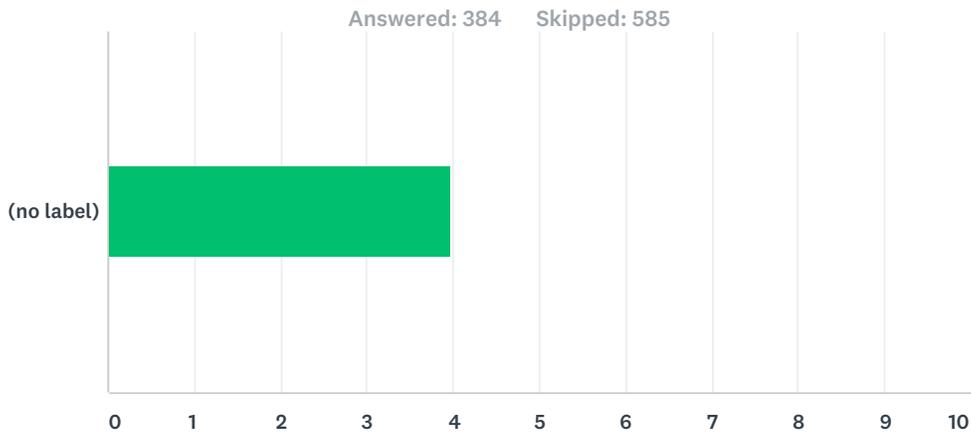
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(no label)	1.04% 4	2.60% 10	8.59% 33	41.67% 160	46.09% 177	384	4.29

**Q23 The administration is available and meets with parents in a timely manner**

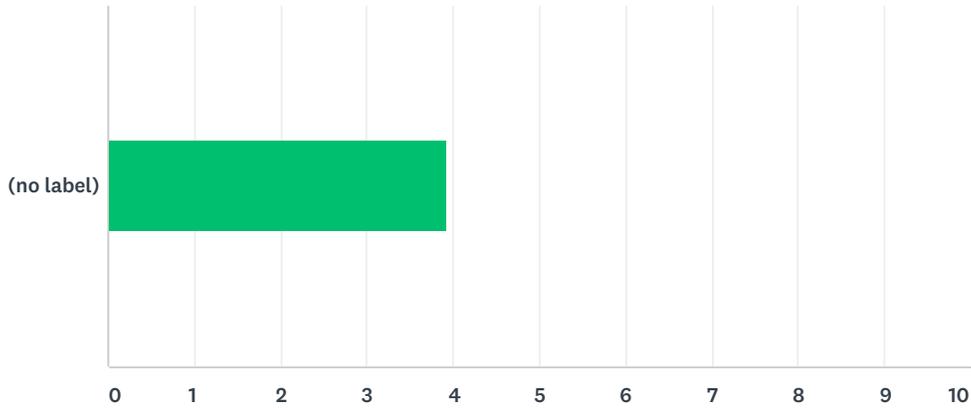


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.56% 6	2.60% 10	27.08% 104	35.16% 135	33.59% 129	384	3.97

**Q24 The counselor is available and meets with me in a timely manner**

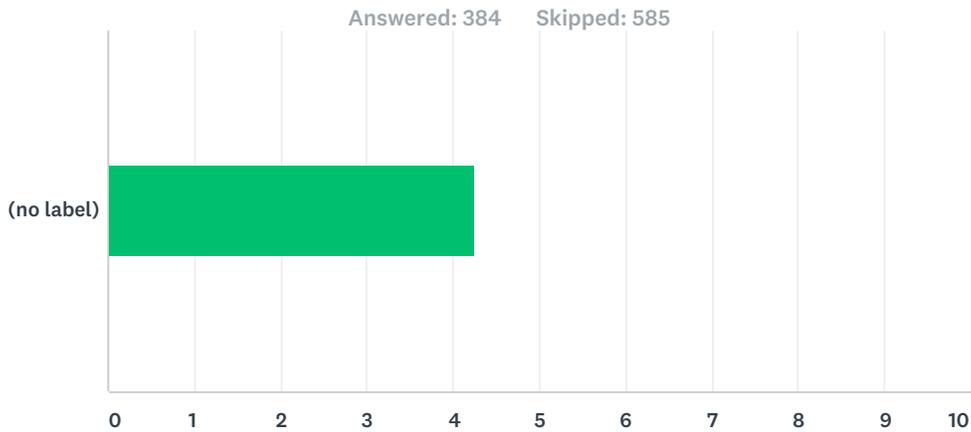
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.04% 4	2.60% 10	30.21% 116	34.38% 132	31.77% 122	384	3.93

**Q25 Overall, I am satisfied with this school**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.30% 5	4.43% 17	8.59% 33	39.84% 153	45.83% 176	384	4.24

**Q26 Please share your comments about what you feel the district does well:**

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#	Responses	Date
1	I feel that the school and district are highly communicative and allows ample opportunity for parental input and feedback.	6/30/2017 8:08 AM
2	Variety of courses for all students questions that were answered Neutral- I have not had experience with.	6/29/2017 7:12 AM
3	I appreciate OnCourse and being able to see exactly how my child is doing at all times. Having that at my fingertips meant I was able to reach out prior to conferences and the teachers were responsive. I don't feel this is in the elementary school so I want to make a special note how appreciative I am of this tool!!!	6/28/2017 4:42 PM
4	I do believe it's inclusive of the various cultures that make up the diversity of the school	6/28/2017 4:37 PM

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5	I am really happy with our child's experience at BT. The staff is really wonderful and goes above and beyond.	6/27/2017 2:00 PM
6	I think the district spends a lot of time talking about what is important and what it does well. I don't think that experience is consistent across all schools or even throughout a school. But overall, I am satisfied with the education my children are receiving.	6/26/2017 1:22 PM
7	Special Course offerings - try to teach the whole child	6/24/2017 6:16 AM
8	Provides a safe and comfortable learning environment for my child.	6/21/2017 3:33 PM
9	The district generally has very caring, talented and supportive staff who have the students' best interests, including a well rounded education, as the foundation.	6/21/2017 3:18 PM
10	My child is in the STEM program. It has encouraged design thinking and my child is eager to do engineering activities and games at home.	6/21/2017 9:39 AM
11	There is respect for the individual child	6/20/2017 11:19 PM
12	Encouraging students to read and helping the students to see that reading can be fun and entertaining.	6/20/2017 9:53 PM
13	I think that overall the district does a very good job, however, tollgate is very behind. Communication from the district is clear, expectations are concise.	6/20/2017 7:28 PM
14	The Hopewell Valley School District in general provides an excellent education. However, too many seasoned, experienced teachers were encouraged to retire early over the last few years (at Hopewell Elementary School). I believe that ultimately it was a disservice to the students. There needs to be a balance of young new teachers and older, experienced teachers working together.	6/20/2017 5:23 PM
15	Caring for whole child	6/20/2017 12:50 PM
16	I do like how the school makes families feel welcome and together. That the kids are given a variety of tasks to feel independent. I especially appreciate how the older kids are taught to take care of the younger ones. It's really great to see the kids go out and learn about nature and the environment around them, because it's important to have a sense of care for our earth.	6/20/2017 11:46 AM
17	Communication is effective. Timberlane is a very clean, nice school with enthusiastic teachers and a positive environment.	6/20/2017 7:42 AM
18	Teachers and admin response time is great. Community building activities are wonderful. Tracking student growth great. Teachers are happy and it's obvious. Makes it that much better of a place for students to learn. Teachers respect and appreciate their building administrator. This is obvious as well. Teachers are also supported by admin. Parents are welcomed members of the school community and their contribution to their child's achievement is honored.	6/19/2017 8:06 PM
19	I love the enrichment clusters at HES. It's amazing what all the teachers contribute. As a parent of a student at HES, I feel like part of a community and family. I only hope that this continues as my child moves on in school.	6/19/2017 7:44 PM
20	Good district communication	6/19/2017 6:58 PM
21	I am an educator and have a lot of experience with school culture. I think the culture at HES is wonderful. There is a strong sense of community. The teachers and administrators are responsive and engaged. There are incredible opportunities for enrichment for all students. I couldn't imagine a better public elementary school experience.	6/19/2017 3:04 PM
22	Utilization of technology Safe and supportive environment	6/19/2017 1:51 PM
23	District listens to parents, appreciates family time and communicates weekly on a regular basis	6/19/2017 10:19 AM
24	Very good teachers in a welcoming atmosphere.	6/19/2017 9:49 AM
25	The variety of courses that are available to allow my child to experience different disciplines such as accounting, film, higher level mathematics, astronomy is amazing. My child wishes there were more classes in the summer because there is not enough time to try all the offerings.	6/19/2017 9:44 AM
26	Seems that formalities are being followed very strictly.	6/19/2017 8:35 AM
27	The academics at CHS are very strong. The teachers are fantastic and really work with students!	6/19/2017 8:33 AM

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28	The six years have been an amazing experience for all of us, with continuous dedication from teachers, administration and staff. We are so grateful and thankful.	6/19/2017 8:32 AM
29	Keep parents informed of everything that goes on in the school. As it happens	6/19/2017 8:30 AM
30	Academics	6/19/2017 6:46 AM
31	Middle school is often difficult for students to navigate. Timberland helps students grow and flourish. Thank you!!	6/18/2017 10:16 PM
32	The district does a good job of keeping parents informed and school pride.	6/18/2017 9:15 PM
33	Love BT	6/18/2017 9:04 PM
34	Office staff is always friendly and welcoming! Nurses are always helpful with child. Feel like child is getting good education. Love FLEX.	6/18/2017 8:58 PM
35	I think communication via the weekly "Focus" email keeps parents informed of what is happening within the district.	6/18/2017 8:57 PM
36	There are a large number of truly outstanding teachers at Timberlane who collaborate and really care about the students.	6/18/2017 8:15 PM
37	The vast majority of the time we get the impression the staff really cares about the students, and there are a number of outstanding teachers and advisors.	6/18/2017 8:13 PM
38	The physical facilities are in disrepair and dirty. Drugs and sex are too rampant.	6/18/2017 5:57 PM
39	My children and I have a strong sense of community from our school.	6/18/2017 4:27 PM
40	Managing homework at a reasonable level.	6/18/2017 11:47 AM
41	It provides a rich academic environment, mostly, and provides many opportunities for the development of values and a sense of community.	6/18/2017 10:40 AM
42	Guidance counseling, small class sizes	6/18/2017 1:27 AM
43	My child feels comfortable and welcomed at school.	6/17/2017 4:43 PM
44	Provide a whole Child approach to education.	6/17/2017 4:08 PM
45	Communication and event coordination are handled quite well.	6/17/2017 9:56 AM
46	We are so pleased with the district. HES is wonderful!	6/17/2017 7:20 AM
47	Providing a sense of community	6/17/2017 5:28 AM
48	The district wide communications are extremely helpful and I look forward to reading them every week. At the elementary level we feel that things are consistently reviewed curriculum wise and it seems that staff are happy at our school. I think that the transportation dept communicates well when there are accidents or delays.	6/16/2017 10:19 PM
49	Make our children feel at home in their surroundings	6/16/2017 9:50 PM
50	Helps gifted students and disadvantaged students	6/16/2017 9:22 PM
51	creates a safe environment where kids are welcomed to learn	6/16/2017 6:12 PM
52	I think Timberlane does a great job with preparing kids to be independent while helping the younger 6th graders get accustomed to middle school. The whole "blue" team was fantastic for 6th grade -- every single teacher. And the Flex period is so helpful - I want that to continue.	6/16/2017 6:05 PM
53	Tollgate has a rigorous, excellent academic program and wonderful teachers. I wish that it was more diverse- socio-economically and racially. It sometimes feels like parent meetings activities (specifically PTA) are geared toward stay at home parents. Most working parents cannot attend a 9am PTA meeting. Having said that, overall, I am extremely pleased with Tollgate. My child is challenged academically and has made strong friendships.	6/16/2017 6:01 PM
54	The district does many things well. My elementary school child is in a safe and friendly environment. He enjoys being a part of the school.	6/16/2017 5:39 PM
55	I am very happy with the high school and love Tana Smith. She's not afraid to be tough and do what's best for the school. She's great. Digital communication with parents is very effective. My neutral comments above are only that response because it doesn't really apply - my child does everything independently.	6/16/2017 4:29 PM

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56	Communication	6/16/2017 3:24 PM
57	The ones that I responded "Neutral" to, for the most part, are ones that I don't know or doesn't apply to me and my child.	6/16/2017 2:58 PM
58	You challenge the students well and provide a good curriculum.	6/16/2017 2:54 PM
59	just like the elementary schools, TMS is warm and welcoming. Gives the feeling of a small school even though it's not.	6/16/2017 12:56 PM
60	The district does well with inclusivity. It has a wide variety of experiences for the children. I am so happy that the school has instituted a reasonable homework policy. I hope this remains throughout my son's academic career.	6/16/2017 12:36 PM
61	-Respect toward students	6/16/2017 12:24 PM
62	Overall we are happy the TMS	6/16/2017 12:19 PM
63	Great STEM program	6/16/2017 12:17 PM
64	Love that Bear Tavern has a family feel it's such a warm and friendly school.	6/16/2017 11:55 AM
65	I think although measures are taken to prevent bullying, the lunch tables segregation, "popular kids" and cyber bullying are a big issue. More needs to be done to address.	6/16/2017 11:30 AM
66	Teachers at TMS have done a great job the past 3 years. Some teachers do such creative things. Home Ec- they learn alot! 1-1 Chromebooks- awesome! Field Trips/Team Days- Awesome! Sports- awesome! Quality of lunchroom- great! Transition from elem school or TMS- great! Transition from TMS to HVCHS- great! There's more I'm sure	6/16/2017 11:18 AM
67	I would like to praise the CST at Bear Tavern- professional and knowledgeable- responds to parent and student needs so bravo!	6/16/2017 11:08 AM
68	Despite numerous issues at the school, there are a handful of staff members at Bear Tavern that are very committed to trying to create a positive and safe experience for my daughter. Specials teachers do a great job.	6/16/2017 11:07 AM
69	The transition to TMS for the kids was great. Supportive 6th grade teachers, classes located close to each other...etc.	6/16/2017 10:57 AM
70	Timberlane generally does a good job working with students that are at a potentially difficult time in their lives. My daughter is encouraged to be independent and to consider the ramifications of her actions. They are at an age when some exclusion by peers is probably inevitable, but the school seems to create a sense of freedom that allows my daughter to seek out friends that are supportive and a positive influence on her life. I am not sure whether this applies across the board, but it has been a good environment for my daughter.	6/16/2017 10:57 AM
71	HES is a welcoming and open school. I have felt comfortable there from Day 1 as have my children.	6/16/2017 10:54 AM
72	things are ok, could be better or a lot better, class time is a waste of time at this time of year, they do nothing everyday, the kids are bored and there is no learning (middle of june)	6/16/2017 10:46 AM
73	I was very pleased with the prep work and assistance provided with the college prep process. This included meeting with the counselors about the process, the various presentations given, and even so far as having the students complete their college essay in school. These were very beneficial to our family in assisting us with an overwhelming process. I also appreciated the additional guidance given for math with the teachers coming in early or staying later to help the kids.	6/16/2017 10:22 AM
74	Most teachers are extremely kind and relate well with the students.	6/16/2017 10:03 AM
75	This district and this community does a great job of promoting acceptance--always more work to do on this front, but watching national news it is clear we are well ahead of the curve!	6/16/2017 9:39 AM
76	Giving the children the opportunity to participate in STEM. Providing many field trips and connecting to the world outside of school. Giving the teachers, as best as you can, the freedom to teach their material creatively.	6/16/2017 9:33 AM
77	Very proactive in identify needs of my child, communicating and implementing any changes.	6/16/2017 9:23 AM
78	I think Hopewell Valley School system is an excellent school district which does it best in a challenging environment.	6/16/2017 9:19 AM

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79	Solid communication and great staff	6/16/2017 9:19 AM
80	Tries hard to communicate--various info is available on website, virtual backpack, OnCourse, etc. Communication is imperfect largely because of the sheer volume of info available/needed, but what I need is available if I search or ask. More emails would NOT help--level of emailing is good, especially weekly summaries	6/16/2017 8:41 AM
81	Safety and communication. Inclusiveness.	6/16/2017 8:19 AM
82	My son has been challenged academically and in almost every case, his teachers have been excellent and care about his future. I'm confident he's prepared for a highly selective college.	6/16/2017 8:15 AM
83	The school is only open to your comments on independant thinking it they agree with it. i.e. preidential election.	6/16/2017 8:05 AM
84	Nurturing children. Fantastic teachers, and a wonderful principal at Bear Tavern.	6/16/2017 8:05 AM
85	Amicable & respectful environment.	6/16/2017 8:04 AM
86	Bear Tavern has excellent teachers that go above and beyond for the students	6/16/2017 7:59 AM
87	warm, welcoming environment	6/16/2017 7:41 AM
88	Keeps parents well informed through emails	6/16/2017 7:32 AM
89	Challenging academic school & good social environment.	6/16/2017 7:29 AM
90	Academic challenge Character development	6/16/2017 7:25 AM
91	Academic rigor Cultural diversity Special events	6/16/2017 7:08 AM
92	Very happy with Hopewell elementary. Wonderful enrichment activities and opportunities for the students. Appreciate the support of the arts and science. I feel very connected with the school and the positive role it plays in our family life.	6/16/2017 7:04 AM
93	The school district offers interesting academic programs hat keep my child focused and engaged at school, and motivates his interest in certain areas, such as learning more about animals and wild life.	6/16/2017 6:58 AM
94	The school and teachers do respond quickly and treat students as individuals under most circumstances.	6/16/2017 6:38 AM
95	Teachers are good.	6/16/2017 5:42 AM
96	The district provides a nurturing environment	6/16/2017 5:09 AM
97	the school does some things exceptionally well (large group activities) and other things less well (handling individual concerns). obviously you rely on third parties like this one to figure individual concerns out	6/16/2017 3:40 AM
98	The school staff is fantastic at fostering community and providing a nurturing learning environment. The teachers seem encouraged to be creative, and there seems to be a lot of teacher collaboration. Special event allow parents to be involved and to meet their child's peers. It's a warm, happy place to learn.	6/15/2017 10:59 PM
99	We have loved every teacher our child has had they have been prompt to respond to any concerns.	6/15/2017 10:42 PM
100	Nice community feel at Toll Gate. Nice teachers. Supportive environment. Positive environment.	6/15/2017 10:37 PM
101	i am really happy my son goes to HES	6/15/2017 10:33 PM
102	Most teachers and counselors care about their students.	6/15/2017 10:14 PM
103	Dedication to learning.	6/15/2017 10:11 PM
104	The best attribute of the school is the warm, nurturing, and welcoming way in which the students and families are treated. This warmth, in addition to the many activities and events that are available to the students (and families) promotes an excitement for learning. Including the families in classroom and school events ties the community together!	6/15/2017 9:59 PM
105	The staff is very accessible and responsive.	6/15/2017 9:58 PM

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106	<b>deleted</b> Quite honestly, I have not been overly impressed with the new principal at Toll Gate. More than once, emails have gone unanswered, and my 9 year old complains that she is quite often on her phone during assemblies and at dismissal. I feel that this year may have been an adjustment for her, but I do hope she can rise to the level that we have become accustomed to at TG and the overall district.	6/15/2017 9:34 PM
107	We have been very impressed by the responsiveness of the teaching staff. On the few occasions where we felt the need to contact the teacher, we were always and without fail met with a timely email or call. Teachers have been very generous with their time and willing to talk to us in person about the source of our student's troubles, the rationale behind the grading, and how to improve.	6/15/2017 9:21 PM
108	Welcoming and informed environment. Majority of teachers are excellent and caring.	6/15/2017 9:13 PM
109	Students are challenged academically and they excel in great strides.	6/15/2017 9:06 PM
110	District handles bullying well.	6/15/2017 9:04 PM
111	It feels like a community and diversity seems to be welcomed	6/15/2017 9:01 PM
112	Teachers are available and responsive	6/15/2017 8:54 PM
113	Great opportunities for kids to try new subjects and also the focus is not just on academic endeavors but an all around education is encouraged	6/15/2017 8:49 PM
114	My child loves to return to Bear Tavern for all of the after school events that they offer. He is challenged in class and enjoys returning after hours. What more could I ask for?	6/15/2017 8:48 PM
115	No scheduled parent teacher conference this semester No parent teacher and student conference ever	6/15/2017 8:48 PM
116	I am very pleased with the community and the curriculum at Bear Tavern. My daughter loves school and I'm constantly sharing our wonderful experience with others. Thank you for another great year!	6/15/2017 8:45 PM
117	No comment	6/15/2017 8:44 PM
118	More social activities in the high school. They are wanted and needed by the students. Please do not allow a small group to rule the high school , be open to improvement!	6/15/2017 8:23 PM
119	There is way too much homework. My child has no time for after school activities or relaxation. My child was not encouraged to try new things in Track and Field....you were able to do it or not....6th graders could be menta	6/15/2017 8:14 PM
120	At Timberlane, I feel that students are academically challenged and encouraged to be independent and responsible students.	6/15/2017 7:54 PM
121	The academic level is great. The teachers are intentional in their approach to teaching	6/15/2017 7:25 PM
122	Very good support! Due to additional small learning groups.	6/15/2017 7:10 PM
123	Great school, our only complaint was with a science teacher who isn't coming back next year.	6/15/2017 7:04 PM
124	Communication is ongoing and very transparent Allowing my children to take risks and feel comfortable with the results; good or bad	6/15/2017 6:36 PM
125	Social emotional issues are handled terribly. My child is afraid of other children and thinks the principal and counselor are untrustworthy and ineffective. The social issues affected my child's learning and development.	6/15/2017 6:28 PM
126	communication and controlling bullying	6/15/2017 6:25 PM
127	The school creates the feeling of a family which we are really happy about . The issues are addressed. All the teachers and staff are highly involved .	6/15/2017 6:05 PM
128	Responsive and fair. Ability to move between honors based on performance. Excellent counselors	6/15/2017 6:01 PM
129	Communication at every level is excellent. Staff & teachers at Stony Brook are caring and generous with their time & attention.	6/15/2017 6:00 PM
130	Positive environment	6/15/2017 5:59 PM
131	My child's teachers have all been highly committed.	6/15/2017 5:59 PM

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132	Provides a largely positive approach to learning.	6/15/2017 5:58 PM
133	A survey like this is tough to fill out as there are teachers that have never responded to emails and others that are extremely efficient . I would love to see drug sniffing dogs come in to do a sweep like other districts. My child's guidance councilor has been very good and on top of things. Her feedback has been helpful. Principal has responded quickly to our concerns with teacher placement concerns and rectified the issue when a teacher told us that my child should not be in her class and would not help her. Was moved to another teacher which she has flourished with. Very disappointed that a teacher would have that attitude toward a child that wants to succeed.	6/15/2017 5:58 PM
134	Bear tavern creates a happy and supportive environment for students. as a parent I feel very welcome and feel a real part of the community. All staff are friendly, warm and caring.	6/15/2017 5:54 PM
135	Pretty much everything. This is our first year at TG and we are happy our kids are here, and they are as well! Keep up the good work!	6/15/2017 5:50 PM
136	The school district provides a high level of academics and is always looking for ways to improve.	6/15/2017 5:50 PM
137	There are some very strong teachers and administrators. Some are VERY responsive (but I answered Neutral cuz others are not.)	6/15/2017 5:45 PM
138	Great teachers, communication, programs	6/15/2017 5:44 PM
139	Teachers are responsive and helpful when I contact them	6/15/2017 5:42 PM
140	I do feel that BT has a family-involved/oriented agenda. I see that parents are well known to each other and treat each other with respect. The school seems to really acknowledge and respect the importance of students and how their presence makes a great school, by involving them in most of the activities that are in school. I love the fact that the school teaches the older kids to take care of the younger ones. It was one of the first things that I saw and why I love this school for my kid!	6/15/2017 5:42 PM
141	The district is very good at counting 180 days	6/15/2017 5:38 PM
142	Communication regarding school events and activities	6/15/2017 5:36 PM
143	Solid clean school. Teachers are good for the most part and hard working.	6/15/2017 5:35 PM
144	Special ed is very good.	6/15/2017 5:35 PM
145	Seeking feedback, sending out communication of events	6/15/2017 5:32 PM
146	All electronic communications are informative and helpful. Nice to get the Friday district wide email to see what is going on at all schools and coming up in the future.	6/15/2017 5:31 PM
147	Toll Gate is a special place and has served all three of kids well. We will miss it as our last in the school moves on to the middle school.	6/15/2017 5:28 PM
148	Integration of STEM, really fun and engaging projects, FLEX period to get a jump start on homework has helped immensely, keeping homework to a reasonable level; On course has been great even with the little bugs that required fixing upon roll out	6/15/2017 5:28 PM
149	The principal and it's office is not friendly. Not too sure culturally diverse either. I believe if they are teaching an aspect of 1 culture (Jewish) to the children, they better be able to teach others as well based on the fact that the school has other kids with different ethnicities. Otherwise don't teach anything at all. We are not all Jewish.	6/15/2017 5:26 PM

**Q27 Please share your comments about what you feel the district needs to improve upon:**

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1	The culture at TMS is in desperate need of reinvention. A positive culture and environment is often established by the leadership of a school but at TMS it is just not there. Many kids are honestly just miserable at this school. Although TMS still has some teachers that are passionate and great educators, shameless favoritism exists and is palpable to the students who are not favored. The repeated inaccuracies and grammatical/spelling errors in emails from the principal were surprising. I will also never understand why the stepping up ceremony is held in a place that cannot accommodate the number of people attending. It is completely nonsensical and inconsiderate to parents. Lastly, it is stressed that the "stepping up" is not a graduation. If that is the case, why are there six speeches? The speeches are repetitive and prolong the ceremony, a ceremony that parents are forced to stand through because it is held in a location that is too small.	6/30/2017 3:25 PM
2	Nothing yet, but as I stated above, I feel the avenues are available to address any concerns that may arise. Thanks for asking!	6/30/2017 8:08 AM
3	Homework expectations are excessive for ALL classes. 2-4 hours of homework a night and weekends gives NO time for kids to be kids	6/29/2017 7:12 AM
4	Communication between parents and teachers in the elementary grades needs major improvement!!	6/28/2017 4:42 PM
5	I don't feel communication between parents and school staff is a primary focus.	6/28/2017 4:37 PM
6	Communication about upcoming expectations, etc. I learned at a baseball game that the music program changes/opportunities for 4th grade - but this wasn't communicated until the end of the year. I wish there was a progression of how things change and grow over the years - i.e. - in first grade - the children get these specials; in second grade they get these specials; basic skills instruction is supported in this way in these grades, and in this way in these grades; STEM starts here, and you stay in it for this amount of time, but can't enter later; unless you ask the right questions, you don't know that things are changing... for example - my son participated in the summer program at school of basic skills since K ( I think) - but I only found out at the end of the year that there is nothing for this summer - how could a kid need help every summer and then magically when they reach a certain grade (not skill level), they don't need it? Just some food for thought... I see how much we do for kids who are high achieving, but am hoping to improve programs for kids who are maybe special education students or students who might need more TIP? support programs. With being such a high achieving district, it is hard to meet the needs of these kids. Thanks so much for your help.	6/27/2017 2:00 PM
7	Coaching staff having same obligations/moral responsibilities that are required from Hopewell Valley teaching staff	6/26/2017 7:04 PM
8	The skill level of teachers is not consistent across all departments at the high school. I have experienced this in Math and Biology so far, and I would expect it to happen in other departments, too. If you student does not take AP or Honors, they can end up with teachers that are just awful . . . but to due to the wonders of tenure, those teachers will not be going anywhere else, anytime soon.	6/26/2017 1:22 PM
9	Tollgate third grade was a bumpy road this year. Please don't have so many novice teachers together in one grade again. It was difficult to weather the first years' "command and control" approach of these new teachers - especially after two years of firm but caring teachers. The approach was so demoralizing and never yielded the desired result - i.e. More independence- rather my child all but gave up. 3rd grade became my child's "worst year" at Tollgate. Hoping we get back to positive reinforcement and encouragement in fourth grade.	6/24/2017 6:26 AM
10	Tollgate needs to improve communication. The district has to improve the way they select curricula and subsequently rollout the new curriculum. Selection of curricula does not appear to be data driven. There is no INDEPENDENT data to support the choice of GoMath. Why was it selected? It's rollout this year caused significant math anxiety. My child ended up in counseling. Strong students were in tears and fumbling. Teachers weren't trained until October and couldn't answer questions. Sales reps were sent to explain it, which I found unbelievable. It was a true mess that could have been avoided with thoughtful planning.	6/24/2017 6:16 AM
11	The school should have participated in an official graduation for kindergarten . It was a shame that they just sent the certificate with the kids home. This is a big milestone for the kids. I mean we do pay those taxes, and they couldn't have made an effort??!! Although the show was great, they should have used that opportunity to do a graduation ceremony too with cap and gown! I'm surprised that Hopewell doesn't even do this especially when it's considered one of the best school districts in the state and yet other school districts do this! Even my daughter's pre-school did it (not BT)! Offer exposure to sports during gym as opposed to just running around.	6/22/2017 9:02 PM

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12	Balancing the rights and fairness of special interest individuals and situations (i.e., LGBT, inclusion for autistic children and bullying matters) with the general population. There is an extreme focus on providing an equal educational environment and rights for students with various special situations and are providing the rest of the children with little choices, rights or even guidance. The philosophy of being treated equally is excellent however there should be equal concern and rights provided to the other children that are now expected to navigate these new norms.	6/21/2017 3:18 PM
13	We have received next to zero teacher communication this year. There have been no newsletters, emails, etc. that told what my child is learning or working on all year. Even field trips have not been explained in terms of their relation to learning or curriculum. No completed work or tests have been sent home and the sparse homework is not enough to discern what is being taught across subjects. The environment at BT is chaotic. From the first STEM parent meeting last summer, student guides were running around and screaming right behind parents as we were trying to listen to Mr. Turnbull without anyone stopping this behavior. This seems to be the case during family events as well. Mr. Turnbull is a very kind administrator but there seems to be a lack of control. There also seem to be negative management strategies (such as yelling) employed by teachers. Quite honestly, if my child were not so interested in STEM, I believe we would not hesitate to return to our home school for better teacher and school communication and a more positive environment.	6/21/2017 9:39 AM
14	Seriously consider changing the start of the school day to a later time (e.g. half an hour later) for Middle and High School so that teenagers can get more of the sleep they need. Reconsider the use of the "developmental assets" as a guideline.	6/20/2017 11:19 PM
15	I don't see the necessity of having more school days in a school year than other school districts. It's ridiculous that we are still in school on June 22nd..parents and children are mentally done with school at this point..	6/20/2017 9:53 PM
16	Tollgate does not promote diversity or is sensitive to differences in economics. It is very difficult to be a family of two working parents and be a part of the tollgate community. (the PTO meetings being held during the day, etc.) My child has experienced bullying for the things she wears, the food she eats, and where she lives. I do not find it a very welcoming community for those that seem "different." I also would like to see more differentiation in the classroom. The teacher we had this year was not receptive to the needs our child had.	6/20/2017 7:28 PM
17	I would like to see cell phones completely banned from the middle school. I believe the less time students spend on their devices, the better. I would also like for the district to hire an outside expert on technology to strongly encourage parents to not give their children cell phones until at least high school, and then have it followed through by parents and school administration.	6/20/2017 5:23 PM
18	There is some bullying, and my daughter sometimes comes home with bruises or scrapes, very sad about unkind word or action directed at her that day by a peer. There seems to be inadequate support against this sort of cruelty. Kids at recess in particular seem to be unsupervised and just running wild. My daughter doesn't feel she has a safe adult at school she can trust and turn to for help.	6/20/2017 2:29 PM
19	Creating more social opportunities for special needs kids	6/20/2017 12:50 PM
20	It would be great to see the garden (auction night) expand into a garden being actually put to use where our kids could grow produce that could be used at the school's meals. Also when it comes to days off, instead of breaking them up, please consider putting them all together and closer to the end or beginning of the week. Please also consider removing unnecessary holiday off which not all children celebrate, which seems to be only 1 particular type in our district. If one culture is taught, consider also teaching others since there are other students from different culture backgrounds attending the school, otherwise don't teach any at all. And lastly please consider uniforms for the school district. Focus should be more on academics and not "dressing up."	6/20/2017 11:46 AM
21	Dates of some of the end of year events/ field trips were not communicated until less than 3 weeks prior to....more notice would help with scheduling.	6/20/2017 9:11 AM
22	Food policy. It's outdated and does not represent the developmental needs of our children. It is a generic Strauss esmay version of CYA and it does a poor job at that. It doesn't reflect the care we give to other aspects of an inclusive environment. It sets the district up for a horrific lawsuit. Food does not equal fun. Always having food at school events creates an exclusive environment that not all children can enjoy or participate in. School should be inclusive and activities and events should be planned for ALL students, not just most.	6/19/2017 8:06 PM

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23	Better planning for half days, a trip or movie for 1/2 days would be a great activity and fundraiser as parents often have many obligations and have limited options at the end of the school year and close to holidays to take so much time from work.	6/19/2017 6:58 PM
24	On a few occasions, I've been frustrated to learn about a special activity in my child's class only about a week in advance. We are a family with two full time working parents whose work calendars are complex, so more than a week notice is critical for us. I have also heard about some antiquated discipline practices instituted by some (not all) staff, such as taking away recess time. Our children need time to move and play, and those who are getting in trouble probably need it even more. I would like to see disciplinary alternatives to subtracting from the already few minutes of play time, especially for the youngest students.	6/19/2017 3:04 PM
25	-Continue to find ways to expose students to diverse cultures and /or different socioeconomic situations	6/19/2017 1:51 PM
26	I feel that discipline consequence should be geared more toward missing social than missing academic. (ISS kids miss all academic classes)	6/19/2017 11:25 AM
27	communicating about child safety Friendlier assistant principal staff. they seem unapproachable.	6/19/2017 10:19 AM
28	Too much email communication (too lengthy also), hard to sort out important information from unimportant information.	6/19/2017 9:49 AM
29	Reading and Writing. My child fell behind in reading and writing at an early age. I felt it was an unachievable struggle to get the additional evaluation needed. Most distressing is that when the reading teams could not figure out the issue, they did not consult any of the expertise available in the district. They just proverbially scratched their heads and said, " Gee this issue doesn't quite fit in the common categories." and did not investigate further.	6/19/2017 9:44 AM
30	I wish that if we use extra snow days no more days are added to the school year. As this year Graduation for the seniors is on Tue. Yet they have 2 more days of school. They are pointless.	6/19/2017 8:35 AM
31	Shy and quiet kids get lost and can feel left out in such a busy place. For kids who like to think about things and then respond can get left behind and their way of doing things isn't as valued as the students who are outgoing and who speak up quickly. I would like some sensitivity to this issue because not all kids are outspoken. Taking one's time is good, too!	6/19/2017 8:33 AM
32	Nothing.	6/19/2017 8:32 AM
33	This school had recently have an incident of attempted suicide by a student with other students being involved leading to this action. Yet this issue was not reported. Parents should know of this incident without revealing students name.	6/19/2017 8:30 AM
34	I am disappointed at Toll Gate that there is not an inclusive environment. There are cliques, and for the few kids who struggle with friendships, it is hard, it hurts to be left out. Toll gate could do better.	6/19/2017 6:46 AM
35	Dress code	6/18/2017 9:36 PM
36	I feel there is an issue within Bear Tavern regarding the STEM and non-STEM classes. My child frequently complained to me that the STEM kids would brag that they were smarter, worked harder, and were in some way superior to the "regular" or "normal" 4th or 5th graders. I am not sure where this sense of superiority comes from- the STEM teachers, parents, or students themselves- but it is a problem. This year, the administration tried to alleviate the STEM/non-STEM separation by having the groups mix during specials. In my opinion this was too little too late for this group of students. The fact that the groups are physically located in two different wings only adds to the sense of having two separate groups. The non-STEM kids also have some resentment toward the STEM kids because they feel STEM is entitled to exclusive field trips and assemblies that are not open to the non-STEM groups. For example, the STEM classes recently spent an overnight at the Watershed to study habitats and ecosystems. This is a standard unit covered by all of fifth grade, not unique to STEM, and there is no reason why all the fifth graders were not included. The administration needs to do more to bridge the divide between the STEM and non-STEM classes.	6/18/2017 9:22 PM

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37	The district needs to worry more about the 'whole child' and emphasizing the importance of balance in a students life. It is too concerned about being leader of AP scores and numbers of students attending classes. Mindfulness and meditation should be taught and reinforced k-12. The kids are on medication, in therapy for anxiety and stress and nothing is being done in a proactive way to teach the science of the brain and the benefits of mindfulness. This is big miss on the administrations part.	6/18/2017 9:15 PM
38	Lunches! Child is NOT a picky eater but says repeatedly how disgusting the food is... and we even pay extra for the village fresh! Also servings too small for growing child.	6/18/2017 9:04 PM
39	Bathrooms have always been filthy when I have been there. Child feels like teachers abuse favoritism amongst students. Would be nice to be able to contact someone anonymously about issues child shares at home with regards to troublesome things her peers do.	6/18/2017 8:58 PM
40	Need to prepare the students for the changes that will take place at CHS: more homework, less coordination between teachers giving assignments.	6/18/2017 8:15 PM
41	Consistency in course workload, such as homework, as well as with examinations (appreciate that teachers want to tailor their courses, but we could stand greater consistency within courses).	6/18/2017 8:13 PM
42	Given the changing demographics in the school, I think there should be additional second language courses, e.g. Chinese.	6/18/2017 8:03 PM
43	We did not receive much feedback this year from 5th grade. I would have liked to see more test results or assignments ... they weren't on OnCourse, so I didn't know how my son was doing until the end of the marking period. I trusted the teachers, who are a great team, but would have liked to provide more support/feedback at home to reinforce what they were telling him. I think they may have let him get away with doing less than his best work ... he responds very positively to teacher encouragement!	6/18/2017 4:27 PM
44	I think the regular classes (non-honors) are not engaging. I also feel that teachers do not have the time to work with students on writing like they should. There are loads of movies being watched in the last few weeks of school. I am not sure that my child has done anything useful since Memorial Day. Kids need more skills and I also feel that teacher absences are a problem. One of my sons teachers was out the last two weeks of school of professional development. That is ridiculous.	6/18/2017 11:47 AM
45	There is to much emphasis in my opinion on sports. For one example, this district repeatedly voted against football, never voted for it, and yet this dangerous sport with neurophysiological implications has become a central component of school life here. With huge sums spent on football, it appears that the district hasn't found the resources to offer basic courses in computer programming and modeling for students who may seek engineering degrees in college. We gave more attention to senior students signing for sports scholarships and almost no attention to students winning academic scholarships. Our responsibility to future generations consists of giving them the tools to solve problems of huge magnitude, problems whose scale may dwarf anything ever seen before. Engineers and scientists will be the key to addressing these problems and not, in fact, NFL players. I do feel our district has bought into a dubious cultural set of values that emphasizes the value of entertainment, including but not limited to sports, over the value of science and engineering. This is, in my view, ethically wrong. We could do better.	6/18/2017 10:40 AM
46	Metacognition, the ability to think which is developed through play and self-reflection not through homework and worksheets	6/18/2017 1:27 AM
47	Teachers do not respond to the students when students reach out to them. Teachers taking a week or more to grade ACT & SAT tests have been hurting the students especially when its the week prior to final exams! Very frustrating and unacceptable that this happens.	6/17/2017 6:40 PM
48	We've been disappointed with the lack of gifted programming, and wish there would at least be challenging differentiation in the classroom.	6/17/2017 4:43 PM
49	Supposedly (according to my kids) drugs are a greater problem at the school than you would expect in Hopewell Valley, with a lot of smoking in the bathrooms and in the woods near the school. I have never seen this for myself, however.	6/17/2017 9:56 AM
50	We get a lot of emails from various sources - it can be hard to keep up with what is going on and what is needed.	6/17/2017 7:20 AM

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51	The leadership at TG needs to be more involved, energetic, and engaging. Teachers should not be away from his/her class with loads of meetings often. It seems as though there are substitutes often to cover for teachers during the many during-school time meetings. There should be more supervision on the playground. Maybe parent volunteers who are first screened/background check. There should be background checks on all class volunteers. There should be more student oversight at dismissal. Less screen time teaching and less screen time in general. Physical Eduction should be taught outside more, and not just inside, and the games should be more sports related rather than glorified versions of tag.	6/17/2017 6:05 AM
52	Providing peer tutoring...could collaborate elementary and middle school	6/17/2017 5:28 AM
53	not sure at this time....very proud to say that we are a HVSD family	6/16/2017 10:19 PM
54	Less homework for honors classes.	6/16/2017 10:15 PM
55	The office is like a lounge. Despite the presence of parents (aka customers), the secretaries and teachers carry on with personal conversations and even online shopping. I understand this is not a corporate setting, but it is the first impression of the school.	6/16/2017 10:00 PM
56	Helping the average student become a student who excels. Teaching how to read for comprehension, how to take notes, and teaching MATH are not done well. Get rid of teachers who bully students.	6/16/2017 9:22 PM
57	Cut back on homework assignments. Kids need family time & after school activity involvement.!	6/16/2017 8:16 PM
58	please find better long term subs when teachers are our on extended leave	6/16/2017 6:12 PM
59	I think there needs to be more attention and focus to disciplinary matters regarding the well known "problem kids" in the school. There has been way too much sexting, bad language, social bullying at such a young age. There are many parents that seem to think their kids are angels when they are a nightmare to their classmates and teachers. Parents need to know about every single disciplinary action, no matter how minor. I have heard that sometimes detentions and or ISS's are given and the parents are never even told. For instance, I don't think the parents of the boy that was pressuring girls to send nude photos even knew about the situation. And a boy sending naked pictures of himself should get more than a one-day detention! How about a week of ISS? There is not enough discipline and certain kids are running around like they rule the school because there aren't enough repercussions at school and at home. Two of the girls that got in trouble at the end of the school year were laughing about their ISS because they knew their own parents could care less and they would face no punishment at home. And they were making a big joke about it all over Instagram. Why isn't the administration strongly telling these parents how much of a disturbance their children are virtually EVERY DAY of school. The parents just don't get it. You can't help bad parenting, but I often have the urge to send my child to private school because there are so many bad kids at TMS. And I don't think there is enough reward for those kids that are good examples - those with good grades, good morals, etc. don't really get enough recognition. As a whole, the whole social climate of TMS is awful and frankly, shameful. I hope changes are made next fall to address these problematic students and actions immediately and set things in a better direction for the 2017-18 school year.	6/16/2017 6:05 PM
60	1. Communication is both too much and not enough. We receive several emails each day, and critical information can be lost in the sea of irrelevant material. I appreciate the schools effort this year to provide a "focus" streamlined communication and encourage more development in that area. 2. The near-absence of programs for what we once called "gifted" children is terrible omission. There is advanced math, and it is excellent, but as best we can discern there is no other advanced teaching. It seems almost unique among area schools that there is so little in this regard. 3. There is virtually no dialog between us and our child's teacher. One meeting annually appears to be the whole of it.	6/16/2017 5:39 PM
61	Counseling services; identification of children with special needs	6/16/2017 5:26 PM
62	Speaking for high school only ... wish you would get rid of the back to school dance (which has a horrible reputation - hos and bros whatever it's called among kids and parents) and institute a homecoming dance as tradition. kids put so much time into floats why don't they come onto field/track during homecoming half time? Have a dance after? I was shocked to hear from child that in the extra testing room for finals this week the proctors in charge were so mean and very rude. My child commented that all the teachers are in the school are great - so nice, fair - her words - I was shocked they would have people so rude and terrible because everyone is always so nice. Overall - very happy with the high school.	6/16/2017 4:29 PM

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63	An increase in alternative programs for arts, more diverse computer courses with an eye toward practical applications, and a little awareness from the teachers/admin that their are other religious holidays ...the district offers limited - to no options - for students of another faith when scheduling the academic calendar.	6/16/2017 3:24 PM
64	The grading needs to be monitored from class to class. Many teachers put too much weight on one assignment and it brings down their grade unfairly. Also there is too much focus on numbers here and not enough focus on the child's ability, situation , and teacher and parent input.	6/16/2017 2:54 PM
65	Not enough to keep kids interested Not enough supprt or understanding The entire concept of preparing them fir high school was shoved down their throats from day one, when did they get to just enjoy middle school	6/16/2017 2:09 PM
66	Like most middle schools I know about, I do feel concerned when I hear that children smoke or drink on premises. Cannot verify though, just heard. But it makes me nervous all the same.	6/16/2017 12:56 PM
67	Communications could be more timely. The district should have increased special needs services. The amount of occupational therapists are not adequate for the size of the district. It also could do a better job when parents request services. Academic testing should be done at the request of the parents, not only when children fail - it does more damage to their self esteem and could be prevented. Some of the social workers are insensitive. When I was advocating for my son one actually told me, "you are entitled to a Free and Appropriate Public Education, not the best education that money can buy". I was appalled that this was her attitude.	6/16/2017 12:36 PM
68	-Please consider offering different PE classes such as Danse and Yoga. -Consider offering a strong Robotics program in Elementary and Middles Schools -Limit the among of Concerts (such as choir) required for the students to attend the last month of school.	6/16/2017 12:24 PM
69	I would like to see you push individual students more	6/16/2017 12:19 PM
70	Too many emails and texts yet the important dates are not always shared in a timely fashion-- i.e. the overnight STEM dates	6/16/2017 12:17 PM
71	STEM- I do not like how the students of STEM talk down to their classmates not in the program. I have seen this since day one and frankly it's sad. The STEM students refer to their non-STEM classmates as the "regular kids" and refer to themselves as the "smart ones!" They bully and talk down to classmates not in the program. I find it appalling on so many levels that these students are portrayed as the great ones and are allowed to behave this way. Find that discipline within those 4 STEM classes is void and they are allowed to behave this way. As the STEM program in general I think it needs improvement. It's def not what was portrayed to parents. Several friends whose kids are in program have complained about how their kids have seriously fallen behind and will most likely struggle when they hit middle school. Love the aspect of STEM but why not integrate it into all classrooms as a whole.	6/16/2017 11:55 AM
72	My only issue is that there is a bit of a liberal bias that is sometimes expressed by some of the staff. The job of a school is to educate not indoctrinate.	6/16/2017 11:34 AM
73	Perhaps a policy for social media to be enforced? More emphasis on kindness and common courtesy, politeness. Kids need to greet each other if they know each other. There is a lot of "I don't talk to her/him" going on.	6/16/2017 11:30 AM
74	Email communication is hit or miss depending on the teacher. I simple "got it" or "ok" as acknowledgement would be a minimal courtesy. Updated grades on On course is unpredictable.	6/16/2017 11:18 AM
75	Staff members at Bear Tavern openly criticize one another, students, and families in discussions with parents at school events or when I am in the building for other reasons. They also accuse the principal of favoritism, even making inappropriate comments about the principal's personal life. My daughter has told me about staff members ridiculing students in front of their peers. I did not want to believe that it was happening, but I saw multiple instances of it when I went in for a holiday celebration this past winter. I believe that the principal is trying to improve things at Bear Tavern, but staff members behave very differently when he is not within earshot. As I have asked of district administration in years past, please do what is necessary to make Bear Tavern a more safe environment for students and staff. There are some people there that are doing their part, but they receive scorn from their colleagues rather than support.	6/16/2017 11:07 AM
76	I put neutral for many of the questions above because they are not part of our experience yet.	6/16/2017 10:57 AM

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77	Cultural awareness continues to be something of an issue. Also, while the school does seem to pay attention to cyber bullying, more could be done with this issue.	6/16/2017 10:57 AM
78	I am sure the district appropriately responds to bullying issues that arise, but I feel like more could be done to let parents know what "bullying" is and what the consequences are. Kids often repeat ignorant things they hear at home and if parents see that their words are considered "bullying" maybe they will rethink what they pass on to their kids. Just a thought...	6/16/2017 10:54 AM
79	communication - saying to go get it yourself on the internet is not communication. sending out an email with the opening paragraph stating it is for school issues only, then following paragraph asking to go fill out a survey for the township about a senior center is contradictory.	6/16/2017 10:15 AM
80	I wish there was less homework and/or research to see if it is helpful in elementary school.	6/16/2017 10:03 AM
81	Friendliness of front office at Hopewell could be slightly improved. General comment and some are wonderful.	6/16/2017 10:01 AM
82	I would love to see more opportunity for students in the HS to mix in skills and exposures and not go so hard and fast to focused academics. Art, music, woodshop, etc that might split with a study hall every other day for less credit but some stimulation of brain activities and hands on skills. I also think you need to find a way to allow athletes out of PE to give them some time to pursue these types of activities.	6/16/2017 9:39 AM
83	The math program. I'd like to see the kids learn math at a higher level. I think we can expect more from them.	6/16/2017 9:33 AM
84	My kids need more time to eat lunch and enjoy a recess period to blow off steam. Also, my kids tell me they have to purchase water in the cafeteria, which is troubling since they should be able to access a fountain. The costs for school lunches are also very high, especially when they are forced purchase water rather than just have the ability to fill a cup/bottle for free. They like the food, I just wish the costs were more reasonable.	6/16/2017 9:19 AM
85	Discipline is not addressed. I have heard of numerous times that students are "making out" in classrooms, phones are used (when not allowed), students are late or disrespectful to staff with no consequences. The lack of consequences for the students is unacceptable. My child gets the impression that teachers are afraid of parents (or the wealth/status of parents) so issues are ignored, or faintly addressed. We need to hold our students/children to a higher standard of respectable and acceptable behaviors in an educational institution.	6/16/2017 9:16 AM
86	The district needs to improve upon its evaluation of certain teachers with tenure. Specifically in the Math/Calculus department. The school needs to act on parent and student concerns not blow them off. A deep dive into this department will reveal that a certain teacher is not putting forth the effort to teach our kids. Its pretty sad when everyone knows who is not doing there job properly but a blind eye is turned because of tenure. The district also needs to look at reevaluating its programs and ensure that athletics is treated fairly when compared to the arts.	6/16/2017 9:11 AM
87	Diversity. The social/economic reality of Hopewell Valley is that the municipalities are overwhelmingly white plus a modest (~= national?) asian contingent; few hispanic and african-american students or faculty. I strongly support "area of excellence" programs such as the Performing Arts Academy as a way to increase the diversity of the student body. I hope the diversity of the faculty (especially at the high school) can be increased over time.	6/16/2017 8:41 AM
88	Variability in the teachers. Most (the Majorie it's) are organized and inspiring. A few are not.	6/16/2017 8:19 AM
89	I think our students would benefit from a required service learning component. I.e. Students in a cohort do service learning in trenton, and then have a class component to discuss. Would work well in combination with US History.	6/16/2017 8:15 AM
90	A large percentage of the kids have issues - drinking, drugs, smoking, anxiety, cutting and depression. Even the kids say that the school is called Dopewell for a reason. Almost all of the kids I've spoken to do NOT trust the counselors and will NOT tell them anything. Older kids are providing alcohol to freshman. It's a mess.	6/16/2017 8:07 AM
91	The drugs and alcohol are at an all time low and the school is not doing enough to discipline about it.	6/16/2017 8:05 AM
92	I think electronic devices should be banned in school, and access to games on computers should be strictly limited. My child said his classmates were constantly playing games (and often shooter games) on computers during class time (while instruction was being provided). This is unacceptable in my opinion.	6/16/2017 8:05 AM

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93	After kindergarden (once kids are settled in school env), they need to be challenged more on homework and sports. Just throwing projects at them, it's more work for parents then kids actually learning anything. We need to find ways, where kids can do things themselves & learn.	6/16/2017 8:04 AM
94	Settling the contract with the Paraprofessionals asap.	6/16/2017 7:59 AM
95	Get rid of birthday food treats in school classrooms. I DO NOT want other parents feeding my children garbage. And other parents do and are allowed to without my permission or approval because the DISTRICT and SCHOOL decided they will allow it. I strongly disagree that the district or school has any authority over what my child eats. You may argue that the various class parties offer the same junk foods but I argue that I am at least aware of the planned party and have a general idea what will be served prior to the event and can decide if my child participates. By allowing birthday treats in school, the school has stripped me of that right. I am NEVER told prior to or even after the birthday has been celebrated. Furthermore, I have requested this exact topic to be discussed at the parent advisory committee and was told that birthday food treats are 'part of the elementary school experience'. This response is ridiculous. It not only sidesteps dealing with the issue, it inherently places value on something that SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN part of the elementary school experience. Schools and districts around the state and country have managed to navigate this terrain but HES and HVRSD don't even attempt to. And that is shameful.	6/16/2017 7:44 AM
96	more project-based learning activities for "average" level students, not just ALR and ALM students	6/16/2017 7:41 AM
97	The high school is too liberal with the amount of freedom the kids have, especially seniors. There needs to be more structure. All of the "free" periods & "option" periods allow for too much freedom. Kids are leaving school too often during the day and not always making the best decisions. They are not in college yet as a senior and should have a more structured day with less freedoms. It also seems that coming late to school and absences are tolerated. Way to many kids with multiple tardy days & absences with seemingly little repercussion.	6/16/2017 7:29 AM
98	Grading for students when working in a group. I don't feel that group activities are often graded fairly. I understand the motivation behind some of these practices, but my children's grades have often been brought down in the process. For example, last year a science teacher had the students work in a group on a lab. For homework, the students were supposed to complete a packet and the next day check each other's answers and decide if they were correct. The teacher encouraged them to really help one another understand it. Two students in the group, including my child, did the work. One student did half of it, the other none at all. That day, they had to work together to help one another understand, especially if they had trouble, but not just "give" the answers. At the end of the period, the teacher had the child in the group with the closest birthday hand in their report for a grade for the whole group. The child who only completed half was picked. It brought down my child's average. My child would not allow us to contact the teacher for fear that the teacher would be mad. What did that teach my child?	6/16/2017 7:25 AM
99	My one complaint is regarding "group work" in the district. From middle school up, my child has been in numerous group work activities that translate into a grade for a class. She is a strong, amiable student and has often been put into a group where she basically has to do the entire project if she wants to get a grade that she typically strives to attain. This year, however, was the first year that she actually did the brunt of the work on a project, and another student in her group who did not got a better grade than her. I am not a parent who hovers and checks her grades continuously. But I do care about the frustration my daughter feels when she is in these situations. She won't allow us to email the teachers because she is scared that they won't like her if we do. Is there some sort of workshop that the teachers can receive about how to fairly grade all of these group activities?	6/16/2017 7:08 AM
100	I love the organic and village lunch options and I am willing to pay extra for them. Unfortunately this year on several occasions what was printed on the menu and what you are paying for didn't match what my child received. Love the idea of STEM in our school system. Wish it was not a separate off site program. This approach to learning, group work and problem solving would be beneficial to all students. I wish there was a way to offer STEM at each elementary school. Or even better, include this type of teaching in the whole school curriculum. Maybe not as a separate full time program but weave these opportunities in the day to day school work. It would be nice to have all students exposed to this.	6/16/2017 7:04 AM
101	I think some of the programs, such as math and science, should be a bit more challenging.	6/16/2017 6:58 AM

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102	still like to see the schedule at TMS change - flex is useful - longer lunch time would help - amount of homework is still an issue - spending 2 and a half hours on homework seems ludicrous for middle school	6/16/2017 6:57 AM
103	There are so many events during morning (I.e. 9 am, 10 am) that I wonder if anyone knows that parents have work. End of the day would or afternoon/evening may be better.	6/16/2017 6:51 AM
104	There could be more stratification of students by ability in classes (other than math, which I think is already a good example) so that all of the students in each class are being taught at the level that is most appropriate for the individual.	6/16/2017 6:38 AM
105	Your handling of bullying is a joke and an embarrassment. You do nothing but sweep it under the carpet. Oh yeah, how's that "relationship initiative" going that the Super was so hyped about that lasted about a week and then was dropped. Your administration is an embarrassment and the lack of care in regards to the victims of bullying is pathetic.	6/16/2017 5:42 AM
106	Not challenging the students enough. Where are the projects, papers and speaking assignments. Homework is almost non existent. Not properly prepping the kids for college. Curriculum hasnt changed over time, same stuff year on year. Not keeping pace lwith other school districts(Monroe township for example).	6/16/2017 5:09 AM
107	communicating to parents more directly about opportunities to participate. develop methods so parents dont feel stonewalled everything is a wall and will come back at you	6/16/2017 3:40 AM
108	Too Much homework, students need recess	6/16/2017 1:02 AM
109	My children get a math worksheet nearly every night for homework. By Christmas this becomes very tedious ... and it sends a message that math is worth practicing each night but writing, science, social studies, art, language and fitness are not. I'm not requesting more homework, just a break from math. Like maybe Monday could be math night, and the other nights the exercise could be more imaginative, creative, reflective. I wish gym and art met more often. Kids really need more time to move and work with their hands.	6/15/2017 10:59 PM
110	Playground supervision!!!	6/15/2017 10:48 PM
111	We would love for the afternoon enrichments to go back to individual schools running the programs. My child misses a few of the programs which were run by the teachers and we would love to have them back. Specifically Theater and Art with TG teachers. We also enjoyed having a parent in our school to discuss current and future enrichment programs. The personal attention to individual students and programs were a much better fit for Toll Gate.	6/15/2017 10:42 PM
112	I had an incident this year where my son had a consequence of meeting with the principal. I was very happy for the issue to be addressed in this way, but shocked that neither the teacher nor the principal followed up with me about this. That seems completely basic to me. Families should have communication about their child's discipline so that they can help reinforce lessons and behavior. I was disappointed with the lack of communication from the principal. I also think the school needs to promote enrichments better. The biggest issue is that they need to be scheduled much earlier and communicated to families earlier. This is a town where families like to schedule ahead! The enrichment schedule comes out so late, that families have already decided to fill the time with something else. I would also love the YMCA to be encouraged to schedule enrichments ahead better. And, more active, involved enrichments would be very much appreciated. Finally, I think the biggest area of improvement would be implimenting a policy of no homework at the elementary level, or at least from K-2. Research shows there is no benefit to homework at this age. It serves as busy work that just takes up precious family time, creative time, play time, down time, etc. I sincerely think students would be less stressed, happier, smarter, more intellectually flexible, and do better with no homework. Furthermore, it is not enough to tell families to opt out of homework that is being given. If the culture is that the students do the homework, it creates stress for a student who is opting out.	6/15/2017 10:37 PM
113	Stop the bullies. Use the law to protect the students doing the right thing. Follow the law to stop the bad behaviors.	6/15/2017 10:14 PM
114	Too many permanent injuries by too many students this year that were not addressed by administration.	6/15/2017 10:11 PM
115	bully prevention and helping with the results of bullying	6/15/2017 9:59 PM
116	Continue to maintain low class size in all grades. Consider reinstating a competitive process for admission into the STEAM program in the elementary grades.	6/15/2017 9:58 PM

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117	See above.	6/15/2017 9:34 PM
118	The large number of half days throughout the year seems like a huge waste of taxpayer money. Doing it because a half day counts as a full day isn't a good reason. No work gets done. There are many times that the children say they watched a movie. The money saved by not running buses would be a huge savings. Another waste of money is having another bus run on testing days. It seems that better scheduling could be done to save this money. The last 3 days of school and the thanksgiving week half days are the worst as far as wasting money. They aren't doing anything to justify being in school. It is foolish to say that because we have more school "days" that we are better than other districts. I know that the staff is required to have inservice days but making them a whole day in stead of 2 half days and not busing the children in for half a day would save money. Perhaps the money saved could fund more busing instead of families needing to pay for busing. 2 miles with the many obstacles isn't practical for children. It takes too long and is too dangerous to walk. They are forced to pay for busing.	6/15/2017 9:25 PM
119	Honors and AP classes are excellent, but sometimes could benefit from teachers giving clearer guidance on what will be expected on tests (EX: will the test focus more on applying analysis or more on the recall of discrete facts?). Small group discussion is excellent but our student mentions the comments can get a little repetitive and unfocused (and 1-2 speakers usually dominate the group). It would be helpful if the teachers could direct the conversation with Socratic questions or more guided prompts. Finally, I know the district advocates the use of the IAT/Implicit Bias Test. I just wanted to point out that there are significant questions about the test's methodology. Recent studies have indicated it is a poor predictor of bias, and certainly no predictor at all of actually acting upon bias. <a href="http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2017/01/psychologys-racism-measuring-tool-isnt-up-to-the-job.html">http://nymag.com/scienceofus/2017/01/psychologys-racism-measuring-tool-isnt-up-to-the-job.html</a>	6/15/2017 9:21 PM
120	I feel that there are great teachers in the Math and Science programs but there are also teachers who are not. It has been about 60/40. The years our daughter did not have good teachers in higher levels courses was a real problem. Not only for the current year not going forward. Twice she had an AP tracker who had never taught that paticular AP. This was a real problem. She had to self teach. While other students had the better teacher.	6/15/2017 9:13 PM
121	Diversity! The school's environment is not very diverse, providing a comfortable environment for all goes beyond story books about Safari animals or fund raisers for Trenton soup kitchen.	6/15/2017 9:06 PM
122	However, the victim that is bullied is not followed and checked on.	6/15/2017 9:04 PM
123	Kids are allowed to fail - too easy to opt out of learning with few consequences other than poor grades, which is no motivation for some middle schoolers and reinforces their opinion of themselves as a bad student.	6/15/2017 8:54 PM
124	Greater emphasis on mastery of topics and also more computer based homework. A need to consistently give homework rather than just once/twice a week especially in core subjects.	6/15/2017 8:49 PM
125	Increase diversity in teacher recruitment	6/15/2017 8:48 PM
126	No comment	6/15/2017 8:44 PM
127	The high school had a mouse running down the hallway a few weeks ago. The bathrooms are filthy. Please clean this place up!!! It's gross.	6/15/2017 8:23 PM
128	Because there's little racial, ethnic, or religious diversity among students, i feel that more needs to be done to promote an appreciation and respect for such differences. While I know that there are certainly efforts to make this happen, more needs to be done to promote an environment where everyone feels equal.	6/15/2017 7:54 PM
129	I wish I knew who my sons counselor was and had a little more guidance. He's not exactly setting the world on fire with his grades and could be doing a lot better but it seems like nobody actually cares.	6/15/2017 7:47 PM
130	One teacher didnt reply to my email until I sent 2nd followup email a week later	6/15/2017 7:44 PM
131	It would be great for artistically intelligent students to be able to take both Art I and band/orchestra at TMS. My child was very disappointed that she had to choose one or the other.	6/15/2017 7:11 PM
132	More hands on learning! Less 2 dimensional. Less screens. More green, less trash. No single use plates, boxes, forks, knives..., less paper copies, more workbooks.	6/15/2017 7:10 PM

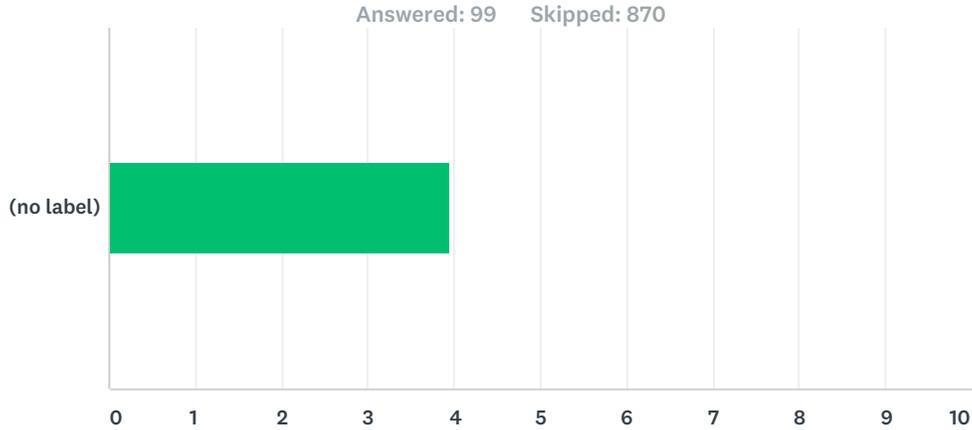
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133	Students should not be given make-up tests in an active instruction classroom, but rather an empty room with staff to mirror testing conditions.	6/15/2017 7:04 PM
134	Educating about the dangers and consequences of dug and alcohol abuse.	6/15/2017 7:04 PM
135	I would like to see additional homework and possibly have the children prepare reports when class trips are taken.	6/15/2017 6:58 PM
136	I do not feel that the math program we use (in second grade this year) gives the children a solid foundation in basic math facts. It jumps around too much and	6/15/2017 6:48 PM
137	All counseling issues especially mean girl behavior, relational aggression, friendship issues, and female bullying.	6/15/2017 6:28 PM
138	instilling a greater drive for excellence	6/15/2017 6:25 PM
139	District should reduce the summer vacation and adjust it over the winter and other seasons . The teachers should encourage more writing workshops from 1st grade onward. The transition from 2-3 is huge and kids are surprised about the writing workshops and mostly aren't able to adjust to it .	6/15/2017 6:05 PM
140	Typing!!!! Dedicated keyboarding class every day for half the year.	6/15/2017 6:01 PM
141	Diversity among the teaching staff should be a goal. In our building the custodial staff are African American, teachers are overwhelmingly white. Students need to see the same diversity at the top of the class & support staff as they see among their diverse peer group.	6/15/2017 6:00 PM
142	When a child is called to the principal's office, does it get communicated to the parent? There might be a disconnect there.	6/15/2017 5:59 PM
143	On hot days, my child's classroom (in the newer wing) is too hot. I was in the classroom earlier this week, and the thermostat said it was 84 in there...and it felt like it! Meanwhile, the administrative office was cool and comfortable. Hmmm.	6/15/2017 5:59 PM
144	Sometimes it seemed my child was in an odd spot with a child who had undx special needs. During recesses my child felt obligated to play with her. My child would cry about it at home. She eventually left the school and my child reported a lecture was given to the students not to bully making my child feel like a bully when she wasn't. The girl who left seemed to need some help with social skills and mine with coping with these types of situations. Maybe a peer mediation program would have been helpful for both and a social skills group.	6/15/2017 5:58 PM
145	Differentiated assessments for classes. Not all students learn by lecture and tests. Teachers need to find ways to have students apply the information so they can show knowledge in different ways. I find it ridiculous that a teachers grades this year in my child's class showed 15 tests and a couple of homework assignments. Did the teacher not do anything during class time that was worth grading? What happens if the child is not a good test taker?	6/15/2017 5:58 PM
146	i really appreciate the talent and passion that the specials teachers bring to BT and I wish there was more interaction between parents and specials teachers.	6/15/2017 5:54 PM
147	Parent invitations are great but hey need to happen first thing in the morning. For the 3rd grader Biography project, parents were welcome starting 10AM (and 9:15 was posted on the website calendar), the attendance would be greater if we could make this 8:45! The summer temperature in the buildings might be a little high to help the students stay focused during the day (there is Climate in the survey title, otherwise, I would never thought about this one!).	6/15/2017 5:50 PM
148	I think the district administration is out of touch with the issue of homework. The guidelines are not realistic, students are over home worked and the current guidelines are not adequately enforced. After a long school day my 7th grader will have 3+ hours of homework that turns into 4+ hours of homework because he loses focus. I believe homework that is meant to reinforce classroom work becomes a negative learning experience as fatigue and stress outweighs any learning experience.	6/15/2017 5:50 PM
149	Grades are not entered in OnCourse in a timely manner. Front Office staff is indifferent.	6/15/2017 5:45 PM
150	Homework is often 2-3 hours a night	6/15/2017 5:44 PM
151	Input from teachers via oncourse, there is pretty much zero - Just grades. Bullying climate is awful and addressed in a poor way. I have no confidence in academic achievement. No wonder kids are moving to other school districts. I am going to hire tutors in core subjects because when my child struggles, he gets no attention from his teacher. I am still waiting for the counselor to call me back - it's been 2 months so far. There is no accountability.	6/15/2017 5:42 PM

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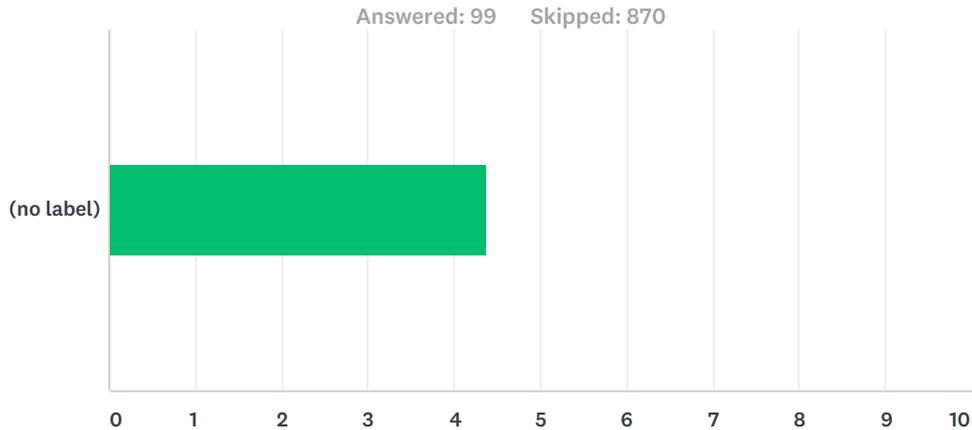
152	I think that diversity teachings need to either improve more here or just not be taught. For example, we shouldn't have to subject all the kids to learn about jewish culture when not all the kids are jewish. Although I am all for learning culture, if you're going to teach one, teach the others as well or don't teach at all, otherwise is discriminatory and prejudice. The same goes for days off. Students shouldn't be subjected to days off from school for jewish holidays it's a waste of school days for all kids. I understand for the major holidays - Labor, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, President's Day and Memorial Day. Also in regards to in-service or conferences where students are off, try keeping them close together as opposed to breaking up days in the week. For example, doesn't make sense to come in for school Mon and/or Tues, and then again on Friday while having Wed and Thursday off. Lastly the district needs to implement uniforms. I was told it was something that was addressed but not everyone in favor, please bring back the discussion of having uniforms. It makes it so much easier and better for students to function and learn in school, because essentially that is what they are there for, not to show off!	6/15/2017 5:42 PM
153	Need to continue to educate students and staff on bullying and acceptance	6/15/2017 5:36 PM
154	Counselor needs to get more involved personally with bullying - my daughter was told to figure it out for herself. Assemblies on bullying and suicide missed the mark, creating more fear than understanding. Also getting in advanced classes seems like you have to know someone rather than student excellence. If it is going to be that way make it a club. Many programs go unknown to parents.	6/15/2017 5:35 PM
155	Communication from TMS has gone downhill. Quality of teachers is not consistent. Flex period is a joke. My child and peers are playing games during that time and the teacher does nothing. Biggest complaint is overall climate. My child has been harassed every single year at TMS. Never the same kids but whoever decides to target for that year. My child is NOT alone in experiencing this. You can have all of the anti-bullying workshops that you'd like but bottom line is that kids ARE still not accepted by all.	6/15/2017 5:35 PM
156	The average child slips through the cracks. They need to send tests home so parents can see what is going wrong. Requests to see them were denied - allegedly school policy. The teachers will focus on a child when contacted by a parent but otherwise they are passive. They need character education! I don't feel the school supports values of kindness and respect. The children need to be exposed to classics for children. They miss so many cultural references!	6/15/2017 5:35 PM
157	Consistency in classroom discipline, communication about both good and bad events at school, curriculum articulation, creative innovative schedule and learning environments	6/15/2017 5:32 PM
158	I think respect for a variety of political ideologies needs to be fostered. This year, with the election, my son was somewhat bullied for coming from a family that did not support who was apparently the popular Hopewell candidate. Some teachers also made comments in classrooms that my son was in that expressed their views on the election, our current president and the so-called woman's march in D.C. Teachers have absolutely NO place discussing ANY of this with their students. Teachers and administrators MUST keep their religious, philosophical and political ideologies to themselves. It is your job to be concerned with my son's academic progress ONLY; you have no business tampering with my child's philosophical, religious or political beliefs. There is no place for these on public school grounds, and I definitely feel this is an area that needs HUGE improvement. I'll admit that if things continue this way, I will be looking into pulling my children out of the public school system in the coming years in favor of private education that aligns with our family's beliefs or homeschooling, something I shouldn't have to do.	6/15/2017 5:29 PM
159	1) School starts quite early at the middle school level and buses arrive even earlier. After school activities combined with homework often keep kids up too late relative to the early bus and start times. Adequate sleep is so important to kids this age - however, not sure there is anything that can reasonably be done about District start times. ;) 2) can students print to home printers from their school chrome books? We encountered difficulty this year and had to email documents to parents in order to be able to print when printed copies were required to be handed in	6/15/2017 5:28 PM
160	kids are still bullied...even if you think you have it under control. Bullying can be even when a person is left out or when they are put down thru gossip. This needs to be addressed so all kids are in an inclusive environment.	6/15/2017 5:26 PM
161	More diverse teaching or none at all, it's discriminating and prejudice. Stop taking days off from school for Jewish holidays not everyone celebrates it. If taking days off for in-service or conferences take off the time in 1 slot and not broken up. It unnecessarily takes away from the summer holidays. Implementation of uniforms in the school district.	6/15/2017 5:26 PM

## Q28 My school is neat and clean



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	3.03% 3	10.10% 10	9.09% 9	44.44% 44	33.33% 33	99	3.95

## Q29 I feel safe in my school

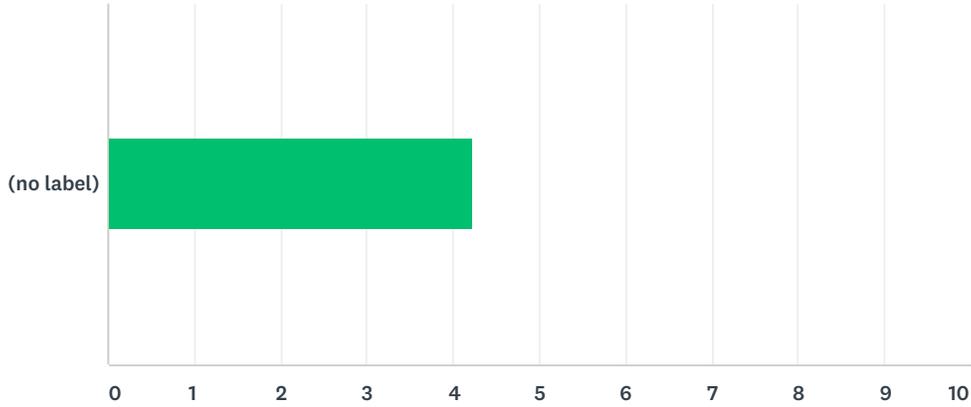


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(no label)	1.01% 1	3.03% 3	6.06% 6	36.36% 36	53.54% 53	99	4.38

## Q30 My school provides teachers with adequate classroom materials

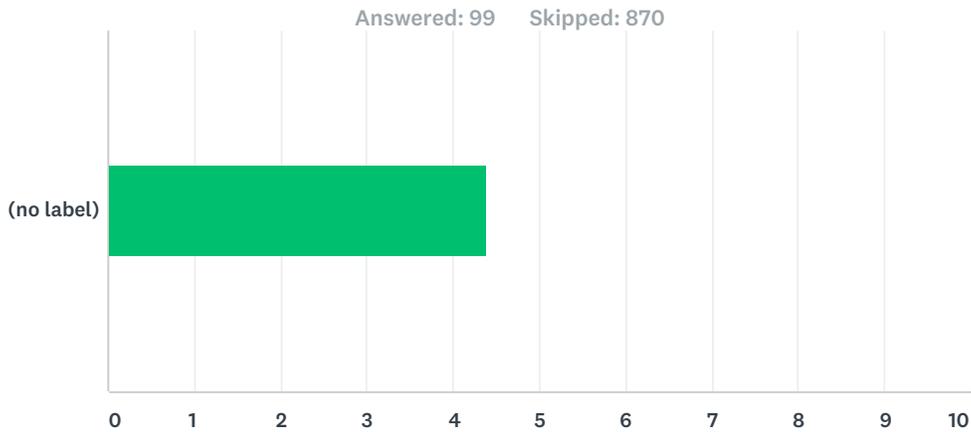
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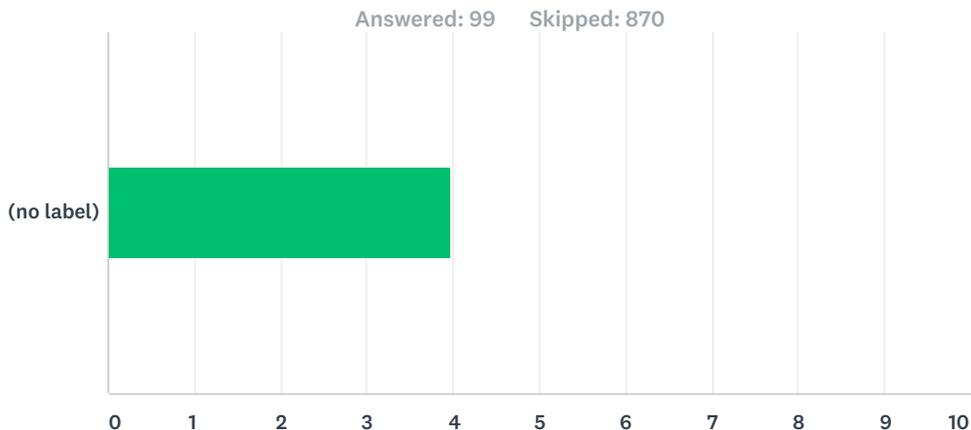
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(no label)	1.01% 1	6.06% 6	5.05% 5	45.45% 45	42.42% 42	99	4.22

**Q31 Students feel safe in my school**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.01% 1	0.00% 0	5.05% 5	46.46% 46	47.47% 47	99	4.39

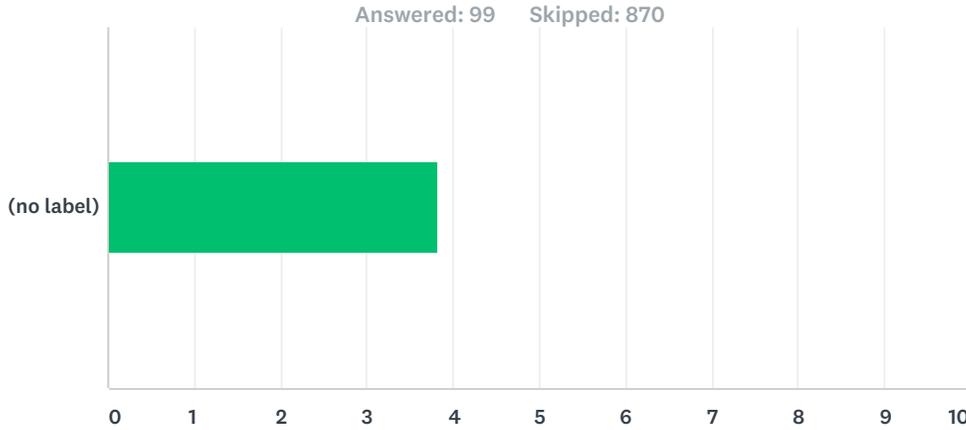
**Q32 At my school, cultural differences are respected**



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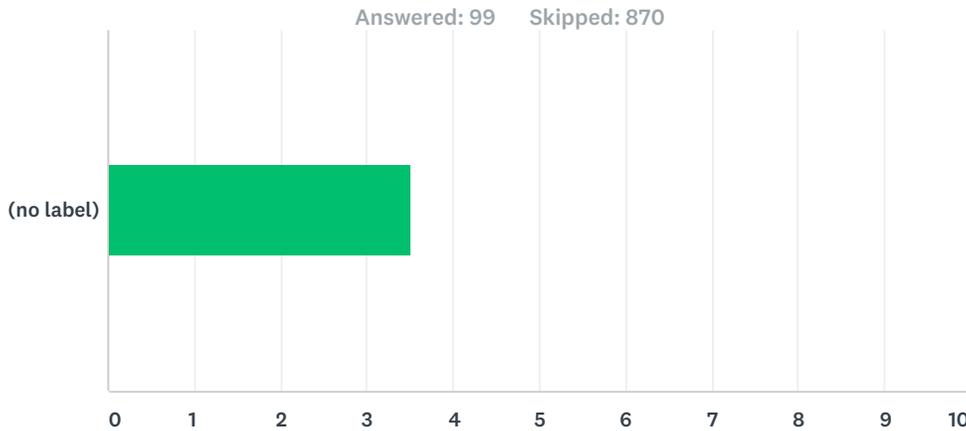
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(no label)	2.02% 2	6.06% 6	14.14% 14	47.47% 47	30.30% 30	99	3.98

### Q33 My school does a good job of addressing bullying



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.01% 1	9.09% 9	19.19% 19	48.48% 48	22.22% 22	99	3.82

### Q34 Teachers are involved in making important decisions at my school

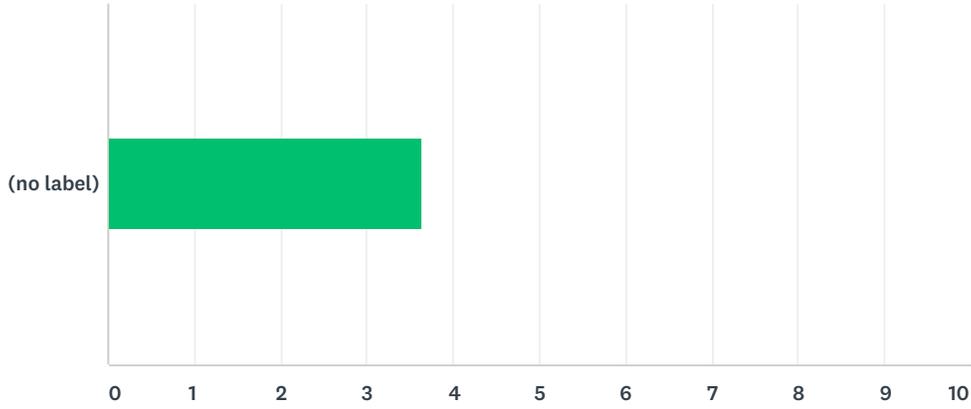


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(no label)	4.04% 4	15.15% 15	22.22% 22	42.42% 42	16.16% 16	99	3.52

### Q35 As a staff member, my opinion is valued

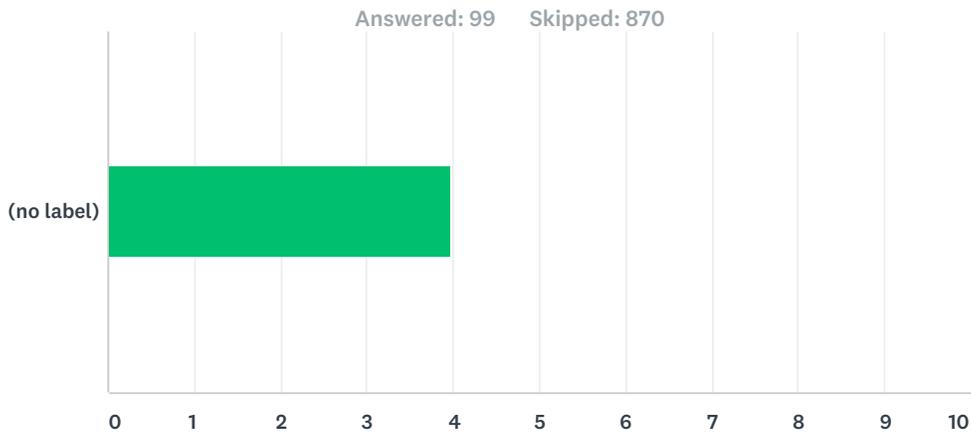
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	4.04% 4	13.13% 13	17.17% 17	47.47% 47	18.18% 18	99	3.63

**Q36 I feel supported by my administration when a student issue arises**

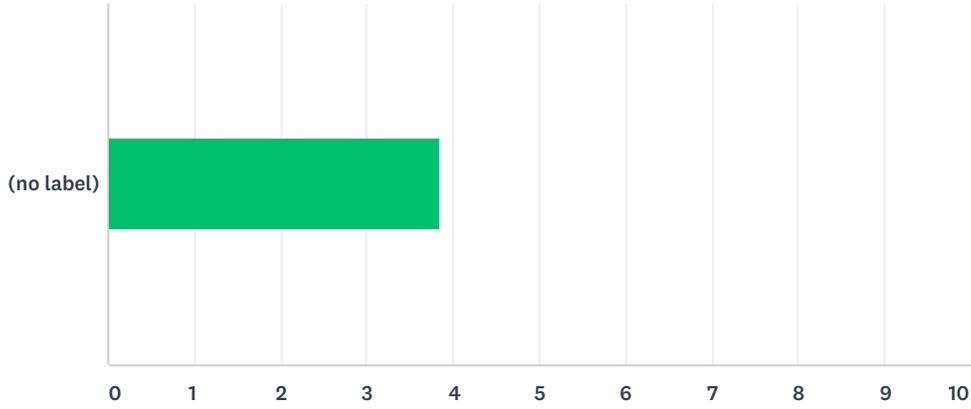


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(no label)	1.01% 1	4.04% 4	19.19% 19	47.47% 47	28.28% 28	99	3.98

**Q37 My school praises and recognizes teachers**

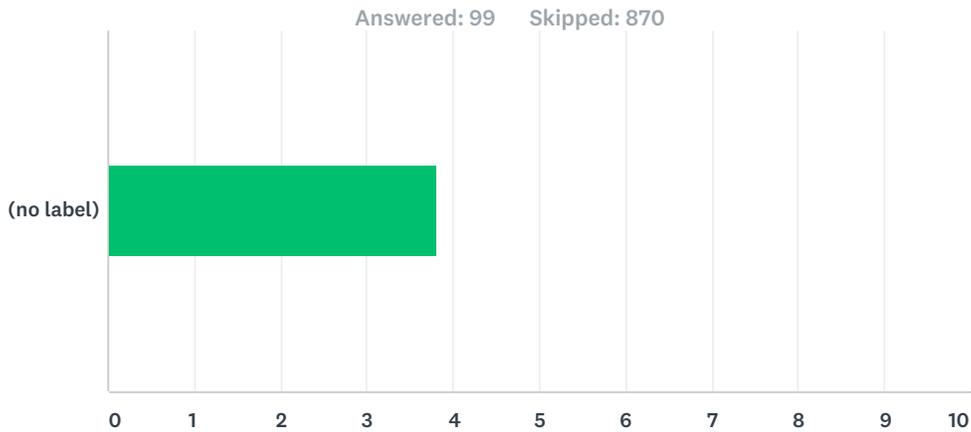
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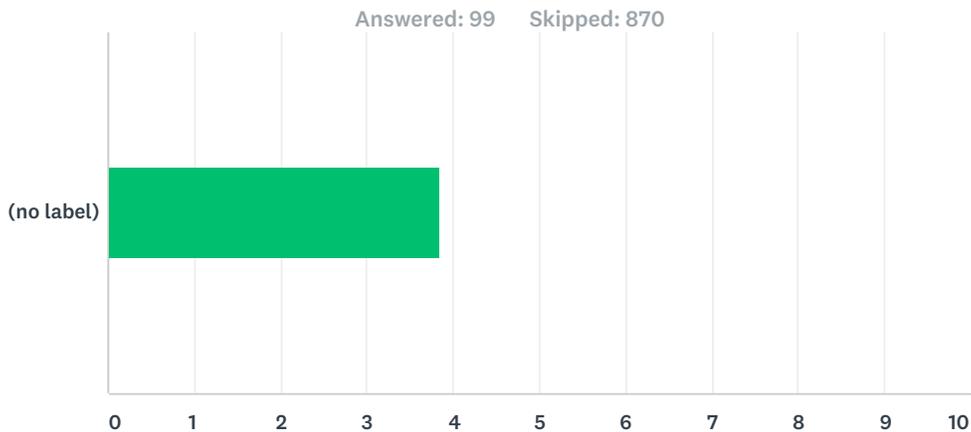
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(no label)	2.02% 2	9.09% 9	15.15% 15	49.49% 49	24.24% 24	99	3.85

**Q38 I feel supported by parents in my school community**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.01% 1	8.08% 8	21.21% 21	48.48% 48	21.21% 21	99	3.81

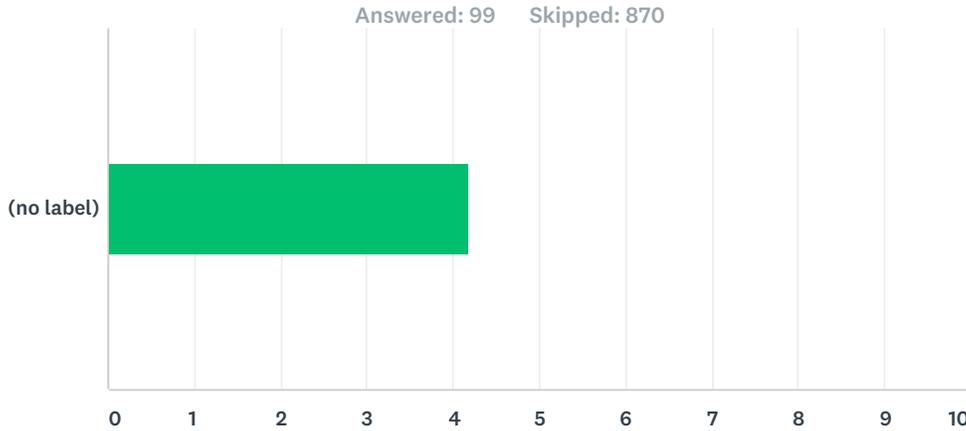
**Q39 Our school has a clear vision for student learning**



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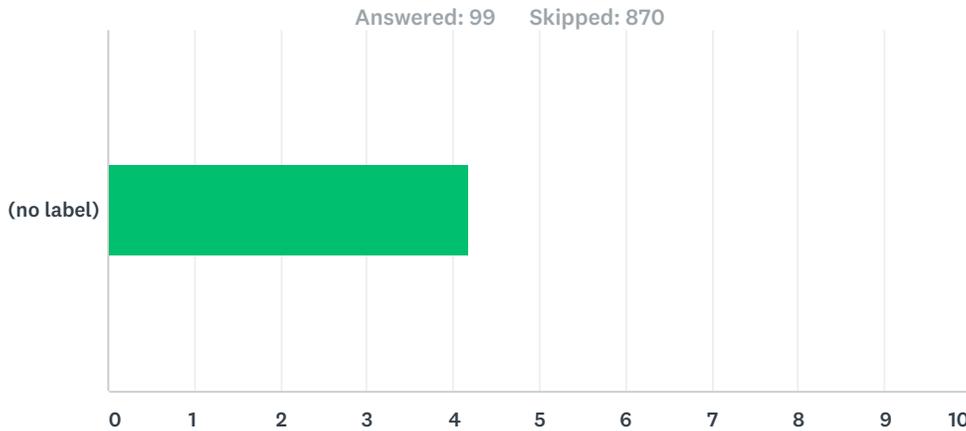
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(no label)	2.02% 2	10.10% 10	18.18% 18	41.41% 41	28.28% 28	99	3.84

**Q40 Teachers at this school modify activities and lessons to meet the needs of each student**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	2.02% 2	2.02% 2	8.08% 8	50.51% 50	37.37% 37	99	4.19

**Q41 My school sets high standards for student learning**

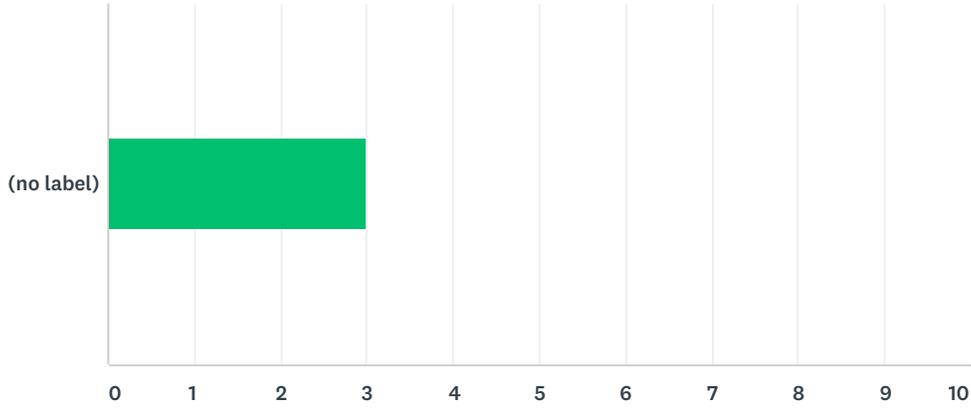


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(no label)	2.02% 2	2.02% 2	9.09% 9	48.48% 48	38.38% 38	99	4.19

**Q42 An administrator is in my classroom on a regular basis**

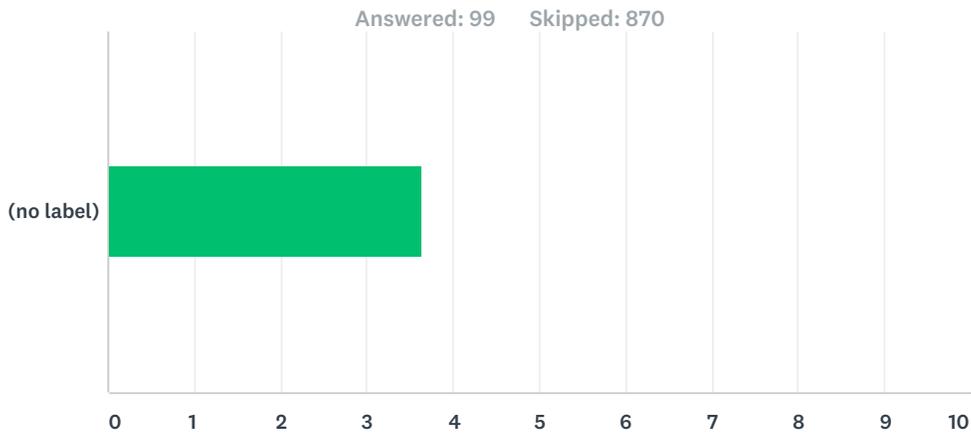
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	13.13% 13	17.17% 17	34.34% 34	28.28% 28	7.07% 7	99	2.99

**Q43 My supervisor/principal regularly reviews my lesson plans for effectiveness**

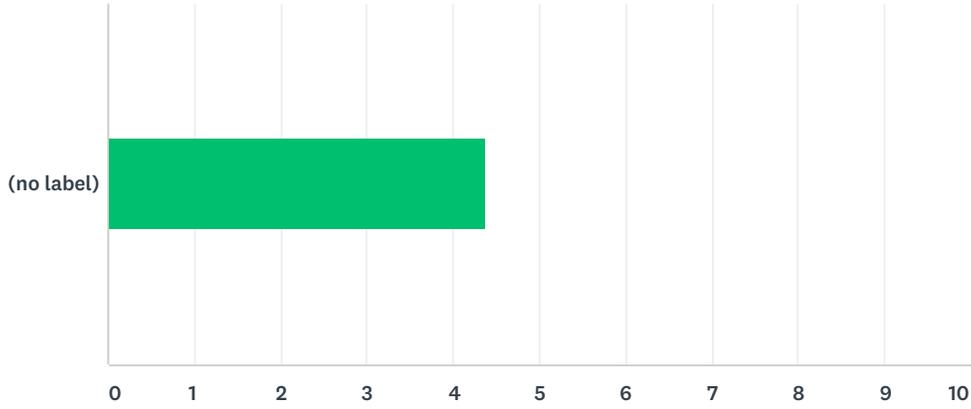


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	5.05% 5	7.07% 7	23.23% 23	47.47% 47	17.17% 17	99	3.65

**Q44 My classroom instruction is guided by state standards**

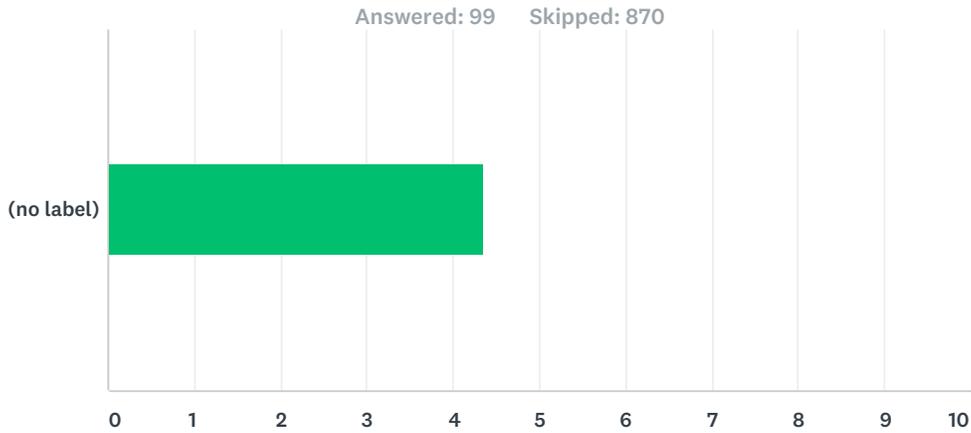
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.01% 1	1.01% 1	5.05% 5	44.44% 44	48.48% 48	99	4.38

**Q45 I regularly share and discuss teaching methods with my colleagues**

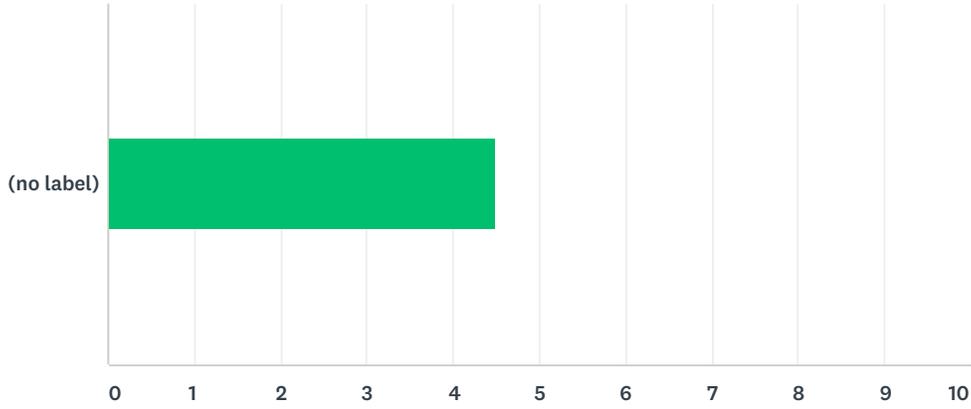


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	2.02% 2	3.03% 3	10.10% 10	27.27% 27	57.58% 57	99	4.35

**Q46 Teachers in this school are committed to improving student achievement**

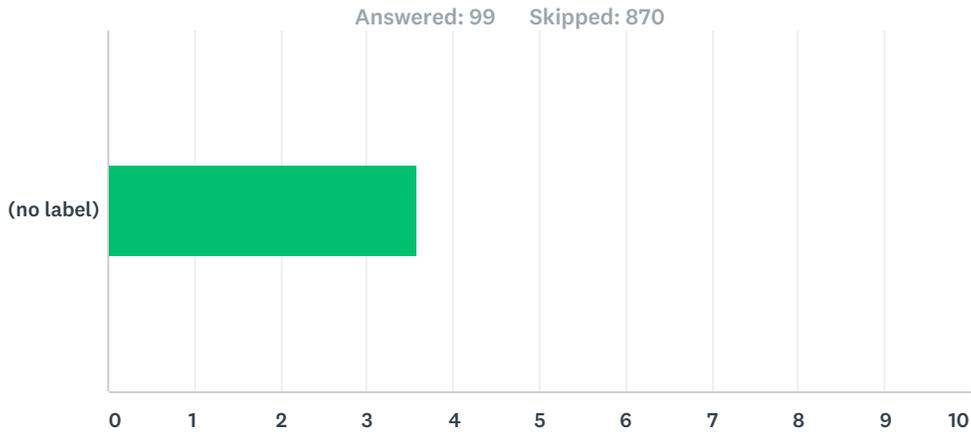
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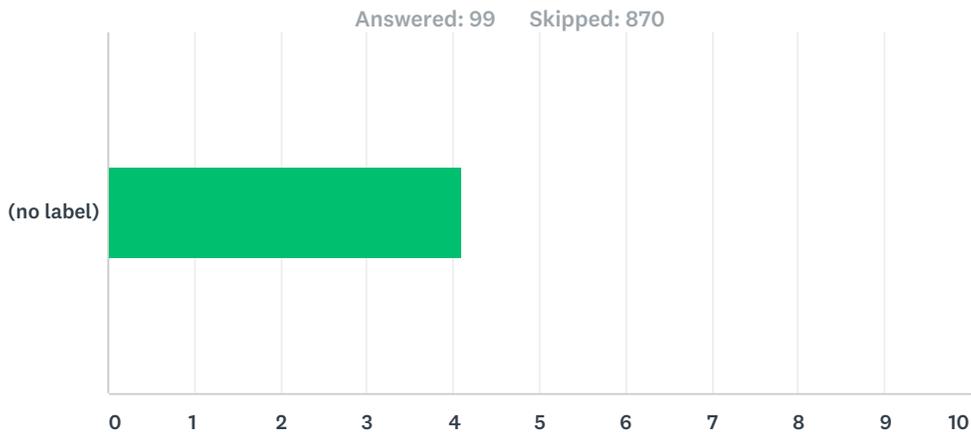
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.01% 1	1.01% 1	2.02% 2	39.39% 39	56.57% 56	99	4.49

**Q47 Parents respect their children's teachers**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	3.03% 3	10.10% 10	22.22% 22	55.56% 55	9.09% 9	99	3.58

**Q48 I look forward to coming to work every day**



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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	2.02%	4.04%	14.14%	42.42%	37.37%	99	4.09
	2	4	14	42	37		

## Q49 Please share your comments about what you feel the district does well:

Answered: 38 Skipped: 931

#	Responses	Date
1	I feel the addition of district-wide grade level meetings has encouraged collaboration and collegiality.	6/26/2017 9:17 PM
2	Technology: The district continues to update technology in order to give students and teachers the tools needed to be active learners in the 21st century. The commitment to 1-1 devices at the elementary level has enabled teachers to prepare students to navigate and make sense of the overabundance of information available to them. Subscriptions to various applications, such as Tenmarks and Raz-Kids have aided in both teaching and assessing our students.	6/21/2017 1:27 PM
3	-Opportunity for growth -Different types of workshops to advance learning for teachers	6/19/2017 10:18 PM
4	Giving everyone a voice; supporting arts, athletics and enriching activities; holding high achieving students to a high standard	6/19/2017 8:52 AM
5	It does a great job at providing the students with the latest technology.	6/19/2017 8:27 AM
6	Showcasing what it thinks is important.	6/18/2017 10:52 PM
7	Collaboration between staff and administration has been strong.	6/17/2017 10:18 PM
8	Care about students achievement and the needs of parents	6/16/2017 6:19 PM
9	The district is very good at following current trends in education.	6/16/2017 3:26 PM
10	Teachers care about how their students learn. They are interested in ways to best meet the needs of the children in their classroom. I feel supported personally and professionally.	6/16/2017 3:04 PM
11	HV is a great district! Students are well prepared for college and beyond.	6/16/2017 11:16 AM
12	Including staff in decision-making process.	6/16/2017 10:58 AM
13	The district is great with being progressive with learning and social issues.	6/16/2017 10:56 AM
14	The district provides technology that is needed in the current world.	6/16/2017 10:03 AM
15	We have countless staff members who truly advocate for the needs of their students.	6/16/2017 9:47 AM
16	We generally keep class sizes down and provide instructors with needed materials and support.	6/16/2017 8:59 AM
17	The district offers many opportunities for electives and extracurricular activities.	6/16/2017 8:58 AM
18	Hopewell is an amazing district. I feel that the environment is extremely respectful.	6/16/2017 8:05 AM
19	My building administration are finally supportive of the staff.	6/16/2017 8:04 AM
20	We have the knowledge and supplies to provide an excellent education, keeping up on trends - new information and strategies in teaching	6/16/2017 8:04 AM
21	Great administrative team at the high school, supportive of needs, helpful with all issues	6/16/2017 7:51 AM
22	Our teachers are wonderful collaborators with each other. We are a student-centered academically high achieving faculty. Their collective concern for student well being is amazing.	6/16/2017 7:49 AM
23	Open door policy to parents	6/16/2017 7:01 AM
24	The District provides teachers with a lot of professional training. This can be overwhelming when teachers feel they are being asked to change several things at once, but at least we are given training.	6/16/2017 6:53 AM

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25	Building administrators treat the staff and students with respect. At the building level the focus is still on the student and creating a secure and welcoming environment that is conducive to learning.	6/16/2017 6:48 AM
26	I am always supplied the items I need in my classroom. I have wonderful para professionals that support my kids.	6/16/2017 6:35 AM
27	The district is trying to support new programs with workshops before we need to implement them.	6/16/2017 6:15 AM
28	The district: offers many curricular and co-curricular options, communicates frequently with staff and the community, stays current with educational trends, and is sympathetic to family and staff stressors.	6/16/2017 5:14 AM
29	The district does a stellar job at striving for excellence in all areas of education. There is a strong message of good customer service both for professionals and parents. Our special education department is filled with passionate professionals who are committed to student progress and make data based decisions. Administrators are accessible and value staff input. There is a strong district mission to value individual differences in race, class, culture, gender and religion. This mission has made the climate more inclusive.	6/15/2017 10:14 PM
30	Committed to student learning and achievement	6/15/2017 10:07 PM
31	The supervisors/principals are extremely supportive open and willing to help you.	6/15/2017 10:07 PM
32	The district is always at the forefront of technology and innovations. Keeping the teachers abreast with the latest teaching pedagogy.	6/15/2017 8:41 PM
33	Great attention to diversity and sensitive issues. Administration is very supportive of what is best for kids even it is not the most popular perspective.	6/15/2017 7:54 PM
34	I think the school is committed to strong education while catering to the needs of the parents.	6/15/2017 5:49 PM
35	Arts and athletics. Arts bc the teachers are wonderful (bottom up support), athletics bc the district values them (top down). I think the district tries to do what is out there that's "new," but just bc it's new doesn't mean it's best. I think the new administrative team in the HS is absolutely excellent.	6/15/2017 5:48 PM
36	Hiring great staff and continuing to put in place new initiatives	6/15/2017 5:39 PM
37	I have felt that the administration is supportive at TMS, and new ideas are welcomed and encouraged.	6/15/2017 5:36 PM
38	The districts offers a wide-range of support for students.	6/15/2017 5:33 PM

**Q50 Please share your comments about what you feel the district needs to improve upon:**

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#	Responses	Date
1	Technology support	6/26/2017 9:17 PM
2	1. Ageism: At my school, youth is valued over experience. Part of this is a problem at the administration level (at both the district and the school level), as teachers without tenure are approved for things such as writing curriculum and for mentoring student teachers. Part is a problem of the attitude of the "Millennial" teachers, who posses confidence that isn't commensurate with their knowledge or abilities. They are not encouraged to draw on the deep well of knowledge and wisdom of experienced teachers. Collaboration is not something they enjoy or strive for. 2. Favoritism: At my school, favoritism is deep rooted. The administrator does not try to mask his preferences for teachers when assigning placement or rooms or even when addressing staff members during meetings. Teachers know to tread lightly for fear of retribution.	6/21/2017 1:27 PM
3	Providing elementary staff with time to do work (ie. plans, assessments, report cards assessments) during the work day...outside of their personal life.	6/20/2017 3:10 PM
4	-Acceptance by all staff of students with disabilities -Understanding differences amongst children -Less talk, more work (lots of gossip at some schools)	6/19/2017 10:18 PM

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5	I sometimes feel like teachers have to compete with (rather than work with) the students'/parents' voices. I feel supported by my admins and firmly believe that students and parents should be part of the conversation, but it sometimes seems as though they are frequently allowed to skip the conversation part. I don't think any teacher wants more parent meetings, but I do think we could do a better job of helping our students and parents navigate difficult situations more appropriately.	6/19/2017 8:52 AM
6	The students get brand new chrome books, but the schools frequently run out of tissues, have no heat or air conditioning. It's 2017. If it is too hot, students should not be in school, it is a safety issue. As for turning the boilers off in April? The weather report is rarely correct, boilers should not be turned off until mid May. The basic needs of staff and students are often overlooked in order to afford the "bigger" items. Can we please stop serving diet soda? I am not on a diet and enjoy a coca-cola or sprite on occasion. It is also a known fact. for many decades now, that diet is worse than regular soda. Cleanliness could be improved upon. Staff and administration, including Board members, could benefit from being a little more friendly and actually acknowledging staff members in the hallway, no matter what the other persons title is.	6/19/2017 8:27 AM
7	Becoming more GENUINE in its approaches to the day to day and being "present" at more than just the premiere events.	6/18/2017 10:52 PM
8	Building greater relationships between school and broader community.	6/17/2017 10:18 PM
9	Students are encouraged to be in classes they are not recommended for	6/16/2017 6:19 PM
10	I believe the district - specifically TL - can do a better job at appearing professional to our students and parents at all time. There does not seem to be any dress code for teachers at TL. Some wear ties and the occasional sport coat while others traipse around in gym clothes. This week alone I've seen teachers wearing shorts, t-shirts, and clothes appropriate for working out in the gym - while teaching..... This is very unprofessional. Other times there are teachers walking around in shorts that are too short, and shirts that are VERY inappropriate before school starts, but while students are in the building. Again, unprofessional and inappropriate. We need to have standards of professional dress for our teachers, and these standards need to be enforced. As a student, I would not be able to take my science teacher seriously if he was wearing gym shorts and a t-shirt, but I would respect the history teacher wearing slacks and a button-down shirt and tie. We need to be role models. We need to be something to strive towards for our students. We absolutely should not look like we are lounging around our living rooms on our days off, or like we are in the middle of a workout. Please, let's raise the bar back where it belongs.	6/16/2017 5:10 PM
11	The district needs to choose one initiative and ensure that all staff is trained adequately in that initiative. Training needs to be more than someone providing an on-line Google slide for teachers to review. Larger initiatives that involve changes in curriculum really need to be addressed as a department and grade level before decisions are made. Often times, decisions are made without necessarily thinking about how that will be carried out in the classroom and what will need to be sacrificed in order for someone to be able to do that. When staff asks questions regarding those decisions, they are often met with criticism and are not given answers. There are a number of building expectations that are not followed by all staff, and it becomes difficult to continually enforce those expectations when it is not consistent between staff. If we have a policy regarding clothing, student cell phone use, or simply food and drink in the classroom, individuals who are not following the school policy should be spoken to one on one.	6/16/2017 3:26 PM
12	-Using a language arts curriculum in the primary grades that is not appropriate for all learners - Not giving teachers a voice to discuss why areas in the curriculum may or may not be working - Demanding more than people are able to give, people seem burned out - Not really reevaluating programs on a regular basis and making necessary changes	6/16/2017 3:04 PM
13	The ICS program needs to be improved. There has been no training in this area for quite a while. The issue of safety and security needs more attention. Too many outside people are able to get into the building easily.	6/16/2017 11:16 AM
14	Continue to improve top-down communication.	6/16/2017 10:58 AM
15	I believe the administration could be more involved with the needs of special education children and the staff that work directly with these families. There seems to be a lack of support and knowledge with what happens within this district from PK on.	6/16/2017 10:56 AM

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16	Properly placing students in classes in which they have the necessary foundation to be successful. Access to higher level classes is wonderful but the students shouldn't be encouraged to take classes they are not prepared for and then perform poorly. It is not good for the students self esteem nor should it be necessary for the teacher to constantly remediate.	6/16/2017 10:14 AM
17	When instituting programs and technology standards please have the input from the teachers, support staff and administrators in the schools before implementing them. Those who do not work in the classroom or school do not fully comprehend the needs of the teachers and students in each curriculum area of study.	6/16/2017 10:03 AM
18	1. managing student and parent expectations when a student elects to take a course for which they have not met the pre-requisites 2. supporting such students once enrolled in the course	6/16/2017 9:47 AM
19	It would be helpful if central administration talked with staff about the impact of district-level changes on procedures and programs. It seems as if decisions are sometimes made without a full understanding of the potential impact of these changes. We do understand new initiatives will hit bumps along the way, but perhaps we should debrief and discuss how we could adjust and improve what we are doing rather than refusing to acknowledge these issues exist.	6/16/2017 9:47 AM
20	We need to develop a plan for at risk students or students that just don't fit the traditional model of high school. I don't think we have spent any time addressing the needs of non-traditional learners. We sometimes attempt to place the proverbial square peg in the round hole!	6/16/2017 8:59 AM
21	This district has unfortunately lowered its standards to "appear" as one of the best schools in the area, but this is doing a real disservice to our students. The grade for students to get into an Honors or AP class is extremely low, giving students a fall sense that they can handle it. The teachers are holding the bar high for these courses but when students who are really average are in an honors course, it becomes the teacher's fault when they start struggling and the teacher's responsibility to give up their free time to help students who are really not placed correctly. Too many students are overloading on Honors courses and are extremely stressed out and blaming the teachers for the difficulty of the course and amount of work expected of them. The same goes for our struggling students. Lower level classes have been taking away and students are not receiving the supports they truly need to succeed. Classes are overloaded with students with IEP's, 504's, and I&RS plans and in turn they are not able to receive the support they really need. Recitation is an option for some but it is not enough to support many of our students on a daily basis. The teachers in this building go above and beyond to support their students, especially because their needs are not being met appropriately in the classroom. The teachers give up endless hours of their time during lunch and before and after school and are not compensated or even thanked for this. Many staff in this building barely get to sit down for lunch because they are always helping students. This is a great district and will remain a great district if we hold the bar high and the students accountable. Many other high schools have kept the grade eligibility for honors at a 90 or above and do not even have the option for a study hall or senior option. We are giving the students an inflated sense of their abilities academically and when they go off to college, many are coming back saying how they are struggling and not as prepared as they believed they were. Thank you for taking the time to listen and truly consider what I feel are great areas of weakness for Hopewell Valley.	6/16/2017 8:59 AM
22	How staff treat one another.	6/16/2017 8:22 AM
23	na	6/16/2017 8:05 AM
24	The building is in dire need of a face lift - it is much more than AC and a new roof. It is dirty, drab and falling apart. I do not feel as if the district administration is supporting us in training that is needed to implement the many initiatives that are being handed down.	6/16/2017 8:04 AM
25	Collegiality - unprofessionalism among staff members, clear communication about new initiatives, effective leadership	6/16/2017 8:04 AM
26	We have a peripatetic vision for pedagogy. We also adopt a 'one-size fits all approach' (e.g. blended learning). Our pedagogical approach changes so often, that it's hard to achieve proficiency and confuses teaching. As far as the climate goes, there is much bullying among students that goes unreported because it happens in a hidden way. But not all students feel comfortable or accepted in this district.	6/16/2017 7:49 AM
27	Updating of old classrooms and furniture; painting of metal cabinetry in classrooms, replace broken window blinds and windows. Make the rooms more welcoming.	6/16/2017 7:01 AM

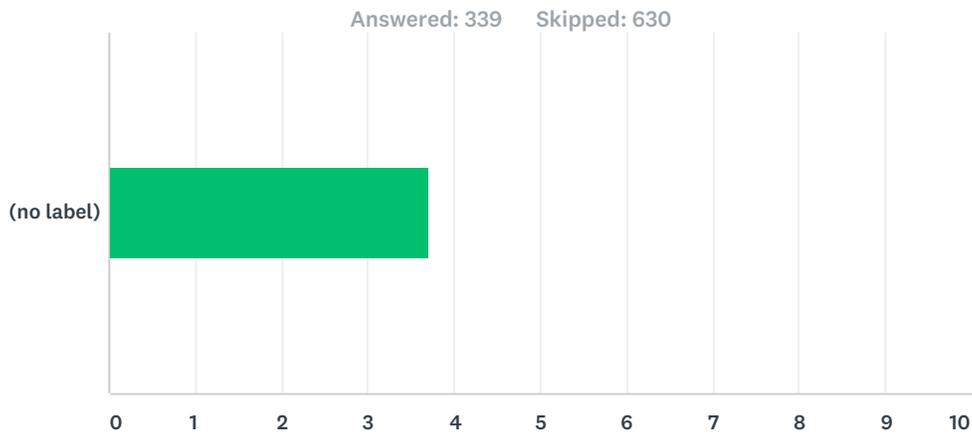
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28	Cliques are still an issue with teachers. For example,a large group of teachers goes out to lunch regularly and some teachers are not invited.	6/16/2017 6:53 AM
29	PARCC test scores drive the district focus more than logical academic decision making. There is too much influence in our district on one test rather than overall student success on multiple measures within the academic year. Rather than building a model for academic success and staying on point, we tend to jump on the academic bandwagon in the pursuit of public recognition as a ground-breaking district.	6/16/2017 6:48 AM
30	Be real about the world we live in. We do not live in a Hopewell bubble. There are people really struggling and people taking advantage of the system.	6/16/2017 6:35 AM
31	We still seem to jump into new programs without research proving it works. Two recent examples are Olivia Wahl in 3-5 grades and now TIP in 3-5 grades. If we have enough teachers to work a Basic Skills program, where the students' needs were truly met, then why would we change it to a model that isn't as effective for the students.	6/16/2017 6:15 AM
32	The district needs to: address inappropriate staff actions one-to-one without making blanket statements as staff should do with students. Blanket statements make everyone uncomfortable and decrease morale. instruct staff on expectations instead of frequent e-mails with so much information that it is overwhelming. to counterbalance how technology can debilitate, have monthly district-wide themes on some essential societal skills that are fading like: please/thank you, eye contact, personal space, hand shakes...true character education. Advisory and Morning Meeting have devolved into fundraising time. Since most people do not give weekend homework, Timberlane should have Friday FLEX turn into a school-wide character lesson that is prepared and hits every child. address staff attire. Teachers are wearing t-shirts, shorts, spandex, halter tops etc Many are looking like the kids. We do not appear professional as a staff throughout the year. develop, implement, and consistently enforce technology issues: cell phones, filter/block video games from Chrome books.	6/16/2017 5:14 AM
33	Continued open dialogue on race, class, gender starting in younger grades. More formalized program for para-professional training and development. Teacher flexibility for students with attention/behavior issues. Better understanding of the vision of STEM (as well as selection) both in elementary and across the district. Continuation of a more unified continuum between TIP and SPED across elementary schools.	6/15/2017 10:14 PM
34	Recognize teachers' efforts and dedication	6/15/2017 10:07 PM
35	The school is working on fixing the building but water leaks cause wet carpets/floors issues with ants and bathrooms that are not working but do not get repaired makes the school appear not sanitary to students/staff	6/15/2017 10:07 PM
36	valuing teacher opinions when it comes to what's best for the students.	6/15/2017 9:35 PM
37	The supervisors and administration are spread thin at times. It seems that there should be a STEM supervisor added to the list of admin.	6/15/2017 8:41 PM
38	More support from parents on the schools approach on focusing on the social emotional aspect of child development,	6/15/2017 7:54 PM
39	Discipline. There is no discipline for students or staff. Kids roam hallways on phones, teachers let classes out 3-5 minutes early, teachers come in late, leave early, don't do their jobs or appear to have any job. Teachers regularly double-dip with stipends.	6/15/2017 6:16 PM
40	I think there need to be clearer communication as to the philosophy? In secondary schools what is the difference between honors courses and other levels? What is the point of the STEM program? Where is it going? How are students chosen? Will they get a special diploma?	6/15/2017 5:49 PM
41	The physical plant of the HS is demoralizing. The classrooms haven't been clean this year. The faculty bathrooms are dysfunctional and gross. Ants, insects, mice, worms, leaky ceilings, no heat in the winter, no AC in the warm months. I'm shocked that these taxpayers put up with it. The district has no vision other than doing what is new. The Board office is distant and seems to be so removed from class room teaching that they forget how their policies impact teachers and students. The technology infrastructure is laughably poor and there is never anyone around to troubleshoot, yet you ask for more and more instruction and learning to be PC based.	6/15/2017 5:48 PM
42	Too much change at once without perfecting each item,	6/15/2017 5:39 PM

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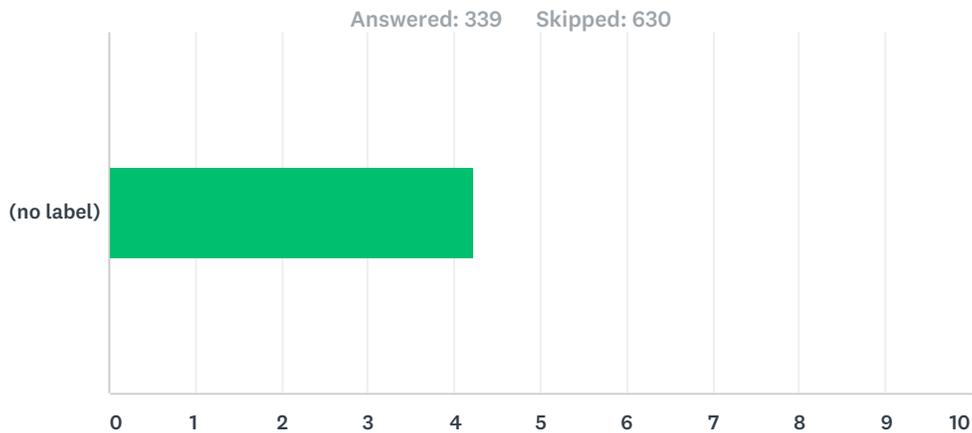
43	I feel that the safety and security of the school building can be improved. When I arrive to school in the morning, all the doors are unlocked. Anyone can enter the school - unchallenged - and thus create a dangerous situation for students and faculty. Separately There are, I find, far too many students in the hallways during class. While they are working on classwork, they can be very disruptive to other classes. Also, they sprawl out on the floor as if they are at home, they sit in front of doors creating safety hazards for themselves and teachers, and they sometimes create obstacle courses by filling the hallway with their chromebooks, classwork, and sprawled out bodies - sometimes in groups of 5 or 6. Students have also propped open doors and sat outside - during class - unsupervised... clearly creating a security issue for them and the school - and a liability issue for the district. Working on posters, and worksheets does not require sitting in a hallway, and videos can be made at home where they are not disturbing other classes.	6/15/2017 5:36 PM
44	The district needs to pick a vision and see it through instead of having ten things going at once. The district has also done an incredibly poor job of training teachers. I'm pretty tired of the administration picking a new "flavor" of the month that they want us to go "play" with. All that attitude demonstrates is an incredible lack of understanding in how to implement the newest directive and what it looks like in the classroom. The district also does a very poor job making a coherent argument as to why they pick any of these "reform" ideas.	6/15/2017 5:33 PM

### Q51 My school is neat and clean



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.18% 4	10.32% 35	18.29% 62	56.64% 192	13.57% 46	339	3.71

### Q52 I feel safe at my school

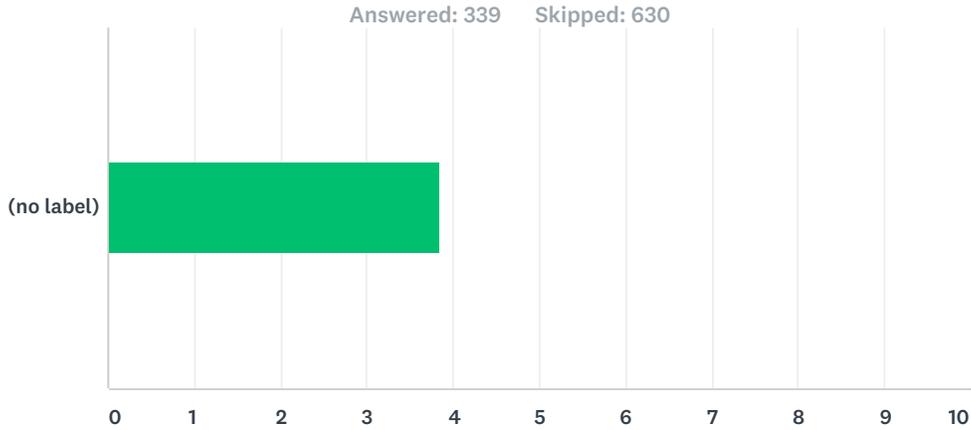


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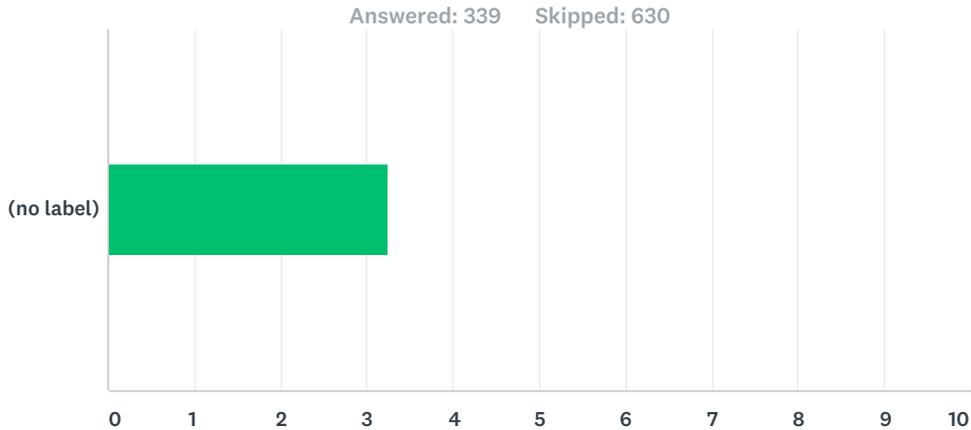
(no label)	0.88% 3	2.36% 8	8.26% 28	49.56% 168	38.94% 132	339	4.23
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### Q53 I like my school



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	3.24% 11	3.24% 11	25.07% 85	41.89% 142	26.55% 90	339	3.85

### Q54 The length of the school day is about right

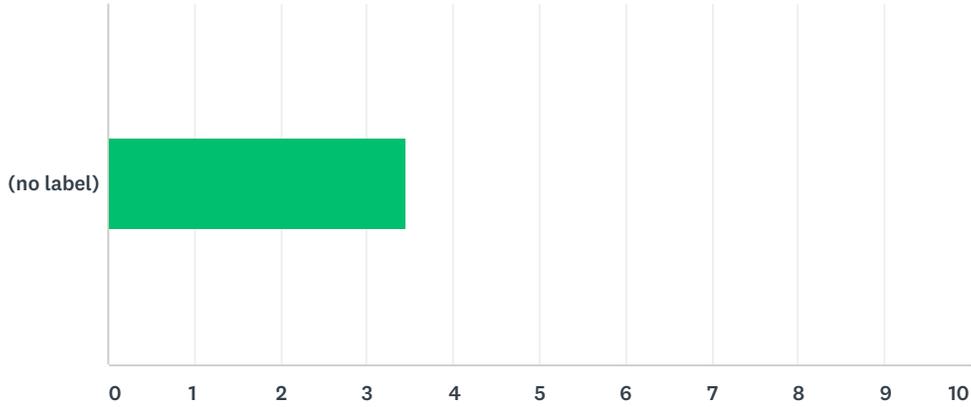


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### Q55 At my school, students respect cultural differences

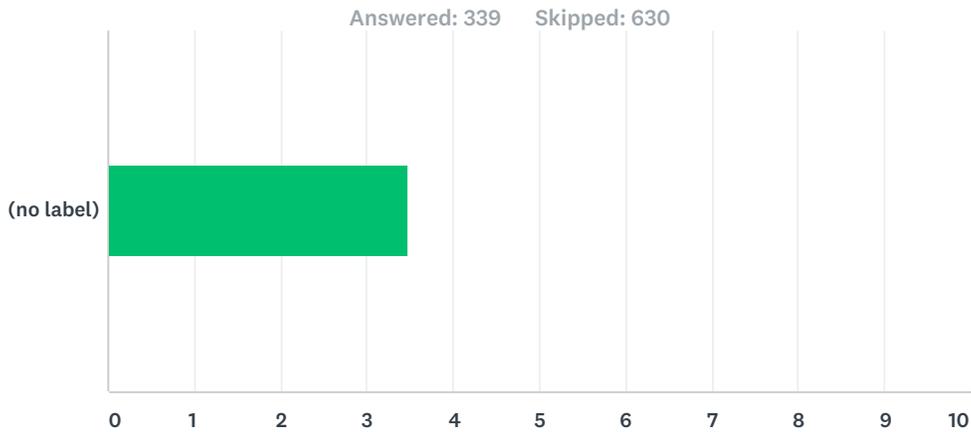
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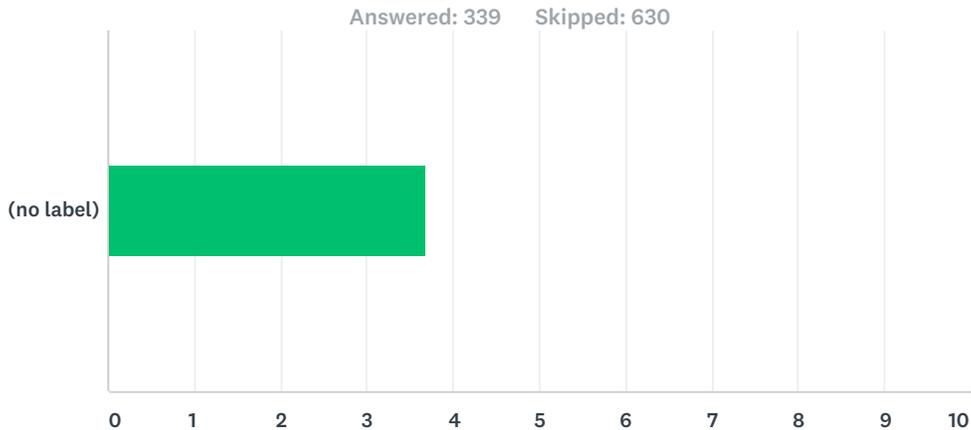
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(no label)	3.24% 11	15.63% 53	26.84% 91	41.00% 139	13.27% 45	339	3.45

**Q56 Students at my school are friendly**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	1.77% 6	10.62% 36	35.69% 121	41.89% 142	10.03% 34	339	3.48

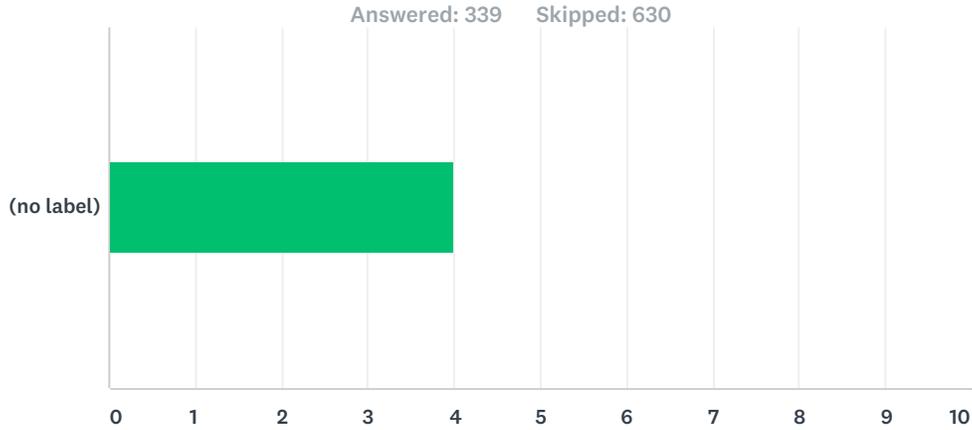
**Q57 Students at my school treat me with respect**



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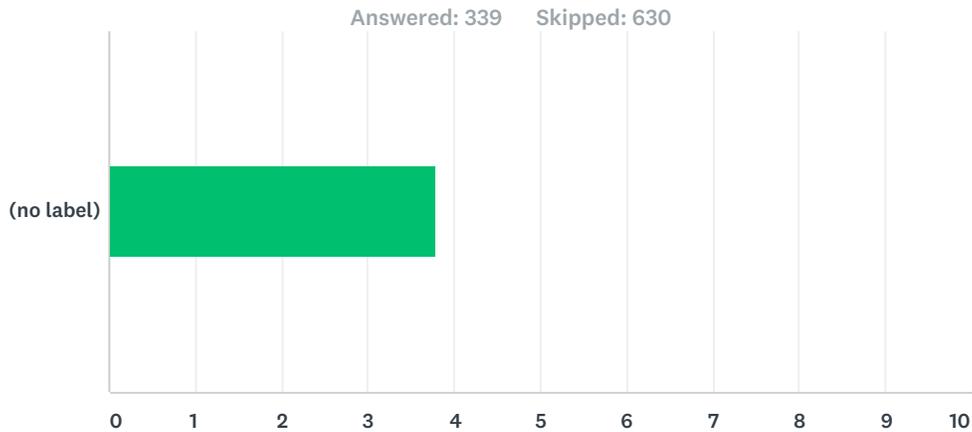
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	2.06% 7	6.78% 23	25.96% 88	50.15% 170	15.04% 51	339	3.69

### Q58 My teachers care about me



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	0.59% 2	5.01% 17	18.58% 63	45.43% 154	30.38% 103	339	4.00

### Q59 I feel my teachers are good teachers

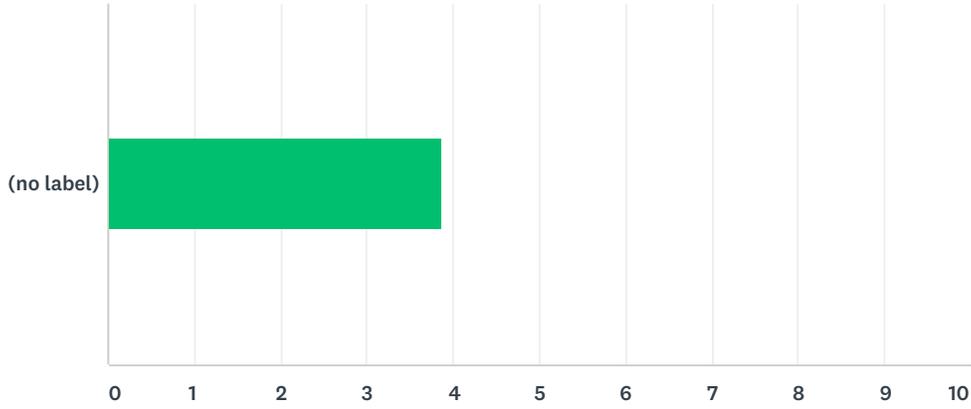


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(no label)	2.06% 7	7.96% 27	26.25% 89	37.76% 128	25.96% 88	339	3.78

### Q60 My teachers challenge me to do my best

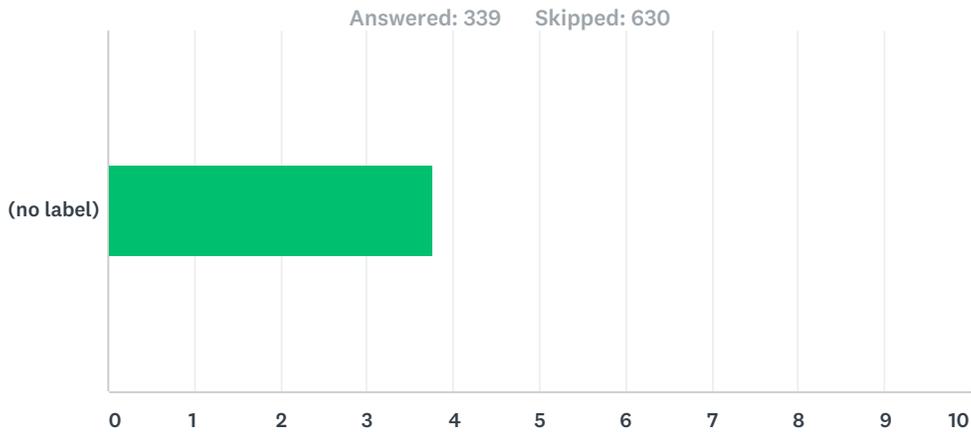
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(no label)	2.06% 7	5.31% 18	21.53% 73	47.20% 160	23.89% 81	339	3.86

**Q61 My teachers recognize my good work**

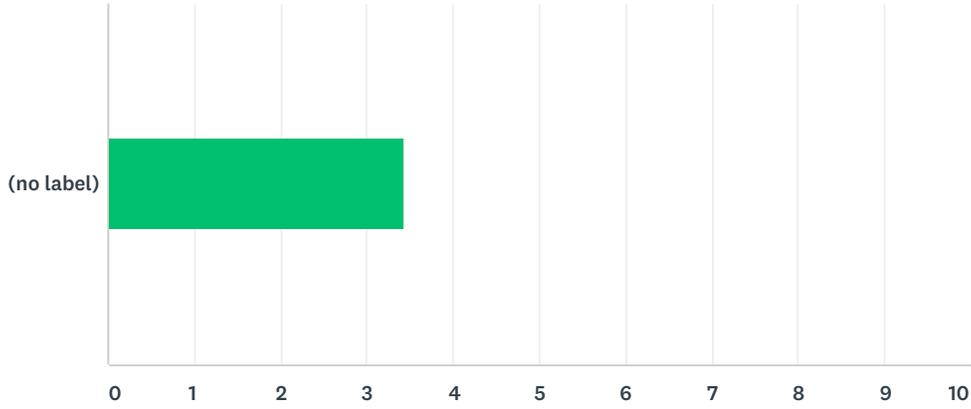


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(no label)	2.36% 8	6.78% 23	22.71% 77	48.38% 164	19.76% 67	339	3.76

**Q62 Teachers help me improve my work if I do poorly on an assignment**

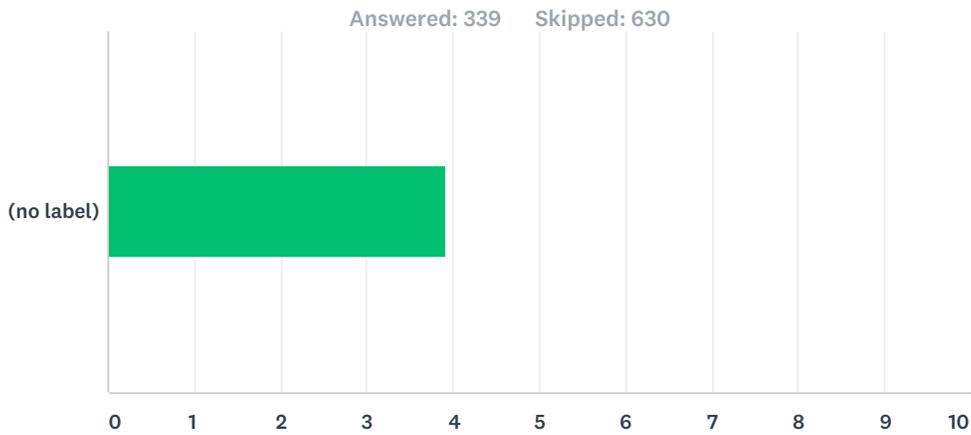
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(no label)	5.01% 17	12.98% 44	32.45% 110	33.33% 113	16.22% 55	339	3.43

**Q63 Adults in my school have high expectations for student success**

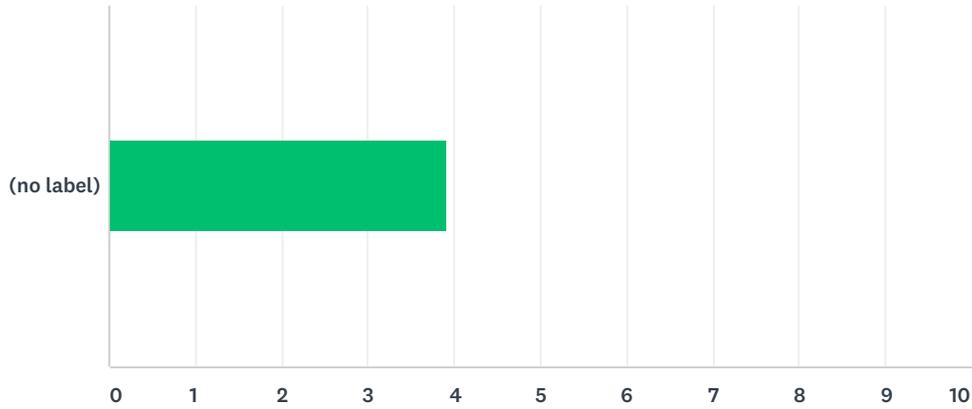


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(no label)	0.88% 3	3.24% 11	23.60% 80	48.38% 164	23.89% 81	339	3.91

**Q64 Adults in my school seem to work well with one another**

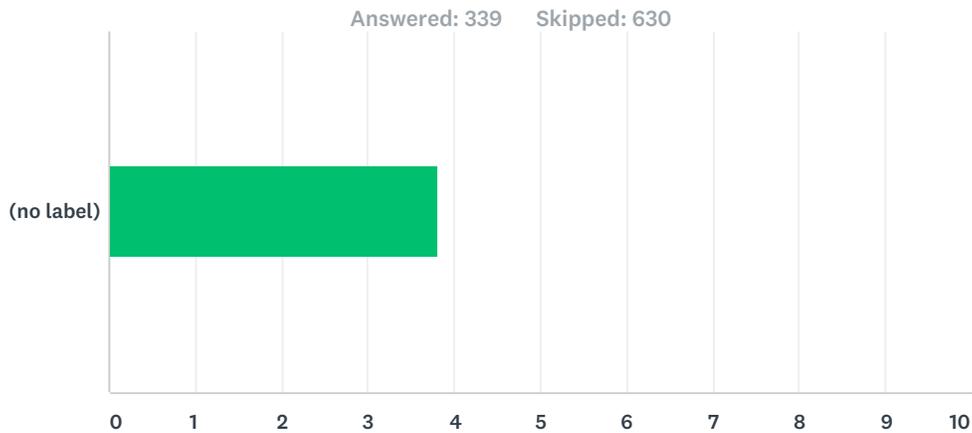
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(no label)	1.18% 4	4.42% 15	19.47% 66	51.62% 175	23.30% 79	339	3.91

**Q65 If I have a problem, there is an adult in my school that I can talk to**

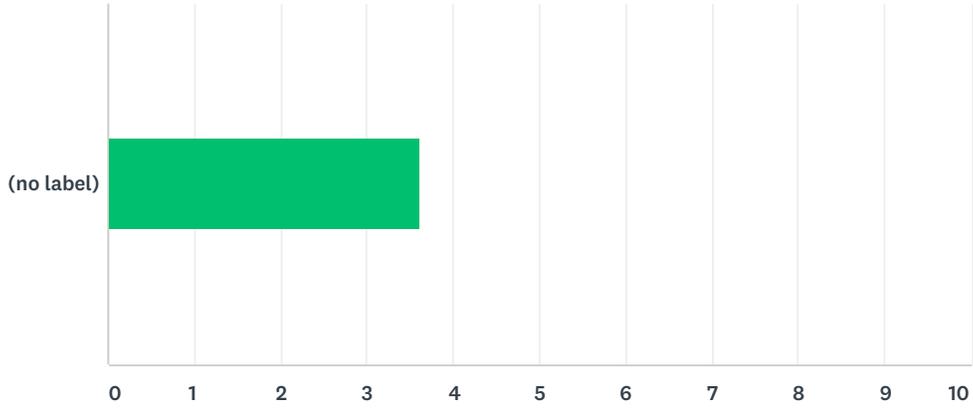


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	5.01% 17	7.37% 25	19.17% 65	39.53% 134	28.91% 98	339	3.80

**Q66 The administration (principal and/or vice principals) treat students fairly when it comes to discipline**

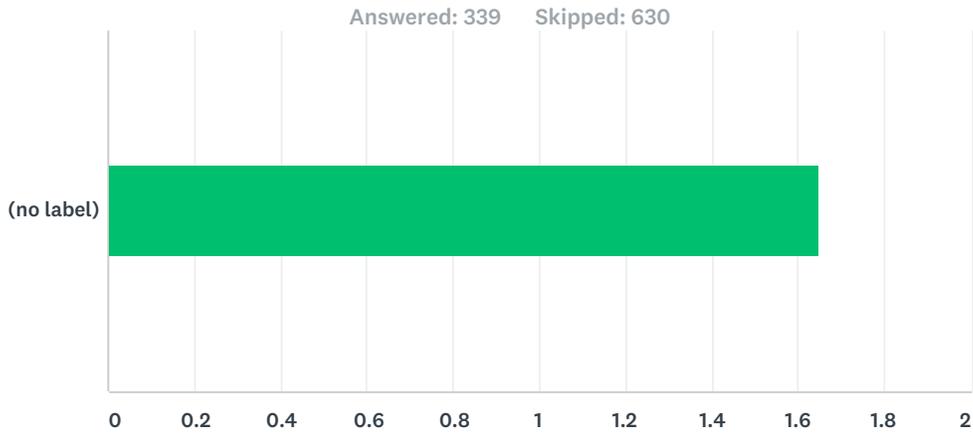
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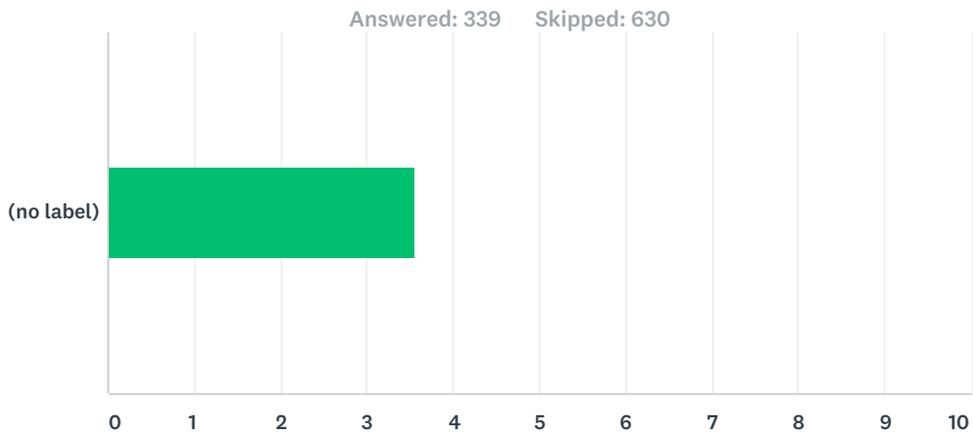
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	4.42% 15	7.96% 27	28.32% 96	41.00% 139	18.29% 62	339	3.61

**Q67 Have you ever been bullied at your school?**



	Yes	No	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	35.40% 120	64.60% 219	339	1.65

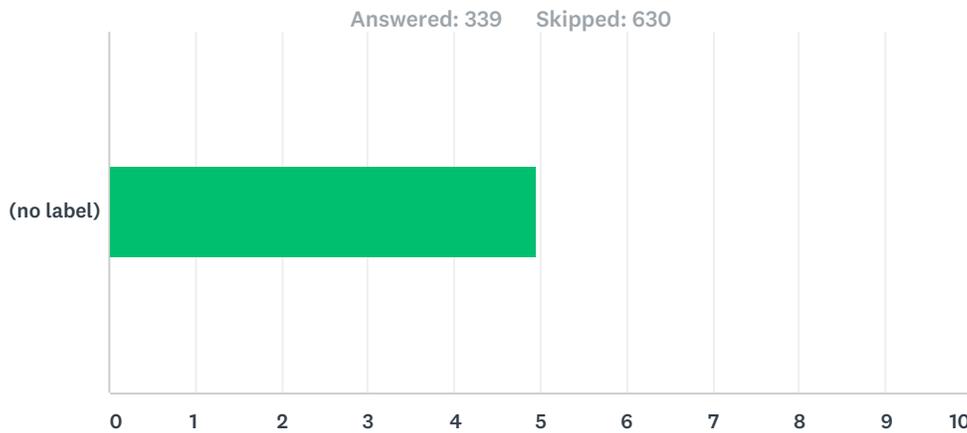
**Q68 If you have been bullied, was it**



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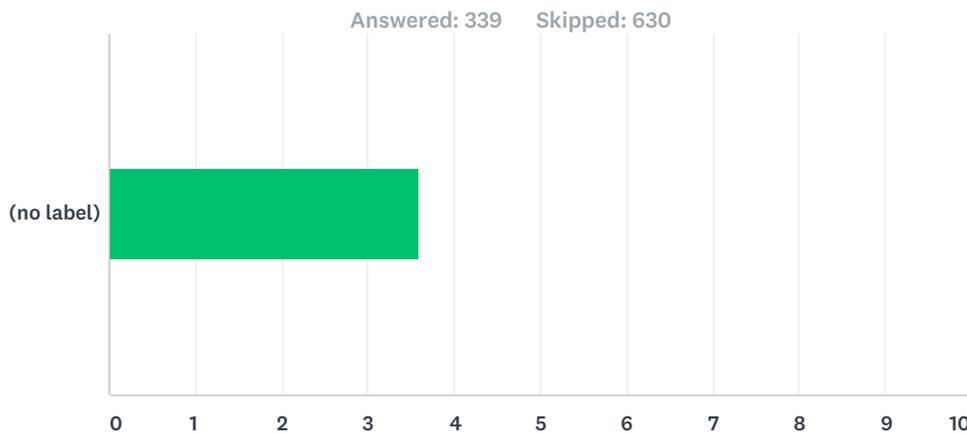
	Within the past week	Within the past month	Within the past year	Sometime during my school career	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	7.37% 25	5.60% 19	11.21% 38	75.81% 257	339	3.55

**Q69 If you were bullied, do you feel that it was addressed appropriately by your teacher, counselor or principal?**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	4.42% 15	10.32% 35	7.96% 27	5.60% 19	5.01% 17	66.67% 226	339	4.96

**Q70 My school tries to get students to join after-school activities**

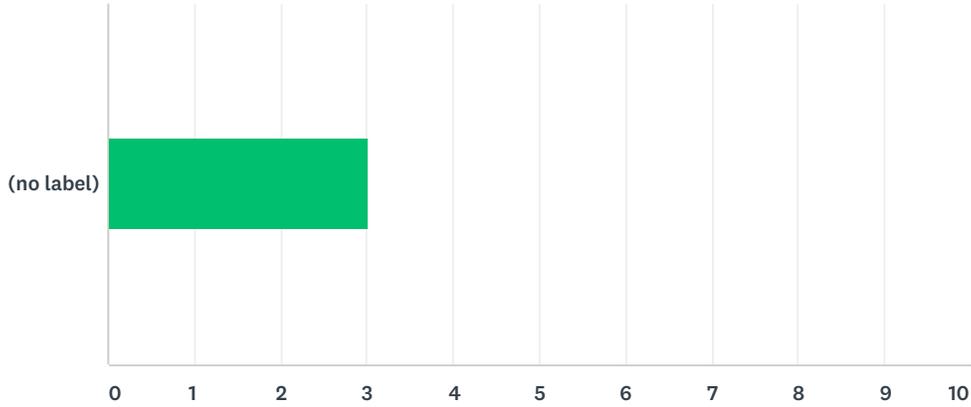


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	2.36% 8	11.80% 40	26.84% 91	41.00% 139	17.99% 61	339	3.60

**Q71 My school tries to get families to be part of school activities**

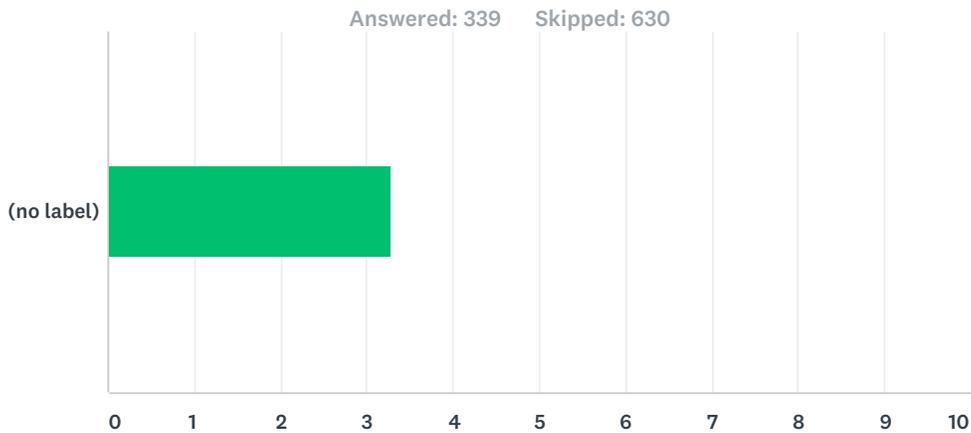
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	5.90% 20	23.60% 80	41.59% 141	21.24% 72	7.67% 26	339	3.01

**Q72 In my school, we talk about the way our actions will affect others**

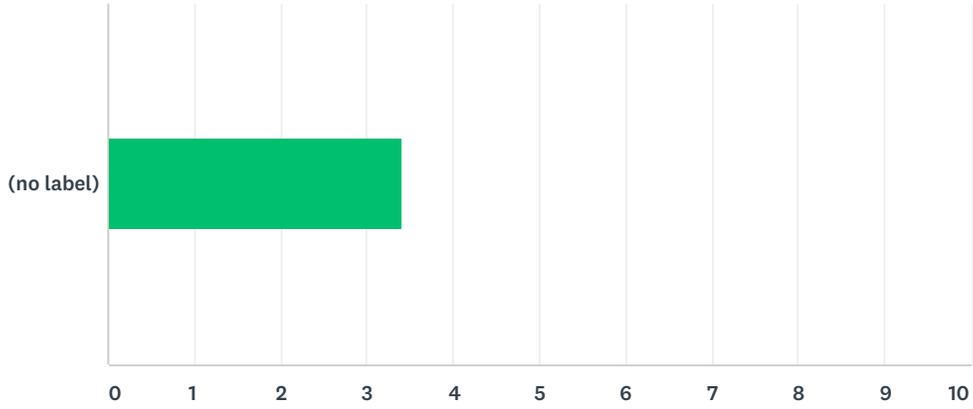


	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	6.49% 22	14.75% 50	32.74% 111	36.28% 123	9.73% 33	339	3.28

**Q73 In my school, we discuss issues that help me be a better person**

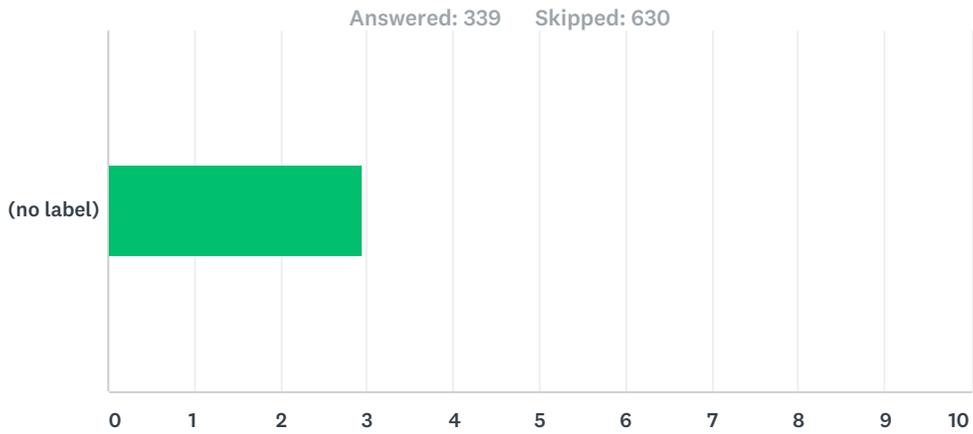
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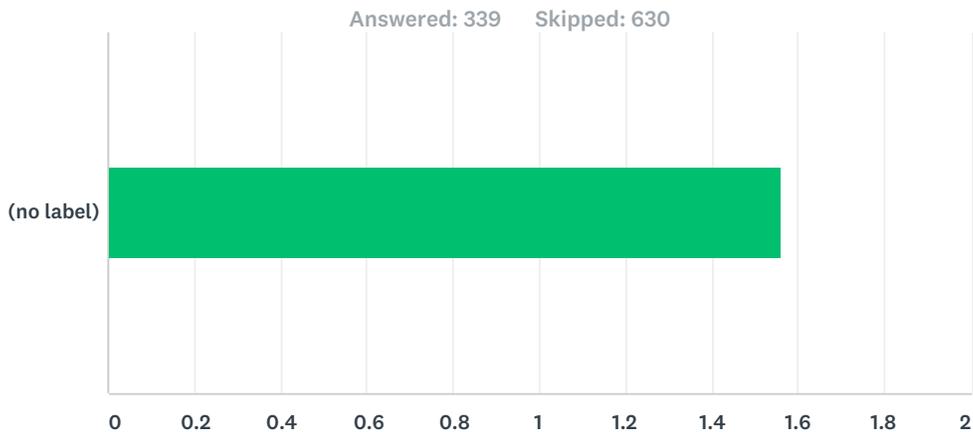
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	2.36% 8	14.75% 50	32.45% 110	39.82% 135	10.62% 36	339	3.42

**Q74 Drugs and/or Alcohol are a problem at my school**



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	17.40% 59	19.17% 65	27.14% 92	22.12% 75	14.16% 48	339	2.96

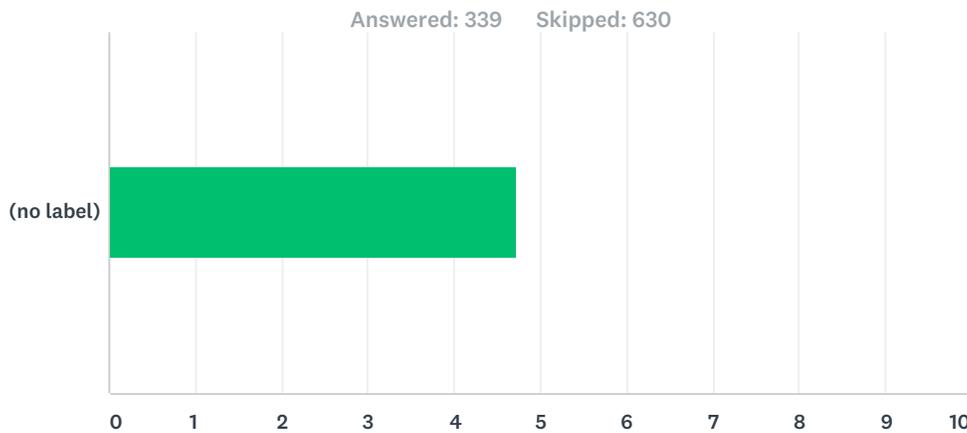
**Q75 I think it is OK to cheat if other students are cheating**



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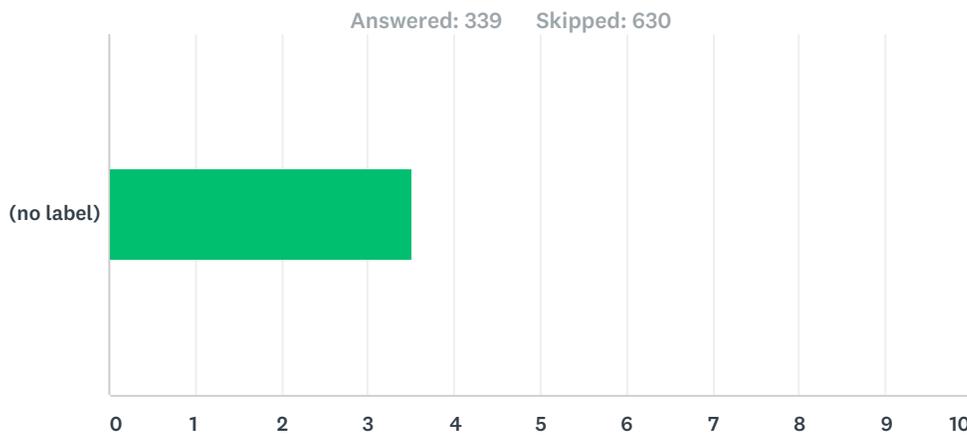
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	58.70% 199	30.38% 103	8.26% 28	1.47% 5	1.18% 4	339	1.56

### Q76 My family wants me to do well in school



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	0.00% 0	0.29% 1	4.42% 15	19.17% 65	75.22% 255	0.88% 3	339	4.72

### Q77 Overall, I enjoy being in school



	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	4.13% 14	8.55% 29	34.22% 116	38.64% 131	14.45% 49	339	3.51

### Q78 Please share your comments about what you feel the district does well:

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#	Responses	Date
1	everything	6/21/2017 5:47 PM
2	Fun activities/field trips	6/19/2017 1:17 PM

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3	makes sure that you do well	6/19/2017 12:41 PM
4	less homework	6/19/2017 9:32 AM
5	sending out these surveys to allow everyone's input	6/18/2017 5:12 PM
6	great community with many opportunities	6/18/2017 12:37 PM
7	They try to get you involve.	6/18/2017 11:23 AM
8	Making sure nobody is lonely, and everyone participates.	6/18/2017 9:31 AM
9	Good teachers	6/18/2017 9:15 AM
10	Great teachers, truly understand the students.	6/17/2017 6:37 PM
11	I feel safe at school and know that people are looking out for me	6/17/2017 5:54 PM
12	I think that it was a great idea to have flex and the chromebooks. We also get through a lot in the school year.	6/17/2017 5:20 PM
13	The district did a very well job in teaching us about drugs and stuff. Also, most teachers are very nice.	6/16/2017 9:56 PM
14	We have good teachers who understand fun lessons	6/16/2017 9:15 PM
15	On choosing the right people to educate us.	6/16/2017 9:08 PM
16	Our district does a lot of things well. I feel like people do not always appreciate how lucky we are to attend a district like this one. For the most part the environment as a whole in the district is not too bad nor is it toxic.	6/16/2017 8:40 PM
17	-provides many after school activity options -organizes fun activities such as field trips throughout the year -works to improve students' school experiences through developments such as flex	6/16/2017 7:47 PM
18	Spend money on football and not on the needed air conditioning.	6/16/2017 7:33 PM
19	Encourage involvement in the school community.	6/16/2017 5:31 PM
20	Eliminates bullying and makes students less stressed.	6/16/2017 2:28 PM
21	The district does a good job of organizing activities and tracking students' behavior.	6/16/2017 2:22 PM
22	flex	6/16/2017 1:18 PM
23	hires fun teachers	6/16/2017 1:16 PM
24	They do well at providing support for teachers	6/16/2017 1:09 PM
25	The staff is genuinely nice.	6/16/2017 12:45 PM
26	They address problems well and teach good morals	6/16/2017 12:08 PM
27	teaches well	6/16/2017 11:59 AM
28	N/A	6/16/2017 11:52 AM
29	Strong reputation.	6/16/2017 11:40 AM
30	making school a safe place to make friends and learn	6/16/2017 11:09 AM
31	they have pretty good teachers and good curriculum	6/16/2017 9:48 AM
32	I feel that their are many problems that are ignored and there is no air conditioning	6/16/2017 9:47 AM
33	There are many problems that don't get addressed with in our school.	6/16/2017 9:47 AM
34	I think the district is good at teaching us the dangers of drugs/alcohol	6/16/2017 9:44 AM
35	i think the district does well at letting kids come together in middle school and highschool	6/16/2017 9:43 AM
36	I like how we have flex so it helps me get my work done	6/16/2017 8:12 AM
37	The school is good at addressed the problems which kids could go through.	6/16/2017 8:10 AM
38	We are a very close community and that helps us resolve issues quickly	6/16/2017 7:39 AM
39	The district has a good education that is provided to the students.	6/16/2017 6:36 AM

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40	Not a lot	6/15/2017 10:45 PM
41	showing caring and no drugs	6/15/2017 10:27 PM
42	I feel that our school always makes sure students can get the help they need, whether it is academic or social.	6/15/2017 10:17 PM
43	I feel the district does well in making sure the school is clean,	6/15/2017 9:52 PM
44	I feel the district makes up really great things for each school to do.	6/15/2017 9:38 PM
45	I feel that the district has a distinct sense in terms of organization. We are always up to date on what is happening, such as if a bus is late, alert of fire drills, and planning ahead of time, even with backup plans in case circumstances does not go as planned. There is also great communication among teachers and students. For example, we are on frequent notices of our assignments, due dates, and other circumstances.	6/15/2017 9:26 PM
46	They let you know there's someone to talk to.	6/15/2017 9:20 PM
47	No, thank you.	6/15/2017 9:19 PM
48	Teachers push the students to the best of their ability.	6/15/2017 9:15 PM
49	The district gives many different and entertaining opportunities for after school programs.	6/15/2017 9:12 PM
50	I think that most of the teachers are really nice.	6/15/2017 9:12 PM
51	None	6/15/2017 8:35 PM
52	Our district highly advertises diversity and equality. Also, this district has a mix of ethnicities and other religions, races, etc. and we are all taught well, not judging others based on these things.	6/15/2017 8:35 PM
53	I feel the district does a good job when it comes to bullying and harassment. The school is always on top of it and handles it well.	6/15/2017 8:33 PM
54	I like that the district is really integrated into technology.	6/15/2017 8:32 PM
55	good teachers	6/15/2017 8:25 PM
56	Teachers for honor and AP level courses are amazing. District does a good job of making students feel safe.	6/15/2017 8:25 PM
57	they adress concerns promptly	6/15/2017 8:24 PM
58	helps kids learn	6/15/2017 8:17 PM
59	No Comment	6/15/2017 8:13 PM
60	I think the teachers do an excellent job of helping students who approach them with a problem. The school environment has been friendlier overall.	6/15/2017 8:13 PM
61	The district supports its students academic and personal achievements and struggles. There is always some staff member with a willing ear, and the environment seems be respectful between student and student, student and teacher, and teacher and teacher.	6/15/2017 8:13 PM
62	the district does a great and good deal of teaching. Sometimes, it gets boring, and when there are review days, I don't go to school to often.	6/15/2017 8:12 PM
63	Teachers connecting with the students.	6/15/2017 8:03 PM
64	The school does an excellent job of finding teachers that are more than qualified to teach us...	6/15/2017 7:59 PM
65	I think that overall they are a very good school	6/15/2017 7:16 PM
66	I love my teachers	6/15/2017 7:11 PM
67	N/A	6/15/2017 7:10 PM
68	I feel that the district really does try to create a warm and inviting atmosphere. However, it mainly depends on the students themselves if they wish to change their behavior, or how their parents raise them, to make a change in the school environment. In these areas, the administration has virtually no control.	6/15/2017 7:08 PM
69	They do a good job at challenging the students and preparing them for college	6/15/2017 7:08 PM
70	Mostly good teachers	6/15/2017 7:06 PM

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71	I really like the assemblies our school has because they're informational and enjoyable.	6/15/2017 7:05 PM
72	Our district does a good job of promoting open-mindedness and effectively promotes discussion of social justice issues.	6/15/2017 7:03 PM
73	it tries very hard to teach students to respect their classmate's differences through assemblies and outreaches in order to make students that identify differently feel safe and respected	6/15/2017 6:58 PM
74	making sure everyone is taken care for and no one is left out	6/15/2017 6:53 PM
75	I believe that the school does a good job at making sure that the students are on task and focused. I also think that the school does a good job at understanding student mistakes.	6/15/2017 6:49 PM
76	I think that the district does well in providing an education for all people. I feel like our school has really good teachers that I'm able to learn a lot from. The school has a friendly environment and most of the friends I have are nice and caring. I like that our school has a lot of flexibility with clubs and allows us to express our interests in different ways.	6/15/2017 6:48 PM
77	recognizing students for their successes	6/15/2017 6:45 PM
78	The school makes all the students feel safe and protected.	6/15/2017 6:44 PM
79	I think that the district is very good at creating fun activities for students and parents to enjoy.	6/15/2017 6:43 PM
80	I like Hopewell much better then Ewing.	6/15/2017 6:42 PM
81	Safe and Peaceful	6/15/2017 6:42 PM
82	Helping, tutoring, and teaching skills are very good.	6/15/2017 6:38 PM
83	The school has a high standard of education	6/15/2017 6:10 PM
84	having fun yet still learning	6/15/2017 5:56 PM
85	School really sucks man.	6/15/2017 5:49 PM
86	Teaching	6/15/2017 5:47 PM
87	The education standard is pretty good at our school, and there are plenty of opportunities for us students to enjoy our time here.	6/15/2017 5:43 PM
88	good music program!	6/15/2017 5:38 PM
89	Adjusting freshmen to the high school	6/15/2017 5:35 PM
90	The teachers are phenomenal! They have helped me severely and they are very kind and caring.	6/15/2017 5:34 PM
91	they are like super cool.	6/15/2017 5:32 PM
92	They do a good job of breaking kids' spirits.	6/15/2017 5:31 PM
93	Some teachers are very nice and all around the perfect teacher, mentor, and friend. They help me with school work as well as taking time to ask me how I'm doing or how my day is going.	6/15/2017 5:28 PM
94	I think the district does very well in educating their students to prepare them for college and life.	6/15/2017 5:27 PM
95	The district has a wonderful staff. So many teachers work so hard to make sure each student has what they need.	6/15/2017 5:27 PM
96	I like how there are club meetings and activities during lunch because I would be unable to participate if it were after school	6/15/2017 5:27 PM
97	The district has done well creating many clubs and activities for people to join. There are plenty of options for everyone.	6/15/2017 5:27 PM
98	I've never been bullied, it's just a required question.	6/15/2017 5:26 PM
99	Something that works well in the district is the communication factor. Many teachers are able to send us emails or post assignments on OnCourse so we can keep up to date on assignments. I am also able to see my grades any time I want without having to wait forever to determine it.	6/15/2017 5:25 PM
100	Even though I do not like some of my teachers, they do a good job teaching the material so everyone does well, and they push us to do our best.	6/15/2017 5:23 PM
101	Teaching	6/15/2017 5:23 PM

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102	Prepare students for college and getting into a college	6/15/2017 5:22 PM
103	Diverse courses	6/15/2017 5:21 PM
104	There is a variety of classes to tailor to individuals goals and needs.	6/15/2017 5:20 PM
105	They have high expectations.	6/15/2017 5:20 PM
106	Teach, discipline, sports, organziation, progressive	6/15/2017 5:20 PM
107	Good classes	6/15/2017 5:18 PM

## Q79 Please share your comments about what you feel the district needs to improve upon:

Answered: 126 Skipped: 843

#	Responses	Date
1	everything	6/21/2017 5:47 PM
2	Better monitoring of teachers (and substitutes)	6/19/2017 11:25 PM
3	Nothing.	6/19/2017 1:17 PM
4	attending to the teachers whose students are all failing the tests they give	6/19/2017 12:41 PM
5	Less homework	6/18/2017 6:47 PM
6	communicating events with set dates at least 2 weeks before the event. The focus should also include more major events more than a week before they happen.	6/18/2017 5:12 PM
7	AC	6/18/2017 12:37 PM
8	better discipline to the people that are bullies.	6/18/2017 11:23 AM
9	Having teachers treat kids equally.	6/18/2017 9:31 AM
10	Homework load	6/18/2017 9:15 AM
11	Some groups are disrespected (gay, etc) Bullying is apparent among others.	6/17/2017 6:37 PM
12	I had a lot of bad experiences this year with teachers. Many of them at the high school are unhelpful and seem to not care at all about their jobs or their students educations	6/17/2017 5:54 PM
13	Honestly, I feel that even though the teachers work well together, they need to talk more, because they moved at different paces for the curriculums, which weren't really appropriate for the year. With that, the teachers tried to cram everything in before the school year ends. In fact, I had so much homework in the second to last week that I didn't have time for my run! Oy! P.S. one of the bullying questions needs a N/A answer. I just chose the last option.	6/17/2017 5:20 PM
14	Some teachers aren't nice wich isn't bad but the problem is the teachers that are just bad teachers and seemed to not know how to teach.	6/16/2017 9:56 PM
15	The district should buy a fan bus for the track and cross country team and should encourage students in all grades to attend other, higher and lower, grade events.	6/16/2017 9:24 PM
16	We need air conditioning and less homework	6/16/2017 9:15 PM
17	Lunch food	6/16/2017 9:08 PM
18	A lot is going on under the staff's noses that they need to be more aware of. I feel that there are parts of our school that are extremely old too. I get that it is not easy or cheap to make renovations, but sometimes the conditions in some classrooms become almost unbearable. There need to be small renovations made that will improve the school atmosphere.	6/16/2017 8:40 PM
19	-homework policy should be more enforced through random checks of the homework for that day or some other direct method (actually following the policy and having a reasonable amount of homework EVERY night would make school a more pleasant experience for all involved)	6/16/2017 7:47 PM
20	Less emphasis on sports and more on academics. And deal with teachers and inappropriate behavior.	6/16/2017 7:33 PM

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21	Disciplining kids who do stupid things needs improvement. You're too soft! There is a drug problem at our school. There is cyberbullying that goes along at our school. One kid got 56 hours of detention and he is still graduating, even though he is barely passing his classes and in those classes, he cheats. Something is wrong here. And this situation is not unique to that one kid. Not being harsh on these kids makes it unfair to the kids who are actually trying. By passing these kids who do stupid things and not punishing them in the best way you could, you are basically saying "We don't care about you. We don't care about what you did. We don't care about teaching you a lesson. We are going to make you somebody else' problem."	6/16/2017 5:31 PM
22	i think that many students get tardys becuase school starts too early	6/16/2017 2:33 PM
23	I think that some teachers should put themselves in a student's shoes and take all the work they do into consideration before they scold them.	6/16/2017 2:28 PM
24	The district could connect more directly with students.	6/16/2017 2:22 PM
25	teacher cominication	6/16/2017 1:18 PM
26	less HW	6/16/2017 1:16 PM
27	I think the school should thrive to work well with students and co workers	6/16/2017 1:09 PM
28	Schools should have more supervision on what goes on online and social media.	6/16/2017 12:45 PM
29	I think we need better communication throughout the school. It is loud in our homeroom and we can hardly hear the announcements.	6/16/2017 12:37 PM
30	I dont know	6/16/2017 12:08 PM
31	fellings	6/16/2017 11:59 AM
32	N/A	6/16/2017 11:52 AM
33	The food is worse than awful, it is very dirty, no air conditioning makes it impossible to learn in. Bad parking lot design makes it impossible to get out. Bad school design creates congestion. Hallways are too small.	6/16/2017 11:40 AM
34	...	6/16/2017 11:09 AM
35	Start school days later. So many students don't get enough sleep, and I think one hour would already make a huge difference.	6/16/2017 10:57 AM
36	Air conditioning.	6/16/2017 10:49 AM
37	the bathrooms need to be cleaned and things like soap & toilet paper replenished more often	6/16/2017 9:48 AM
38	The air conditioning	6/16/2017 9:47 AM
39	i think the district needs to improve on the principals they hire and how they handle certain problems	6/16/2017 9:43 AM
40	I feel that we wake up too early which causes a lot of blanking out in the school day. I think school should start later and end later too.	6/16/2017 8:12 AM
41	The air conditioning.	6/16/2017 8:10 AM
42	Well, I think we need to have more peer leaders come in and talk about coping skills, and bullying MUCH MUCH more. I hear students talk about me behind my back for being pansexual all the time. Students here are actually VERY mean	6/16/2017 8:00 AM
43	We need to improve our drug and alcohol restirction	6/16/2017 7:39 AM
44	Timberlane should have better air conditioning.	6/16/2017 6:36 AM

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45	<p>The start time of school. There has been research done proving that schools should not start before 8:30. Teenagers aren't getting enough sleep and this is directly linked to school start times. Schools which changed to later start times have seen a change in their student body. Kids are happier, can focus better, and the amount of students suffering from depression decreased. Teens experience a lot of changes as they make their journey to adulthood and sleep is required. Without sleep, we cannot function properly. I have felt the direct effect of this, through feelings of depression and outbursts of overwhelming feelings. Teen's bodies release melatonin later in the night than adults, I think around 11, if I am recalling the data accurately. This means teenagers don't become tired until later than adults do, which makes it harder for us to go to sleep. This also means waking up is harder too. While adults can wake up at such times in the morning with maybe only some trouble, teens are still groggy with melatonin and can barely function. Biologically, this is wrong and is very harmful to teens health. I strongly believe the district should consider a later start time, if they are truly looking to improve. There has been so much research done and you can even look at the results of the schools which have pushed back their start times. Only good things have come from it. Please consider this and research it further. Thank you.</p>	6/16/2017 12:50 AM
46	<p>Basically everything. students don't want to complain, but all I hear in the hallways is students complaining. very few teachers seem to want to help you in difficult situations. It seems like they only want to help the "smarter" kids. Why is it fair for me to have a 504 plan if teachers aren't going to bother helping me out. They don't think about the kids with medical disabilities, or kids that have had rough patches throughout the year, at least they don't seem to care about me. I thought supervisors were supposed to look over the teachers and see what they need to improve on? Why is it that I can be in the same level class as my sister, and just because of the difference in teachers and the difference in grading she could have straight A's and I could have a C. (It's an honors class) We're in honors for a reason. We're smart kids and if the class average for an honors class is a C maybe you should do something with the teacher and not blame it on the whole class. And maybe teachers should put things on the quizzes and tests THAT WE ACTUALLY LEARNED AND WENT OVER. The majority of my test and quizzes this year had questions we never even talked about. Why am I getting graded on something that I've never learned? Why is my grade getting penalized because of something stupid a teacher did? And the air conditioning? really. do you want us to die. Why don't teachers have a certain school plan or schedule to teach us. Why is it different in every class even if it's the same level class. My grade shouldn't depend on an awful teacher that grades 10x differently than another teacher teaching the same level class. How do people think that's fair for students. I'm college bound, but I can tell you right now with these teachers I will never get the grades I deserve. And guidance? They don't even help you. All I hear is kids complaining about how they try to get help from their counselor and they end up doing nothing about a certain situation. And world languages. Maybe you guys should realize we dont speak that language fluenlty. Sorry I don't know what the word for dream is in french. Oh but that was on my final. Yeah that's totally fair. Sorry I forgot I'm supposed to know words in a different language that I've never went over or learned in my life. AND the disipline. Yes some people deserve it, bit I just heard about somoen getting suspended for a fight that was basically a joke. If someone can get suspended for that I'd probably get suspended for wearing a trump hat to school. And the all gender bathroom? No one is trandsgender in our schoo, and I know more than 10 parents that had a probem with that. And maybe you should tell people to stand for the pledge. Sorry but I can't be in a class with kids that cant respect our country and troops without the teachers saying a word. And the pep rallies should be better. The teacers should care more, some kinda deserve to get fired, the school needs to do something about the mice, the caf should stop charging so much for food, we need air conditioning so someone doesn't die of a heat stroke, teachers should realize we have other work to do besides their's too. I forgot though an essay that has to be written in one night for english and 4 paragraohs that have to be written for french for the next day is no big deal. We have a life outside of school. Oh and maybe you should make sure teachers don't tell the class what their political views are. Yeah the majority of people are democracts, but gless what people actually like trump in our school. I know what a surprise even though he won. It's like so crazy. thanks</p>	6/15/2017 10:45 PM
47	homework	6/15/2017 10:27 PM
48	Make the school day 1 hour longer and have no homework.	6/15/2017 10:21 PM
49	There's a lot of drug use in hopewell, and I feel this problem needs to be addressed more often and needs to be taken action on more so.	6/15/2017 10:17 PM
50	sometime I feel that the punishments are unfair or unnecessary.	6/15/2017 9:52 PM
51	heating and ac	6/15/2017 9:46 PM

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52	Lunchtime seating arrangements.	6/15/2017 9:38 PM
53	One thing that the district needs to improve upon is maybe installing new air-conditioners within classrooms since the temperature is sometimes above the zone of comfort. Also, cleaning some water fountains, changing filters in set times, or installing new ones may help, too.	6/15/2017 9:26 PM
54	I feel that there are many things the school needs to improve on. One major thing I find me and others agreeing on is the overall space of the school and heating and air. Ever since I got to this school it has been a problem and even the teachers have been complaining. Having to move classrooms almost everyday when it's hot is ridiculous because you cant even sit in a classroom. Also, kids having to sit in the hallways and opening up an entire gym for lunch is a problem. I know that they plan on redoing the school which I do hope happens soon and that will definitely help. At our school sports are also a main focus. There is no problem with them, but when getting up so early to where I cant even function in hour long classes so kids can have sports after school is hard. The arts classes and programs get no recognition. I took art and loved it but i ended up just not taking it because I felt no one really cared in our school and it wasn't very big. This year I have also noticed a huge change in the teachers. They didnt really "teach". Im not saying all were like that, but alot. From friends, and overhearing students teachers have seemed to not try as hard. Id walk into class and sit down and do 5 worksheets that take up the whole class just on the homework we did the night before. Then I go home and read 7 pages from the text book. I didn't learn very much because I basically had to teach myself. The teacher didn't get up once to go to the board to show us notes etc. I have also noticed how in some honors classes, the teachers should be teaching hire classes. Yes it is honors but when all students are getting D's they're not the problem. They are in an honors class for a reason and want to do good. They need to stop blaming the students that they did not study or pay attention. I feel supervisors really need to see how all of the kids are doing and if everyone is not taking an honors class the next year when they were just in one then there is a problem. That is number one bringing down there gpa and two probably making them upset because they had a bad teacher that ruined the class next year for them. Knowing that so many kids complain and parents complaining about the teachers I wonder why things aren't done. The school wants everyone to do good and be successful, but how can you when kids who are trying to reach out and nothing is being done. There are also times where a student would do something and get suspended or sent to detention for a reason that they shouldn't. Especially if it was there first time doing anything. This is not talking about the kids who do very bad things and get in trouble and go off school. We are here to teach them not to do that and by sending them home for a few days is just giving them days off. It isn't hurting them. Again I know there was a separate hw survey but that needs to change as well as these finals because with teachers cramming so much on us with tests and quizzes when we are supposed to have this week for studying is putting a lot of pressure on us.	6/15/2017 9:26 PM
55	Look closer at a student's activities and see if they need help. I have lots of depressed friends that aren't getting help from the teachers because they don't notice or think highly of it.	6/15/2017 9:20 PM
56	No, thank you.	6/15/2017 9:19 PM
57	hopewell is losing all its school spirit and pride due to the extremely strict rules. i feel as if the administration is intimidating and not welcoming.	6/15/2017 9:18 PM
58	Either a strict dress code or school uniform should be implemented, there needs to be stricter discipline. For example, several teachers in the building let a student get away with vlogging in school.	6/15/2017 9:15 PM
59	For Timberlane, the heating and air conditioning needs to be fixed.	6/15/2017 9:12 PM
60	-stop giving people that are mean the benefit of the doubt because they have money?? -take bullying more seriously -give us a later start time for school -stop putting so much pressure on us to be perfect	6/15/2017 8:40 PM
61	None	6/15/2017 8:35 PM
62	Honors classes could be a little bit more challenging, and the overall looking over of kids who don't seem to be doing things correctly, or not doing well academically.	6/15/2017 8:35 PM
63	I feel the district needs to improve the expectations most teachers have of a student. Teachers don't seem to realize that one particular class isn't the only class the student has, things happen outside of school, like personal/family matters, sports, or working.	6/15/2017 8:33 PM
64	gym options	6/15/2017 8:25 PM

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65	there are multiple teachers who do not meet standards and consistently do not make any effort. There is a major cheating issue	6/15/2017 8:24 PM
66	Getting to know the students more.	6/15/2017 8:23 PM
67	i think the district needs to improve on how the real world will be like. students should know that if they are stressed they have to just deal with it and not have stupid therapy dogs come in to make things better. no god damn puppy is gonna come to my work in the future or others jobs in the future when times are tough. i am honestly outraged and appalled that the administration would attempt so stupid like this. and why is it become an issue now last year this didn't happen or the years before that, why is it now that we have to have therapy dogs after finals what is it preparing us for???? nothing.	6/15/2017 8:17 PM
68	No Comment	6/15/2017 8:13 PM
69	There is very little focus on mental health and the implications that ignoring mental health can have on a person for the rest of their life. I think the district could do a better job of teaching students (especially in middle school) about the importance of getting a good night sleep, having free time, having alone time, managing their time well, etc. In order to achieve many of these necessities, it is important that students are not assigned outrageous amounts of homework, which often they are (especially in high school).	6/15/2017 8:13 PM
70	Sometimes student issues aren't addressed properly. Small things, like even feeling overwhelmed about an assignment, matter to a student but tend to be brushed off by staff. In addition, the high school could use better measures (certain lights, smells, etc.) to keep mice and wolf spiders out. Mice have been found dead and alive in lockers, the media center, and cafeteria. Of course it is impossible to blame the school for these wildlife, but more measures should be taken to ensure that the surfaces students touch aren't touched by mice. In addition, this is an issue that is widespread across the nation, but classes and grades are often based only on the teacher. Grading is extremely subjective, so even one math teacher will take five points off where another takes one, and as a result students in one teacher's class do better in that subject than those in another. Finally, it is difficult to know about the widespread drugs and alcohol used in and out of school if you are not a part of the scene, but stories do go around. There are many issues where students party too much, do drugs, vape in the bathroom, etc. and it affects their school performance and the school life.	6/15/2017 8:13 PM
71	THE AIR CONDITIONING. Last week, when we were eating lunch, it was hotter than the depths of Hell.	6/15/2017 8:12 PM
72	How to school is kept-how clean it is and the condition it is with the quality of the furniture and other things in it.	6/15/2017 8:03 PM
73	...but oftentimes those teachers have more knowledge than they are capable of clearly communicating to students.	6/15/2017 7:59 PM
74	The district needs to improve their surveys- I have never been bullied, but the survey requires me to say that I've been bullied "sometime in my school career." This will give you inaccurate results.	6/15/2017 7:19 PM
75	They could try to do more fun activities in class so that students are more into learning	6/15/2017 7:16 PM
76	The racism and sexism in school needs to be addressed and eradicated. There are nazi, LGBT, feminist, and racist jokes made all the time and it's never dealt with.	6/15/2017 7:11 PM
77	Generally increasing the mental health and care sector/nurse's office	6/15/2017 7:11 PM
78	There's just not enough talk about social issues and issues in the world today and stuff. Also, every class gives like an hour of homework, so at some point every year everyone is too stressed about everything.	6/15/2017 7:10 PM
79	It would be beneficial if school would start later, perhaps even just half an hour later. There are several studies which prove that a later school starting tim ultimately enhances a student's life in all aspects. Please take this into consideration. Thank you.	6/15/2017 7:08 PM
80	They take the issue of cyber bullying too seriously because there is a very easy solution to cyber bullying, blocking the person doing it, and they also misinterpret trying to be funny and making a joke as cyber bullying	6/15/2017 7:08 PM
81	Air conditioning in the 200 hall	6/15/2017 7:06 PM
82	I think that the school should give us less homework because I feel like I have no free time.	6/15/2017 7:05 PM

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83	It would be nice if the high school could make a club directory with summaries of each club and contact information so that anyone interesting in finding a club has descriptions of all of them in the same place.	6/15/2017 7:03 PM
84	^but it doesn't work. i feel constantly mocked and around most students i don't feel safe because of my differences.	6/15/2017 6:58 PM
85	the AC and heat	6/15/2017 6:53 PM
86	I feel that the district needs to improve the fairness between students. An example of this is that when one student does something and they don't get yelled at but the next student does or allowing those are just going to fool around come for flex, and those that are genuinely confused to not be allowed just because the teacher said so.	6/15/2017 6:49 PM
87	I think that the district needs to improve and fix physical problems with the Central High School building. The building is extremely old, has bug problems, leaks water when it rains, worms get in, has a rat problem, and the 200 hallway is extremely hot during the summer months. The 200 hallway being really hot is distracting and doesn't provide the right environment for students to learn in. Additionally, a lot of the teachers expect their students to perform well on difficult tests when the information hasn't been taught completely.	6/15/2017 6:48 PM
88	being aware of what goes on the classroom. I don't think the administration has to monitor activity daily, however, this year I had many new teachers and student teachers that I felt could have been better.	6/15/2017 6:45 PM
89	- Teachers (most of them don't really try to teach, but since they have tenure they are rarely fired) - Climate - in the winter rooms are freezing and in the summer rooms are extremely hot to the point where you cant do any work - Food - the cafeteria serves disgusting food that is way overpriced	6/15/2017 6:44 PM
90	Like every kid in the district, "NO PARK"! Tell that to the goverment please.	6/15/2017 6:43 PM
91	Nothing. :)	6/15/2017 6:42 PM
92	The Cafeteria Food.	6/15/2017 6:42 PM
93	The school days could be shorter, less homework, AIR CONDITIONING, and students and coaches need to respect my option of being vegan	6/15/2017 6:38 PM
94	Homework wise, teachers that teach different subjects need to speak and plan projects/essays/tests/quizzes properly or appropriately. I shouldn't have 2 essay's to write+homework from those same classes to do all at once. Even if the essays are do later, I have other homework from other subjects, and a life outside of school. I don't want to sleep at 12am everyday and wake up at 6am.	6/15/2017 6:38 PM
95	School spirit, getting more communication between the high school and Timberlane.	6/15/2017 6:10 PM
96	I feel some of my teachers this year were lazy and some got high tempered with me when it was very unnecessary. I think the adults/staff don't realize this because they aren't in the classroom to witness it. I feel my junior year went very poorly as far as stress level especially since SAT's and college prep was starting.	6/15/2017 6:10 PM
97	Please get air conditioning in the High School.	6/15/2017 6:07 PM
98	the mice in our school	6/15/2017 5:56 PM
99	I think school should start later and that we should have less school days.	6/15/2017 5:52 PM
100	Get better bro.	6/15/2017 5:49 PM
101	A better bus system for Timberlane students and HVCHC students. A late bus for after school activities. Fundraiser throughout the school year for cheaper field trips. Better ACs.	6/15/2017 5:48 PM
102	The district needs to improve on bulling	6/15/2017 5:47 PM
103	heating/cooling and food quality	6/15/2017 5:44 PM
104	As far as the staff goes, it's pretty solid. However, one thing that distractsmany students, including myself, is the lack of air conditioning in certain areas of the school, particularly in the 200 hall.	6/15/2017 5:43 PM
105	cleaner middle school bathrooms. they're disgusting and mettal is rusted and moldy, and I'm afraid to use the bathrooms.	6/15/2017 5:38 PM

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106	The temperature of the 200/300 hallway is unbearable especially during this time of the year. It's hard to learn.	6/15/2017 5:35 PM
107	Have more informative talks. Over the course of the school year I heard that some students were disrespecting a religion. We did have a talk about it but if we had had that talk before it had happened the students who did it would have known that it was wrong.	6/15/2017 5:34 PM
108	you need to talk to ur students and do more to help them.	6/15/2017 5:32 PM
109	Everything.	6/15/2017 5:31 PM
110	Some teachers don't care how you do. Especially my math teacher, whenever you have a question they would say well why don't you know that I taught it to you. Also if you have a question they just say go to math recitation and figure it out by the test. If you do badly on a test they say you have to study that.	6/15/2017 5:28 PM
111	I think they could improve upon being quicker to fix a situation at school.	6/15/2017 5:27 PM
112	The district should have built in snow days so that extra day aren't added to to school year so the school year would already have maybe 2 or 3 extra days so if we don't use them they can be added into spring break or memorial day weekend. Also for the final schedule, there should at least be an email notice a week prior to them about if there is going to be an earlier bus and at what time it would leave so students know in advance.	6/15/2017 5:27 PM
113	I think the district needs to stop having so many assemblies on student behavior, bullying, and drugs. Yes, these concepts are important, but they should be taught by parents. Schools should focus on teaching students about academics because if students learn more, then they will become smarter and wiser to make tough decisions. Also, learning as much as possible in language arts, math, science, and social studies will help students in their next level of schooling.	6/15/2017 5:27 PM
114	Providing students with the extra help they need/deserve.	6/15/2017 5:25 PM
115	I feel that the district needs to improve upon its activities. There are many activities in the school that students can join. The major problem is that many of these activities are not announced or publicized anywhere in the school and therefore cause no one to join them. The same communication factor works very well for teachers to students and vice versa, but not in the sense of extracurricular activities.	6/15/2017 5:25 PM
116	There is too much homework.	6/15/2017 5:24 PM
117	There are ants everywhere and teachers ignore bullying that happens in the hallways and in class.	6/15/2017 5:23 PM
118	Better maintenance on bathrooms and water fountains	6/15/2017 5:23 PM
119	Trying to reach students who aren't as academic or motivated in school.	6/15/2017 5:22 PM
120	I feel like a lot of times in class, the teachers simply hand out busy work. This work doesn't help in learning. I also feel like some of my teachers aren't as accessible and don't provide help to students that maybe struggling.	6/15/2017 5:21 PM
121	Create better teacher/ student relationships, allow teachers to be more accessible	6/15/2017 5:20 PM
122	Teachers relationships with students	6/15/2017 5:20 PM
123	Those expectations gives students too much stress and they are not helping.	6/15/2017 5:20 PM
124	Air conditioning	6/15/2017 5:20 PM
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126	Spend less time worrying about things that should be taught at home like manners	6/15/2017 5:18 PM