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Principal's Bulletin

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Dear Heather Families,

Our Strategic Plan Survey results are in!
 119 parents/guardians completed our family survey this school year, and Heather continues to receive a high percentage of favorable responses that exceed the district average in most areas: 21st Century Skills, Communication, Engagement, Homework, Learning Environment, and Safety. We scored 1 - 2% lower in the areas of Expectations and Rigor, and Technology.

Highlights of positive, along with neutral scores:

- My child has grown in his/her communication skills (91%, with 8% neutral)
- My child has grown in his/her critical thinking skills (86%, with 14% neutral)
- My child has grown in his/her social-emotional skills (83%, with 13% neutral)
- I am aware of my child's academic progress, challenges, and successes (86%, with 11% neutral)
- I receive effective communication from my child's school (86%, with 9% neutral)
- School staff helps me understand what my child needs to learn to be successful at his/her grade level (81%, with 14% neutral)
- I am encouraged to be involved in my child's school (91%, with 8% neutral)
- My child is getting a good education at this school (81%, with 17% neutral)
- My child's school is a caring and nurturing place (94%, with 5% neutral)
- My child's school has a positive and motivating atmosphere (97%, with 1% neutral)
- The staff at my child's school is sensitive to issues regarding race, gender, sexual orientation and disabilities (88%, with 11% neutral)

- My child's school helps students learn how to resolve conflicts (88%, with 9% neutral)
- My child is physically safe at school (91%, with 9% neutral)
- My child is emotionally safe at school (89%, with 10% neutral)
- My child is a confident user of technology for school-related learning (86%, with 12% neutral)

Our goal next year, in addition to continued improvements towards our Strategic Plan goals, is to increase family participation on the survey. 119 parents/guardians out of 723 is only 16% of our Heather parents/guardians. We also noted some significant "neutral" responses, not factored into the positive results, which could point towards the need for better school communication and/or family engagement.

An Area of Notable Growth

- Family's rating on Homework, both in "amount of homework" and "homework being meaningful in supporting learning" (increased by 20% from last year). Heather teachers made a particular effort this year in increasing their communications to parents about their homework expectations in reading and Math in Focus School-to-Home Connections, as well as working with students around learning goals and At Home Learning Menus.

Areas for Goal Setting

- Continued work around personalizing learning; ensuring and communicating about rigor, including within PBL (51% favorable, with 40% neutral)
- Students treating each other with respect (student surveys indicated 65% favorable, with 28% neutral)
- Continue work with student collaboration and problem solving skills

Our Board of Trustees reviewed survey results from all schools across the district at the April 5, 2018 Board meeting, and a summary of takeaways can be found [here](#). You also may view the video of the presentation on our district website at scsdk8.org.

If you would like more information, or to engage in our next conversation to review survey results, please join us at the next Heather School Site Council meeting this **Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 3:05** in the Staff Room or reach out to me directly.

With gratitude for your partnership,

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