

Grosse Pointe Public School System



Parent, Staff and Student Surveys ***An Overview of Findings***

The bottom line



GPPSS parents, staff and students
are pleased with their schools.

Survey methodology



- The questionnaires were developed for the *North Central Association of Schools* and have been used across America
- Surveys were completed May-June, 2010
- Student/Staff Survey – Written survey
- Parent Survey – Self-selected sample

Number of participants



- 4184 – Middle and high school students
- 1609 – Elementary students grades 3-5
- 658 – Staff members
- 497 – Self-selected parent respondents

What information was provided?



At the District level...

- Frequency run of parent/staff/student surveys
- Comparison of GPPSS staff and student results to school districts across America

What information was provided?



At the building level...

- Frequency run of GPPSS parent survey results
- Comparison of staff and student district-level results from across America
- Building-level frequency run of staff and student surveys

How will the information be used?



At the District and building levels...

- Curriculum planning
- Communication planning
- School climate improvement
- Strategic planning

How well is GPPSS teaching...



How well are we teaching students to...

	Parent	Staff	Student
• Read	93%	84%	84%
• Write	85	84	86
• Understand science	87	82	73
• Understand basic math	85	81	88

How well is GPPSS teaching...



How well are we teaching students to...

	Parent	Staff	Student
• Solve math problems	82%	79%	85%
• Understand social studies	86	80	79
• Be healthy & physically fit	70	63	57
• Learn skills for work	68	64	56

How well is GPPSS teaching...



How well are we teaching students to...

	Parent	Staff	Student
• Learn about jobs / careers	60%	52%	47%
• Use computers/technology	87	85	76
• Appreciate the fine arts	80	78	67
• Think	77	77	72

Three focal areas



- 1. The learning environment**
- 2. Student discipline & behavior**
- 3. Communication**

The learning environment



Learning expectations are reasonable

Tend to agree

- 86% of parents
- 70% of students in grades 6-12
- 88% of staff

The learning environment



Teachers are meeting student needs

Tend to agree

- 75% of parents
- 60% of students in grades 6-12

The learning environment



Staff members care about students

Tend to agree

- 88% of parents
- 52% of students in grades 6-12

The learning environment



Teachers are dedicated and enthusiastic

Tend to agree

- 87% of parents
- 59% of students in grades 6-12

Discipline and behavior



The student discipline policy is fair

Tend to agree

- 78% of parents
- 43% of students in grades 6-12
- 77% of staff

Discipline and behavior



Students exhibit good citizenship

Tend to agree

- 80% of parents
- 35% of students in grades 6-12
- 71% of staff

Discipline and behavior



Students show respect for others

Tend to agree

- 73% of parents
- 29% of students in grades 6-12
- 67 % of staff

Discipline and behavior



Students who break the rules are disciplined

Tend to agree

- 49% of students in grades 6-12
- 70% of staff

Communication



Staff Survey

- 84% say they communicate effectively with parents
- 82% say they are aware of community opinions and perceptions
- 73% say they communicate effectively with one another

Communication



Student Survey

- 67% say teachers communicate what they expect from students
- 73% say their report card helps them understand how well they are doing in school
- 49% say the principal responds to student questions and concerns
- 42% say their teachers regularly make comments about their school work

Communication



Parent Survey

- 75% say their principal keeps parents well informed
- 82% say report cards help them understand how well their child is doing in school
- 76% say parent-teacher conferences are informative

GPPSS strengths



What is GPPSS' biggest strength?

Parents

Teachers

Academic program

All staff

Students

Academic program

Teachers

Sports

Making one change



If parents could make one change...

- Improve student behavior/discipline
- Improve parent-teacher communication

Making one change



If staff could make one change...

- More help for struggling students
- Return to a 7-period day
- More emphasis on spelling and grammar

Making one change



If students could make one change...

- Improve lunch options
- Provide healthier lunches
- Relax dress code

Grading the GPPSS



What grade would you give GPPSS?

A/B Grade

- 84% of community respondents
- 88% of parent respondents
- 91% of staff respondents
- 84% of student respondents