Parent and Family Engagement Survey

Our school system is working to strengthen partnerships between schools and families in order to help children perform better in school. In order to continue to do so, we need to collect information regarding the involvement of parents in the schools their children attend. The purpose of this survey is to get your opinion on how well schools have met your families’ and child's needs and how you feel about the school’s parental involvement activities. There are no right or wrong answers. We are only interested in your opinions. The findings of the survey will be summarized and used to make improvements.

**DIRECTIONS: Please check the selection that most closely matches your answer for each item. The last page provides room for written comments.**

School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Grade level(s): Pre–K – K – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10 – 11 – 12 ***[Circle all that apply.]***

Language(s) Spoken at Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# DECISION MAKING

1. Does the school have an active parent–teacher organization? ***[e.g., PTA, PTO]***

Yes  No  Do not know

2. If yes, how many parent–teacher organization meetings have you attended?

1  2 or more  None

3. Are parents involved in planning and evaluating school programs?

Yes  No  Do not know

4. If yes, have you participated on any school councils or committees?

Yes. ***[Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]***

No, I have not participated on any school councils or committees.

5. Does the school actively seek ideas from parents on school–related issues? ***[e.g., selecting staff, developing program]***  Yes  No  Do not know

6. If yes, have you given your ideas or advice on school-related issues?

Yes (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)

No, I have not offered my ideas or advice on school-related issues.

No, I have not been asked for my ideas or advice on school-related issues.

7. Which of these statements best reflect your opinion and/or level of participation? ***Respond to the information topics below by using the indicators to the right.***

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|  | **Strongly Agree** | **Agree** | **Disagree** | **Strongly Disagree** |
| **I feel my opinion is taken into consideration when it comes to school policy decisions.** |  |  |  |  |
| **I actively participate in PTA meetings.** |  |  |  |  |
| **I actively participate in school committees and/or school improvement teams.** |  |  |  |  |
| **School staff consider my opinion when it comes to decisions concerning my child.** |  |  |  |  |
| **I don't feel part of the decision-making body at the school at any level.** |  |  |  |  |
| **I believe parents are very involved in decision making at the school.** |  |  |  |  |
| **I have not been asked for my ideas or advice on school-related issues.** |  |  |  |  |

8. Would you like to participate more in school decisions? ***[Check all that apply.]***

Yes, I would like to participate more, but I don't feel encouraged by the school.

Yes, I would like to participate more, but I do not know how to get involved.

Yes, I would like to participate more, but I do not have time.

Yes, I would like to participate more, but communicating in English is difficult for me.

Yes, I would like to participate more, but I do not understand the issues very well.

Yes, I would like to participate more, but I do not feel comfortable.

No, I am not interested in participating in school decision making.

No, I would rather become involved in other school activities.

Other reasons: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Other comments or suggestions on how the school can create better connections with families:

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN COMPLETING THIS SURVEY.**