

**Date:** April 23, 2018

**To:** All Plainville Parents/Guardians  
**From:** David P. Raiche, Superintendent of Schools  
**Re:** Participation in District Surveys

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Thank you to all parents who responded to my request for feedback via your participation in parent surveys this year. Last fall 175 parents/guardians responded to our Home-School Communication Survey. You provided valuable feedback relative to the effectiveness of parent-teacher communication, parent-school communication, and school-district-community involvement. Specifically:

- 3 of every 4 parents who responded told us that communication between home and their child's/children's teachers is effective
- 4 of 5 parents told us that communication between home and their child's/children's school(s) is effective
- 2 of every 3 parents acknowledged the efforts of teachers to seek their feedback
- 3 of every 4 parents acknowledged the effort of school leadership to seek parent and community feedback

You also provided great feedback on transparency, utilization of funds, preparation of students for middle and high school, and the school vacation periods by rating our effectiveness in each area and also offering specific suggestions for improvements. All survey results were shared with the Administrative Team, the district's Communication Subcommittee and the full School Committee.

More recently, your feedback on a second survey led directly to changes in the scheduling of parent-teacher conferences. These changes should better provide you with important information about your child's progress and goals in a timelier, comprehensive manner.

A third and final parent survey will be sent to you next month as the schools need to assess their effectiveness in explaining and adhering to the district's bullying policy and procedures. (Students in grades 3-6 will also be surveyed as their feedback is also very valuable).

Once again, thank you for sharing the perspective and voice of parents. Together, we can achieve more for the students of Plainville.