

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT SURVEY
2009 Special Education District 75 Teacher Survey
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What do you think about the learning environment in your school?

To record your answers, fill in your choice on the accompanying answer sheet.

Please do not answer questions on this survey.

| 1. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| a. School leaders communicate a clear vision for this school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. School leaders let staff know what is expected of them. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c. School leaders encourage open communication on important school issues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| d. Curriculum, instruction, related services, and assessments are aligned at this school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| e. The principal places the learning needs of children ahead of other interests. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| f. The principal is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| g. I trust the principal at his or her word. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

| 2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| a. My school has high and appropriate expectations for all students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. Teachers in this school set high standards for student learning. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c. My school has appropriate measures of progress for students throughout the year. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| d. This school makes it a priority to help students develop appropriate learning goals. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| e. This school makes it a priority to help students find the best ways to achieve their learning goals. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| f. For teachers of students age 14 or older (high school students) only: This school makes it a priority to help students select the best courses to achieve their post-graduation transition to adult life. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

| 3. Which of the following courses or activities are available at your school - and when are they available during the day? | Offered as a regular school activity/course | Offered before or after school or during free periods | Not offered at all |
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| a. Activities of Daily Living | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| b. Art | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| c. Computer Skills / Technology | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| d. Dance | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| e. Foreign Language | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| f. Health / Physical Education | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| g. Inclusion Activities | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| h. Music | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| i. Shop / Industrial Arts | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| j. Theater | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| k. Vocational Training | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| l. Work / Study | 1 | 2 | 3 |

| 4. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| My school provides a wide enough variety of activities, courses and related services to keep students engaged at my school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

| 5. To what extent do you feel supported by: | To a great extent | To some extent | To a small extent | To no extent |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| a. your principal? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. other teachers and staff at your school? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

| 6. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Does Not Apply |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------|
| a. The principal has confidence in the expertise of the teachers. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. School leaders invite teachers to play a meaningful role in setting goals and making important decisions for this school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. School leaders encourage collaboration among teachers. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. Teachers in this school respect teachers who take the lead in school improvement efforts. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. Teachers in this school trust each other. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. Teachers in this school recognize and respect colleagues who are the most effective teachers. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. Most teachers in my school work together to improve their instructional practice. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| h. School leaders visit classrooms to observe the quality of teaching at this school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| i. School leaders place a high priority on the quality of teaching at this school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| j. Teachers in this school use student achievement data to improve instructional decisions. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

| 7. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Does Not Apply |
|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------|
| a. School leaders give me regular and helpful feedback about my teaching. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. This year, I received helpful training on the use of student achievement data to improve teaching and learning. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. The professional development I received this year provided me with content support in my subject area. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. The professional development I received this year provided me with teaching strategies to better meet the needs of my students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. I have sufficient materials to teach my class(es), such as: books, audio/visual equipment, assistive or adaptive devices, maps, calculators and computers. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. My instructional materials are in good condition. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

| 8. Based on your experiences during the current school year, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| a. Obtaining information from parents about student learning needs is a priority at my school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. Teachers and administrators in my school use information from parents to inform instructional practices and related services, and to meet student needs. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c. My school communicates effectively with parents regarding students' behavior. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

| 9. This year, what percentage of your students had at least one parent attend your Parent-Teacher Conferences? |
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| (A) 0-25% (B) 26-50% (C) 51-75% (D) 76-100% (E) Does Not Apply |

| 10. This year, what percentage of your students had at least one parent attend Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings? |
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| (A) 0-25% (B) 26-50% (C) 51-75% (D) 76-100% (E) Does Not Apply |

| 11. How often during this school year have you: | More than once a week | Once a Week | About Once a Month | About 3 or 4 Times each Year | Rarely or Never |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| a. had a conversation or corresponded with a parent about his or her child's behavior? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. attempted to have a conversation with a parent but failed because you were not able to contact the parent or the parent did not respond or attend? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. communicated with students about their progress? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. communicated with parents about their children's progress? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. sent home information on services to help students or parents such as: after-school programs or workshops adults can attend to help their children in school? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

| 12. How often during this school year have you sent parents written information on what you are teaching and what students are expected to learn? |
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| (1) More than once a week (3) About Once a Month (5) Rarely or Never (2) Once a week (4) About 3 or 4 Times each Year (6) Does Not Apply |

| 13. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|----------|-------------------|
| a. Positive behavior supports are used effectively at my school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. I can get the help I need at my school to address student behavior issues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c. I am safe at my school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| d. Crime and violence are a problem in my school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| e. Students in my school are often threatened or bullied. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| f. Adults at my school are often disrespectful to students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| g. Most students treat teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, therapists, and other adults at my school with respect. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| h. Most parents treat teachers, counselors, paraprofessionals, therapists, and other adults at my school with respect. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| i. Students' use of alcohol and illegal drugs in school is a problem at my school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| j. There are conflicts at my school based on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| k. There is a person or a program in my school that helps students resolve conflicts. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| l. Gang activity is a problem in my school. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| m. My school is kept clean. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| n. The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

| 14. For how many years have you been a teacher? |
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| (A) Less than one year (B) 1-3 years (C) 4-10 years (D) 11-15 years (E) More than 15 years (F) Does Not Apply |