

**NYC School Survey
2008-2009 Report**

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School Type Elementary School
School Number 31R042

Dear Members of the School Community,

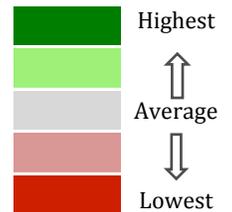
This report tells you what parents, teachers and students said about learning conditions at your school in our annual survey. This information is designed to support a dialogue among all members of the school community on how to make the school a better place for learning.

Taking the time to reflect on how well we serve children is an important step in improving our schools. Special thanks to all parents, teachers, and students who filled out a survey this year, and to those who work year-round to improve student learning.

Joel I. Klein
Chancellor

What do the colors mean?

Green indicates high levels of parent, teacher, or student satisfaction compared to other schools. **Red** indicates low levels of satisfaction. In reviewing your school's results, you might look at how well the school performed in each survey category, how well the school did overall, where it has the greatest strength (**green**), and where it needs the most improvement (**red**).



How did your school perform on the survey compared to all elementary schools?

	Score out of 10	Your School's Comparison	Change from Last Year
Academic Expectations	9		↑
Communication	8.2		↗
Engagement	8.3		↑
Safety & Respect	8.9		→

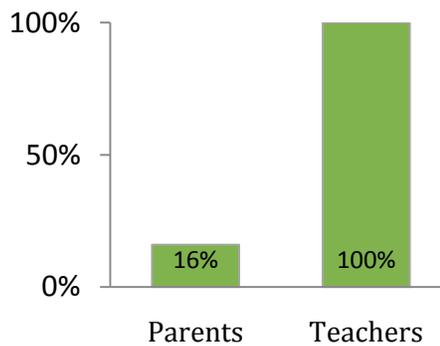
What are your school's strengths and areas for improvement?

	Parents	Teachers
Academic Expectations		
Communication		
Engagement		
Safety & Respect		

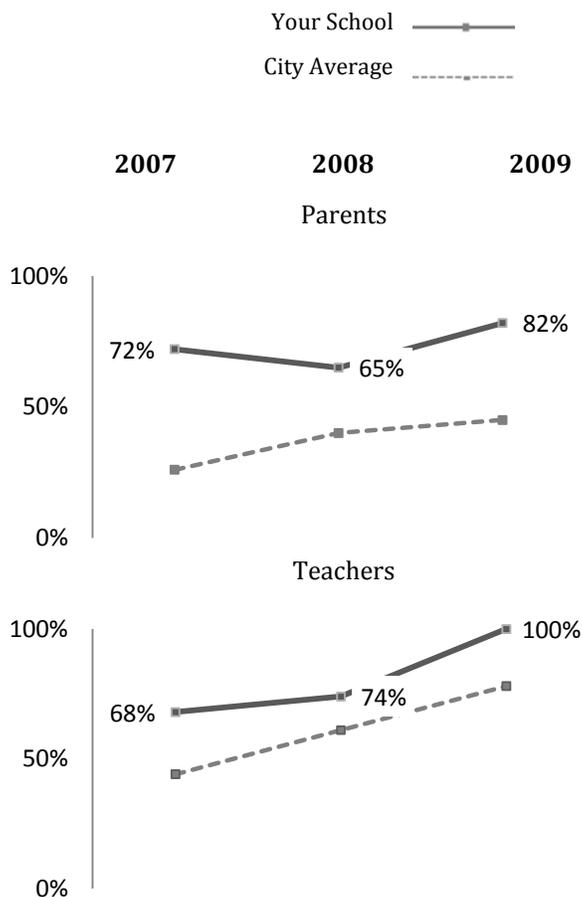
How do survey response rates at your school compare to the City average (2009)?

	Your School	City Average	% Points Difference
Parents	82%	45%	37
Teachers	100%	73%	27

Go Green: Who took the survey online?

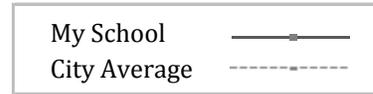


How have response rates at your school changed over time?

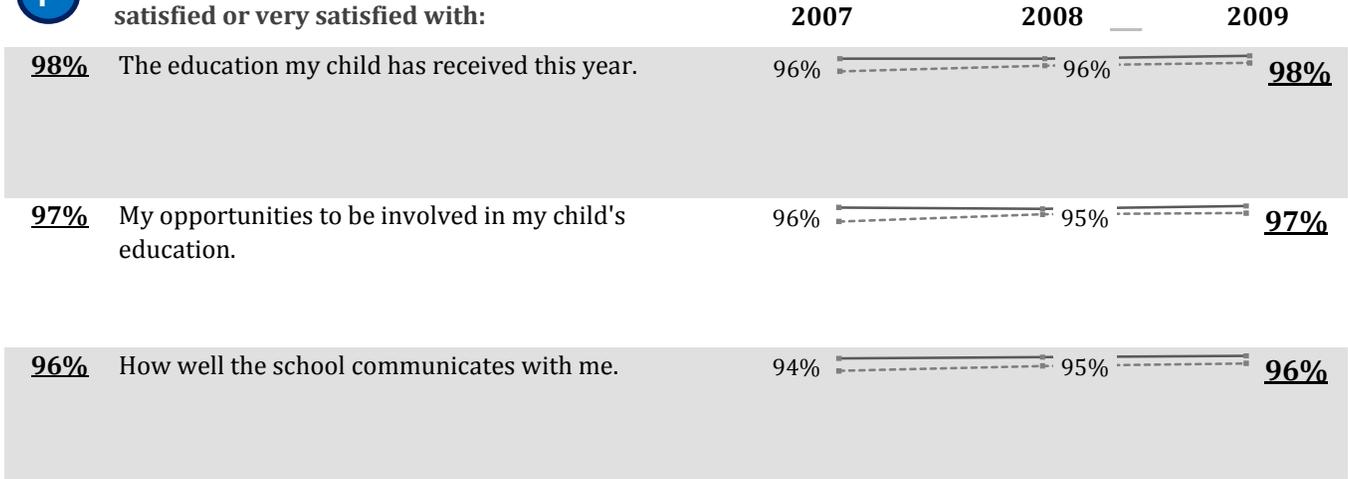


For more information about response rates and other survey results, go to www.nyc.gov/schools/surveys.

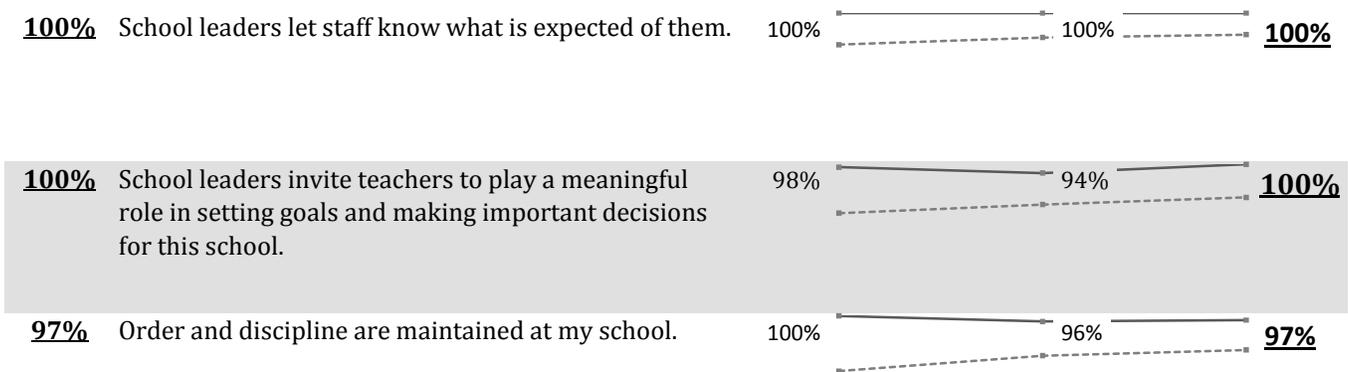
How has your school community answered important survey questions?



P Percent of parents at your school who were satisfied or very satisfied with:

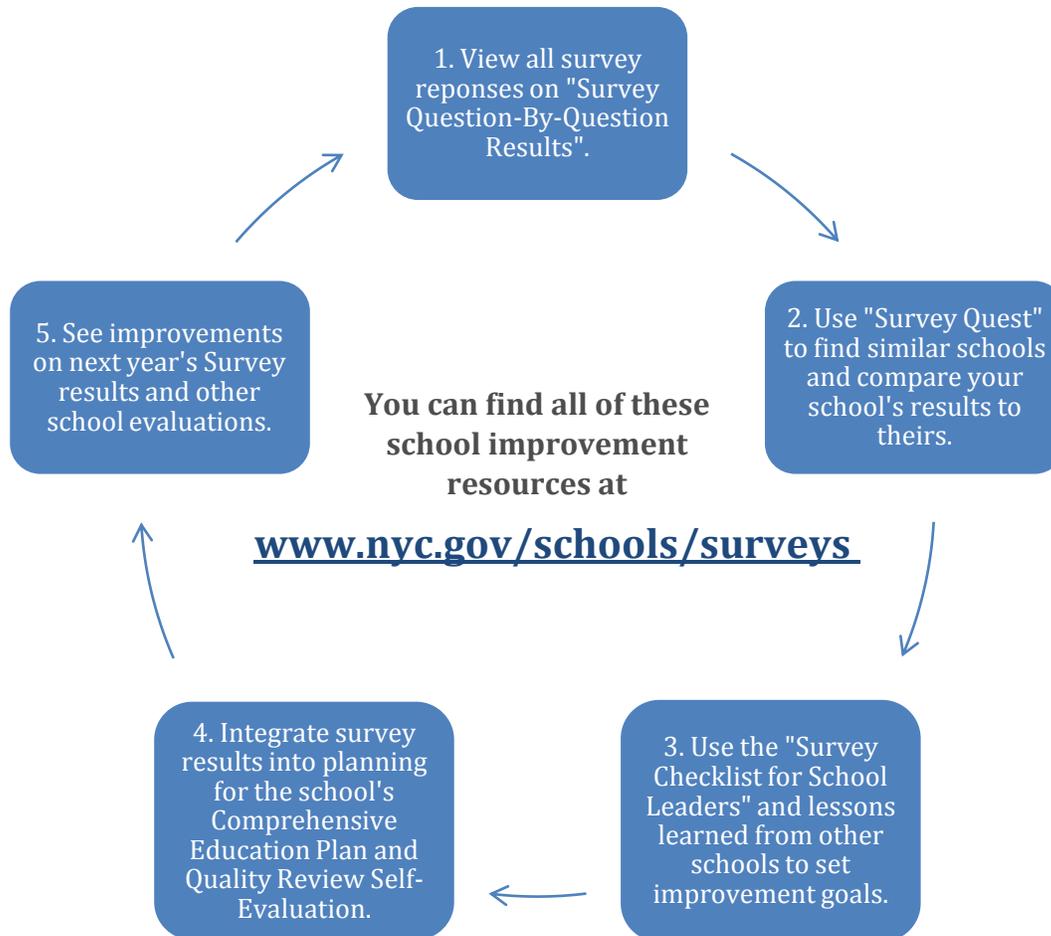


T Percent of teachers at your school who agreed or strongly agreed that:



How can you use survey results to improve your school?

You and your school community can use resources created by the Department of Education and the steps listed below to apply survey results to improve the school.



1. **Survey Question-By-Question Results** provide details about how parents, teachers, and students at your school answered all of the survey questions, where your school earned the highest marks, and where your school most needs to improve.
2. **Survey Quest** allows you to compare your school to similar schools that may have performed higher on particular survey questions or groups of questions. Your school can reach out to school leaders at high-performing schools to learn what they have done to get strong results.
3. **The Survey Checklist for School Leaders** helps schools set goals to improve response rates and increase parent, teacher, and student satisfaction. Setting goals with input from parents, teachers, and students is essential to improving learning conditions at schools.
4. The **Comprehensive School Education Plan (CEP)** and **Quality Review** are two opportunities for all members of the community to come together and examine school-wide improvement goals. In these and other planning activities, survey results provide useful information about conditions at schools that support learning and those that need to improve.

This report provides all questions and a summary of the responses that parents and teachers at your school provided on the 2009 NYC School Survey. This report can be used as a partner with the NYC School Survey Report.

Parent responses are listed first followed by teacher responses. Questions are assigned to and sorted by four categories: Academic Expectations, Communication, Engagement and Safety and Respect.

All numbers below are percentages. The most common answer is bolded to provide an at-a-glance sense of whether your school feels positively or not. Question scores are between 0 and 10, and the highest possible score is 10. The score can be found in parentheses after each question.

Who took the Survey at your school?

	<i>Your School</i>	<i>City Average</i>
P Parents	82% (584)	45%
T Teachers	100% (70)	73%

Please visit www.nyc.gov/schools/surveys to learn more about the surveys.

P Academic Expectations: *Parents feel the school encourages students to do their best by developing rigorous and meaningful academic goals.*

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school or teacher?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Percent % Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
The school has high expectations for my child. (8.7)	55	41	3	1	1
My child is learning what he or she needs to know to succeed in later grades or after graduating from high school. (8.5)	51	43	4	1	2
<i>Answer this question only if you are a high school parent: This year, staff at my child's high school helped my child to select courses that he or she needs to graduate and to succeed after graduating. (NA)</i>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Percent % Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied
The quality of your child's teacher(s) this year. (9)	74	24	2	1
The education your child has received this year. (8.7)	65	33	1	1
The level of assistance your child receives when he or she needs extra help with classwork or homework. (8.4)	57	38	5	1

P Communication: *Parents feel the school provides them with information about the school's educational goals and offers appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.*

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school or teacher?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Percent % Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
The school clearly communicates its expectations for my child's learning to me and my child. (8.5)	49	47	3	1	1
My child's teacher(s) give helpful comments on homework, class work, and tests. (8.3)	51	39	6	2	1

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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school?

I am satisfied with the response I get when I contact my child's school with questions or concerns. (8.4)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Percent % Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
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	55	40	3	1	1
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The school keeps me informed about my child's academic progress. (8.4)

	54	43	2	1	0
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The school contacts me when my child breaks school rules. (8.3)

	39	36	1	0	24
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The school contacts me to tell me about my child's achievements and successes. (7.7)

	43	44	10	1	1
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How often during this school year have you:

received information about what your child is studying in school? (7.9)

	More than once a month	Percent % About once a month	Once every few months	Once or twice this school year	Never
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	43	37	16	3	1
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received information on services for your child or for you, such as: tutoring, after school programs, or workshops you can attend to help your child? (7)

	28	38	24	6	3
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How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?

How well your child's school communicates with you. (8.4)

	Very Satisfied	Percent % Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied
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	54	42	3	0
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P Engagement: Parents feel engaged in an active and vibrant partnership to promote student learning.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school?

I feel welcome in my child's school. (8.7)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Percent % Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
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	64	35	1	0	0
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My child's school makes it easy for parents to attend meetings by holding them at different times of day, providing an interpreter, or in other ways. (7.9)

	47	44	6	2	1
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How often during this school year have you:

been invited to a workshop, program, performance, or other event at your child's school? (8.7)

	More than once a month	Percent % About once a month	Once every few months	Once or twice this school year	Never
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	32	42	22	4	1
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talked with a teacher or other adult at your child's school to share with them important information about your child's learning? (NA)

	27	27	30	14	2
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My child participates in the following courses during the regular school day. (Please mark all that apply.) (7.2)

Percent %

47	Art	51	Music	5	Dance	2	Theater	1	Foreign language
37	Computer skills/technology	19	Health	79	Physical education	7	None of these courses	4	Don't know

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My child participates in the following school activities before or after school. (Please mark all that apply.) (3.3)

Percent %

6	Art	10	Music	12	Dance	2	Theater	1	Foreign language
9	Computer skills/technology	29	Team sports and clubs	16	Tutoring/enrichment activities	37	None of these activities	2	Don't know

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Percent %
Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Don't Know

My child's school offers a wide enough variety of courses and activities to keep my child interested in school. (7.5)

28

58

9

1

3

How satisfied are you with the following things about your child's school?

Very Satisfied

Percent %
Satisfied

Unsatisfied

Very Unsatisfied

Your opportunities to be involved in your child's education. (8.4)

54

43

2

1

P **Safety and Respect:** Parents feel the school creates a physically and emotionally secure environment in which everyone can focus on student learning.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Percent %
Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Does Not Apply

There is an adult at the school whom my child trusts and can go to for help with a school problem. (8.2)

51

41

3

1

4

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your child's school?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Percent %
Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Don't Know

My child is safe at school. (9)

63

36

1

0

0

My child's school is clean. (8.8)

56

41

2

0

1

Discipline is enforced fairly at my child's school. (8.4)

50

40

3

1

6

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Percent %
Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Answer this question only if your child's school has School Safety Agents: The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment. (8.4)

53

44

2

0

How often do you think the following problems occur at your child's school?

Never

Once in Awhile

Fairly Often

Percent %
Very Often

Don't Know

Students threaten or bully other students. (7.3)

26

47

6

2

18

School staff are disrespectful to students. (8.9)

59

17

2

1

20

There is racial or cultural bias by school staff. (9.8)

78

4

0

0

19

There is conflict at my child's school based on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disabilities. (9.8)

79

4

1

0

17

Students use alcohol or illegal drugs during school. (10)

87

1

0

0

12

There is gang activity in my child's school. (10)

90

1

0

0

10

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P **Not Scored:** *These questions appeared on the Survey but answers were not scored and did not affect the Survey or Progress Report scores.*

In which grade is your child at this school?

Percent %

3	Pre-Kindergarten	12	Kindergarten	13	1st grade	14	2nd grade	16	3rd grade	21	4th grade	20	5th grade
0	6th grade	0	7th grade	0	8th grade	0	9th grade	0	10th grade	0	11th grade	0	12th grade

Which of the following improvements would you most like your school to make? (Choose ONE.)

Percent %

1	More effective school leadership	17	More hands-on learning	17	More or better enrichment programs	18	More or better arts programs	6	More challenging courses
6	Better communication with parents	2	More teacher training	24	Smaller class size	6	More preparation for state tests	3	Less preparation for state tests

What are the BEST ways for your child's school or teachers to get information to you about your child's education? (Mark as few or as many as apply.)

Percent %

38	Mail	39	E-mail	16	PA or PTA meetings, or similar meetings
88	Paper sent home with your child	29	School Website	6	School bulletin board
67	Phone	8	Parent Coordinator	1	Community or Citywide Education Councils
67	Parent Teacher Conferences	6	Other parents	1	Other organizations in your community

T **Academic Expectations:** *Teachers feel that the school encourages students to do their best by developing rigorous and meaningful academic goals.*

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?

Strongly Agree Percent % Strongly Disagree
Agree Disagree

The principal places the learning needs of children ahead of other interests. (9.5)	85	15	0	0
Curriculum, instruction, and assessment are aligned within and across the grade levels at this school. (9.3)	78	22	0	0
My school has high expectations for all students. (9.8)	93	7	0	0
Teachers in this school set high standards for student work in their classes. (9.7)	91	7	1	0
My school has clear measures of progress for student achievement throughout the year. (9.6)	87	13	0	0
This school makes it a priority to help students develop challenging learning goals. (9.5)	85	15	0	0
This school makes it a priority to help students find the best ways to achieve their learning goals. (9.5)	84	16	0	0
For high school teachers only: This school makes it a priority to help students select the best courses to achieve their college or career goals. (NA)	100	0	0	0

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Which of the following courses or activities are available to students at your school – and when are they available during the day?

	Percent %		
	Offered as a regular school activity/course (9.9)	Offered before or after school or during free periods (8.2)	Not offered at all (Not Scored)
Art	83	19	6
Music	90	14	3
Dance	20	53	30
Theater	26	39	41
Foreign Language	1	14	81
Computer skills/Technology	84	31	0
Health	90	1	7
Physical Education	97	24	0
Sports Teams or Clubs	16	84	7
Tutoring/Enrichment Activities	66	59	1

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Percent %		Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
		Agree	Disagree		
The principal has confidence in the expertise of the teachers. (9.7)	93	6	1	0	0
School leaders visit classrooms to observe the quality of teaching at this school. (9.1)	75	24	1	0	0
School leaders place a high priority on the quality of teaching at this school. (9.4)	84	15	1	0	0
Most teachers in my school work together to improve their instructional practice. (9.6)	90	9	1	0	0
Teachers in this school use student achievement data to improve instructional decisions. (9.7)	90	10	0	0	0
I have sufficient materials to teach my class(es), including: books, audio/visual equipment, maps, and/or calculators. (8.2)	52	39	7	0	1
My instructional materials are in good condition. (8.5)	58	36	4	0	1

T **Communication:** Teachers feel the school provides them with information about the school's educational goals and offers appropriate feedback on each student's learning outcomes.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?

	Strongly Agree	Percent %		Strongly Disagree
		Agree	Disagree	
Schools leaders communicate a clear vision for this school. (9.2)	75	25	0	0
School leaders let staff know what is expected of them. (9.4)	81	19	0	0
School leaders encourage open communication on important school issues. (9.3)	81	18	1	0
The principal is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly. (9.2)	75	25	0	0
I trust the principal at his or her word. (9.3)	81	16	3	0

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Based on your experiences during the current school year, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

My school communicates effectively with parents when students misbehave. (8.9)

Percent %			
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
71	26	3	0

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

School leaders give me regular and helpful feedback about my teaching. (8.9)

Percent %				Does Not Apply
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
69	26	3	0	1

How often during this school year have you:

had a conversation or corresponded with a parent of a student about the student's behavior? (NA)

Percent %				
More than once a week	Once a Week	About Once a Month	About 3 or 4 Times each Year	Rarely or Never
7	16	26	28	23

How often during this school year have you:

communicated with **students** about their progress in class? (NA)

Percent %					
More than once a week	Once a Week	About Once a Month	About 3 or 4 Times each Year	Rarely or Never	Does Not Apply
41	26	22	6	0	6

communicated with **parents** about their children's progress in class? (6.5)

7	16	40	29	0	7
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sent parents written information on what you are teaching and what students are expected to learn? (6.6)

12	7	54	20	0	7
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sent home information on services to help students or parents such as: tutoring, after-school programs, or workshops adults can attend to help their children in school? (5.6)

4	6	45	33	3	9
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T **Engagement:** Teachers feel engaged in an active and vibrant partnership to promote learning.

To what extent do you feel supported by:

your principal? (9.8)

Percent %			
To a great extent	To some extent	To a small extent	To no extent
93	7	0	0

other teachers at your school? (9.5)

86	14	0	0
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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

My school offers a wide enough variety of activities or courses to keep students at my school engaged. (9.1)

Percent %			
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
78	19	1	1

Based on your experiences during the current school year, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Obtaining information from parents about student learning needs is a priority at my school. (9.3)

Percent %			
Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
80	20	0	0

Teachers and administrators in my school use information from parents to improve instructional practices and meet student learning needs. (9.3)

78	22	0	0
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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Percent % Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
School leaders invite teachers to play a meaningful role in setting goals and making important decisions for this school. (9.3)	79	21	0	0	0
School leaders encourage collaboration among teachers. (9.7)	90	10	0	0	0
This year, I received helpful training on the use of student achievement data to improve teaching and learning. (8.5)	57	38	3	0	3
The professional development I received this year provided me with content support in my subject area. (8.4)	54	42	3	0	1
The professional development I received this year provided me with teaching strategies to better meet the needs of my students. (8.4)	55	41	3	0	1

T **Safety and Respect:** Schools ensure that all members of the school community feel physically and emotionally secure, allowing everyone to focus on student learning.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Percent % Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Does Not Apply
Teachers in this school respect teachers who take the lead in school improvement efforts. (9.3)	79	19	1	0	0
Teachers in this school trust each other. (9)	69	31	0	0	0
Teachers in this school recognize and respect colleagues who are the most effective teachers. (8.9)	68	30	2	0	0

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Percent % Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Order and discipline are maintained at my school. (8.8)	68	29	3	0
I can get the help I need at my school to address student behavior and discipline problems. (8.7)	62	38	0	0
I am safe at my school. (9.7)	90	10	0	0
Crime and violence are a problem in my school. (9.7)	1	0	6	93
Students in my school are often threatened or bullied. (8.6)	1	3	32	64
Adults at my school are often disrespectful to students. (9.2)	3	0	16	81
Most students at my school treat teachers with respect. (8.2)	52	43	3	1
Most parents treat teachers at this school with respect. (7.9)	39	58	3	0
Students' use of alcohol and illegal drugs in school is a problem at my school. (9.9)	0	0	3	97
There are conflicts at my school based on race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability. (9.4)	1	3	9	87
There is a person or a program in my school that helps students resolve conflicts. (7.2)	33	57	4	6
Gang activity is a problem in my school. (9.9)	0	0	3	97
My school is kept clean. (7.9)	40	57	3	0
<i>Answer this question only if your school has School Safety Agents:</i> The presence and actions of School Safety Agents help to promote a safe and respectful learning environment. (9.2)	78	20	2	0

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How often during this school year have you:

	More than once a week	Once a Week	Percent % About once a Month	About 3 or 4 Times each Year	Rarely or Never
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?	0	1	6	4	88

How long have you been a teacher?

						Percent %
0	Less than one year	10	1-3 years	33	4-10 years	22
						11-15 years
						35
						More than 15 years

This year, what percentage of your students had at least one parent attend your Parent-Teacher Conferences?

						Percent %
3	0-25%	3	26-50%	3	51-75%	83
						76-100%
						9
						Does Not Apply