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DCPS STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS 2011

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Question by Question Results – Lafayette's Students

97 students (98% of eligible students) completed the survey at Lafayette Elementary School

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
My school is on the right track for student achievement	43%	54%	2%	1%
I am strongly supported within my school	53%	40%	7%	0%
I would recommend my school to other students	60%	34%	4%	1%
This school is a welcoming place for my family	67%	28%	4%	1%

What grade would you give…	*A*	*B*	*C*	*D*	*F*
your school?	51%	38%	6%	3%	1%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*	*Don't know*
I feel safe at my school	48%	38%	9%	2%	2%
Everyone is expected to follow the school rules	37%	49%	6%	6%	1%
School entrances are always monitored	6%	27%	36%	8%	22%
Hallways, stairwells, bathrooms are empty of students during class periods	1%	26%	39%	27%	7%
School security devices (for example, cameras) work	17%	21%	9%	5%	47%
Security personnel at my school do a good job	27%	43%	15%	6%	8%
My school is orderly and in control	22%	55%	14%	5%	4%
My school is clean and well maintained	26%	47%	17%	10%	0%

How safe do you feel in the following places?	*Very safe*	*Mostly safe*	*Somewhat safe*	*Not safe*
Outside around the school	54%	32%	12%	2%
In the hallways and bathrooms of this school	67%	20%	9%	4%
In my classes	84%	12%	2%	2%

How often do students in your school…	*Often*	*Sometimes*	*Rarely*	*Never*	*Don't know*
Get into fights	16%	39%	41%	3%	2%
Have things stolen or damaged by other students	24%	23%	33%	10%	9%
Get made fun of for the way they look or talk	29%	23%	28%	18%	2%
See gang activity in school	9%	12%	28%	45%	7%

The principal at my school…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Makes the school run smoothly	51%	43%	4%	2%
Cares about students	66%	29%	4%	1%
Is available to talk to	33%	46%	15%	6%
Highlights student accomplishments regularly	49%	38%	12%	1%

Note: Percentages in this report may differ from your school's summary report because "Don't know" responses were excluded from the summary report.

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The adults working at my school…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Work hard and try to make the school work well	58%	39%	1%	2%
Care about students	55%	40%	3%	2%
Include at least one adult I can talk to if something is wrong	57%	32%	7%	3%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	36%	43%	16%	5%
Treat me with respect	50%	39%	7%	4%
Give me extra help when I need it	52%	38%	6%	3%
Treat all students fairly	30%	40%	19%	11%
Set high standards for students	39%	49%	11%	1%

My teachers…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Inspire me to learn	53%	37%	8%	2%
Often connect what I'm learning to life outside the classroom	44%	30%	20%	6%
Encourage students to share ideas about things we're studying in class	55%	32%	9%	4%
Often require me to explain my answers	52%	39%	6%	3%
Often assign homework that helps me learn	36%	40%	20%	4%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
We have enough teaching materials (like books, photocopies and calculators) for all students	38%	33%	21%	8%
In my classes, we often discuss different interpretations of things we read	46%	34%	18%	2%
My classes really make me think	32%	49%	15%	3%
When I am absent, the teacher gives me missed assignments	23%	35%	28%	14%

How often do you have…	*Usually*	*Sometimes*	*Rarely*	*Never*
Access to a working computer at school	38%	34%	23%	5%
Access to the internet at school	36%	41%	17%	5%
Access to a working printer at school	32%	21%	18%	29%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
I try hard to do well in school	80%	17%	1%	2%
I know what I do well in school and what areas I need to work on	65%	31%	3%	1%
I ask for help from my teachers or others when I need it	59%	31%	6%	4%
I set goals and then work to achieve them	43%	41%	13%	2%
I respect the ways in which people are different	74%	20%	3%	2%
I get along well with other students	52%	39%	5%	3%
I am confident I will graduate from high school	81%	13%	3%	3%

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How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
I like school	41%	40%	13%	6%
I attend all my classes	85%	11%	1%	2%
I think doing well in school is important for my future	82%	14%	2%	2%
I can get help on schoolwork if I need it	72%	23%	4%	1%
My friends think it's important to work hard to get high grades	45%	45%	7%	2%

Gender	Male	53%	Female	47%

Grade						
	5th	99%	8th	0%	11th	0%
	6th	0%	9th	0%	12th	1%
	7th	0%	10th	0%		

How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	23%	Native American	6%
Hispanic	3%	Asian/Pacific Islander	4%
White or Caucasian	51%	Other	6%

What languages does your family speak at home?			
English	92%	Chinese	0%
Spanish	11%	Amharic	2%
French	5%	Other	8%

The following questions are applicable for students in 9th through 12th grade only.

Are you aware of the high school graduation requirements?	Yes	NA	No	NA

Are you on track towards high school graduation?				
	Yes	NA	No	NA
	Not Sure	NA		

What are your plans after high school?			
Continue school	NA	Join the military	NA
Get a job	NA	Other plans	NA
Not sure	NA		

Have you taken any preparation courses to help you prepare for taking college entrance tests like the ACT or SAT?	Yes	NA	No	NA

Have you taken any college entrance tests?				
	SAT	NA	ACT	NA
	Other	NA		

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150 parents (31% of eligible parents) completed the survey at Lafayette Elementary School

How much you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*	*Don't know*
DCPS is on the right track for student achievement	7%	60%	15%	2%	16%
This school is on the right track for student achievement	48%	46%	5%	1%	1%

Overall, what grade would you give…	*A*	*B*	*C*	*D*	*F*	*Don't know*
this school?	55%	37%	5%	1%	1%	1%
DCPS?	3%	27%	37%	18%	1%	13%

Do you plan to keep your child(ren) in DCPS?			If not, why?		
	Yes	78%		Moving out of DC	1%
	No	7%		Unhappy with school system	7%
	Don't know	15%		Other	9%

Would you recommend that a friend send his or her child to this school?					
	Yes	91%	No	2%	Don't know 7%

How satisfied you are with the following at this school:	*Very satisfied*	*Satisfied*	*Dissatisfied*	*Very dissatisfied*	*Don't know*
Quality of instruction	37%	56%	5%	2%	0%
Academic progress of my child(ren)	40%	50%	8%	2%	0%
Physical condition of the classrooms	12%	59%	22%	7%	0%
Safety inside the school	46%	46%	7%	1%	0%
School's office staff	41%	52%	5%	3%	0%
Teachers	39%	53%	7%	1%	1%
School principal	61%	31%	5%	3%	0%
How the school communicates with parents	51%	42%	4%	2%	1%
How DCPS communicates with parents	21%	61%	11%	1%	5%
The level of parental engagement	77%	21%	0%	1%	1%

Which aspect of your child(ren)'s school is most important to you?			
Welcoming environment	2%	Academics/Student learning	64%
School's leadership/principal	7%	Teachers	22%
Safety	3%	Facility/building	0%
Location	1%	Other	1%

Do you know…	Yes	No
DCPS' policies on students' rights and responsibilities?	55%	45%
DCPS' policies on parents' rights and responsibilities?	56%	44%
How to volunteer at your child(ren)'s school?	99%	1%

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How much you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*	*Don't know/ Not applicable*
This school keeps me regularly informed of my child(ren)'s progress	36%	53%	10%	1%	0%
Teachers contact me with concerns	28%	47%	14%	2%	9%
I receive interpretations/translations when I need them	11%	13%	1%	1%	74%
The school does a good job identifying students who need additional support	17%	33%	8%	2%	39%
There is a good process to get students enrolled in additional services they need	11%	26%	11%	3%	50%
I have all of the information that I need to make the right decisions about my child(ren)'s education at DCPS	21%	51%	15%	4%	8%

Please mark how much you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*	*Don't know*
I feel welcome at this school	65%	32%	2%	1%	0%
School staff members are helpful in answering my questions	53%	42%	4%	1%	0%
This school applies discipline procedures fairly to all students	24%	32%	9%	3%	32%
This school makes student learning its #1 priority	47%	43%	5%	2%	3%
This school has high expectations for my child(ren)	42%	42%	13%	2%	1%
This school does a good job of understanding and addressing my child(ren)'s individual learning needs	29%	51%	15%	4%	1%

How satisfied are you with your interactions with the following departments/offices this year?	*Very satisfied*	*Satisfied*	*Dissatisfied*	*Very dissatisfied*	*I did not interact with this dept/office*
Bilingual education	2%	1%	1%	1%	95%
Special education	9%	8%	1%	1%	81%
Student intervention	4%	9%	5%	3%	80%
Afterschool program	16%	9%	1%	3%	71%
Summer school	1%	3%	2%	1%	93%
Critical Response Team	3%	1%	0%	1%	95%

What types of programs and workshops would you like the schools to provide for you as a parent/guardian?			
Understanding the DC public school system	27%	Getting to know your community resources	19%
Job search strategies	4%	Computer literacy	8%
Parent/child classes (like Mommy and me)	9%	Effective discipline strategies	35%
Finance/dealing with money	2%	Stress management	17%
Understanding child development	41%	Other	8%
Parenting support groups	15%		

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How many of your children attend DCPS schools?	1	41%	2	50%	3	9%
	4	0%	5 or more	1%		

What grades are they in?	Pre-K/K	34%	3	21%	6	5%	9	1%
	1	20%	4	19%	7	7%	10	1%
	2	19%	5	28%	8	3%	11	1%
							12	3%

What is your relationship with these students?	Parent	100%	Grandparent	0%	Other family member	0%
	Guardian	1%	Aunt/Uncle	0%	Other	0%

Are any of your children currently receiving special education services?	Yes	15%	No	85%

Are any of your children currently receiving English Language Learner (ELL) services?	Yes	3%	No	97%

In your household, what languages are spoken?	English	94%	French	3%	Amharic	0%
	Spanish	6%	Chinese	1%	Other	6%

How would you describe your background?	Black/African American	16%	Native American	1%
	Hispanic or Latin American	4%	Asian/Pacific Islander	7%
	White or Caucasian	74%	Other	5%

What is your gender?	Male	21%	Female	79%

What ward do you live in?	1	1%	3	24%	5	1%	7	0%
	2	1%	4	73%	6	0%	8	0%

In what ward(s) do your child(ren) go to school?	1	1%	3	29%	5	1%	7	0%
	2	1%	4	68%	6	0%	8	0%

What is the highest level of education you completed?			
Grades 1-8	0%	Some college/technical school	3%
Some high school	1%	College/technical school graduate	33%
High school graduate	1%	Post-graduate education	62%

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43 staff (58% of eligible staff) completed the survey at Lafayette Elementary School

The following questions appeared on the **teacher, administrator and staff surveys**. The responses below reflect the combined responses of teachers, administrators and staff at your school.

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*	*Don't know*
The school district (DCPS) is on the right track for student achievement	2%	37%	46%	7%	7%
The central office effectively supports my school	0%	32%	39%	22%	7%
My school is on the right track for student achievement	49%	46%	5%	0%	0%
I am strongly supported within my school	63%	29%	5%	0%	2%

If a friend of yours was looking for a school for his/her child, would you recommend your school?	Yes	100%	No	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
My school is a good place to work	66%	32%	2%	0%
I have adequate materials/equipment to do my work	61%	34%	5%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that the adults working at your school…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Care about the students	70%	30%	0%	0%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	34%	54%	12%	0%
Take responsibility for improving their school	49%	49%	2%	0%
Pursue opportunities to grow professionally	68%	29%	2%	0%
Work hard to build trusting relationships with parents	61%	39%	0%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*	*Don't know*
I feel safe at my school	84%	16%	0%	0%	0%
My school's discipline plan is implemented uniformly	16%	33%	49%	0%	2%
My school is orderly and in control	35%	58%	7%	0%	0%
School entrances are monitored consistently	16%	40%	33%	2%	9%
School security devices are consistently operational	16%	30%	16%	0%	37%
My school has effective discipline procedures in place	14%	37%	40%	5%	5%
Security personnel at my school are effective	33%	47%	16%	0%	5%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Classrooms in my school are in good physical condition	21%	51%	21%	7%
My school is clean	35%	58%	7%	0%
My school is well maintained	30%	63%	7%	0%

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How satisfied are you with the following DCPS departments and support services…	*Very satisfied*	*Satisfied*	*Dissatisfied*	*Very dissatisfied*	*Don't know*
School district services overall	2%	39%	29%	7%	22%
Office of Special Education	5%	24%	14%	2%	55%
Office of Bilingual Education	7%	20%	5%	0%	68%
Office of the Chief Academic Officer	0%	12%	10%	5%	74%
Office of Professional Development	0%	21%	21%	7%	50%
Office of Youth Engagement	7%	7%	2%	2%	81%
Office of Family and Public Engagement	0%	7%	2%	0%	90%
Office of Data and Accountability	2%	14%	12%	2%	69%
Office of Human Capital	3%	10%	10%	5%	73%
Office of Human Resources	5%	36%	12%	12%	36%
Technology Support Services	5%	55%	5%	7%	29%
Facilities and Maintenance	2%	33%	7%	0%	57%
Summer School	0%	10%	14%	0%	76%
Afterschool Program	10%	15%	0%	0%	76%
Career and Technical Education	0%	12%	0%	0%	88%
School Security	0%	45%	10%	0%	45%
Nurses/School Health Services	21%	45%	2%	0%	31%

Indicate your years of experience.	*This is my first year*	*2-3 years*	*4-5 years*	*6-10 years*	*More than 10 years*
Including this year, how many years have you been working at this school?	12%	19%	19%	19%	31%
Including this year, how many years have you been working at DCPS?	12%	7%	9%	37%	35%

Gender	Male	15%	Female	85%

How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	21%	Native American	0%
Hispanic	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	5%
White or Caucasian	65%	Other	7%

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The following questions appeared on the **teacher and staff surveys**. The responses below reflect the combined responses of teachers and staff at your school.

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
My coworkers respect me	69%	21%	10%	0%
The administrators at this school respect me	72%	23%	5%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that the principal at your school…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly	51%	39%	10%	0%
Cares about the students	68%	32%	0%	0%
Encourages collaboration among school staff	59%	39%	2%	0%
Provides me feedback regularly	40%	40%	18%	3%
Treats all staff with respect	48%	50%	3%	0%
Is a leader I have confidence in	58%	38%	5%	0%

The following questions appeared on the **teacher and administrator survey**. The responses below reflect the responses of teachers and administrators at your school.

Indicate how frequently you have access to the following technologies in school	*Always*	*Sometimes*	*Rarely*	*Never*
A working computer	97%	0%	3%	0%
The internet	73%	24%	3%	0%
A functional printer	82%	15%	3%	0%
A functional copy machine	85%	15%	0%	0%
A working phone	82%	15%	3%	0%

Overall, what grade would you give your school	*A*	*B*	*C*	*D*	*F*	*Don't know*
	64%	30%	6%	0%	0%	0%

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The following questions appeared on the **teacher survey only**. The responses below reflect the responses of teachers at your school.

How much do you agree or disagree that the principal at your school…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Actively monitors the quality of teaching	48%	48%	3%	0%
Supports teachers' instructional needs	52%	48%	0%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
There is a pervasive culture of continuous professional development focused on teaching and learning at my school	58%	42%	0%	0%
I have opportunities to learn best practices from other teachers in my school	48%	45%	6%	0%
I have clear measureable goals related to supporting student success	52%	45%	3%	0%
I don't have enough time in class to teacher the standards to mastery	3%	27%	53%	17%
My school effectively identifies the individual learning needs of all students including special education students and English language learners	39%	58%	3%	0%

Select up to three areas in which you would like to have more professional development			
Behavior management/conflict resolution	32%	Differentiating instruction	55%
Motivating students	29%	My content area	29%
Reteaching strategies	19%	Using data to inform instruction	6%
Using technology	32%	Working with children with special needs	45%
Classroom Management	10%	Other	3%