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DCPS STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS 2011

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Question by Question Results – Jefferson's Students

221 students (84% of eligible students) completed the survey at Jefferson Middle 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	7%	65%	25%	3%
I am strongly supported within my school	13%	60%	24%	2%
I would recommend my school to other students	13%	41%	35%	11%
This school is a welcoming place for my family	11%	40%	35%	13%

What grade would you give…	*A*	*B*	*C*	*D*	*F*
your school?	11%	27%	37%	20%	6%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*	*Don't know*
I feel safe at my school	13%	38%	25%	13%	11%
Everyone is expected to follow the school rules	26%	35%	22%	10%	6%
School entrances are always monitored	36%	43%	10%	4%	6%
Hallways, stairwells, bathrooms are empty of students during class periods	8%	11%	34%	38%	9%
School security devices (for example, cameras) work	33%	44%	7%	4%	12%
Security personnel at my school do a good job	28%	49%	11%	4%	8%
My school is orderly and in control	5%	20%	42%	26%	8%
My school is clean and well maintained	8%	19%	37%	30%	6%

How safe do you feel in the following places?	*Very safe*	*Mostly safe*	*Somewhat safe*	*Not safe*
Outside around the school	18%	40%	31%	11%
In the hallways and bathrooms of this school	24%	38%	28%	11%
In my classes	51%	29%	16%	4%

How often do students in your school…	*Often*	*Sometimes*	*Rarely*	*Never*	*Don't know*
Get into fights	34%	47%	15%	1%	3%
Have things stolen or damaged by other students	32%	34%	16%	10%	7%
Get made fun of for the way they look or talk	45%	24%	17%	6%	8%
See gang activity in school	8%	19%	16%	38%	19%

The principal at my school…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Makes the school run smoothly	17%	56%	21%	7%
Cares about students	46%	45%	5%	4%
Is available to talk to	31%	45%	19%	5%
Highlights student accomplishments regularly	27%	48%	20%	5%

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	30%	54%	14%	2%
Care about students	26%	51%	20%	3%
Include at least one adult I can talk to if something is wrong	38%	48%	11%	2%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	13%	54%	26%	7%
Treat me with respect	26%	55%	13%	7%
Give me extra help when I need it	28%	47%	19%	6%
Treat all students fairly	21%	38%	29%	12%
Set high standards for students	29%	52%	13%	5%

My teachers…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Inspire me to learn	32%	53%	11%	3%
Often connect what I'm learning to life outside the classroom	20%	50%	24%	6%
Encourage students to share ideas about things we're studying in class	26%	49%	19%	6%
Often require me to explain my answers	36%	54%	8%	2%
Often assign homework that helps me learn	31%	53%	11%	5%

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	20%	44%	28%	8%
In my classes, we often discuss different interpretations of things we read	20%	56%	19%	6%
My classes really make me think	20%	51%	23%	7%
When I am absent, the teacher gives me missed assignments	25%	42%	20%	13%

How often do you have…	*Usually*	*Sometimes*	*Rarely*	*Never*
Access to a working computer at school	28%	36%	23%	13%
Access to the internet at school	22%	38%	27%	13%
Access to a working printer at school	17%	16%	23%	44%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
I try hard to do well in school	55%	42%	4%	0%
I know what I do well in school and what areas I need to work on	49%	48%	3%	0%
I ask for help from my teachers or others when I need it	37%	52%	10%	1%
I set goals and then work to achieve them	39%	48%	13%	0%
I respect the ways in which people are different	38%	55%	6%	0%
I get along well with other students	33%	44%	19%	3%
I am confident I will graduate from high school	72%	24%	2%	1%

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How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
I like school	19%	53%	17%	11%
I attend all my classes	57%	36%	6%	1%
I think doing well in school is important for my future	67%	29%	4%	0%
I can get help on schoolwork if I need it	46%	43%	8%	2%
My friends think it's important to work hard to get high grades	33%	48%	17%	2%

Gender	Male	57%	Female	43%

Grade						
	5th	0%	8th	36%	11th	0%
	6th	33%	9th	0%	12th	0%
	7th	31%	10th	0%		

How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	79%	Native American	3%
Hispanic	2%	Asian/Pacific Islander	11%
White or Caucasian	1%	Other	4%

What languages does your family speak at home?			
English	85%	Chinese	11%
Spanish	2%	Amharic	0%
French	1%	Other	3%

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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28 parents (12% of eligible parents) completed the survey at Jefferson Middle 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%	57%	11%	18%	7%
This school is on the right track for student achievement	22%	44%	19%	7%	7%

Overall, what grade would you give…	*A*	*B*	*C*	*D*	*F*	*Don't know*
this school?	0%	54%	25%	11%	4%	7%
DCPS?	4%	41%	30%	15%	4%	7%

Do you plan to keep your child(ren) in DCPS?			If not, why?		
	Yes	85%		Moving out of DC	11%
	No	7%		Unhappy with school system	7%
	Don't know	7%		Other	4%

Would you recommend that a friend send his or her child to this school?	Yes	54%	No	27%	Don't know	19%

How satisfied you are with the following at this school:	*Very satisfied*	*Satisfied*	*Dissatisfied*	*Very dissatisfied*	*Don't know*
Quality of instruction	7%	67%	4%	11%	11%
Academic progress of my child(ren)	11%	74%	11%	4%	0%
Physical condition of the classrooms	4%	63%	15%	7%	11%
Safety inside the school	15%	62%	15%	8%	0%
School's office staff	26%	63%	7%	4%	0%
Teachers	22%	67%	11%	0%	0%
School principal	26%	56%	11%	0%	7%
How the school communicates with parents	19%	63%	11%	7%	0%
How DCPS communicates with parents	15%	67%	7%	7%	4%
The level of parental engagement	11%	44%	15%	4%	26%

Which aspect of your child(ren)'s school is most important to you?			
Welcoming environment	8%	Academics/Student learning	58%
School's leadership/principal	4%	Teachers	17%
Safety	4%	Facility/building	0%
Location	4%	Other	4%

Do you know…	Yes	No
DCPS' policies on students' rights and responsibilities?	86%	14%
DCPS' policies on parents' rights and responsibilities?	85%	15%
How to volunteer at your child(ren)'s school?	68%	32%

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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	29%	43%	25%	4%	0%
Teachers contact me with concerns	29%	50%	11%	4%	7%
I receive interpretations/translations when I need them	15%	30%	4%	4%	48%
The school does a good job identifying students who need additional support	21%	36%	14%	4%	25%
There is a good process to get students enrolled in additional services they need	22%	37%	19%	4%	19%
I have all of the information that I need to make the right decisions about my child(ren)'s education at DCPS	32%	46%	18%	0%	4%

Please mark how much you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*	*Don't know*
I feel welcome at this school	30%	56%	11%	4%	0%
School staff members are helpful in answering my questions	26%	56%	11%	4%	4%
This school applies discipline procedures fairly to all students	19%	41%	26%	7%	7%
This school makes student learning its #1 priority	33%	37%	15%	0%	15%
This school has high expectations for my child(ren)	27%	50%	0%	4%	19%
This school does a good job of understanding and addressing my child(ren)'s individual learning needs	26%	48%	11%	0%	15%

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	15%	19%	8%	0%	58%
Special education	19%	15%	7%	0%	59%
Student intervention	11%	26%	11%	4%	48%
Afterschool program	30%	30%	4%	0%	37%
Summer school	12%	23%	12%	0%	54%
Critical Response Team	7%	19%	4%	0%	70%

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	50%	Getting to know your community resources	39%
Job search strategies	36%	Computer literacy	43%
Parent/child classes (like Mommy and me)	36%	Effective discipline strategies	32%
Finance/dealing with money	32%	Stress management	32%
Understanding child development	43%	Other	4%
Parenting support groups	43%		

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How many of your children attend DCPS schools?	1	44%	2	33%	3	11%
	4	4%	5 or more	7%		

What grades are they in?	Pre-K/K	7%	3	7%	6	25%	9	4%
	1	7%	4	11%	7	32%	10	14%
	2	4%	5	0%	8	50%	11	7%
							12	4%

What is your relationship with these students?	Parent	89%	Grandparent	0%	Other family member	0%
	Guardian	7%	Aunt/Uncle	7%	Other	0%

Are any of your children currently receiving special education services?	Yes	21%	No	79%

Are any of your children currently receiving English Language Learner (ELL) services?	Yes	0%	No	100%

In your household, what languages are spoken?	English	93%	French	0%	Amharic	0%
	Spanish	7%	Chinese	11%	Other	0%

How would you describe your background?	Black/African American	89%	Native American	4%
	Hispanic or Latin American	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	11%
	White or Caucasian	0%	Other	0%

What is your gender?	Male	11%	Female	89%

What ward do you live in?	1	0%	3	0%	5	7%	7	30%
	2	7%	4	4%	6	30%	8	22%

In what ward(s) do your child(ren) go to school?	1	4%	3	4%	5	7%	7	14%
	2	4%	4	11%	6	46%	8	14%

What is the highest level of education you completed?			
Grades 1-8	8%	Some college/technical school	38%
Some high school	8%	College/technical school graduate	12%
High school graduate	35%	Post-graduate education	0%

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Question by Question Results – Jefferson's Staff

29 staff (69% of eligible staff) completed the survey at Jefferson Middle 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	4%	43%	36%	14%	4%
The central office effectively supports my school	4%	30%	26%	30%	11%
My school is on the right track for student achievement	14%	54%	21%	11%	0%
I am strongly supported within my school	25%	29%	29%	18%	0%

If a friend of yours was looking for a school for his/her child, would you recommend your school?	Yes	30%	No	70%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
My school is a good place to work	21%	46%	21%	11%
I have adequate materials/equipment to do my work	29%	36%	25%	11%

How much do you agree or disagree that the adults working at your school…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Care about the students	43%	46%	7%	4%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	7%	33%	37%	22%
Take responsibility for improving their school	7%	57%	25%	11%
Pursue opportunities to grow professionally	11%	54%	32%	4%
Work hard to build trusting relationships with parents	15%	59%	26%	0%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*	*Don't know*
I feel safe at my school	18%	29%	29%	25%	0%
My school's discipline plan is implemented uniformly	10%	17%	38%	31%	3%
My school is orderly and in control	0%	18%	46%	36%	0%
School entrances are monitored consistently	34%	48%	7%	3%	7%
School security devices are consistently operational	24%	52%	10%	3%	10%
My school has effective discipline procedures in place	7%	24%	45%	21%	3%
Security personnel at my school are effective	10%	59%	10%	14%	7%

How much do you agree or disagree that…	*Strongly agree*	*Agree*	*Disagree*	*Strongly disagree*
Classrooms in my school are in good physical condition	7%	28%	41%	24%
My school is clean	7%	25%	54%	14%
My school is well maintained	7%	21%	52%	21%

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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	4%	35%	27%	12%	23%
Office of Special Education	7%	29%	11%	14%	39%
Office of Bilingual Education	18%	25%	0%	0%	57%
Office of the Chief Academic Officer	7%	18%	14%	7%	54%
Office of Professional Development	11%	39%	11%	11%	29%
Office of Youth Engagement	18%	21%	7%	0%	54%
Office of Family and Public Engagement	7%	18%	4%	4%	68%
Office of Data and Accountability	14%	29%	4%	4%	50%
Office of Human Capital	7%	15%	7%	11%	59%
Office of Human Resources	14%	21%	11%	11%	43%
Technology Support Services	21%	43%	0%	4%	32%
Facilities and Maintenance	11%	25%	21%	14%	29%
Summer School	4%	18%	11%	4%	64%
Afterschool Program	32%	39%	4%	4%	21%
Career and Technical Education	11%	11%	4%	0%	75%
School Security	11%	43%	14%	21%	11%
Nurses/School Health Services	21%	46%	11%	7%	14%

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?	18%	29%	4%	21%	29%
Including this year, how many years have you been working at DCPS?	7%	11%	0%	30%	52%

Gender	Male	27%	Female	73%

How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	55%	Native American	0%
Hispanic	3%	Asian/Pacific Islander	7%
White or Caucasian	24%	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	71%	21%	8%	0%
The administrators at this school respect me	42%	29%	25%	4%

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	17%	33%	25%	25%
Cares about the students	35%	52%	9%	4%
Encourages collaboration among school staff	38%	38%	8%	17%
Provides me feedback regularly	25%	29%	33%	13%
Treats all staff with respect	3317%	33%	17%	17%
Is a leader I have confidence in	22%	43%	17%	17%

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	88%	12%	0%	0%
The internet	88%	12%	0%	0%
A functional printer	82%	18%	0%	0%
A functional copy machine	59%	35%	6%	0%
A working phone	94%	6%	0%	0%

Overall, what grade would you give your school	*A*	*B*	*C*	*D*	*F*	*Don't know*
	6%	19%	38%	25%	13%	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	17%	42%	25%	17%
Supports teachers' instructional needs	17%	50%	17%	17%

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	8%	38%	38%	15%
I have opportunities to learn best practices from other teachers in my school	0%	62%	23%	15%
I have clear measureable goals related to supporting student success	23%	62%	15%	0%
I don't have enough time in class to teacher the standards to mastery	31%	38%	31%	0%
My school effectively identifies the individual learning needs of all students including special education students and English language learners	8%	46%	46%	0%

Select up to three areas in which you would like to have more professional development			
Behavior management/conflict resolution	38%	Differentiating instruction	46%
Motivating students	46%	My content area	15%
Reteaching strategies	46%	Using data to inform instruction	15%
Using technology	38%	Working with children with special needs	54%
Classroom Management	23%	Other	0%