

2010 Fall Parent Survey | December 8, 2010

3,711 random surveys sent | 18.5% response rate

1. Do you receive sufficient information from the school district?

Often: 71% | Sometimes 23% | Rarely 5%

Last year: 71% often, 24% sometimes, 5% rarely.

2. Do you have the information you need to contact someone when you have a question?

Yes: 87% | Sometimes: 10% | No: 3%

Last year: 85% yes, 12% sometimes, 3% no.

3. Is the response you receive:

A. Timely: Often: 82% | Sometimes: 17% | Rarely: 1%

B. Helpful: Often: 81% | Sometimes: 18% | Rarely: 1%

Last year: 78% often had timely and helpful responses from school/district contacts (not divided in two parts previously)

4. How satisfied are you with the academic reputation of Portage Schools?

Very satisfied: 70% | Somewhat satisfied: 25% | Neutral: 4% | Somewhat dissatisfied: 1% | Very dissatisfied: 0%

New question for the Parent Survey, but this was on last year's community survey with 52% very satisfied, 34.7% somewhat satisfied, 10.4 neutral.

5. How important is it for PPS to prepare students to be competitive in a global economy and society?

Very important: 92% | Somewhat important: 8% | Not very important: 0% | Not important at all: 0%

New question for the Parent Survey, but this was on last year's community survey with 80.2% very important, 16.5% somewhat important

6. We want our graduates to have every competitive edge possible in a high-stakes world.

As we prepare our students for the future, we need your thoughts on prioritizing these areas. The District should:

Responses listed from the top in highest order (respondents were asked to select their top 3 choices):

Maintain small elementary class size (392)

Expand attention given to individual student needs (297)

Expand initiatives that focus on communicating, both verbally and in writing (297)

Expand the variety of challenging curriculum at all grade levels (273)

Expand initiatives that focus on Math and Science (256)

Expand elementary and middle school world language (198)

Increase the use of student laptop computers and other technology (139):

at the: Elementary level (23), Middle School level (10), High School level (14), All three levels (84)

Increase Advanced Placement courses at high school level (96)

Expand the International Baccalaureate Program from the current high school level down (74)

at the: Middle School level (30), Elementary level (4), Both middle and elementary levels (30)

This is a new question for the Parent Survey, and was not asked in last year's community survey.