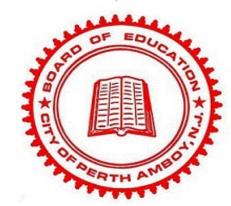


School Climate Survey

Results and Analysis

Perth Amboy Public Schools June 10 - 27, 2013



Overview

Everyone in Perth Amboy Public Schools has a voice in the ongoing pursuit of excellence in education.

In June, the district asked staff for feedback about their individual schools, in order to hear their thoughts on critical school issues such as academic preparation, student support, parent engagement, school operations and accessibility of school leaders.

District employees received email invitations to participate. The survey was open June 10 - 27, 2013.

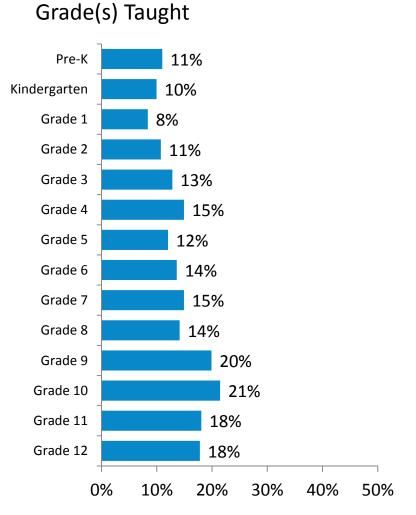
Participation Rate

Respondent Group	Maximum Possible Responses	Total Number of Surveys Completed	Response Rate
All Staff	1,643	604	37%
Teachers	777	431	55%

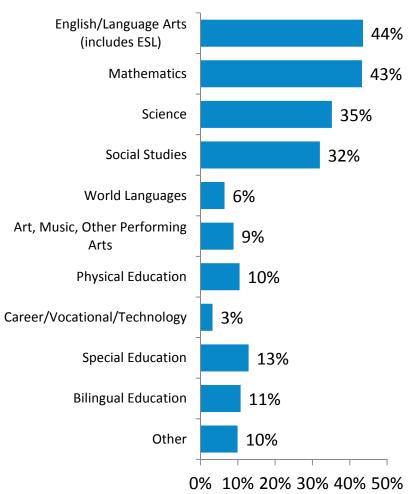
Since results do not reflect stratified random sampling of participants, they should not be generalized to entire populations. Rather, results reflect the perceptions and opinions of those individuals who chose to participate.

Survey Participant Demographics

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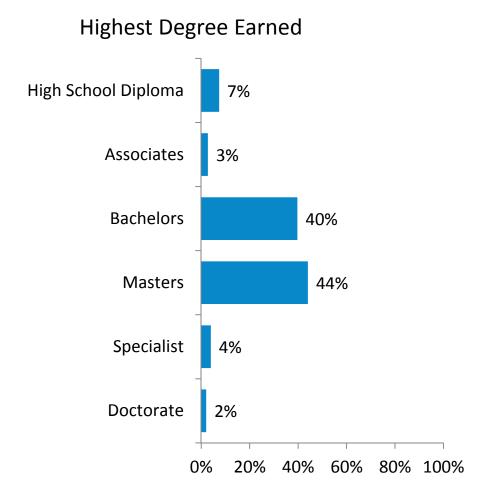


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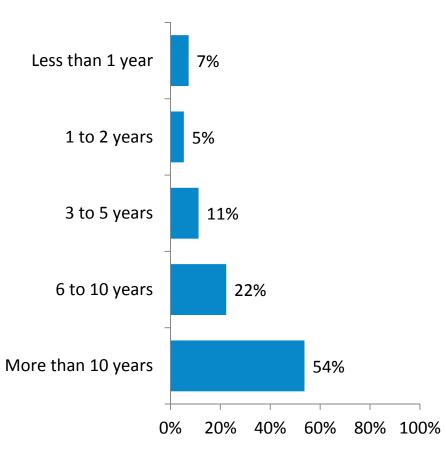


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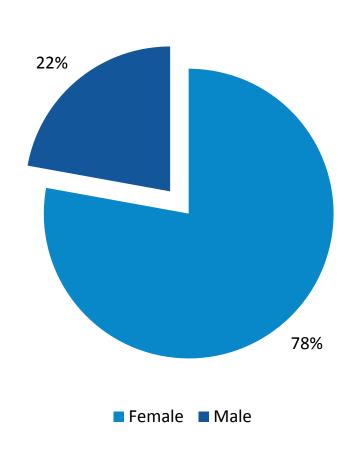


Years Working in District

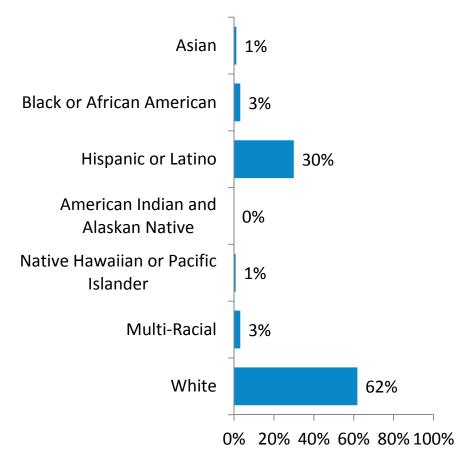


Survey Participant Demographics

Gender

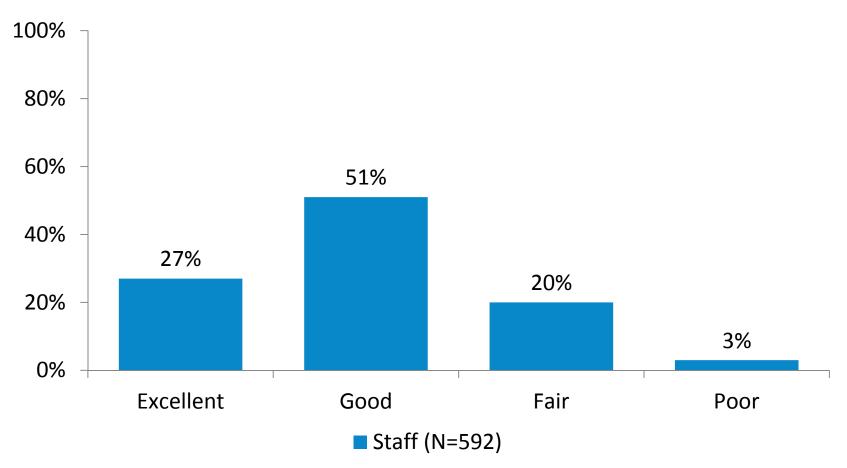


Race/Ethnicity

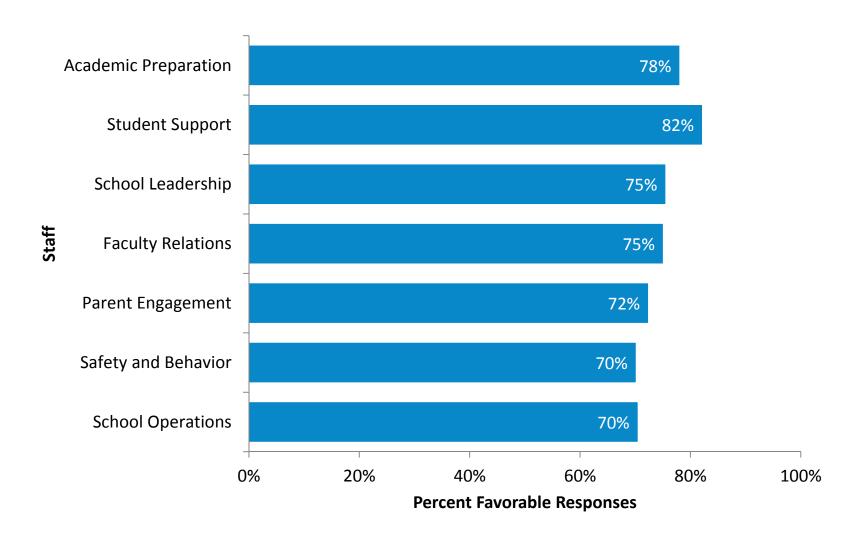


Overall Quality of Education

How would you rate the quality for how well students are being educated?

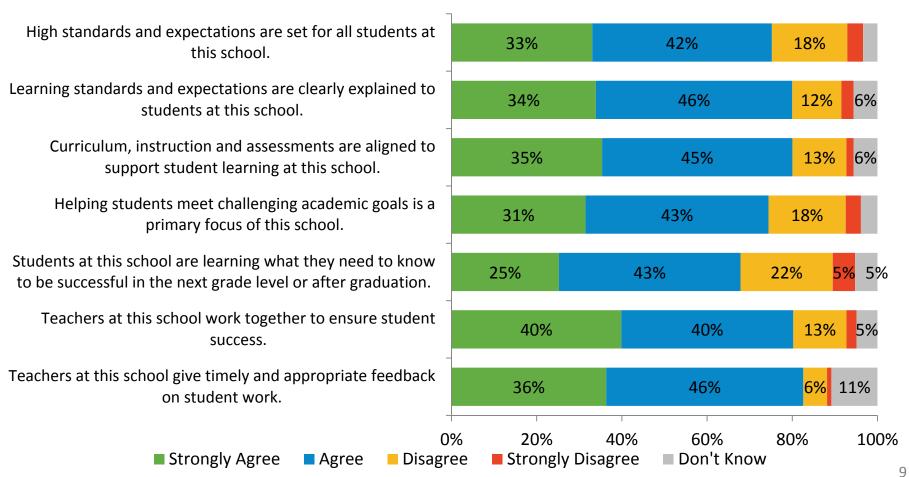


Overall Perception



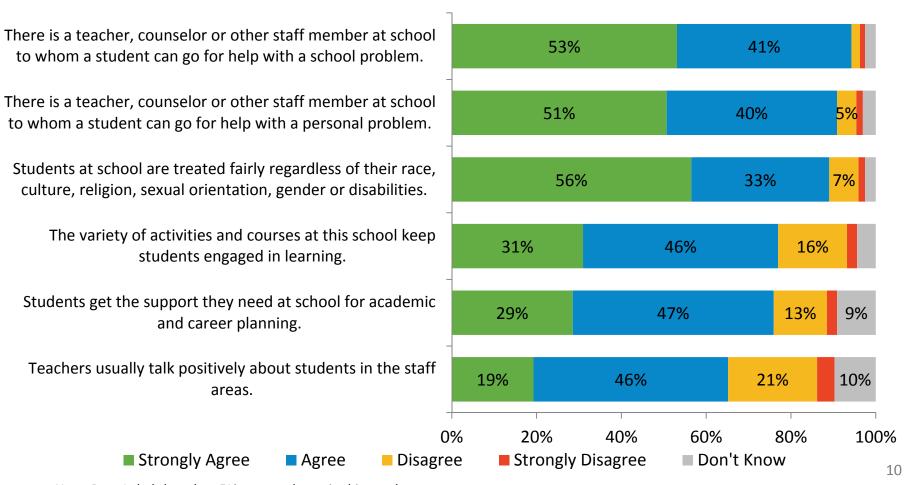
Academic Preparation

Staff were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with the following:



Student Support

Staff were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with the following:



School Leadership

Staff were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with the following:

Principal and vice principal(s) make decisions that are in the best interest of the students.

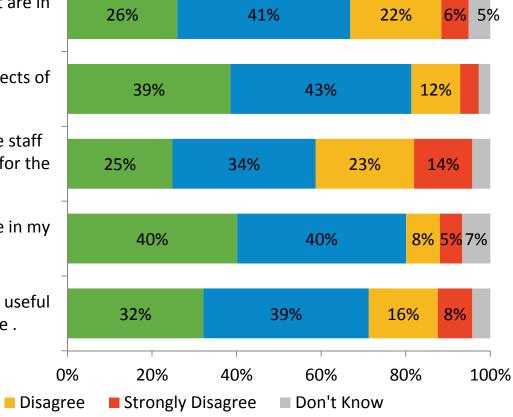
I know what the principal and vice principal(s) expects of me as a staff member at this school.

The principal and vice principal(s) encourage staff members to be involved in making decisions for the school.

The principal and vice principal(s) have confidence in my professional ability.

The principal and vice principal(s) provide useful feedback about my work performance .

Agree



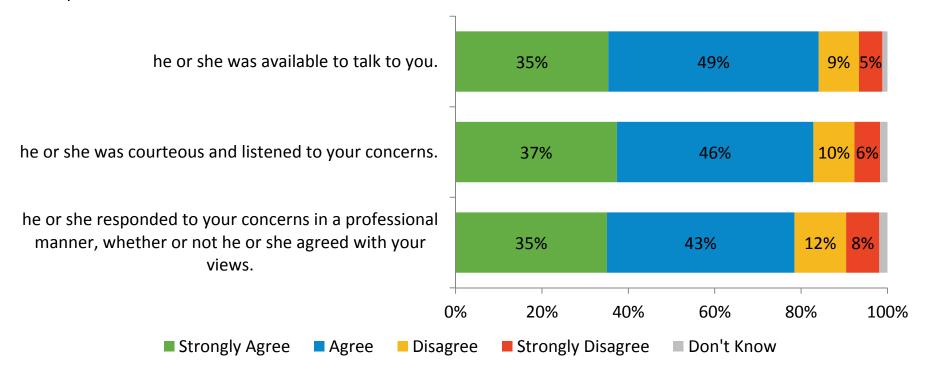
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■ Strongly Agree

School Leadership (Continued)

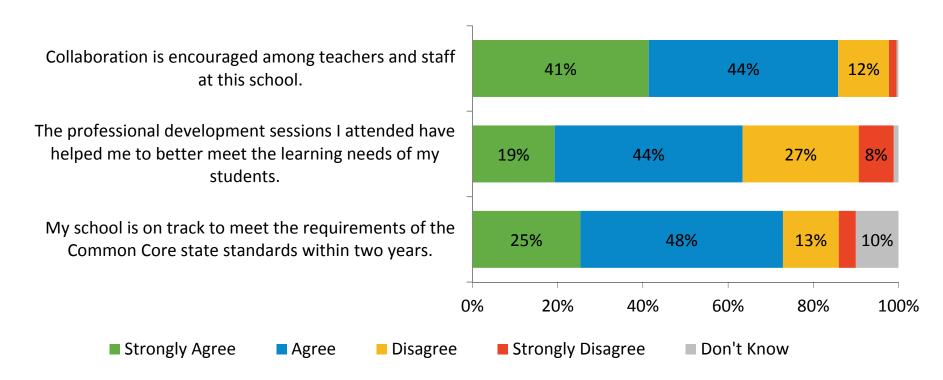
Staff were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with the following:

When you have had an issue or concern to discuss with a school administrator . . .



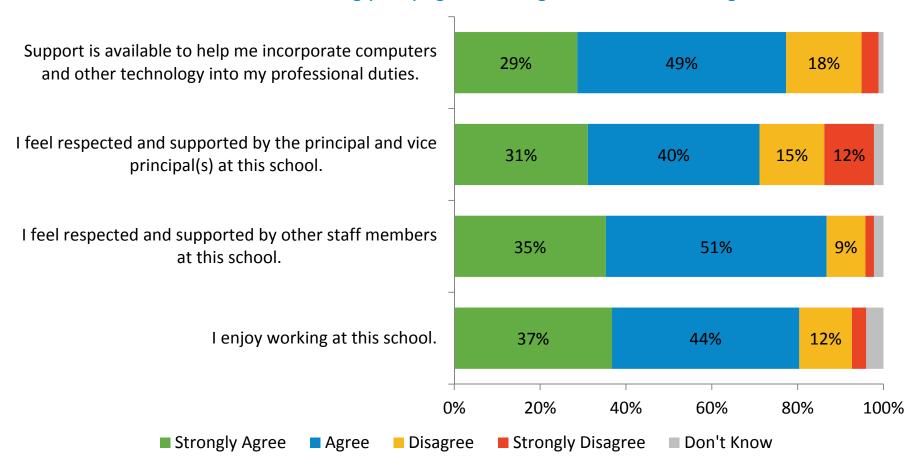
Faculty Relations and Support

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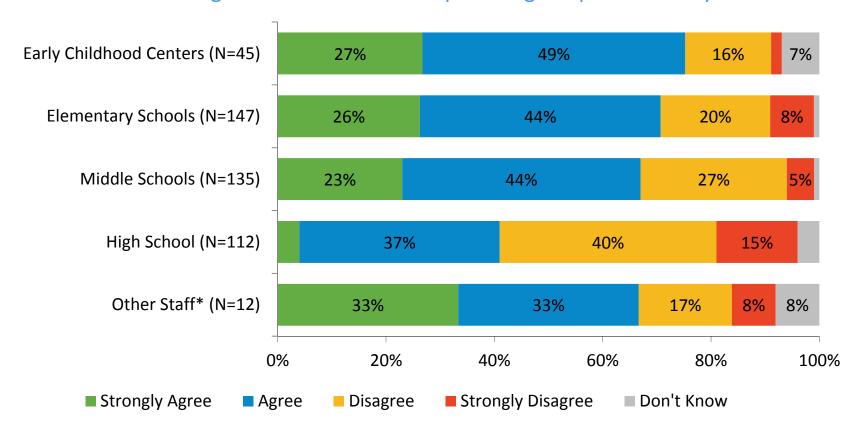
Faculty Relations and Support (Continued)

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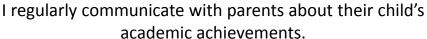
Professional Learning Communities

Professional Learning Communities have helped me grow professionally.



Parent Engagement

Staff were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with the following:



I regularly communicate with parents about their child's behavior.

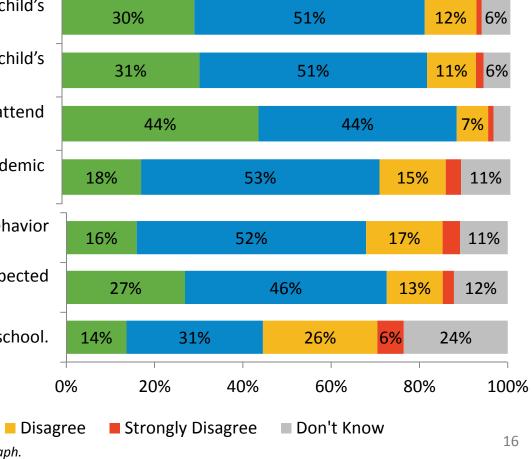
Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend activities at this school.

Parents support me when addressing an academic problem with their child at school.

Parents support me when addressing a behavior problem with their child at school.

Parent input about student learning needs is respected and valued at this school.

Parent input is used to improve instruction at this school.



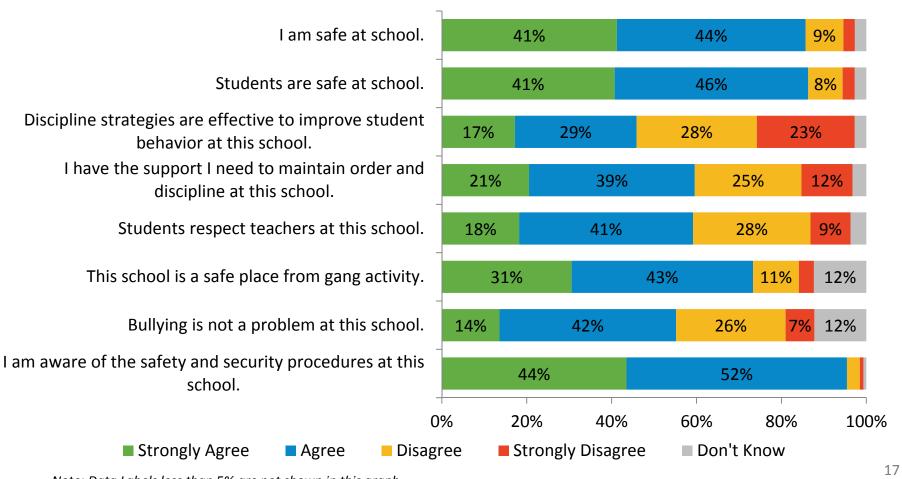
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Agree

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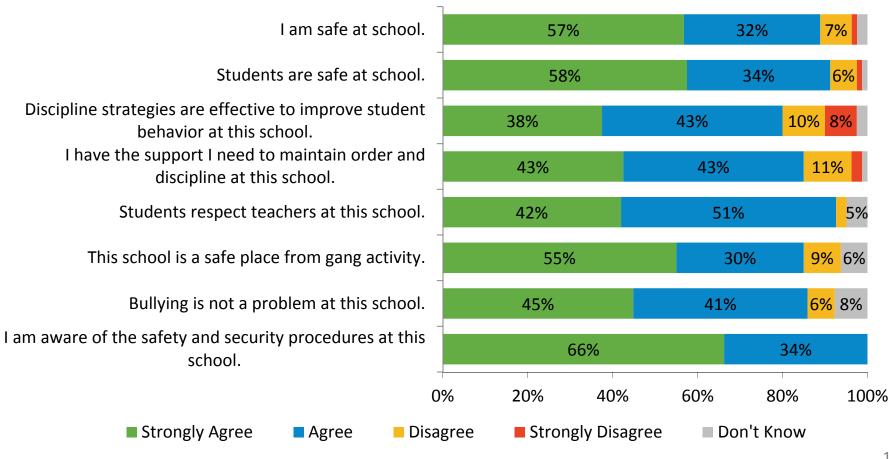
Safety and Behavior: Overall

Staff were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with the following:



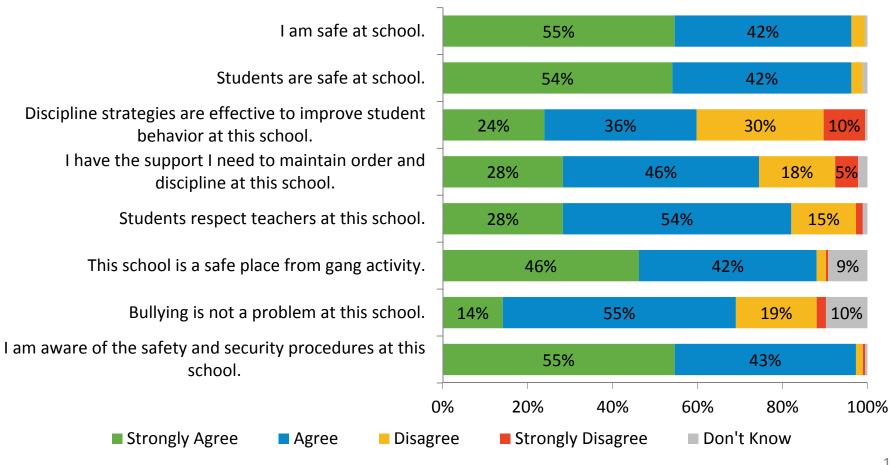
Safety and Behavior: Early Childhood Centers

Staff were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with the following:



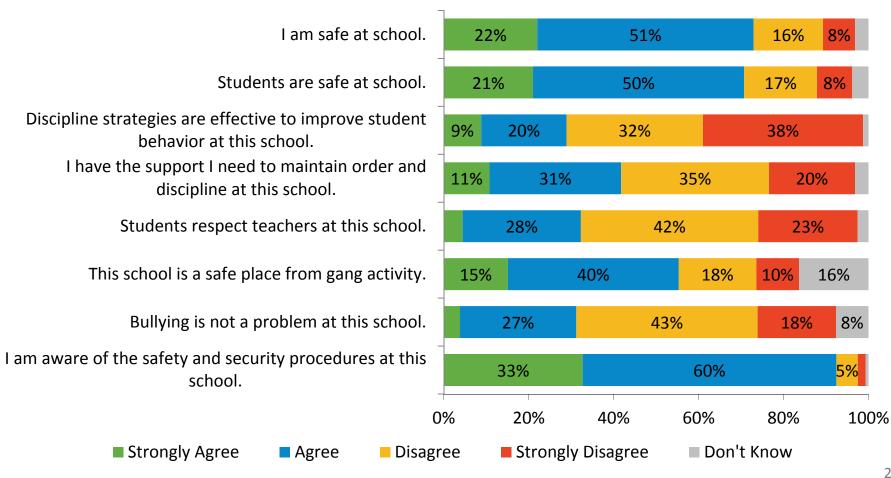
Safety and Behavior: Elementary Schools

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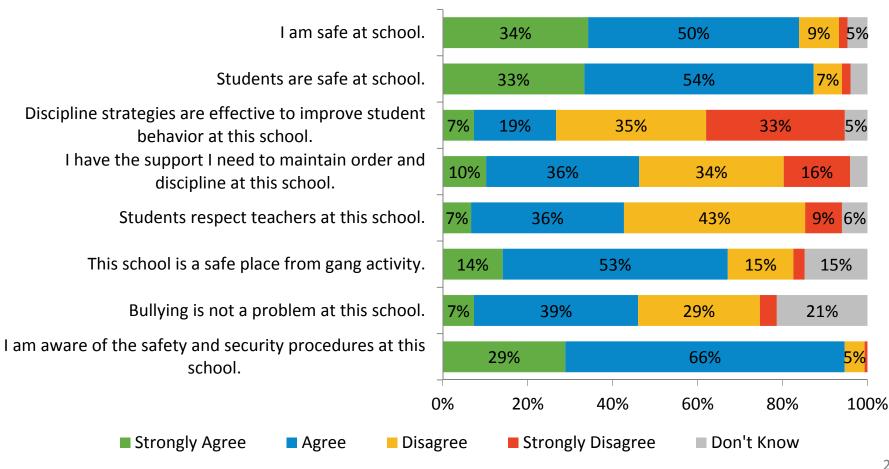
Safety and Behavior: Middle Schools

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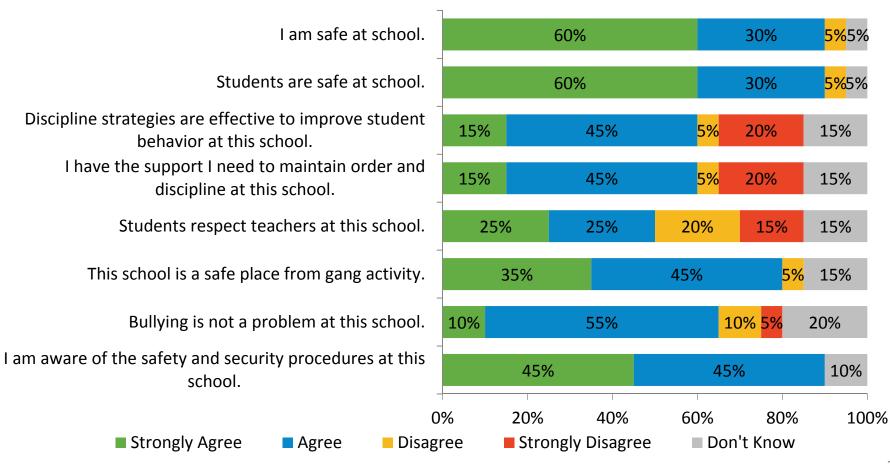
Safety and Behavior: High School

Staff were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with the following:



Safety and Behavior: Other Staff*

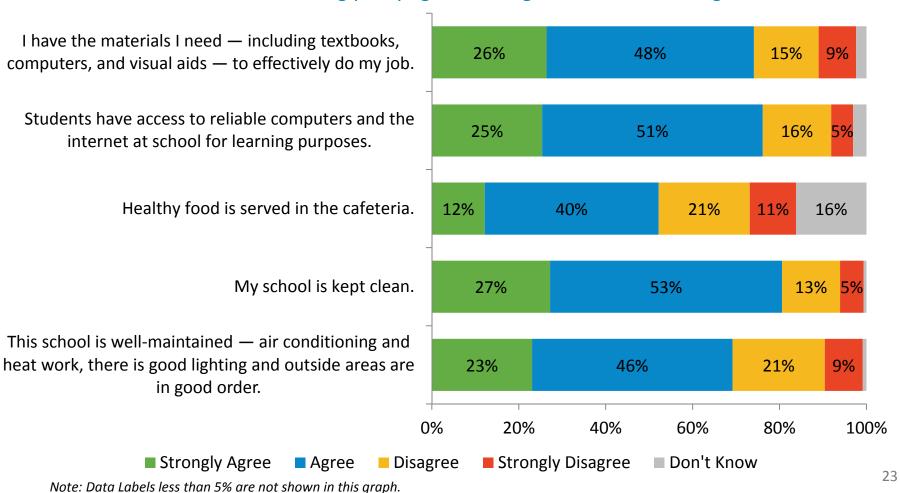
Staff were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with the following:



^{*}Other staff includes Central Office and Adult Education participants.

School Operations

Staff were asked to rate how strongly they agree or disagree with the following:



District Operations

Staff were asked to select and rank the top three district operations that are most critical to student education.

Rank	District Operation	Relative Weighted Score
1	Central Office Support of Schools	100
2	Clean, Well-Maintained School Buildings	57
3	School Counselors	55
4	School Law Enforcement Officers	44
5	Child Study Teams	37
6	School Technology Specialists	36
7	Online Learning Resources	30
8	Nurses	27

Educational Programs

Staff were asked to select and rank the top three educational programs that are most critical to education.

Rank	Education Program	Relative Weighted Score
1	English Language Development for English Learners	100
2	Advanced Academic Programs such as Honors, AP or Dual Enrollment	77
3	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	49
4	Education in the Arts	39
5	Dual Language Programs	35
6	Physical Education/Gym Class	32
7	Adult Education Programs	24

Conclusions

Highlights

- Overall favorable perceptions from participating staff
- Feelings of high expectations from staff, but they feel administrators don't have the best interest of students in mind

Next Steps

- Review site level findings
- Present at retreat on July 27, 2013
- Explore the importance of Central Office in providing high quality education at school level



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