

Libertyville School District 70

**Parent-Community
Survey Summary
2016**



Libertyville School District 70 has an enrollment of 2,415 in 5 schools. The board surveyed all stakeholders on the 6 focus areas of study for Strategic Long Range Planning. The survey was online from March 29 through April 12 with 558 people responding. Ninety five percent of the respondents were parents, 3% were community members and 1% represented other stakeholder groups. The following represents the specific results of the survey. The results of this survey will be one piece of data that will be used for planning on May 13 and May 14. The committee will take this data; along with other data they receive during the planning sessions, into account when developing a recommended plan.

KEY Used Throughout:

1 = most important in all numerical rankings

E= Excellent, G= Good, F= Fair, P= Poor

P=Positive, N=Negative

NI=Needs to Improve

DNA= Does Not Apply

FINANCE AND FACILITIES:

- 77% felt they received a good educational experience for their tax dollar, 3% disagree, 19 replied “somewhat” and 1% were unable to assess.
- 33% felt they are informed regarding District 70 finances, 22% disagree, 39% replied “somewhat” and 6% could not assess.
- 76% felt that the neighborhood school was the best (versus grade level centers), 8% disagreed, 8% replied “somewhat” and 8% could not assess.
- Ranking Priorities: 1 through 3, with 1 being the highest priority
 - *Increase expenses/Programs* 30% 1, 52% 2, 18% 3
 - *Maintain expenses/Programming* 68% 1, 31% 2, 1% 3
 - *Reduce expenses/Programming* 4% 1, 15% 2, 81% 3
- 58% felt the current facilities meet the needs of students, 10% disagree, 31% replied “somewhat” and 1% were unable to assess.
- 49% felt that they were pleased with the quality of gymnasiums, 19% disagree, 29% replied “somewhat” and 3% were unable to assess.
- 74% were pleased with the equality of the libraries, 6% disagree, 17% replied “somewhat” and 3% were unable to assess.
- 91% felt the schools were clean, 1% disagree, 7% replied “somewhat” and 1% could not assess.
- 91% felt that the buildings should be updated as needed for educational programming and student space and 9% disagree.
- 68% felt that District 70 school facilities meet the needs of the community, 6% disagree, 21% replied “somewhat” and 5% could not assess.
- 46% were pleased with outsourced transportation services, 7% disagree, 16% replied “somewhat” and 5% could not assess.
- 24% are pleased with the quality of outsourced food services, 26% disagree, 30% replied “somewhat” and 20% could not assess.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT:

KEY: E= Excellent, G= Good, F= Fair, P= Poor

- 63% are satisfied with the academic rigor in District 70, 10% disagree, 26% replied “somewhat” and 1% could not assess.
- 75% are satisfied with academic achievement in District 70, 5% disagree, 18% replied “somewhat” and 2% could not assess.
- Rating the quality of instruction in District 70: 49% E, 39% G, 10% F and 2% P.
- 45% felt that students are well prepared for high school, 5% disagree, 13% replied “somewhat” and 37% were unable to assess.
- 83% are proponents of foreign language at the elementary level, 12% disagree, 5% were unable to assess.
- 44% felt that if foreign language were offered after school they would consider a fee based program, 49% disagree and 7% were unable to assess.
- 44% felt that offering an after school foreign language program connected to a range of online choices would support student language development, 37% disagree and 19% were unable to assess.
- What grade should the district implement foreign language instruction? 43% K, 18% 1st, 8% 2nd, 10% 3rd, 6% 4th, 5% 5th, and 10% replied “no foreign language at the elementary level.

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- What is your impression of the following programs?
 - *Full Day Kindergarten* 53% P, 3% N, 6% NI, 38% DNA
 - *Gifted* 27% P, 5% N, 17% NI, 51% DNA
 - *Enrichment* 48% P, 3% N, 25% NI, 24% DNA
 - *Special Education* 28% P, 2% N, 5% NI, 65% DNA
 - *Technology* 76% P, 2% N, 19% NI, 3% DNA
 - *New Math Materials* 61% P, 11% N, 16% NI, 12% DNA
 - *New Writing Materials* 63% P, 5% N, 16% NI, 16% DNA
- 58% felt there is too much time spent on test prep/testing, 29% disagree and 13% were unable to assess.
- 29% value the findings in the PARCC testing, 58% disagree and 13% were unable to assess.
- 55% value the findings of the STAR assessment, 38% disagree and 7% were unable to assess.
- 35% were able to determine their child’s progress from the K-5 report card, 20% disagree, 36% replied “somewhat” and 9% were unable to assess.

CULTURE AND CLIMATE:

- 92 % feel that District 70 schools are a good place to learn, 7% disagree and 1% were unable to assess.
- 86% felt that District 70 schools expect the best of students, 12% disagree and 2% were unable to assess.

- 88% felt that students are pleased with their school experience, 10% disagree and 2% were unable to assess.
- 96% felt that children feel safe at District 70 schools, 2% disagree and 2% were unable to assess.
- 19% felt that their child/children are affected by bullying, 70% disagreed and 11% were unable to assess.
- 64% felt that District 70 addresses bullying, 10% disagree and 26% were unable to assess.
- 67% felt that students were pleased with their extra curricular offerings, 15% disagree and 18% were unable to assess.
- 86% felt parents and community members feel welcome in District 70 schools, 12% disagree and 2% were unable to assess.
- 65% felt that parent concerns are listed to and addressed, 20% disagree and 15% were unable to assess.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Ranking 1 through 4, with 1 being the most important

- What is the most important item in retaining teachers?
 - Salary 47% 1, 34% 2, 13% 3, 6% 4
 - Benefits 6% 1, 36% 2, 41% 3, 17% 4
 - Morale 40% 1, 21% 2, 29% 3, 10% 4
 - Continuing Education 9% 1, 11% 2, 17% 3, 63% 4
- 81% felt that the district should hire experienced teachers versus non experienced teachers and 19% disagree.
- 68% felt that the district should hire teachers with a Masters Degree versus a Bachelors Degree and 32% disagree.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- 96% felt that the district should keep educators up to date with curricular innovations and 4% disagree.
- 90% felt the district should provide diverse professional development delivery methods and 10% disagree.
- 29% felt that they were aware that professional development initiatives were aligned with district goals, 44% disagree and 27% replied “somewhat”.

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELLNESS:

- 96% felt that they were aware of the district’s commitment to character counts, class act and positive behavior support programs, 0% disagree and 4% replied “somewhat”.
- 95% felt that the social, emotional and physical wellness of students is important, 1% disagree and 4% replied “somewhat”.
- 95% felt that the district should continue to engage in activities to address the social, emotional and physical wellness of students utilizing school time and 5% disagree.

STRENGTHS OF DISTRICT 70:

Ranking 1 through 7, with 1 being the most important

- Quality of teaching staff: 40% 1, 29% 2, 17% 3, 7% 4, 3% 5, 3% 6, 1% 7
- Extra Curricular Programs: 2% 1, 5% 2, 9% 3, 13% 4, 23% 5, 29% 6, 19% 7
- Leadership: 7% 1, 15% 2, 17% 3, 17% 4, 18% 5, 19% 6, 7% 7
- Curriculum Quality: 11% 1, 21% 2, 25% 3, 18% 4, 13% 5, 8% 6, 4% 7
- Range of Program/Services: 6% 1, 12% 2, 15% 3, 25% 4, 23% 5, 15% 6, 4% 7
- Parent Interest/Involvement: 16% 1, 16% 2, 14% 3, 16% 4, 14% 5, 18% 6, 6% 7
- Everything: 24% 1, 5% 2, 4% 3, 5% 4, 3% 5, 6% 6, 53% 7

ISSUES FACING DISTRICT 70

Ranking 1 through 11, with 1 being the most important

- Communication: 4% 1, 4% 2, 6% 3, 10% 4, 9% 5, 14% 6, 14% 7, 13% 8, 11% 9, 9% 10, 6% 11
- Discipline: 0% 1, 3% 2, 4% 3, 4% 4, 7% 5, 8% 6, 13% 7, 16% 8, 15% 9, 15% 10, 15% 11
- Finances: 4% 1, 4% 2, 6% 3, 5% 4, 9% 5, 8% 6, 10% 7, 15% 8, 18% 9, 15% 10, 6% 11
- Construction: 3% 1, 2% 2, 1% 3, 4% 4, 2% 5, 4% 6, 3% 7, 11% 8, 12% 9, 21% 10, 37% 11
- Gifted/Enrichment: 5% 1, 4% 2, 5% 3, 9% 4, 9% 5, 8% 6, 8% 7, 8% 8, 14% 9, 14% 10, 16% 11
- Needs of Students: 19% 1, 13% 2, 14% 3, 9% 4, 10% 5, 11% 6, 6% 7, 8% 8, 4% 9, 4% 10, 2% 11
- Class Size: 11% 1, 11% 2, 13% 3, 15% 4, 10% 5, 10% 6, 10% 7, 7% 8, 5% 9, 5% 10, 3% 11
- Well Rounded Curriculum: 11% 1, 22% 2, 19% 3, 12% 4, 11% 5, 8% 6, 6% 7, 4% 8, 3% 9, 3% 10, 1% 11
- High Standards: 22% 1, 24% 2, 16% 3, 11% 4, 9% 5, 5% 6, 5% 7, 3% 8, 1% 9, 2% 10, 2% 11
- Safety: 20% 1, 11% 2, 9% 3, 12% 4, 9% 5, 10% 6, 9% 7, 5% 8, 6% 9, 5% 10, 4% 11
- Technology: 3% 1, 5% 2, 7% 3, 12% 4, 16% 5, 14% 6, 14% 7, 8% 8, 10% 9, 6% 10, 5% 11

PREFERRED METHOD OF RECEIVING INFORMATION

Ranking 1 through 7, with 1 being the most important

- Newsletter 8% 1, 34% 2, 21% 3, 26% 4, 5% 5, 4% 6, 2% 7
- Email 84% 1, 12% 2, 3% 3, 1% 4, 0% 5, 0% 6, 0% 7
- Mobile app 4% 1, 21% 2, 27% 3, 21% 4, 8% 5, 9% 6, 10% 7
- Website 6% 1, 30% 2, 37% 3, 18% 4, 5% 5, 4% 6, 0% 7
- Family Assoc. Meetings 1% 1, 3% 2, 6% 3, 15% 4, 35% 5, 35% 6, 5% 7
- School Meetings 1% 1, 3% 2, 6% 3, 15% 4, 35% 5, 35% 6, 5% 7
- Newspaper 0% 1, 1% 2, 2% 3, 7% 4, 13% 5, 14% 6, 63% 7