

Community Engagement 2017

SOUTH KITSAP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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"We appreciate the ThoughtExchange process because it allows us to gather a significant amount of input in a short window of time. We gain a clear understanding of what our community values as most important. Instead of relying on assumptions, we know what we are doing right and what needs improvement. We are thankful to those who participated and plan to use this process in the future."

Karsta Brandsma
Superintendent
South Kitsap School District



Participation



2,193
PEOPLE



3,684
THOUGHTS



119,786
STARS

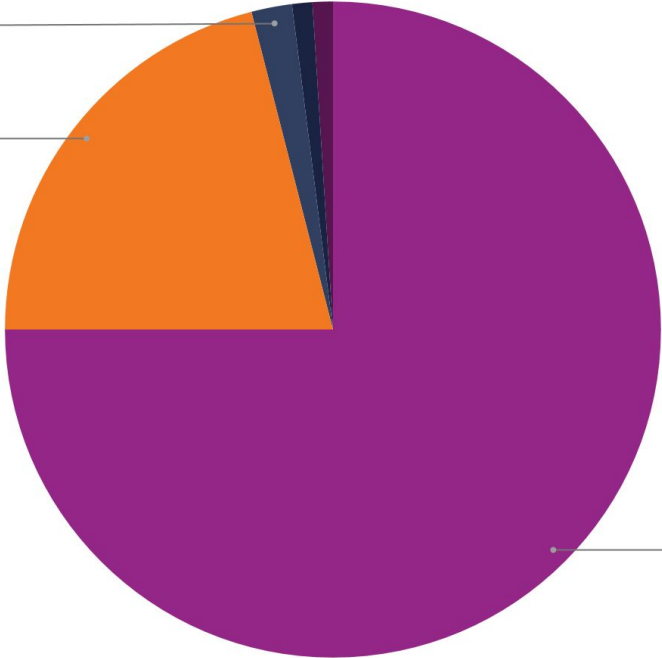
In Spring 2017, we invited our community to share their thoughts about what we're doing well and where we can improve.



Demographics

Community Members
2.0%

Staff Members
21.0%



75% Parents or Guardians
21% Staff Members
2% Community Members
1% Students
1% Others

Parents or Guardians
75.0%



Things You Appreciate

Teachers and Staff

'Staff. The staff cares deeply about the children and families we serve. We value the relationships that are built over many years. Staff work tirelessly to meet the the needs of all children.'

Communication and Feedback

'I appreciate the teachers using skyward. It helps keep up when something is missing. Like assignments.'

Curriculum

'Library. Oh my gosh! The library transformation has been phenomenal! My son loves library time now, and doesn't ever want to miss it. That's saying a lot!'

Security

'New security. I truly appreciate the new security measures. I have seen so many students fearful of intruders over the years so it is really comforting to know there is extra security now.'

School Environment

'Learning environment. The students are protected, cared for and have their basic needs met and are in an environment that they feel safe and can focus on learning and exploring.'



Some Concerns

Overcrowding / Plans for Growth

'Overcrowded South Kitsap High School. The high school is overcrowded, and it is going to be worse in 2017-2018 when it accommodates all the 9th graders across the district.'

Student Behavior and Discipline

'I am concerned about the dramatic increase in students with significant emotional and behavioral issues.'

Class Size

'Class Size. Class size of 30 in 5th grade is too big. Made it impossible to meet all academic needs. Not to mention the space limitations in the classroom.'

Bond and Community Support

'Lack of support for our school district from some of our community. I am worried about the future of Port Orchard, if education is not a priority. I have lived here my entire life and hate to see our kids not get what they need in order to learn.'

Facilities

'I would love to see a better playground for the kids. A lot of the equipment doesn't seem to be age appropriate. I think better equipment may help some kids who have difficulty with unstructured time.'



Questions

Overcrowding / Plans for Growth

‘How are we going to rectify the crowded high school?’

Bond and Community Support

‘Are we realistically ever going to be able to build another high school? Are there any plans to try to pass another bond? Is there some other way to expand capacity?’

Curriculum

‘Are there plans to add art to make our STEM school into a STEAM school? Art should flow into our lives daily from many different areas. I'd love to know that there are plans or a vehicle for making this a reality. Art is invaluable to our culture, our lives, and to our soul. Many students process and learn through art. I feel this is a vital missing component at Olalla.’

Grade Re-Configuration and Transition

‘Transitioning the high school to a 9-12 model. The high school is already at max capacity. After adding Cedar Heights JHS to the mix, how are you going to accommodate the additional students from Marcus and Sedgwick junior highs?’

Facilities

‘Will the district continue to support facilities. The continuing support of facilities so that we can support the district. We maintain the buildings and grounds so that everyone can educate and learn.’





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