



Whitney ISD ESSER Continuity of Services and Use of Funds School Community Survey

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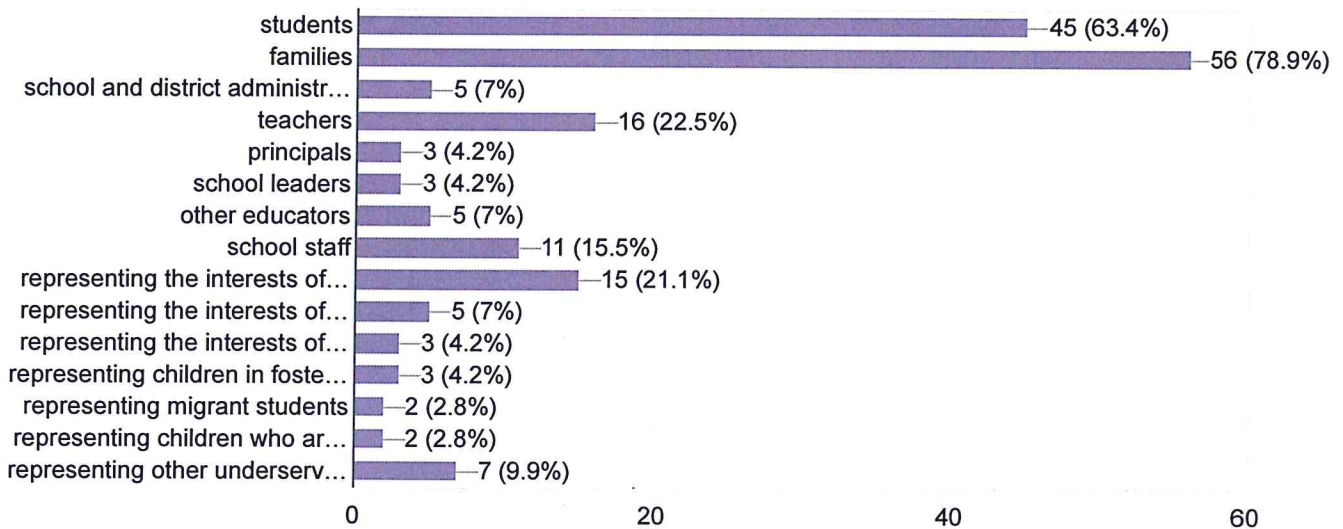
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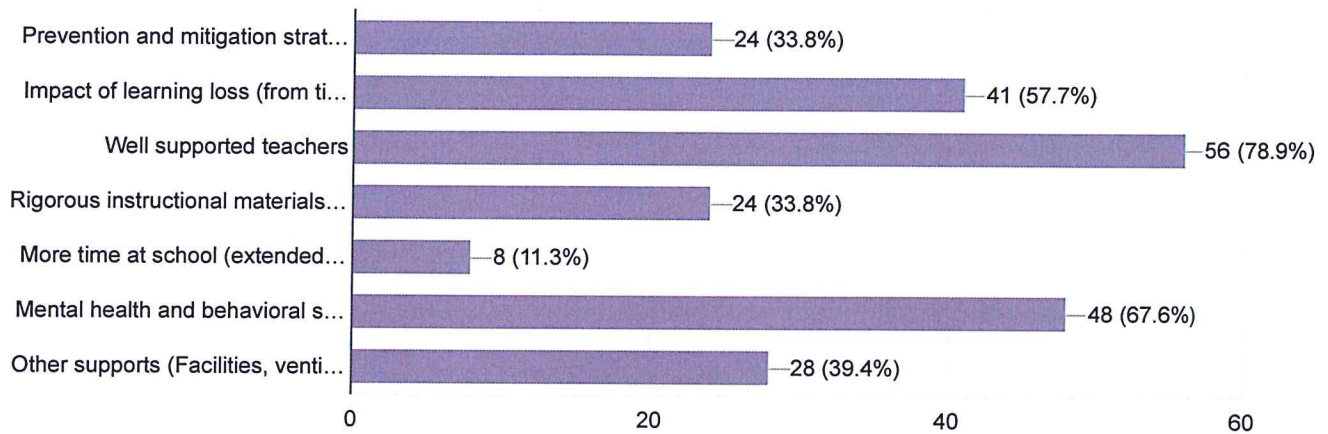
Which group(s) do you represent? Please select all that apply.

71 responses



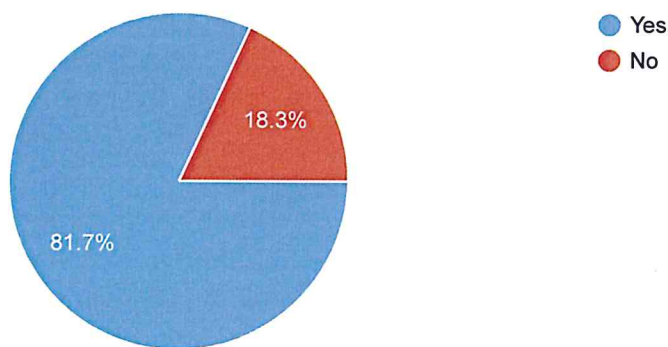
Which of these options is important to you? Please check all that apply.

71 responses



Do you feel Whitney ISD's current plan to provide a continuity of services is currently successful? (You can review the plan here: <https://www.whitney.k12.tx.us/Page/2564>)

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Please explain why you do or not feel the current plan is successful. Your feedback will be reviewed and considered for future updates and planning. Whitney ISD will continue to seek stakeholder input and update our plan every 6 months through September 2023.

43 responses

The overall plan has pieces in place to move in the right direction. Adding staff to reduce the classroom teacher to student ratio is the greatest need. Programs and technology are a bonus (if there is additional funding for it), but the biggest negative effect we are seeing is the student's social/emotional impact on top of already being "disadvantaged". Although academic progress is what the district is wanting to see, students cannot learn until they have their basic needs met. Adding staff to allow for small class sizes at the early childhood/elementary level would have the biggest impact for future learning. Teachers are currently struggling to make an academic impact to address COVID loss or accelerate learning when 20+ students are in a classroom and up to 1/4 of them are requiring behavior intervention, which impedes learning for all

students in the classroom. When a teacher has to stop to address explosive behavior, the learning gap will continue to grow, no longer due to COVID, but due to behavior and classroom management needs.

1 response

Much of what is being done is successful, but there is always room for improvement, right? In my opinion, one very important aspect that needs addressing is the level and type of security provided at the schools. With the numerous school shootings taking place all over the country, security has become increasingly important. I strongly believe that the schools would benefit with some decent, high fencing around them. This is the most decisive and successful way to limit interlocuters. This could be done with entrance and exit gates manned with security guards or locked during certain times of day. If you are serious about school security, you need a decent FENCE!!! Thank you for your consideration. Colleen Keegan

1 response

The covid plan is not flexible. Children with vaccines should not require 10 days quarantine due to a sick family member. The school has the ability to have a flexible learning program for children facing homelessness, illness, mental health or even quarantine and it is not properly administered. Children facing any type of school absence should be offered resources to keep them active versus the school seeking a butt in a seat for attendance money. The school is failing to keep those at risk from succeeding because they are unwilling to be flexible. Not all students can make it to school daily and staff needs to step up their distance learning protocol to adequately help those students.

1 response

I think whatever you're doing as far as stopping the spread of Covid is working because it appears the number of cases are drastically down from this time last year. I also believe teachers need to be more supported and they need more supplies, and other educational materials/supports that do not need to be funded out of their own pockets. The free breakfast and lunches have been phenomenal for our students. I think it has helped many families provide their children with nutritional meals during this pandemic. I hope we are able to continue this for as long as possible. If a child's basic nutritional needs aren't met first then they will not be able to focus on school work.

1 response

I do think the current plan has the right parts in place to be successful. Having been part of the community and school district for 10 years now; I do feel that many teachers/admin/paras are wearing many "hats" that doesn't allow for them to be very purposeful with all of them. I know the job is completed but is it completed at its best and with all students in mind? I do think we need to define the roles of each professional or paraprofessional in the building and really understand if that person should be doing all of those items. In this case, to better utilize our funds we may need more people in place to make our schools successful.

1 response

I do not agree with the part where if you are not vaccinated and come in close contact, you must stay at home until the waiting period is over. I think it should be the adults choice/parent's choice for students to stay home or not. I also do not agree with the fact that while students are on quarantine they not be required to complete any work they are missing while at home. This puts them behind tremendously and most of those students are perfectly capable of going on to google classroom and getting the material they are missing off of there and have it completed as soon as they return to school.

1 response

I think the school has done a great job of keeping teachers, staff and students safe and healthy. I think now we need to focus on learning loss. So many kids are behind, and are struggling to be successful because they missed integral building blocks in their education. We need to meet students where they are and be able to bring them up where they need to be. Because of new constraints put on teachers this year they are not able to take the time to review skills with students and help bring them up where they need to be!!

1 response

We need smaller class sizes. I can not be effective- when I have 20 kids, of which 3-5 are extreme behavior issues and some days it's almost all of them. For example I have 5 severe behavior problems 3 of them are explosive behavior so if one starts all three end up doing it. It is a constant battle to get through an entire lesson. I feel bad for the other students who want to learn. I feel it pulls from their learning time.

1 response

I do believe free lunches should stay in place. There are students who live in a family that cannot afford the lunches but are too embarrassed to ask for help or too proud to fill out the free lunch app. Some parents will just make their kid go without lunch because they won't let the school know they are in need. I have personally known families in this situation. It's embarrassing for the students too

1 response

I do not feel that the current plan is successful due to the class size we have now. With out current class size, including 3-5 of them being extreme behaviors, plus all the impact COVID/society have had on most students social and emotional skills, it is very difficult to be effective as a teacher and meet the needs of all students. Smaller classes would benefit all.

1 response

It's hard for me to answer yes or no with the very limited information provided. Where else would the money go? For how many students and staff does this budget accommodate? How does it compare to other districts? With what I have, I say yes, but I do think funding should go to improving the playgrounds. They are in sad shape.

1 response

I think it's a good plan on paper, but am also in favor of kids continuing to wear masks as it's impossible to know who has Covid or any other virus while it is in its incubation period. Also, no one is taking their kid's temperature daily before school.

1 response

Should focus on nothing other than teaching academics. Reading, writing, math and history. Forget the politics and covid bullcrap. Forget trying to teach morals or social issues. That's my job as a parent. Stay in your lane.

1 response

The staff at Whitney schools are the absolute best. Having three children with special needs can be difficult knowing they are being well cared for and educated is a blessing. I do believe teachers need a pay raise.

1 response

I feel that WISD has been doing a great job this year with the schools staying open, and preventing covid as much as they can. The students have had a pretty normal school year so far and I am so thankful for that!

1 response

The aides are WAY underpaid and there are not enough of them to support our kids and teachers especially in the pandemic. I'm sure there's a correlation between the wages and the low amount of aides in our ISD.

1 response

I honestly don't know that I believe it to be successful or not. In person learning is good and there have been some ways I like. Others I do not. For instance, not allowing parents on campus.

1 response

I feel like our teachers are doing everything they can to make sure our students are safe and educated, but maybe they still need assistance with additional resources and support.

1 response

We need more teachers, smaller classes for better instruction, better instruction in the class, more support for the number of students in special populations.

1 response

I feel it should be like it always has been. Staying sheltered and away from society will not help. Build your immunity. Get out there and teach and learn.

1 response

We are very lacking in staff. I feel like we have a lot of higher admin, but not enough staff that's actually working with the students on our campus.

1 response

There are NO references in the proposed plan for teacher support. There are NO references in proposed plan for secondary campus/students.

1 response

I feel like the students are still being pushed to still be on track even though they lost months inside a class room.

1 response

Reports of Covid confirmed cases in the schools has decreased since October.

1 response

The cases within the district have become rare.

1 response

We need more content mastery teachers

1 response

Need to continue with free lunches.

1 response

It's fine as far as I read.

1 response

