

## **Spring 2016 Middle School Survey Open Ended Responses:**

### ***What do you like best about your school?***

- I like all the staff and I love small schools.
- I like the teachers and the students because it helps me to learn
- I like the teaching methods; all the different ones.
- I like how my teachers really care about our success in the school, and how they are always trying to find ways to improve our school.
- What I like about my school is how the teachers are making sure that we understand new concepts or topics.
- I like the way all of the teachers help us succeed.
- The technology, and the teachers.
- You get to know everyone
- That we are a small school but not too small.
- I like that everyone is kind and we all know each other and we can help each other through tough times.
- I like how the teachers make so easy for the students to learn about the subject.
- It always is there to help when you're struggling.
- I like that in my school you can play sports and other activities.
- It is kind of laid back and calm, it's quiet so it's easy to work.
- I like that all the teachers try their best for their students and what the students need help with.
- I like nothing.
- That I get to learn new things every day and get to hang out with my friends.
- What I like about my school is that I grew up being in the same class with the same students and having that opportunity to grow all of the friendships that I have now and hope I will have forever.
- How the teachers help you on their own time.
- Being able to see my friends.
- My school is very small, so you get to know almost everyone and find great friends who will help you when you need help.
- In my school I like best that you don't have to be afraid to ask for help on any assignments that you have. All of our teachers are kind and are always helpful to make the right choices when you are having a hard time.
- I like how staff and other students are always willing to help if there are any problems.
- I like that a lot of the staff and the students are caring and stand up for people.
- I like how we get plenty of time to get our homework done in class.
- If I don't understand something most of my classmates and teachers help me

- I like that most of the kids treat you good and respected
- Everyone knows each other and some respect others and some don't I guess it is all normal or at least this school I feel comfortable and not bullied all the time.
- The thing I like the most about my school is that I have the opportunity to be heard and get my work done.
- Choir
- What I like best about my school is that my school provides all of the things to help my learning needs. And if I have a question my teachers will help me understand it.
- When I started to go to this school, I noticed that the food was more pleasing and healthy. I also love how the teachers treat me, and prepare me for the future.
- What I really like about this school is that everybody is friends the teachers are really nice and help us understand things if we don't understand it. I am always ready to go on and learn new things and meet new friends.
- We are up to date on the technology
- I like that all of the kids get along together very well.
- What i like about the school is that the teachers are nice, and are willing to help at any time. The other students are really nice to everyone.
- I like that all the students know each other and are like a big group that can always help each other. Also I like that I also know all the teachers and if I need help I can trust any of the teachers.
- I like the gym the best to play gym to get my exercise.
- What I like best about my school is how the teachers are so nice to everyone and try their best to help kids as much as they can.
- I like how nice the teachers are and how they always help you!

***What do you like least about your school?***

- Nothing i like my school
- What I like least about my school is some kids are treated specially and differently than everyone else and sometimes can become really unfair.
- Having a lot of homework
- There is nothing I really dislike but if I had to say something it would probably be that I don't always feel like i'm being taught the best that I can be when I have more than one class in one of my classes.
- Some of the books are not in the best shape.
- I don't like when kids get bullied.
- How you have a Chromebook and no free time on them at school. I know that you could at home but some people don't have wifi, and have homework & after school activities.

- I like this school very much and there isn't really anything that I don't like about this school. Except some classes can be very loud and some kids can be loud.
- My least favorite part about my school is no more snack time at grade 6. At my house, we get a decent amount of food, but by 10 o'clock, I get hungry again, and can't concentrate well until lunch. Healthy snacks give me a boost of energy that allows me to do my very best. Plus, with kids who don't get breakfast in the morning or gets very little used to depend on their snack. It doesn't have to take up time during the class period if you are eating it respectfully while working. The teacher could give them 5-10 minutes to eat. I think this would improve everyone's work, since they're not thinking about what time it is, or how much they want food.
- I like everything
- Spelling
- The thing I like the least about my school is the fact I don't get to do a lot of art and interesting books.
- I don't like that the computers are not up to date. I also think we need a newer version of our Chromebooks because mine is always freezing and won't work properly.
- I don't like that we do the same dress up for spirit week every time. We should do something different.
- How kids don't treat others equally
- The thing I like least about my school is how small the gym is.
- Some kids are mean and don't care about other people and are rude to the staff.
- I least like that my school doesn't have a lot of time that students can study or do extra homework in.
- What I don't like about our school is that you do not have the choice to take other classes. People don't have the choice to take other classes than their mandatory classes. I just wish that we would have a choice.
- I'm not a fan of the lunch menu and sometimes I can't get enough to make me full, so I end up bringing food in my backpack to eat at lunch because I am not full.
- The time of day that my classes are in.
- I don't have anything I overly dislike about this school.
- Something I don't like about my school is that we have the same lunches over and over we don't have much of a variety of foods.
- I don't like that we switch classes at every bell.
- That all friends or people dislike you based on how you look and what you do.
- I don't really like that some teachers blame other students for what some other student told them that might not be true.
- That kids can get crazy and talk back a lot to the teachers in class.
- I don't like that our gym is so small that we can't even have basketball games in our school against others.

- I don't like how small the lockers are because I have a lot of stuff to carry.
- What I don't like about the school is that we eat lunch in the gym.
- Our school could use some help in the phy ed program.
- The food is not the best.
- Not enough kids
- It's a little small.
- Nothing
- What I like least about my school is when the teachers don't always make sure that the students succeed or to get a decent grade.
- I would like to have a more variety of foods, instead of having to repeat meals.
- I don't like how some teachers won't let the students speak. Like when one student gets in trouble.
- There's not many things but if i had to pick it would be some people's attitudes
- I least like bullying that sometimes goes on

***What is one suggestion you would like to offer to improve your school?***

- I would like a cooking class so we can learn to cook. Another idea would be reading to the little kids.
- There is not anything that I can think of
- I don't know how but have like two choices of food a day. Like you would make a choice between pizza or burritos.
- I think teachers should be more strict with kids who are disrespectful to their peers and their teachers.
- Maybe when they are serving lunches, they should give us more options on what we would like to eat instead of the same things.
- To have our planners on our computers.
- More things to do, like have more sports to join, or after school activities and things like that.
- Bigger gym
- To connect the portable classroom to the school so we don't have to go outside to get to our class.
- Get more gym equipment.
- We should improve our food
- Make the lockers bigger.
- I think that our school can improve how they teach. Everybody in our school teaches differently and it's hard to understand sometimes.
- CONTROL YOUR STUDENTS!

- I think we should do more activity days like pajama day, and take a day off and go to Manvel park and play softball and kickball.
- The teachers listen what the students have to say on there part of the story.
- Make the lunch menu bigger so there's a variety of food.
- I would tell my school to do better at not playing favorites because the teachers kids always end up getting student of the quarter.
- More time outside.
- I think the building should be expanded.
- Having an art program would be something to improve my school.
- I think one thing that would help to improve our school is to let the kids take different classes than each other. The kids may make new friends in these different classes and it would maybe bring our school together more as a whole, which I would enjoy.
- I would like to have at least a little longer amount of time fit in that students could finish homework or study in.
- I would like to offer new smart boards because not a lot of them work right.
- One suggestion would be to have after school programs so kids can get help with homework.
- It would be nice if others would treat me how they want to be treated
- The winning class for spirit week should go out to eat and one of the bus drivers tale the class and the class gets to pick where they want to go. They have to provide their own money and the parents have to sign a permission slip.
- Have better smelling bathrooms and have there not be pee on the floor all the time or at least it might be water under the urinals i'm not sure and i wish there was a bigger salad bar was bigger and we did more fun art projects.
- Let us choose which side to go on at recess
- I think the school is perfect the way it is
- I think that once you get to middle school, lots of the fun things you do in elementary are taken away. I used to always look forwards to Valentine's day, and making creative boxes. In my opinion, going on lots field trips and Valentine's Day parties shouldn't be just for the younger kids and not taken sway at 5/6 grade.
- This school is a great school there is a lot of very smart kids teachers are very good at teaching and helping me understand what i need to understand.
- Add a high school on a second story.
- One suggestion would be to have more supervision on students so kids don't get bullied.
- A bigger gym would be nice, cause when they set up the stage down in the gym there's not much room.
- There is nothing I can really suggest.
- To have a bigger gym.
- They should have a small school store

- One suggestion I have to improve my school is more activities and sports for kids to play, and a bigger variety of activities for children to choose from.