

BENSON SCHOOLS 2025 SURVEY SNAPSHOT

This flyer highlights key insights from recent surveys of Benson students, families, and staff. Your voices helped identify what's working well, what needs attention, and where we go from here. That feedback is now driving how we grow, improve, and support students moving forward.

Here's a look at the major takeaways and the some of the steps already underway.

TOP STRENGTHS

WHAT'S WORKING ACROSS THE DISTRICT:

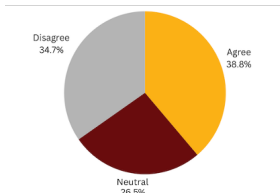
- **CARING STAFF:**
Teachers and support staff are seen as deeply invested in students.
- **STRONG START:**
The elementary experience is widely praised by families and staff.
- **ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES:**
Music programs and extracurriculars are standouts.
- **SMALL SCHOOL ADVANTAGE:**
Students feel known and supported in a close-knit environment.
- **HANDS-ON LEARNING:**
College courses, trades, and real-world programs make an impact when offered.

TOP CHALLENGES

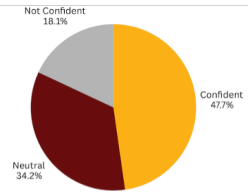
WHAT NEEDS FOCUS MOVING FORWARD:

- **BEHAVIOR & ACCOUNTABILITY:**
Students, staff, and families want clearer expectations and fairer enforcement.
- **COMMUNICATION GAPS:**
People feel out of the loop and want more timely, transparent updates.
- **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT:**
Emotional safety and access to help remain concerns, especially for students.
- **LIFE READINESS:**
Many students don't feel prepared for college, careers, or real life.
- **TRUST & DIRECTION:**
Staff and families want strong, visible leadership with a clear vision.

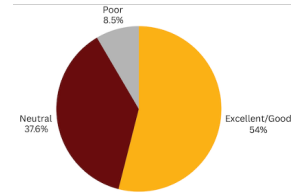
Does the district have a clear and compelling vision for the future.



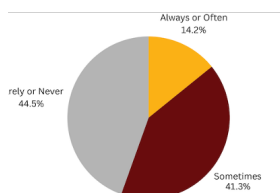
How would you rate the district's education quality?



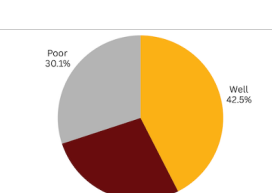
How would you rate your learning experience in the district?



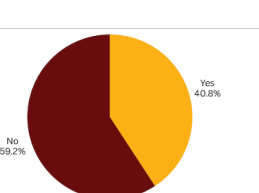
How transparent do you feel the district is?



How well does the district communicate important information?



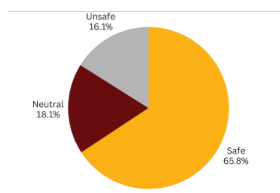
Have you attended any school board or district forums?



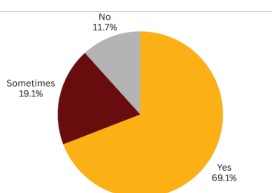
PREFERRED COMMUNICATION METHODS:

Email, Text Messages, Phone Calls, Social Media

How safe do you feel your child is at school?



Do students feel safe at school?



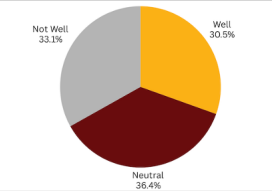
TOP 3 SAFETY CONCERNS:

1. Bullying & Peer Behavior
2. Drugs & Vaping
3. Lack of Discipline

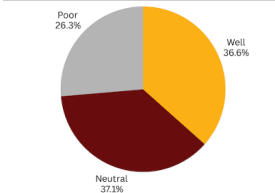
ACCESS TO SUPPORT

Students and families shared that it's often unclear where to go for help.

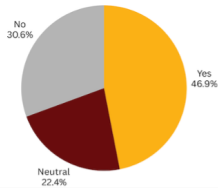
How well does the school support struggling students?



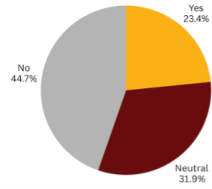
Do struggling students feel supported?



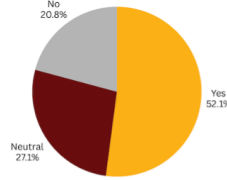
Is student learning the top priority of the district?



Are students held to high academic standards?



Does the district create a safe and supportive learning environment?



YOU SHARED. WE LISTENED. HERE'S WHAT WE'RE DOING.

Your feedback is shaping real change. Based on what we heard in the surveys, here's what's already in motion:

- **IMPROVING BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

We're creating a clear, district-wide matrix for consistent discipline and shared accountability.

- **MAKING SUPPORT EASIER TO ACCESS**

A new guide will help students and families quickly find the help they need—academically, emotionally, and beyond.

- **STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION**

A monthly Superintendent newsletter and regular updates are keeping families informed and connected.

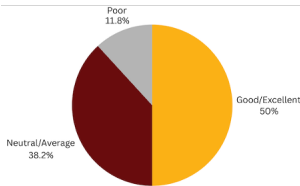
- **BUILDING STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS**

We're launching a Parent Engagement Group to foster collaboration and gather input year-round.

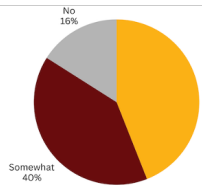
- **FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE**

More visibility around course offerings, life readiness skills, and student pathways is on the way.

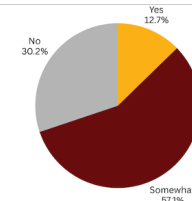
How would you rate the quality of the curriculum?



Is your child being prepared for future success?



Do students feel they are learning skills for their future?



WHAT LEARNING EXPERIENCES YOU WANT:

Students, families, and staff shared clear ideas about the kinds of learning experiences they want to see more of:

- **LIFE SKILLS & REAL-WORLD PREP**
From budgeting and cooking to job interviews and renting, families and students want courses that prepare learners for life after graduation.
- **CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)**
Programs in agriculture, trades, shop, and FFA are in high demand, especially in a hands-on, rural community like Benson.
- **COLLEGE CREDIT & ADVANCED ACADEMICS**
Students want access to more PSEO, CIS, and dual-credit classes that challenge them and open future opportunities.
- **MUSIC, ART & THEATER**
The community values creative expression. Band and choir are standouts, but students are asking for more options in the arts.
- **MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS**
Wellness education; like stress management, emotional support, and coping skills, ranks high on students' wish lists.

BUILDING WHAT'S NEXT

A future-focused plan for Benson Schools grounded in your feedback, built on trust, and driven by action.

What you see now is just the beginning. The insights from these surveys are guiding a strategic plan that will shape the next chapter of our schools with clearer vision, stronger support, and a shared commitment to every student's success.

TOGETHER, WE'RE BUILDING WHAT'S NEXT.