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Kenilworth School District 38 and
The Joseph Sears School Annual Parent Survey 2015

Dear Sears School Families:

At the completion of the school year, the Board of Education is interested in seeking your input regarding your child's (children's) Sears School experience. We thank each of you for your continued support of the Joseph Sears School, as you are a critical part of our success from many different perspectives.

The survey information guides the Board of Education and Administration in the planning and decision-making process. As part of our annual review and continuous improvement model, we examine areas of opportunity where we can improve our offerings to students, parents, faculty and staff. We have also included a series of questions that will help evaluate the progress we are making in our Strategic Plan.

Please note that this survey includes general questions that relate to your overall experience at Sears along with child/grade specific questions. In order to collect valuable feedback that we can act on, we feel it is important to capture data that is specific to three categories: primary, intermediate and junior high grades. Please complete the specific information for each child even if you have more than one child in a particular category (primary, intermediate, junior high). Also, if you have a grade-specific comment to share, please indicate the grade level. Your responses are completely anonymous.

General Questions

Culture:

1. **Improving the culture within The Joseph Sears School has been a key component of our Strategic Plan. The following questions focus on the students. Please rate your agreement with each statement.**

   My child(ren) understands and practices the four Cornerstone Behaviors (Honesty, Kindness, Respect, Responsibility).

   ____ Strongly Agree ____ Agree ____ Neutral ____ Disagree ____ Strongly Disagree
   ____ No Opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

   My child(ren) practices age appropriate self-assessment, goal-setting and self-advocacy.

   ____ Strongly Agree ____ Agree ____ Neutral ____ Disagree ____ Strongly Disagree

___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

My child(ren) understands the definition of bullying and procedures for how to handle it.

___ Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Neutral ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree
___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

The playground and lunch rules are fair and appropriate.

___ Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Neutral ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree
___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

(Junior High Only) Discipline is delivered in a fair and consistent manner for Junior High students.

___ Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Neutral ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree
___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

2. **The Board of Education envisions a culture whereby there is transparency in decision-making after careful consideration of alternatives. Please indicate your satisfaction with the transparency of deliberations and decision-making.**

___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

3. **The following questions continue to focus on the culture at Sears with an emphasis on parents and community members. Please rate your agreement with the following statements.**

The Board of Education communicates in an open, honest, respectful and timely manner with the community.

___ Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Neutral ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree
___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

The Administration communicates in an open, honest, respectful and timely manner with the community.

___ Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Neutral ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree
___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

I understand and practice the appropriate way to communicate with Faculty and Administration.

___ Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Neutral ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree
___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

I believe that I communicate with all stakeholders in the Sears' community in a fair and respectful manner.

___ Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Neutral ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree
___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

Communication

1. **The *Sears to Home* and our website are two of the School District's ways to communicate with parents, students, faculty and staff. Please rate your satisfaction with these methods of communication.**

Sears to Home

___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

Usefulness of Information on the Website

___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

Ease of Navigation of Website

___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___ No Opinion/ Don't Know

Comments:

2. **Please indicate how often you use each of the following Board of Education communications and provide comments as to their effectiveness:**

Board Meeting Agendas

___ Often ___ Seldom ___ Never ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

Board Meeting Minutes

___ Often ___ Seldom ___ Never ___ No opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

Monthly Board Briefs

___ Often ___ Seldom ___ Never ___ No opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

Board Meeting Videotape

___ Often ___ Seldom ___ Never ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

Board Meeting Live Streaming

___ Often ___ Seldom ___ Never ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

Board Annual Report

___ Often ___ Seldom ___ Never ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

listen@kenilworth38.org

___ Often ___ Seldom ___ Never ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

Community Forums

____ Often ____ Seldom ____ Never ____ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

Finances, Facilities, Student Services and Overall Rating:

1. **For the 12th year in a row, the State Board of Education has awarded Kenilworth School District with the highest financial rating. Do you think that the District been fiscally responsible this past school year?**

   ____ Yes ____ No ____Unsure

   Comments:

2. **Are there any facility or grounds related needs that should be a priority?**

   ____ Yes ____ No ____Unsure

   Comments:

3. **Our Student Services Department consists of our Special Education Teachers, Literacy Specialists, Math Coach, School Social Workers, School Psychologist, Speech/Language Pathologist and School Nurse. Please rate the effectiveness of their services?**

   ____ Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____ Poor ____ No Opinion/Don't Know
   ____ Other Position not Listed

   Comments:

4. **How would you rate The Joseph Sears School overall?**

   ____ Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____ Poor ____ No Opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

5. **What do you think is especially good about Sears School?**

   Comments:

6. **What would you like to see changed or improved?**

   Comments:

Category (Grade Level) Specific Questions

Now you will be asked to complete a series of questions related to a particular category (primary, intermediate, junior high). Please complete this section for each child even if you have more than one child in a particular category. After you answer the question for one child, you will be prompted to return to answer additional questions for your other child(ren), if any.

1. **Do you have a child who is enrolled during the 2014-2015 school year in a Primary (JK-2) grade?**

   Do you have a child who is enrolled during the 2014-2015 school year in an Intermediate (3-5) grade?

   Do you have a child who is enrolled during the 2014-2015 school year in Junior High (6-8)?

Primary (JK-2)

1. **Overall, how do you rate your child's school year?**

   ____ Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____ Poor
   ____ No Opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

2. **Overall was your child sufficiently challenged academically during this past school year?**

   ____ Yes ____ No ____ Not Sure

   Comments:

3. **Are you satisfied with the integration of technology in your child's classroom and assignments?**

   ____ Yes ____ No ____ Not Sure

   Comments:

4. **Does the quality of your child's homework emphasize real learning and reinforcement?**

   ____ Strongly Agree ____ Agree ____ Neutral ____ Disagree ____ Strongly Disagree
   ____ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

5. **Has your child's teacher effectively communicated with you this year?**

   ___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor
   ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

6. **During Parent/Teacher Conferences please rate the discussion of the following topics for your child regarding:**

	Adequate	Not Enough Info	Not Discussed
Academic progress	___	___	___
Social/Emotional	___	___	___
Standardized Tests (MAP, AIMSWEB)	___	___	___
Enrichment Opportunities	___	___	___

   Comments:

7. **The following areas were identified as action items in the Strategic Plan. Please note your general satisfaction with regards to:**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion/ Don't Know
Response to Intervention (RtI)/Enrichment	___	___	___	___	___
Gifted Identification	___	___	___	___	___
English and Language Arts (ELA)	___	___	___	___	___
In School/ Extracurricular Opportunities	___	___	___	___	___
Mathematics	___	___	___	___	___
Physical Education	___	___	___	___	___
Social Science	___	___	___	___	___
Science	___	___	___	___	___
World Language	___	___	___	___	___
Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)	___	___	___	___	___

8. **This year the Board of Education implemented year 2 of its Strategic Plan. Are you satisfied with the progress that has been made in the four goal areas: Curriculum, Communication, Culture, and Finance/Facilities?**
   ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unsure

Comments: _____

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9. **(Primary and Intermediate Only) Math in Focus and Everyday Count Calendar Math is the foundation of our math curriculum which is implemented for grades K-5. Please rate your satisfaction with these curricular materials.**

   ____ Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____ Poor
   ____ No Opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

10. **Do you have another child in the Primary (JK-2) age group?**

    ____ Yes ____ No

**Skip logic is applied here to bring participant through (JK-2) Questions again based on response or takes them to next question.*

1. **Do you have an additional student who is enrolled during the 2014-2015 school year in one of the following categories, that you have not yet completed a series of questions for?**

   ____Intermediate (3-5)
   ____Junior High (6-8)
   ____No

Intermediate (3-5)

1. **Overall, how do you rate your child's school year?**

   ___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor
   ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

2. **Overall was your child sufficiently challenged academically during this past school year?**

   ___ Yes ___ No ___ Not Sure

   Comments:

3. **Are you satisfied with the integration of technology in your child's classroom and assignments?**

   ___ Yes ___ No ___ Not Sure

   Comments:

4. **Does the quality of your child's homework emphasize real learning and reinforcement?**

   ___ Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Neutral ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree
   ___ No opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

5. **Has your child's teacher effectively communicated with you this year?**

   ___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

6. **During Parent/Teacher Conferences please rate the discussion of the following topics for your child regarding**

	Adequate	Not Enough Info	Not Discussed
Academic progress	___	___	___
Social/Emotional	___	___	___
Standardized Tests (MAP, AIMSWEB)	___	___	___

Enrichment Opportunities ___ ___ ___

Comments:

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Gifted Identification	___	___	___	___	___
English and Language Arts (ELA)	___	___	___	___	___
In School/ Extracurricular Opportunities	___	___	___	___	___
Mathematics	___	___	___	___	___
Physical Education	___	___	___	___	___
Social Science	___	___	___	___	___
Science	___	___	___	___	___
World Language	___	___	___	___	___
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   ___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

10. **Do you have another child in the Intermediate (3-5) age group?**

    ___ Yes ___ No

**Skip logic is applied here to bring participant through (3-5) Questions again based on response or takes them to next question.*

1. **Do you have an additional student who is enrolled during the 2014-2015 school year in one of the following categories, that you have not yet completed a series of questions for?**
   ____Primary (JK-2)
   ____Junior High (6-8)
   ____No

Junior High (6-8)

1. **Overall, how do you rate your child's school year?**

   ___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor
   ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

2. **Overall was your child sufficiently challenged academically during this past school year?**

   ___ Yes ___ No ___ Not Sure

   Comments:

3. **Are you satisfied with the integration of technology in your child's classroom and assignments?**

   ___ Yes ___ No ___ Not Sure

   Comments:

4. **Our Homework Policy has a recommended amount of time for students to spend studying at home for each grade level. (Please Click Here to review the Homework Policy.)**

   Is your child's quantity of homework in line with these guidelines?

   ___ Yes ___ No ___ No Opinion

   Comments:

5. **Does the quality of your child's homework emphasize real learning and reinforcement?**

   ___ Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Neutral ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree
   ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

   Comments:

6. **Has your child's teacher effectively communicated with you this year?**

   ___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor

___ No Opinion/Don't Know

Comments:

7. **During Parent/Teacher Conferences please rate the discussion of the following topics for your child regarding**

	Adequate	Not Enough Info	Not Discussed
Academic progress	___	___	___
Social/Emotional	___	___	___
Standardized Tests (MAP, AIMSWEB)	___	___	___
Enrichment Opportunities	___	___	___

Comments:

8. **The following areas were identified as action items in the Strategic Plan. Please note your general satisfaction with regards to:**

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Gifted Identification	___	___	___	___	___
English and Language Arts (ELA)	___	___	___	___	___
In School/ Extracurricular Opportunities	___	___	___	___	___
Mathematics	___	___	___	___	___
Physical Education	___	___	___	___	___
Social Science	___	___	___	___	___
World Language	___	___	___	___	___
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___ Yes ___ No ___ Unsure

Comments: _____

10. **(Junior High Only) During this past school year, the Junior High has been continuing (year 2) to pilot a science program called *IQWST* or *Investigating and Questioning Our World through Science*. Please rate your satisfaction with the pilot program.**

    ___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor
    ___ No Opinion/Don't Know

    Comments:

11. **Do you have another child in the Junior High (6-8) age group?**

    ___ Yes ___ No

**Skip logic is applied here to bring participant through (6-8) questions again based on response or takes them to next question.*

1. **Do you have an additional student who is enrolled during the 2014-2015 school year in one of the following categories, that you have not yet completed a series of questions for:**

   ___ Primary (JK-2)
   ___ Intermediate (3-5)
   ___ Junior High (6-8)
   ___ No

   *(*Skip Logic built into the survey will direct participant to correct set of questions. If yes, participant will be returned to the appropriate starting question. If participant answers no, the survey is completed and they are directed to the Thank you page.)*

   Thank you for your participation. Your opinion matters to us and we are grateful you took the time to complete the survey.