



June 27, 2017

Dear Members of The Joseph Sears School Community,

The 2017 School Climate Survey was issued to parents in May as a means of monitoring school climate and systematically collecting parent feedback on a variety of topics.

We collected 247 responses from the 278 families with children in our district. In 2016, we collected 156 responses from 280 district families. Additionally, the classroom experiences of roughly 77% of Sears students have been accounted for in the survey, according to reported classroom participation rates. With a significantly larger sampling of parents, we are better able to understand the attitudes and opinions of all district families.

We assigned each multiple choice survey question a weighted value along a 7-point Likert scale with responses marked as “Strongly Agree” receiving a 7 and “Strongly Disagree” receiving a 1. We assigned each question a weighted average score based on the collected responses then we compared the weighted average change in each question from 2016 to 2017.

We categorized the changes in response weighted averages from 2016 to 2017 into five categories: material positive change (+0.50 or higher), positive change (+0.49 to +0.05), unchanged (+0.04 to -0.04), negative (-0.05 to -0.49) and material negative (-0.50 or lower). We grouped the questions by topic then analyzed how those questions changed based on the categories. The table below summarizes changes in response from 2016 to 2017:

	Material Positive	Positive	Unchanged	Negative	Material Negative
Curriculum/Teaching	5	6			
Student Engagement	1	5			
Administration	4	1			
School Climate	3	5			
General Satisfaction	2	5			
Overall Rating	2	2			

Overall, the survey data showed positive growth in parent attitudes in all areas of school climate. While we are encouraged by the survey data, we recognize that there are still areas in which we can continue to improve. A summary analysis of the questions is attached to this letter along with a weighted average summary of the data. An administrative action plan will be developed during the summer in response to parent feedback.

Sincerely,
Kenilworth School District No. 38 Board of Education

Parent Survey Weighted Average Summary Data

Weighted Averages – Each responses was given a score from 1 to 7:

- 1: Strongly Disagree
- 2: Disagree
- 3: Somewhat Disagree
- 4: Neither Agree/Nor Disagree
- 5: Somewhat Agree
- 6: Agree
- 7: Strongly Agree

Curriculum/Instruction		
Question	2016	2017
1. Curriculum at The Joseph Sears School is preparing students for the challenges of the 21 st century (e.g. analysis, global perspective, synthesis)	5.36	6.02
2. Curriculum at The Joseph Sears School promotes the development of students' critical thinking skills.	5.21	6.01
3. The Joseph Sears School emphasizes innovative learning methods.	5.12	5.71
4. The best teachers and staff are retained at the school.	4.75	5.61
5. The quality of teaching at The Joseph Sears School is high.	5.89	6.36
6. My child's homework assignments reinforce what he/she learns in the classroom	JK-2: 5.77 3-5: 5.75 6-8: 5.43	JK-2: 6 3-5: 5.85 6-8: 5.84
7. My child was sufficiently challenged this year.	JK-2: 5.67 3-5: 5.67 6-8: 5.05	JK-2: 6.03 3-5: 5.87 6-8: 5.84
Student Behavior & Engagement		
8. Students are encouraged to try out their own ideas at The Joseph Sears School.	5.03	5.64
9. Students at The Joseph Sears School treat teachers and staff with respect.	5.56	5.87
10. Students at The Joseph Sears School respect each other's differences (e.g. gender, culture)	5.19	5.60
11. Students feel safe from verbal abuse, teasing and exclusion.	4.88	5.25

12. Students at The Joseph Sears School practice the Four Cornerstone behaviors of Responsibility, Kindness, Honesty and Respect.	5.34	5.77
13. Students at The Joseph Sears School care about learning.	6.01	6.06
Administration		
Question	2016	2017
14. The roles and responsibilities of each member of the administration are clear to me.	4.38	5.26
15. I am satisfied with the level of transparency by the Administration on key issues.	4.44	5.32
16. I know which administrator to seek out from the Administrative Team to solve problems.	4.90	5.34
17. The Administration communicates with parents in a timely manner.	5.01	5.81
18. The Administration follows through effectively in matters of student discipline.	4.57	5.38
School Climate		
19. Parents at The Joseph Sears School respect teachers and staff.	5.63	6.00
20. The school community has high expectations for all students at The Joseph Sears School.	6.15	6.46
21. Teachers and staff at The Joseph Sears School treat students with respect.	5.90	6.26
22. The Joseph Sears School is a safe place to be.	5.94	6.32
23. The school rules are effectively communicated.	5.35	5.91
24. The school rules are fair.	5.28	5.81
25. The school building is clean and well maintained.	N/A	6.43
26. The Joseph Sears School has an effective policy to deal with disruptive students.	4.30	4.88

27. The Joseph Sears School encourages students to develop good character traits.	5.72	6.07
General Satisfaction		
Question	2016	2017
28. I am satisfied with the quality of instruction my child has received this year.	JK-2: 6.20 3-5: 5.94 6-8: 5.05	JK-2: 6.45 3-5: 6.21 6-8: 5.89
29. I am satisfied with the integration of technology into my child's classroom and assignments.	JK-2: 5.86 3-5: 5.72 6-8: 5.42	JK-2: 5.93 3-5: 5.92 6-8: 5.72
30. I am satisfied with athletic programs and offerings at The Joseph Sears School.	N/A	5.41
31. I am satisfied with extracurricular programs and offerings at The Joseph Sears School.	N/A	5.46
32. I am satisfied with the academic and behavioral supports offered through the District's Student Services Department.	N/A	5.68
33. I am satisfied with the level of transparency by the Board of Education on key issues.	4.65	5.37
34. How would you rate The Joseph Sears School overall?	5.63	6.32
35. I would rate my child's school year as:	JK-2: 6.17 3-5: 5.75 6-8: 5.12	JK-2: 6.27 3-5: 6.06 6-8: 5.67
2016-2017 Specific Questions		
36. I would like to see the Administration begin preliminary research on the adoption of school-wide student uniforms.	N/A	4.17
37. My child has sufficient time to eat lunch and decompress during the lunch period.	N/A	JK-2: 4.64 3-5: 4.60 6-8: 4.66

Curriculum/Instruction/Teaching

1. Curriculum at The Joseph Sears School is preparing students for the challenges of the 21st century (e.g. analysis, global perspective, synthesis)

Question 1	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.36	14%	47%	24%	3%	5%	5%	3%	
2017 (Parents)	6.02	30%	52%	13%	2%	2%	1%	>1%	
Change (Parents)	0.66	+16%	-5%	-11%	-1%	-3%	-4%	-3%	
2016 (Faculty)	5.88	26%	51%	15%	0%	8%	0%	0%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.71	29%	45%	11%	2%	9%	2%	2%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.17	+3%	-6%	-4%	+2%	+1%	+2%	+2%	

2. Curriculum at The Joseph Sears School promotes the development of students' critical thinking skills.

Question 2	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.21	16%	40%	22%	4%	11%	3%	4%	
2017 (Parents)	6.01	31%	49%	14%	2%	2%	2%	>1%	
Change (Parents)	0.80	+15%	+9%	-8%	-2%	-9%	-1%	-4%	
2016 (Faculty)	5.98	25%	58%	8%	0%	2%	2%	2%	5%
2017 (Faculty)	5.87	27%	53%	11%	2%	4%	4%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.11	+2%	-5%	+3%	+2%	+2%	+2%	-2%	

3. The Joseph Sears School emphasizes innovative learning methods.

Question 3	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.21	12%	34%	29%	13%	6%	4%	2%	
2017 (Parents)	6.01	24%	47%	12%	12%	4%	1%	0%	
Change (Parents)	0.80	+12%	+13%	-17%	-1%	-2%	-3%	-2%	
2016 (Faculty)	5.65	17%	55%	15%	3%	8%	0%	2%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.47	22%	45%	13%	7%	5%	5%	2%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.18	+5%	-10%	-2%	+4%	-3%	+5%	0	

4. The best teachers and staff are retained at the school.

Question 4	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	4.75	15%	31%	20%	5%	12%	6%	10%	
2017 (Parents)	5.61	27%	37%	21%	9%	3%	2%	2%	
Change (Parents)	0.86	+12%	+6%	+1%	+4%	-9%	-4%	-8%	
2016 (Faculty)	5.40	23%	40%	23%	0%	3%	3%	8%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.58	32%	36%	11%	8%	9%	2%	3%	
Change (Faculty)	0.18	+9%	-4%	-12%	+8%	+6%	-1%	-5%	

5. The quality of teaching at The Joseph Sears School is high.

Question 5	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.89	33%	44%	14%	3%	3%	1%	2%	
2017 (Parents)	6.36	50%	41%	7%	>1%	1%	>1%	0%	
Change (Parents)	0.47	+17%	-3%	-7%	-3%	-2%	-1%	-2%	
2016 (Faculty)	6.75	78%	18%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
2017 (Faculty)	6.69	73%	24%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.06	-5%	+6%	+1%	0	0	0	0	

6. My child's homework assignments reinforce what he/she learns in the classroom

Question 6	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (JK-2 Parents)	5.77	22%	54%	8%	12%	2%	1%	0%	
2017 (JK-2 Parents)	6	35%	45%	9%	8%	2%	1%	0%	
Change	0.23	+13%	-9%	+1%	-4%	0%	0%	0%	
2016 (3-5 Parents)	5.75	22%	48%	21%	4%	5%	0%	1%	
2017 (3-5 Parents)	5.85	24%	52%	18%	2%	2%	0%	2%	
Change	0.10	+2%	+4%	-3%	-2%	-3%	0%	+1%	
2016 (6-8 Parents)	5.43	11%	52%	23%	6%	3%	3%	3%	
2017 (6-8 Parents)	5.84	17%	60%	16%	5%	3%	0%	0%	
Change	0.41	+6%	+8%	-7%	-1%	0%	-3%	-3%	

7. My child was sufficiently challenged this year.

Question 7	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (JK-2 Parents)	5.67	33%	34%	20%	1%	7%	4%	1%	
2017 (JK-2 Parents)	6.02	42%	39%	10%	1%	6%	1%	1%	
Change	0.35	+9%	-5%	-10%	0%	-1%	-3%	0%	
2016 (3-5 Parents)	5.67	24%	46%	18%	3%	6%	3%	1%	
2017 (3-5 Parents)	5.86	30%	45%	16%	2%	4%	1%	1%	
Change	0.19	+6%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-2%	0%	
2016 (6-8 Parents)	5.05	15%	35%	28%	2%	6%	9%	5%	
2017 (6-8 Parents)	5.84	26%	53%	11%	3%	5%	3%	0%	
Change	0.79	+11%	+18%	-17%	+1%	-1%	-6%	-5%	

Student Behavior & Student Engagement

8. Students are encouraged to try out their own ideas at The Joseph Sears School.

Question 8	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.03	11%	39%	19%	13%	10%	4%	3%	
2017 (Parents)	5.64	19%	49%	15%	11%	3%	2%	0%	
Change (Parents)	0.61	+8%	+10%	-4%	-2%	-7%	-2%	-3%	
2016 (Faculty)	5.92	23%	49%	25%	3%	0%	0%	0%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.36	16%	42%	20%	9%	9%	4%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.56	-7%	-7%	-5%	+6%	+9%	+4%	0	

9. Students at The Joseph Sears School treat teachers and staff with respect.

Question 9	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.56	17%	49%	20%	8%	3%	2%	1%	
2017 (Parents)	5.87	22%	56%	13%	6%	2%	>1%	0%	
Change (Parents)	0.31	+5%	+7%	-7%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-1%	
2016 (Faculty)	5.82	18%	54%	22%	3%	3%	0%	0%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.65	14%	56%	21%	2%	6%	2%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.17	-4%	+2%	-1%	-1%	+3%	+2%	0	

10. Students at The Joseph Sears School respect each other's differences (e.g. gender, culture)

Question 10	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.19	14%	40%	22%	8%	6%	6%	3%	
2017 (Parents)	5.60	21%	49%	15%	8%	4%	4%	>1%	
Change (Parents)	0.41	+7%	+9%	-7%	0%	-2%	-2%	-3%	
2016 (Faculty)	5.58	14%	46%	29%	6%	5%	0%	0%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.16	11%	36%	31%	7%	9%	5%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.42	-3%	-10%	+2%	+1%	+4%	+5%	0	

11. Students feel safe from verbal abuse, teasing and exclusion.

Question 11	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	4.88	11%	37%	26%	4%	8%	7%	8%	
2017 (Parents)	5.25	13%	46%	20%	7%	7%	5%	2%	
Change (Parents)	0.37	+2%	+9%	-6%	+3%	-1%	-2%	-6%	
2016 (Faculty)	5.72	14%	60%	15%	6%	5%	0%	0%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.22	11%	45%	18%	9%	13%	4%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.50	-3%	-15%	+3%	+3%	+8%	+4%	0	

12. Students at The Joseph Sears School practice the Four Cornerstone behaviors of Responsibility, Kindness, Honesty and Respect.

Question 12	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.34	17%	47%	16%	3%	10%	4%	3%	
2017 (Parents)	5.77	25%	45%	21%	3%	3%	3%	>1%	
Change	0.43	+8%	-2%	+5%	0%	-7%	-1%	-3%	

13. Students at The Joseph Sears School care about learning.

Question 13	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	6.01	26%	56%	15%	2%	2%	0%	0%	
2017 (Parents)	6.06	31%	53%	8%	6%	1%	>1%	0%	
Change (Parents)	0.05	+5%	-3%	-7%	+4%	-1%	+>1%	0%	
2016 (Faculty)	6.00	20%	63%	15%	0%	2%	0%	0%	

2017 (Faculty)	6.11	29%	53%	18%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	0.11	+9%	-10%	+3%	0	-2%	0	0	

Administration

14. The roles and responsibilities of each member of the administration are clear to me.

Question 14	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	4.38	8%	25%	24%	9%	17%	12%	6%	
2017 (Parents)	5.26	14%	38%	27%	9%	7%	3%	2%	
Change (Parents)	0.88	+6%	+13%	+3%	0%	-10%	-9%	-4%	
2016 (Faculty)	4.26	9%	31%	15%	3%	17%	12%	12%	
2017 (Faculty)	4.65	8%	30%	26%	6%	20%	8%	3%	
Change (Faculty)	0.39	-1%	-1%	+11%	+3%	+3%	-4%	-9%	

15. I am satisfied with the level of transparency by the Administration on key issues.

Question 15	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	4.44	12%	26%	24%	7%	11%	8%	13%	
2017 (Parents)	5.32	15%	45%	18%	10%	4%	3%	4%	
Change (Parents)	0.88	+3%	+19%	-6%	+3%	-7%	-5%	-9%	

16. I know which administrator to seek out from the Administrative Team to solve problems.

Question 16	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	4.90	12%	39%	19%	8%	12%	4%	7%	
2017 (Parents)	5.34	18%	35%	28%	6%	6%	4%	2%	
Change (Parents)	0.44	+6%	-4%	+9%	-2%	-6%	0%	-5%	
2016 (Faculty)	4.97	15%	35%	20%	11%	6%	3%	9%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.23	17%	38%	24%	5%	9%	5%	3%	
Change (Faculty)	0.26	+2%	+3%	-4%	-6%	+3%	+2%	-6%	

17. The Administration communicates with parents in a timely manner.

Question 17	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.01	20%	35%	17%	5%	7%	7%	8%	
2017 (Parents)	5.81	26%	53%	9%	6%	2%	4%	>1%	
Change	0.80	+6%	+18%	-8%	+1%	-5%	-3%	-8%	

18. The Administration follows through effectively in matters of student discipline.

Question 18	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
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2016 (Parents)	4.57	10%	34%	14%	14%	11%	9%	8%	
2017 (Parents)	5.38	16%	43%	18%	14%	6%	2%	>1%	
Change (Parents)	0.81	+6%	+9%	+4%	0%	-5%	-7%	-8%	
2016 (Faculty)	4.95	12%	38%	18%	14%	6%	2%	9%	
2017 (Faculty)	4.80	11%	29%	31%	9%	5%	7%	7%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.15	-1%	-9%	+13%	-5%	-1%	+5%	-2%	

School Climate

19. Parents at The Joseph Sears School respect teachers and staff.

Question 19	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.63	19%	49%	19%	8%	3%	3%	>1%	
2017 (Parents)	6.00	25%	54%	18%	2%	>1%	0%	>1%	
Change (Parents)	0.37	+6%	+5%	-1%	-6%	-3%	-3%	0%	
2016 (Faculty)	5.62	9%	54%	31%	3%	2%	2%	0%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.36	8%	52%	24%	6%	8%	3%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.26	-1%	-2%	-7%	+3%	+6%	+1%	0	

20. The school community has high expectations for all students at The Joseph Sears School.

Question 20	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	6.15	42%	44%	9%	3%	1%	2%	>1%	
2017 (Parents)	6.46	56%	37%	5%	>1%	1%	0%	0%	
Change (Parents)	0.31	+14%	-7%	-4%	-3%	0%	-2%	0%	
2016 (Faculty)	6.60	71%	22%	5%	3%	0%	0%	0%	
2017 (Faculty)	6.61	67%	27%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	0.01	-5%	+5%	+1%	-3%	0	0	0	

21. Teachers and staff at The Joseph Sears School treat students with respect.

Question 21	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.90	28%	50%	15%	1%	4%	1%	>1%	
2017 (Parents)	6.26	41%	48%	8%	2%	1%	>1%	0%	
Change (Parents)	0.36	+13%	-2%	-7%	+1%	-3%	-1%	0%	
2016 (Faculty)	6.63	63%	37%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
2017 (Faculty)	6.61	65%	30%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.02	+2%	-7%	+5%	0	0	0	0	

22. The Joseph Sears School is a safe place to be.

Question 22	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.94	37%	41%	11%	4%	3%	2%	1%	
2017 (Parents)	6.32	46%	47%	3%	5%	2%	>1%	0%	
Change (Parents)	0.38	+9%	+6%	-8%	+1%	-1%	-2%	-1%	

2016 (Faculty)	6.37	57%	34%	6%	0%	0%	2%	2%	
2017 (Faculty)	6.36	61%	24%	9%	3%	3%	0%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.01	+4%	-10%	+3%	+3%	+3%	-2%	-2%	

23. The school rules are effectively communicated.

Question 23	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.35	21%	41%	19%	4%	7%	4%	4%	
2017 (Parents)	5.91	24%	57%	11%	2%	3%	2%	>1%	
Change (Parents)	0.56	+3%	+16%	-8%	-2%	-4%	-2%	-4%	
2016 (Faculty)	4.72	8%	37%	28%	0%	11%	9%	8%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.16	18%	40%	16%	5%	11%	4%	5%	
Change (Faculty)	0.44	+10%	+3%	-12%	+5%	0	-5%	-3%	

24. The school rules are fair.

Question 24	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.28	15%	44%	19%	10%	8%	3%	3%	
2017 (Parents)	5.81	24%	51%	13%	7%	3%	1%	>1%	
Change (Parents)	0.53	+9%	+7%	-6%	-3%	-5%	-2%	-3%	
2016 (Faculty)	5.37	9%	57%	9%	18%	2%	2%	3%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.87	35%	44%	5%	9%	5%	2%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	0.50	+26%	-13%	-4%	-9%	+3%	0	-3%	

25. The school building is clean and well maintained.

Question 25	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2017 (Parents)	6.43	50%	45%	4%	0%	>1%	0%	0%	
2016 (Faculty)	4.72	8%	37%	28%	0%	11%	9%	8%	
2017 (Faculty)	5.16	18%	40%	16%	5%	11%	4%	5%	
Change (Faculty)	0.44	+10%	+3%	-12%	+5%	0	-5%	-3%	

26. The Joseph Sears School has an effective policy to deal with disruptive students.

Question 26	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	4.30	5%	24%	22%	20%	12%	10%	8%	
2017 (Parents)	4.88	8%	32%	23%	24%	8%	5%	1%	
Change (Parents)	0.58	+3%	+8%	+1%	+4%	-4%	-5%	-7%	
2016 (Faculty)	4.26	3%	26%	26%	11%	14%	12%	8%	
2017 (Faculty)	4.67	4%	44%	16%	9%	15%	5%	7%	
Change (Faculty)	0.41	+1%	+18%	-10%	-2%	+1%	-7%	-1%	

27. The Joseph Sears School encourages students to develop good character traits.

Question 27	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	5.72	23%	49%	17%	3%	3%	2%	2%	

2017 (Parents)	6.07	36%	46%	11%	3%	3%	0%	>1%	
Change (Parents)	0.35	+13%	-3%	-6%	0%	0%	-2%	-2%	
2016 (Faculty)	6.11	29%	55%	14%	0%	2%	0%	0%	
2017 (Faculty)	6.04	35%	45%	13%	5%	0%	2%	0%	
Change (Faculty)	-0.07	+6%	-10%	-1%	+5%	-2%	+2%	0	

General Satisfaction

28. I am satisfied with the quality of instruction my child has received this year.

Question 28	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (JK-2 Parents)	6.20	47%	35%	14%	1%	1%	0%	1%	
2017 (JK-2 Parents)	6.46	59%	33%	6%	1%	1%	0%	1%	
Change	0.26	+12%	-2%	-8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
2016 (3-5 Parents)	5.94	32%	46%	14%	1%	5%	2%	0%	
2017 (3-5 Parents)	6.21	43%	45%	9%	1%	2%	0%	1%	
Change	0.27	+11%	-1%	-5%	0%	-3%	-2%	+1%	
2016 (6-8 Parents)	5.05	14%	42%	22%	2%	8%	5%	7%	
2017 (6-8 Parents)	5.89	26%	51%	15%	2%	3%	2%	0%	
Change	0.84	+12%	+9%	-7%	0%	-5%	-3%	-7%	

29. I am satisfied with the integration of technology into my child's classroom and assignments.

Question 29	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (JK-2 Parents)	5.86	29%	45%	13%	10%	4%	0%	0%	
2017 (JK-2 Parents)	5.93	29%	49%	9%	11%	1%	0%	0%	
Change	0.07	0%	+4%	-4%	+1%	-3%	0%	0%	
2016 (3-5 Parents)	5.72	23%	44%	19%	10%	4%	0%	0%	
2017 (3-5 Parents)	5.91	22%	57%	11%	7%	1%	1%	0%	
Change	0.19	-1%	+13%	-8%	-3%	-3%	+1%	0%	
2016 (6-8 Parents)	5.42	13%	49%	18%	12%	4%	5%	0%	
2017 (6-8 Parents)	5.72	22%	56%	7%	9%	3%	1%	2%	
Change	0.30	+9%	+7%	-11%	-3%	-1%	-4%	+2%	

30. I am satisfied with athletic programs and offerings at The Joseph Sears School.

Question 30	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2017 (Parents)	5.41	18%	38%	21%	16%	4%	2%	>1%	

31. I am satisfied with extracurricular programs and offerings at The Joseph Sears School.

Question 31	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2017 (Parents)	5.46	19%	43%	15%	13%	6%	2%	>1%	

32. I am satisfied with the academic and behavioral supports offered through the District's Student Services Department.

Question 32	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2017 (Parents)	5.68	26%	47%	9%	14%	2%	2%	1%	

33. I am satisfied with the level of transparency by the Board of Education on key issues.

Question 33	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2016 (Parents)	4.65	13%	33%	18%	8%	12%	6%	11%	
2017 (Parents)	5.37	16%	49%	13%	11%	4%	2%	4%	
Change	0.72	+3%	+16%	-5%	+3%	-8%	-4%	-7%	

Ratings

34. How would you rate The Joseph Sears School overall?

Question 34	Weighted Average	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor		No Opinion
2016 (Parents)	5.63	26%	35%	21%	12%	6%	>1%		0%
2017 (Parents)	6.32	51%	36%	9%	4%	0%	>1%		0%
Change	0.69	+25%	+1%	-12%	-8%	-6%	0%		0%

35. I would rate my child's school year as:

Question 35	Weighted Average	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor		No Opinion
2016 (JK-2 Parents)	6.17	45%	38%	16%	6%	0%	0%		0%
2017 (JK-2 Parents)	6.28	51%	32%	12%	3%	>1%	>1%		0%
Change	0.11	+6%	-6%	-4%	-3%	0%	0%		0%
2016 (3-5 Parents)	5.75	25%	39%	26%	8%	3%	0%		0%
2017 (3-5 Parents)	6.06	40%	39%	13%	7%	2%	0%		0%
Change	0.31	+15%	0%	-13%	-1%	-1%	0%		0%
2016 (6-8 Parents)	5.12	13%	34%	24%	19%	5%	6%		0%
2017 (6-8 Parents)	5.68	21%	41%	24%	11%	2%	0%		0%
Change	0.56	+8%	+7%	0%	-8%	-3%	-6%		0%

2016-2017 Specific Questions

36. I would like to see the Administration begin preliminary research on the adoption of school-wide student uniforms.									
Question 36	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2017 (Parents)	4.17	24%	13%	8%	18%	4%	14%	19%	
37. My child has sufficient time to eat lunch and decompress during the lunch period.									
Question 37	Weighted Average	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Disagree or Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
2017 (JK-2 Parents)	4.64	15%	23%	18%	16%	16%	7%	5%	
2017 (3-5 Parents)	4.60	10%	26%	28%	6%	16%	6%	7%	
2017 (6-8 Parents)	4.66	13%	32%	17%	6%	16%	8%	7%	

Comments

1. Please provide comments related to overall satisfaction with athletic programs and offerings at The Joseph Sears School.

Key themes related to this question include:

- ✓ Parents would like to see more after school offerings.
- ✓ Parents would generally like to see more offerings for students in grades 5-6.
- ✓ Parents would like to see more athletic offerings for younger students.

2. Please provide comments related to overall satisfaction with extracurricular programs and offerings at The Joseph Sears School.

Key themes related to this question include:

- ✓ Parents would like to see more before and after school extracurricular offerings.
- ✓ Parents would like Sears to offer after school care.
- ✓ Parents would like to see diverse extracurricular offerings, particularly for elementary and middle school students.

3. Please provide comments related to overall satisfaction with academic and behavioral supports offered by the District's Student Services Department.

Key themes related to this question include:

- ✓ Parents would like to see additional information provided on the process used to identify and provide student services supports.
- ✓ Parents mentioned the need to improve the processes

- ✓ Parents would like additional information provided on support services for academically advanced students.
 - ✓ Parents are generally pleased with the student services department staff.
- 4. Please provide comments related to the question, “I would like to see the Administration begin preliminary research on the adoption of school-wide student uniforms.”**

Key themes related to this question include:

- ✓ The majority of parent comments are in favor of research into student uniforms.
- ✓ Many parents would like additional information behind the rationale in considering uniforms.

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

Key themes related to this question include:

- ✓ Teachers
- ✓ Community atmosphere
- ✓ Class sizes
- ✓ Administration
- ✓ Differentiated instruction

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

Key themes related to this question include:

- ✓ Student behavior and discipline
- ✓ Improve after school programs and offerings
- ✓ Increased time for lunch/recess
- ✓ Enrichment opportunities for advanced learners
- ✓ Improved physical education offerings

7. Do you have any additional feedback that you would like to share?

There are no key themes to draw from this question as parents left specific feedback on a variety of topics.

All parent feedback will be reviewed by the Board and the Administration in preparation for the 2017-2018 school year.