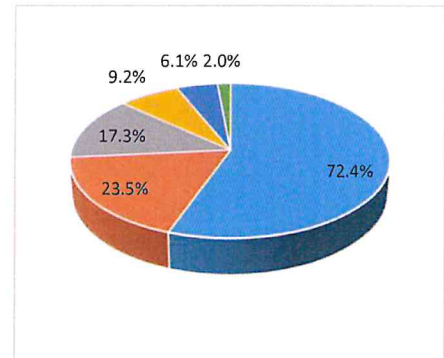


# **SIoux VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT - STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY - FALL OF 2020**

[139 survey responses]

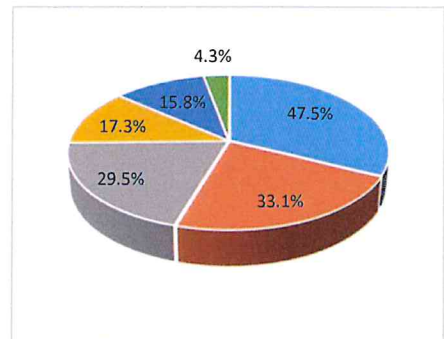
## **Who are you?**

1	Parent/Guardian	72.4%
2	Current JK-12 Student	23.5%
3	Community Member	17.3%
4	Graduate of Sioux Valley	9.2%
5	Teacher/Staff Member	6.1%
6	Grandparent	2.0%
7	Elected Official	0.0%
8	Other (please specify)	0.0%



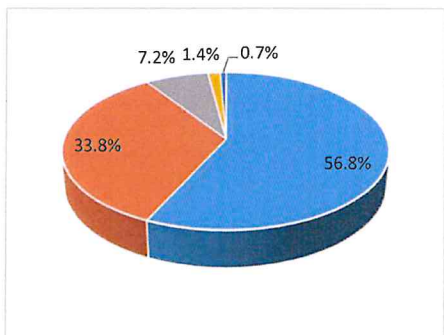
## **What choice represents you?**

1	My child is in elementary school	47.5%
2	My child is in high school	33.1%
3	My child is in middle school	29.5%
4	I am a graduate of Sioux Valley	17.3%
5	I am a student at Sioux Valley	15.8%
6	I am a teacher at Sioux Valley	4.3%
7	I am a stakeholder in the school	3.6%
8	I have no children currently attending Sioux Valley	3.6%



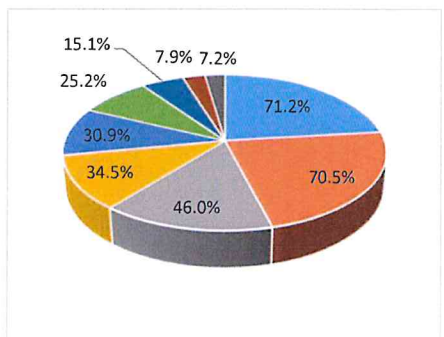
## **What is your impression of JK-12 education at Sioux Valley?**

1	Positive - The school has many strengths	56.8%
2	Mixed positive - The school has more strengths than weaknesses	33.8%
3	Neutral - I do not have an opinion either way	7.2%
4	Mixed negative - The school has more weaknesses than strengths	1.4%
5	Negative - The school has many weaknesses/significant concerns	0.7%



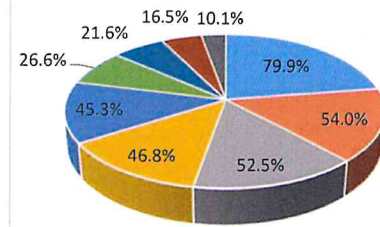
## **What do you believe is the purpose of JK-12 education at Sioux Valley?**

1	Help students fulfill their potential and have choices in life	71.2%
2	Ensure students have basic skills (reading, math)	70.5%
3	Prepare every student for future economic success	46.0%
4	Prepare students for college	34.5%
5	Connect students to their peers and community	30.9%
6	Support/develop our future workforce	25.2%
7	Create global citizens	15.1%
8	Promote equity	7.9%
9	Support our democratic society	7.2%
10	Other (two different responses each receiving 0.725 rating)	1.4%



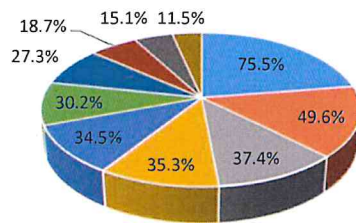
**What are the most important skills current JK-12 students should learn before graduating?**

1 Critical thinking and problem solving skills	79.9%
2 Interpersonal skills (working with others)	54.0%
3 Communication skills	52.5%
4 Organizational and time management skills	46.8%
5 Financial management skills	45.3%
6 Leadership skills	26.6%
7 Technology skills	21.6%
8 Research skills (gathering and analyzing information)	16.5%
9 Community service skills	10.1%
10 Other (four different responses each receiving a 0.725% rating)	2.9%



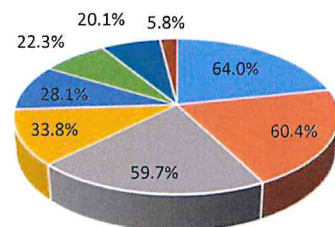
**What do you value most in a public school?**

1 Quality of teaching	75.5%
2 Caring environment	49.6%
3 A sense of community	37.4%
4 Challenging academic programs	35.3%
5 Fun learning experience	34.5%
6 Physical safety	30.2%
7 Extra-curricular options	27.3%
8 Welcoming to parents and the community	18.7%
9 Quality of facilities	15.1%
10 Diversity of students	11.5%
11 Other (four different responses each receiving a 0.725% rating)	2.9%



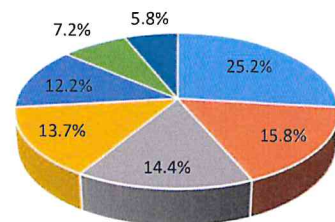
**What do you want Sioux Valley School District to provide our students?**

1 Safe and orderly learning environment	64.0%
2 Curriculum that prepares students for the workforce	60.4%
3 Highly qualified teachers	59.7%
4 Rigorous, challenging curriculum	33.8%
5 Technology in the classrooms	28.1%
6 Successful extra-curricular programs	22.3%
7 High graduation rates	20.1%
8 High test scores	5.8%
9 Other (three different responses each receiving a 0.725% rating)	2.2%



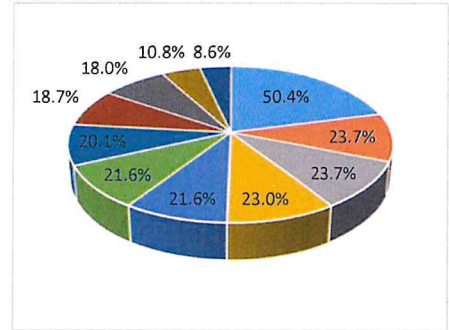
**What do you think is the #1 challenge at Sioux Valley?**

1 Providing a balanced curriculum & variety of electives	25.2%
2 Meeting the needs of a growing diverse student population	15.8%
3 Increasing student achievement	14.4%
4 Recruiting and retaining highly qualified staff	13.7%
5 Expanding communication & parent/community involvement	12.2%
6 Providing challenging instructional programs	7.2%
7 Providing a safe and orderly environment	5.8%
8 Other (eight different responses each receiving a 0.725% rating)	5.8%



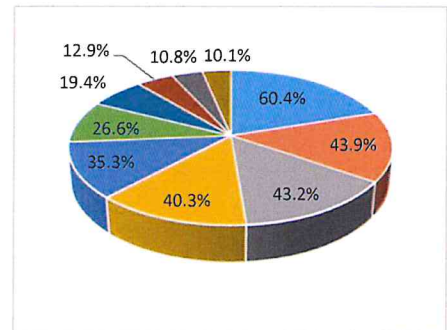
**What priorities would you recommend for improvement of our current JK-12 school district?**

1 Students' motivation and behavior	50.4%
2 Quality of classroom curriculum, equipment, and materials	23.7%
3 Access to advanced courses for high school students	23.7%
4 Parent and community involvement	23.0%
5 Basic academic skills (reading, math)	21.6%
6 Quality of teaching	21.6%
7 Students' use of technology	20.1%
8 Academic rigor and expectations	18.7%
9 Fine arts options	18.0%
10 Extra-curricular options	10.8%
11 Other (twelve different responses each receiving a 0.725% rating)	8.6%
12 Services for English Language Learners (ELL)	7.9%



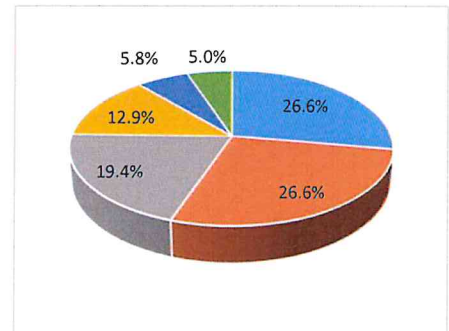
**How do you stay connected to school issues?**

1 District web site	60.4%
2 Infinite Campus parent portal	43.9%
3 Social media	43.2%
4 Emails with child's teachers	40.3%
5 School Messenger calls and emails	35.3%
6 Word of mouth	26.6%
7 Parent/Teacher Conferences and Open Houses	19.4%
8 Attendance at events	12.9%
9 Classroom newsletters	10.8%
10 Local newspapers	10.1%
11 Other (one response receiving a 0.725% rating)	0.7%



**What do you believe is the #1 issue facing students?**

1 Negative peer pressure	26.6%
2 Too much stress	26.6%
3 Being ready for college	19.4%
4 Lack of parental involvement	12.9%
5 Low academic proficiency	5.8%
6 Other (seven different responses each receiving a 0.725% rating)	5.0%
7 Drugs and alcohol	3.6%





**The last seven questions were open ended; therefore a percentage could not be applied. What is listed are the most frequent responses, with #1 being the most frequent response, #2 the second most frequent response, and so forth.**

**What do you believe is working well in our school district?**

- 1 Quality of teachers, administration, and staff
- 2 Commitment, care, and concern for the students
- 3 Communication
- 4 Dealing with the COVID pandemic and keeping kids in school
- 5 Strong community involvement and support for the school
- 6 Nice, well-maintained facilities
- 7 Good class sizes and small school mind-set
- 8 Positive learning environment for kids
- 9 Strong curriculum and academics
- 10 Good variety of classes and extra-curricular offerings

**What areas of our school district need improvement?**

- 1 Better communication
- 2 Student behaviors and need for consistent behavior program JK-12
- 3 Better use of technology and more technology support
- 4 Less emphasis on sports
- 5 More focus on student mental health issues
- 6 More assistance for struggling students
- 7 More elective and advanced courses for high school students
- 8 Better bus schedule with less ride time for students
- 9 More training for staff
- 10 School lunch - less packaged meals and enough food for students

**What are the school district's greatest facility needs?**

- 1 More classrooms and more classroom space
- 2 Updated scoreboards at FB field and in gymnasiums
- 3 More parking space for ball games and events
- 4 Another practice gym
- 5 Updates in the PAC
- 6 Safer pick-up zones at elementary & MS/HS
- 7 Additional locker room space & upgraded locker rooms
- 8 More secure entrance at MS/HS
- 9 Classroom upgrades in different areas of building
- 10 Wrestling room upgrades

**When you think of Sioux Valley Schools, what are you most proud of?**

- 1 Good teachers, administration, and staff
- 2 Strong sense of community pride
- 3 Strong academics and academic success of students
- 4 Strong relationships among adults and students
- 5 Small class size and small school atmosphere
- 6 Respectful students
- 7 Welcoming school environment
- 8 Success of sports teams and ongoing success of cheer team
- 9 Parent and community involvement
- 10 Good facilities

**How do you feel the district is handling the COVID situation?**

1 Extremely well, very well, great, excellent, amazing	25
2 Well, good, pretty good, OK, fine, pleased, satisfied	20
3 As well as can be expected	16
4 Average, OK, so-so, mixed feelings	8
5 Not well, inconsistent, room for improvement	6
6 Appreciate that masks are required	
7 Appreciate the fact that kids are in school	
8 Mitigation plan is appropriate and uses common sense approach	
9 Concern about staying on top of sanitization and cleaning	
10 Mixed responses on school's communication efforts	

**How do you feel the 2020-2021 school year is going?**

1 Well, good, pretty good, satisfied	27
2 Very well, great, better than expected, fantastic	20
3 As well as can be expected	9
4 OK, decent, average, fine	5
5 Overwhelming, stressful, challenging, unique	5
6 Not good, bad, poor	3
7 Glad kids have the opportunity to be in school	
8 Feels pretty normal	
9 Keep the lines of communication open	
10 Looking forward to no masks	

**Is there any other input that you would like to provide at this time?**

- 1 Thank you for all your efforts this school year
- 2 Thank you for allowing us to provide input
- 3 Thank you for allowing the students to stay in school this year
- 4 Keep the lines of communication open
- 5 Stay on top of mental health of staff and students this year