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**Community Research to Support Strategic Planning  
February-March 2023 Parents and Residents Survey  
Report of Findings**

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## INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

As Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools (G-ACS) looks to update its strategic plan, it recognizes it is essential to involve its communities of parents, residents, staff and students into the planning process. Findings from this community research guide the district leadership's planning decisions, and provide benchmarks for later progress evaluations.

This community research centers around plans to improve teaching and learning within Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools -- including academic achievement, instruction and curriculum, parents support for their children's learning, the surrounding educational culture and environment, and supporting programs, services and infrastructure comprising the total educational experience for Galesburg-Augusta students and their families.

The initial phase of this community research was a set of focus group discussions in November 2022 with parents, staff and students to uncover key issues and guide development of these surveys.

This second phase is three separate online surveys ... this one with all parents of children currently attending Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools, another with all G-A Community Schools staff, and a third with all G-A High School students in grades 8 through 12.

This Parents & Residents survey was announced February 16th, 2023 in emails directly to all Galesburg-Augusta district parents (811 email contacts), with a reminder email sent February 28th and again March 7th. The survey link was embedded directly in the emails, with parents asked to click on the survey link and then taken directly to the questionnaire transparently hosted by Survey Monkey. After completing and submitting their answers, respondents were then returned to the Galesburg-Augusta district's home page.

A total **258** survey responses were submitted during February 16 – March 10, 2023, including **245 parents with a child currently attending Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools**. The 245 current parent responses represent 30% of the approximate 811 email invitation sent. The proportionately adjusted sampling error associated with a completed sample of 245 current parents ranges from 1.0% to 5.2% at the 95% confidence level.

Recognizing many parents have children at more than one school level, the number of responses by school building are:

- Primary School ... 135
- Middle School ... 109
- High School ... 104

In addition to the Total Current Parents percentage findings, crosstabs percentages are provided for parents from each school building. Proportionately adjusted sampling error ranges are:

- Primary School ... 1.5% to 7.7%
- Middle School ... 1.7% to 8.7%
- High School ... 1.8% to 9.0%

Relevant findings are reported for each of these three school buildings – Primary School parents are connected to their perceptions of Galesburg-Augusta Primary School, Middle School parents are connected to their perceptions of Galesburg-Augusta Middle School, etc.

Unaided verbatim responses to open-ended questions are summarized in this report, but the actual verbatim comments are published in a separate appendix. Verbatim comments of the 13 respondents who do not have children currently attending Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools are included in that Appendix of Verbatim Comments, but their percentage findings are not included in this report because of the very small and statistically unreliable number responding relative to the entire Galesburg-Augusta community population.

Gartner & Associates LLC designed the research, developed the questionnaire in consultation with Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools leadership, provided web access through its subscription to Survey Monkey, analyzed the data, and prepared this report.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. **Welcome when visiting their school buildings** ... “Very welcome” responses include 84% of Primary School parents, 73% of Middle School parents, and 49% of High School parents.

Few reply “not at all welcome” ... just 2% of Primary School parents, 1% of Middle School parents, and 9% of High School parents.

2. **Schools physically safe** ... “Very safe” responses include 56% of Primary School parents, 53% of Middle School parents, and 34% of High School parents.

Very few reply “not at all safe” ... only 2% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 4% of High School parents.

3. **Schools emotionally safe** ... “Very safe” responses include 49% of Primary School parents, 39% of Middle School parents, and 19% of High School parents.

Few reply “not at all safe” ... only 2% of Primary School parents, 5% of Middle School parents, and 13% of High School parents.

4. **Students treated fairly and with respect** ... “Definitely yes” responses include 52% of Primary School parents, 43% of Middle School parents, and 27% of High School parents.

Few reply “definitely no” ... only 2% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 9% of High School parents.

5. **Staff set, teach and enforce clear expectations for positive behavior** ... “Definitely yes” responses include 67% of Primary School parents, 52% of Middle School parents, and 26% of High School parents.

Few reply “definitely no” ... only 1% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

6. **Children recognized for positive behavior** ... “Definitely yes” responses include a substantial 71% of Primary School parents and 56% of Middle School parents, but only 16% of High School parents.

Few reply “definitely no” ... only 1% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 9% of High School parents.

7. **Discipline consistently enforced in the schools** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 49% of Primary School parents, 30% of Middle School parents, and 18% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 5% of Primary School parents, 17% of Middle School parents, and 24% of High School parents.

**8. Bullying addressed in the schools** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 34% of Primary School parents, 19% of Middle School parents, and 9% of High School parents. “Not at all satisfied” responses include 9% of Primary School parents, 18% of Middle School parents, and 25% of High School parents.

**9 Bullying addressed on the buses** ... 21% of Primary School parents are “very satisfied” with how Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools addresses bullying on its **elementary school buses**, while 24% are “not at all satisfied.”

23% of Middle School parents and 20% of High School parents are “very satisfied” with how Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools addresses bullying on the **secondary school buses**, while 23% of Middle School parents and 26% of High School parents are “not at all satisfied.”

**10. Comfortable talking to staff about your children** ... “Definitely yes” responses include a significant 81% of Primary School parents, 79% of Middle School parents, and 48% of High School parents.

Very few reply “definitely no” ... only 1% of Primary School parents, 1% of Middle School parents, and 7% of High School parents.

**11. At least one Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools staff member knows your child well enough to notice if something was different or troubling** ... “Definitely yes” responses include 74% of Primary School parents, 63% of Middle School parents, and 30% of High School parents..

Few reply “definitely no” ... only 2% of Primary School parents, 2% of Middle School parents, and 10% of High School parents.

12. More frequently mentioned **unaided comments about School and District Environment** include:

- ❖ More consistency and accountability from one teacher or building to another when disciplining kids for poor behavior
- ❖ Treat all kids the same when they misbehave
- ❖ Bullying isn’t sufficiently prevented or addressed
- ❖ Need more encouragement and rewards for students’ positive behavior

**13. Children feel successful at school** ... “Definitely yes” responses include 64% of Primary School parents, 56% of Middle School parents, and 15% of High School parents. “Definitely no” responses include 3% of Primary School parents, 4% of Middle School parents, and 14% of High School parents.

14. **Staff at your child’s school encourage academic success** ... “Definitely yes” responses include 76% of Primary School parents, 54% of Middle School parents, and 29% of High School parents.

Very few reply “definitely no” ... only 1% of Primary School parents, 1% of Middle School parents, and 5% of High School parents.

15. **Help parents support their children’s learning** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 59% of Primary School parents, 43% of Middle School parents, and 13% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 4% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 17% of High School parents.

16. **Attention and support given to students struggling with reading** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 61% of Primary School parents, 55% of Middle School parents, and 31% of High School parents.

Few reply “not at all satisfied” ... only 5% of Primary School parents, 8% of Middle School parents, and 10% of High School parents.

17. **Attention and support given to students struggling with math** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 58% of Primary School parents, 59% of Middle School parents, and 18% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 5% of Primary School parents, 8% of Middle School parents, and 35% of High School parents.

18. **Attention and support given to students struggling overall academically** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 55% of Primary School parents, 49% of Middle School parents, and 16% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 8% of Primary School parents, 8% of Middle School parents, and 26% of High School parents.

19. **Attention and support given to academically advanced students** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 36% of Primary School parents, 37% of Middle School parents, and 25% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 18% of Primary School parents, 17% of Middle School parents, and 30% of High School parents.

20. **Attention and support given to average-achieving students** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 55% of Primary School parents, 44% of Middle School parents, and 19% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 9% of Primary School parents, 10% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

**21. Quantity of homework given to students ...** “Very satisfied” responses include 58% of Primary School parents, 44% of Middle School parents, and 29% of High School parents. “Not at all satisfied” responses include 10% of Primary School parents, 10% of Middle School parents, and 21% of High School parents.

**22. Quality of homework assignments given to students ...** “Very satisfied” responses include 59% of Primary School parents, 46% of Middle School parents, and 22% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 5% of Primary School parents, 9% of Middle School parents, and 20% of High School parents.

**23. Opportunities to engage in a wide variety of learning experiences at school ...**

“Very satisfied” responses include 53% of Primary School parents, 42% of Middle School parents, and 21% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 9% of Primary School parents, 13% of Middle School parents, and 24% of High School parents.

**24. Technology used to enhance learning and teaching in everyday classrooms ...**

“Very satisfied” responses include 52% of Primary School parents, 51% of Middle School parents, and 21% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 8% of Primary School parents, 6% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

**25. Familiarity with additional programs available to G-A High School students ...**

“Very familiar” responses by the High School parents range from 26% for KVCC to 9% for both Career Technology and WMU Dual Enrollment classes.

“Not at all familiar” responses by the High School parents are highest for the WMU Dual Enrollment program (63%).

**26. Satisfaction with additional programs available to G-A High School students ...**

“Very satisfied” responses by the High School parents range from 22% for KVCC to 15% for both WMU Dual Enrollment and Early Middle College classes.

“Not at all satisfied” responses by the High School parents are highest for the WMU Dual Enrollment program (31%).

**27. Programs and education related to developing and supporting our students’ social and emotional development ...** “Very satisfied” responses include 40% of Primary School parents, 34% of Middle School parents, and 13% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 10% of Primary School parents, 11% of Middle School parents, and 26% of High School parents.



**28. Importance of developing social and emotional learning skills or capacities ...**

“Very important” responses by all current G-A parents range from 83% for Responsible Decision Making to 74% for Empathy.

“Not at all important” responses by all current G-A parents are very sparse, at most 2% for Self-Awareness.

**29. Standardized tests performance ...** 23% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” including a high of 32% among Middle School parents.

12% of all current parents are “not at all satisfied,” including a high of 15% among High School parents.

**30. Galesburg-Augusta graduates prepared for what comes next ...** 72% of the High School parents reply “definitely or probably yes” to Galesburg-Augusta graduates being prepared to continue their formal education, 67% also for work and careers, 70% for everyday life, and 62% for military service.

Conversely, 28% of the High School parents feel Galesburg-Augusta graduates are not prepared for continued education, 33% for work and careers, 29% for everyday life, and 37% for military service.

**31. More frequently mentioned **unaided comments about Teaching and Learning** include:**

- ❖ More instructional content and options for students who are academically advanced
- ❖ More electives for the middle school and high school students
- ❖ Support for students who are struggling academically
- ❖ Some parents feel technology is relied on too much by teachers and students; students are able to watch too many YouTube videos while at school
- ❖ Some parents feel there is too much homework, while others say there is not enough
- ❖ More communication from the teachers about what their child is learning and how their child is progressing
- ❖ More instructional content about daily living and “real life”

**32. Attention and support given to special education/special needs students ...**

“Very satisfied” responses include 37% of Primary School special ed parents, 40% of Middle School special ed parents, and 25% of High School special ed parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 11% of Primary School special ed parents, 8% of Middle School special ed parents, and 29% of High School special ed parents.

33. **Initial evaluation process to receive special education services** ... 44% of all current G-A parents with children receiving special education services are “very satisfied.” 18% are “not at all satisfied.”

34. **Re-evaluation process to receive special education services** ... 38% of all current G-A parents with children receiving special education services are “very satisfied.” 17% are “not at all satisfied.”

35. Additional **unaided comments about Special Education services** include:

- ❖ Insufficient communication with parents about their special ed child’s progress or problems
- ❖ Delays in evaluations and approval process to qualify for an IEP or 504 plan
- ❖ Some parents take the time to write that they are very pleased with the Galesburg-Augusta special education services ... *“My son is receiving special education services and I am happy with the results and follow-up with me and his mom”* and *“Ms. Smith and Ms. Baker are wonderful!”*

35. **Familiarity with the preschool opportunities at G-A Community Schools** ... A substantial 69% of Primary School parents are “very familiar,” while 13% are “not at all familiar.”

36. **Preschool program for children age 3 at G-A Community School** ... A significant 74% of Primary School parents are “very satisfied,” while just 6% are “not at all satisfied.”

37. **Preschool program for children age 4 at G-A Community School** ... An impressive 79% of Primary School parents are “very satisfied,” while just 5% are “not at all satisfied.”

38. **Before- and after-school child-care program for elementary school students** ... A noticeable 50% of Primary School parents are “very satisfied,” while 12% are “not at all satisfied.”

39. Additional **unaided comments about before and after school care, preschool, or early childhood education** include:

- ❖ More consistent monthly invoicing for the before and after school care program
- ❖ Some feel these programs are too expensive
- ❖ Some parents take the time to write that they are very pleased with the Galesburg-Augusta before and after school care program and staff ... *“Before and after school care is great and I feel my children are well cared for and loved”* and *“Jillian and Joan make the preschool program an amazing start to lifelong learning and create a family environment that encourages and nurtures our children”* and *“Ms. Turner and Mrs. Jessica are amazing teachers! They take time out to make sure every student has the best care and learning options!”*

41. **Athletic opportunities** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 54% of Primary School parents, 36% of Middle School parents, and 43% of High School parents. “Not at all satisfied” responses include 10% of Primary School parents, 8% of Middle School parents, and 6% of High School parents.

42. **Arts opportunities** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 38% of Primary School parents, 28% of Middle School parents, and 23% of High School parents. “Not at all satisfied” responses include 15% of Primary School parents, 26% of Middle School parents, and 16% of High School parents.

43. **Other extra-curricular activities and clubs opportunities** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 37% of Primary School parents, 21% of Middle School parents, and 17% of High School parents. “Not at all satisfied” responses include 19% of Primary School parents, 24% of Middle School parents, and 17% of High School parents.

44. Additional **unaided comments about extra-curricular activities and opportunities** include:

- ❖ More all types of extra-curricular opportunities needed, including sports, arts, and academic and life interests
- ❖ More and better communications needed to inform parents and students about the extra-curricular activities and programs
- ❖ More partnerships with other schools or districts to provide extra-curricular opportunities not available to scale in Galesburg-Augusta

45. **Responsible with managing and spending annual operating budget** ... 39% of all current G-A parents reply “very responsible” (35%), while 9% answer “not at all responsible.”

46. **Communications of updates about the design and construction plans for the new facilities financed by the 2021 bond issue** ... A considerable 53% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” while only 7% are “not at all satisfied.”

47. **Cleanliness and maintenance at the school buildings** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 60% of Primary School parents, 64% of Middle School parents, and 59% of High School parents. Very few reply “not at all satisfied” ... only 5% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 3% of High School parents.

48. **Transportation/busing** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 32% of Primary School parents, 29% of Middle School parents, and 38% of High School parents. “Not at all satisfied” responses include 23% of Primary School parents, 20% of Middle School parents, and 18% of High School parents.

49. **Quality of food served** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 31% of Primary School parents, 20% of Middle School parents, and 20% of High School parents. “Not at all satisfied” responses include 10% of Primary School parents, 21% of Middle School parents, and 23% of High School parents.

50. **Quantity of food served at each meal** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 48% of Primary School parents, 35% of Middle School parents, and 28% of High School parents. “Not at all satisfied” responses include 10% of Primary School parents, 15% of Middle School parents, and 18% of High School parents.

51. Additional **unaided comments about facilities, operations, and management** include:

- ❖ Better, more nutritious food options
- ❖ School lunch portions don’t provide enough food, kids are still hungry
- ❖ Acknowledge shortage of bus drivers while also noting some bus drivers have poor attitudes
- ❖ Bus routes are too long
- ❖ Better cleanliness needed at the Primary School

52. **G-A Community Schools district web site** ... 30% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” while just 8% are “not at all satisfied.”

53. **G-A Community Schools district Facebook page** ... A substantial 66% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” while just 4% are “not at all satisfied.”

54. **Individual school building’s Facebook page** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 40% of Primary School parents, 35% of Middle School parents, and 46% of High School parents. “Not at all satisfied” responses include 12% of Primary School parents, 12% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

55. **Communications from each school about what is occurring in their individual school building** ... “Very satisfied” responses include 56% of Primary School parents, 36% of Middle School parents, and 24% of High School parents. “Not at all satisfied” responses include 9% of Primary School parents, 9% of Middle School parents, and 17% of High School parents.

**56. Communications from their children’s teachers about what is occurring in class ...** “Very satisfied” responses include 70% of Primary School parents, 42% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 5% of Primary School parents, 11% of Middle School parents, and a considerable 39% of High School parents.

**57. How their children’s teachers utilize PowerSchool ...** “Very satisfied” responses include 45% of Middle School parents and 18% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 12% of Middle School parents and 18% of High School parents.

**58. Teachers responsive to questions and messages from parents ...** “Very responsive” responses include 83% of Primary School parents, 75% of Middle School parents, and 32% of High School parents.

Few reply “not at all responsive” ... only 1% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

**59. Guidance counselors responsive to questions and messages from parents ...**

“Very responsive” responses include 64% of Primary School parents, 44% of Middle School parents, and 24% of High School parents.

“Not at all responsive” responses include 15% of Primary School parents, 22% of Middle School parents, and 22% of High School parents.

**60. Information about resources to assist families with children with social, emotional or behavioral issues ...** “Very satisfied” responses include 42% of Primary School parents, 28% of Middle School parents, and 20% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 18% of Primary School parents, 17% of Middle School parents, and 29% of High School parents.

**61. Communicating important information about school openings, closings and schedules in a timely and effective manner ...** 39% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” while 9% are “not at all satisfied.”

**62. Communications from G-A Community Schools about what is occurring in its individual schools ...** 42% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” while 9% are “not at all satisfied.”

**63. Communications from G-A Community Schools about what is occurring throughout the district ...** 35% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” while 10% are “not at all satisfied.”

**64. Communications from G-A Community Schools about education issues and trends** ... 29% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” while 20% are “not at all satisfied.”

65. More frequently mentioned **unaided comments about communications** include:

- ❖ Inconsistencies in communication timeliness, frequency and thoroughness ... some school buildings and teachers are very good with communicating while others are not as good
- ❖ Some parents ask for more interactive communications via Facebook, while other parents feel Facebook is relied on too much by the district
- ❖ More information and communications about events, activities and updates
- ❖ Some parents don’t know there are guidance counselors and social workers at the Middle School or at the High School

**66. Overall satisfaction with Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools** ... 36% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” including 45% of Primary School parents, 30% of Middle School parents, and 29% of High School parents.

Just 5% of all current G-A parents are “not at all satisfied,” including 5% of Primary School parents, 6% of Middle School parents, and 5% of High School parents.

**67. Satisfaction with Galesburg-Augusta Primary School** ... A substantial 62% of Primary School parents are “very satisfied” with the Primary School, while just 3% are “not at all satisfied.”

58% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” while only 4% are “not at all satisfied.”

**68. Satisfaction with Galesburg-Augusta Middle School** ... 40% of Middle School parents are “very satisfied” with the Middle School, while only 5% are “not at all satisfied.” 42% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” while just 5% are “not at all satisfied.”

**69. Satisfaction with Galesburg-Augusta High School** ... 22% of High School parents are “very satisfied” with the High School, while 14% are “not at all satisfied.”

24% of all current G-A parents are “very satisfied,” while 16% are “not at all satisfied.”

**70. Recommend to families to enroll their children in Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools** ... 38% of all current G-A parents say “definitely yes,” including 43% of Primary School parents, 33% of Middle School parents, and 34% of High School parents. Just 5% of all current parents reply “definitely no,” at most 7% among High School parents.

71. More frequently cited unaided **“liked best” attributes of Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools** include:

- ❖ Small town, family-oriented community feeling
- ❖ Smaller classroom sizes and smaller schools allow for more individual attention
- ❖ Friendly and caring teachers and staff
- ❖ Responsive communications

72. More frequently cited unaided **suggested improvements for Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools** include:

- ❖ More frequent, responsive and thorough communications from teachers to parents on how their children are progressing in school and what they’re learning, especially at the Middle School and High School levels
- ❖ Address bullying when it starts or happens
- ❖ Consistency when enforcing discipline
- ❖ More programs for academically advanced students more
- ❖ More support for students struggling academically
- ❖ More elective options for the High School students

## SAMPLE PROFILE

### Children in specific Galesburg-Augusta Community School buildings

	<b>Number of current parents</b>	<b>Percent of current parents</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(245)</b>	<b>100%</b>
G-A Primary School	(135)	55%
G-A Middle School	(109)	44%
G-A High School	(104)	42%

### Children receiving special education services

	<b>Number of current parents</b>	<b>Percent of total current parents</b>
Receiving special ed services	(63)	26%

### Preschool children

Current parents with children attending G-ACS	(n = 243)
With preschool age children	19%
Current parents with preschool age children	(n = 45)
In a preschool program	67%
Current parents in a preschool program	(n = 30)
In a preschool program, but not G-ACS	13%
In a G-A CS preschool program	87%



## SAMPLE PROFILE

### Other schools currently attending

Total current G-ACS parents	(n = 245)
Public school in another district	7%
Charter school	0%
Home schooled	1%
Parochial or religious school	<1%
Private school	0%

### Reasons why children do not currently attend G-ACS

Q. If you answered “yes” in the previous question, please tell us why your child is not attending Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools?

More frequently cited reasons include:

- ❖ G-A’s preschool program not affordable
- ❖ Special education needs
- ❖ More academic options or perceived better academics in another district
- ❖ Personal family reasons, such as live in another district or divorce

Individual reasons why their child is not attending Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools are provided in the appendix of verbatim comments (separate from this report).

## **SURVEY FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

### **SCHOOL AND DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT**

Welcome when visiting a Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools building

G-A's schools physically safe

G-A's schools emotionally safe

Students treated fairly and with respect

Staff set, teach and enforce clear expectations for positive behavior

Children recognized for positive behavior

Discipline consistently enforced in the schools

Addressing bullying

Parents comfortable talking to staff about their children

At least one staff member knows your child well enough to recognize if something was different or troubling

Summary of unaided comments on School and District Environment

**Feel welcome when visiting a Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools building**

“Very welcome” responses include 84% of Primary School parents, 73% of Middle School parents, and 49% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat welcome” responses include 94% of Primary School parents, 97% of Middle School parents, and 73% of High School parents.

Few reply “not at all welcome” ... just 2% of Primary School parents, 1% of Middle School parents, and 9% of High School parents.

{Note: Read as 66% of the G-A Primary School parents feel “very welcome” when visiting the Primary School.}

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<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	84%	73%	38%
<b>Somewhat</b>	10%	24%	35%
<b>Slightly</b>	4%	2%	18%
<b>Not at all</b>	2%	1%	9%
<b>(n)</b>	(122)	(101)	(88)

**Galesburg-Augusta schools physically safe**

“Very safe” responses include 56% of Primary School parents, 53% of Middle School parents, and 34% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat safe” responses include 94% of Primary School parents, 92% of Middle School parents, and 88% of High School parents.

Very few reply “not at all safe” ... only 2% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 4% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Physically safe</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	56%	53%	34%
<b>Somewhat</b>	38%	39%	54%
<b>Slightly</b>	3%	5%	8%
<b>Not at all</b>	2%	3%	4%
<b>(n)</b>	(121)	(99)	(85)

**Galesburg-Augusta schools emotionally safe**

“Very safe” responses include 49% of Primary School parents, 39% of Middle School parents, and 19% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat safe” responses include 94% of Primary School parents, 84% of Middle School parents, and 66% of High School parents.

Few reply “not at all safe” ... only 2% of Primary School parents, 5% of Middle School parents, and 13% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Physically safe</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	49%	39%	19%
<b>Somewhat</b>	45%	45%	47%
<b>Slightly</b>	4%	12%	22%
<b>Not at all</b>	2%	5%	13%
<b>(n)</b>	(120)	(101)	(86)

**Students at your child’s school treated fairly and with respect**

“Definitely yes” responses include 52% of Primary School parents, 43% of Middle School parents, and 27% of High School parents.

“Definitely or probably yes” responses include 95% of Primary School parents, 87% of Middle School parents, and 76% of High School parents.

Few reply “definitely no” ... only 2% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 9% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	52%	43%	27%
<b>Probably yes</b>	43%	44%	49%
<b>Probably no</b>	2%	9%	15%
<b>Definitely no</b>	2%	3%	9%
<b>(n)</b>	(122)	(99)	(88)

**Staff at your child’s school set, teach and enforce clear expectations for positive behavior**

“Definitely yes” responses include 67% of Primary School parents, 52% of Middle School parents, and 26% of High School parents.

“Definitely or probably yes” responses include 96% of Primary School parents, 92% of Middle School parents, and 76% of High School parents.

Few reply “definitely no” ... only 1% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	67%	52%	26%
<b>Probably yes</b>	29%	40%	50%
<b>Probably no</b>	3%	5%	13%
<b>Definitely no</b>	1%	3%	11%
<b>(n)</b>	(122)	(99)	(88)

**Children recognized for positive behavior**

“Definitely yes” responses include a substantial 71% of Primary School parents and 56% of Middle School parents, but only 16% of High School parents.

“Definitely or probably yes” responses include 97% of Primary School parents, 92% of Middle School parents, and 70% of High School parents.

Few reply “definitely no” ... only 1% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 9% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	71%	56%	16%
<b>Probably yes</b>	26%	36%	54%
<b>Probably no</b>	2%	5%	20%
<b>Definitely no</b>	1%	3%	9%
<b>(n)</b>	(121)	(99)	(85)



**Discipline consistently enforced in Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools**

“Very satisfied” responses include 49% of Primary School parents, 30% of Middle School parents, and 18% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 85% of Primary School parents, 69% of Middle School parents, and 53% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 5% of Primary School parents, 17% of Middle School parents, and 24% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	49%	30%	18%
<b>Somewhat</b>	36%	39%	35%
<b>Slightly</b>	9%	15%	24%
<b>Not at all</b>	5%	17%	24%
<b>(n)</b>	(110)	(96)	(84)

**Bullying addressed by Galesburg-Augusta schools**

Very satisfied” responses include 34% of Primary School parents, 19% of Middle School parents, and 9% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 74% of Primary School parents, 51% of Middle School parents, and 45% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 9% of Primary School parents, 18% of Middle School parents, and 25% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	34%	19%	9%
<b>Somewhat</b>	40%	32%	36%
<b>Slightly</b>	17%	31%	30%
<b>Not at all</b>	9%	18%	25%
<b>(n)</b>	(111)	(94)	(80)

**Bullying addressed on buses**

Fifty-nine percent of Primary School parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” with how Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools addresses bullying on its **elementary school buses**, including 21% who are “very satisfied.”

Twenty-four percent of Primary School parents are “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	21%
<b>Somewhat</b>	38%
<b>Slightly</b>	17%
<b>Not at all</b>	24%
<b>(n)</b>	(63)

Fifty-eight percent of Middle School parents and 51% of High School parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” with how Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools addresses bullying on the **secondary school buses**. This includes 23% of Middle School parents and 20% of High School parents who are “very satisfied.”

Twenty-three percent of Middle School parents and 26% of High School parents are “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	23%	20%
<b>Somewhat</b>	35%	31%
<b>Slightly</b>	19%	23%
<b>Not at all</b>	23%	26%
<b>(n)</b>	(74)	(61)

**Comfortable talking to staff about your children**

“Definitely yes” responses include a significant 81% of Primary School parents, 79% of Middle School parents, and 48% of High School parents.

“Definitely or probably yes” responses include 96% of Primary School parents, 96% of Middle School parents, and 84% of High School parents.

Very few reply “definitely no” ... only 1% of Primary School parents, 1% of Middle School parents, and 7% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	81%	79%	48%
<b>Probably yes</b>	15%	17%	36%
<b>Probably no</b>	3%	3%	9%
<b>Definitely no</b>	1%	1%	7%
<b>(n)</b>	(122)	(98)	(88)

**At least one Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools staff member knows your child well enough to notice if something was different or troubling**

“Definitely yes” responses include 74% of Primary School parents, 63% of Middle School parents, and 30% of High School parents.

“Definitely or probably yes” responses include 97% of Primary School parents, 87% of Middle School parents, and 68% of High School parents.

Few reply “definitely no” ... only 2% of Primary School parents, 2% of Middle School parents, and 10% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	74%	63%	30%
<b>Probably yes</b>	23%	24%	38%
<b>Probably no</b>	2%	11%	22%
<b>Definitely no</b>	2%	2%	10%
<b>(n)</b>	(122)	(99)	(87)

**Additional comments on School and District Environment:**

Q. Do you have any comments or suggestions about any of the topics in this section on School and District Environment?

More frequently mentioned unaided comments about School and District Environment include:

- ❖ More consistency and accountability from one teacher or building to another when disciplining kids for poor behavior
- ❖ Treat all kids the same when they misbehave
- ❖ Bullying isn't sufficiently prevented or addressed
- ❖ Need more encouragement and rewards for students' positive behavior

Individual comments on School and District Environment are provided in the appendix of verbatim comments (separate from this report).

## **SURVEY FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

### **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Children feel successful at school

Child's school encourage academic success

Helping parents support their children's learning

Attention and support given to students struggling academically ... reading, math, and overall

Attention and support given to academically advanced students

Attention and support given to average-achieving students

Quantity and quality of homework given to students

Opportunities for a wide variety of learning experiences

Technology used to enhance learning and teaching in everyday classrooms

Familiarity and satisfaction with Career Tech, KVCC, WMU Dual Enrollment, and Early Middle College programs available to G-A High School students

Programs for developing and supporting our students' social and emotional development

Importance to teach Self-awareness, Self-management or regulation, Empathy, Relationship skills, and Responsible decision making

Standardized tests performance

Galesburg-Augusta graduates prepared to continue their formal education, for work and careers, for everyday life, and for military service

Summary of unaided comments on Teaching and Learning

**Your child feels successful at school**

“Definitely yes” responses include 64% of Primary School parents, 56% of Middle School parents, and 15% of High School parents.

“Definitely or probably yes” responses include 93% of Primary School parents, 90% of Middle School parents, and 61% of High School parents.

“Definitely no” responses include 3% of Primary School parents, 4% of Middle School parents, and 14% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	64%	56%	15%
<b>Probably yes</b>	29%	34%	46%
<b>Probably no</b>	4%	6%	25%
<b>Definitely no</b>	3%	4%	14%
<b>(n)</b>	(112)	(89)	(80)



**Staff at your child’s school encourage academic success**

“Definitely yes” responses include 76% of Primary School parents, 54% of Middle School parents, and 29% of High School parents.

“Definitely or probably yes” responses include 97% of Primary School parents, 94% of Middle School parents, and 74% of High School parents.

Very few reply “definitely no” ... only 1% of Primary School parents, 1% of Middle School parents, and 5% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	76%	54%	29%
<b>Probably yes</b>	21%	40%	45%
<b>Probably no</b>	3%	4%	21%
<b>Definitely no</b>	1%	1%	5%
<b>(n)</b>	(111)	(89)	(78)

**G-A Community Schools helps its parents support their children’s learning**

“Very satisfied” responses include 59% of Primary School parents, 43% of Middle School parents, and 13% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 86% of Primary School parents, 76% of Middle School parents, and 54% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 4% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 17% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	59%	43%	13%
<b>Somewhat</b>	27%	33%	41%
<b>Slightly</b>	10%	21%	29%
<b>Not at all</b>	4%	3%	17%
<b>(n)</b>	(111)	(92)	(78)

**Attention and support given to students struggling with reading**

“Very satisfied” responses with the attention and support given to students **struggling with reading** include 61% of Primary School parents, 55% of Middle School parents, and 31% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 87% of Primary School parents, 82% of Middle School parents, and 71% of High School parents.

Few reply “not at all satisfied” ... only 5% of Primary School parents, 8% of Middle School parents, and 10% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	61%	55%	31%
<b>Somewhat</b>	26%	27%	40%
<b>Slightly</b>	8%	11%	19%
<b>Not at all</b>	5%	8%	10%
<b>(n)</b>	(85)	(64)	(48)

**Attention and support given to students struggling with math**

“Very satisfied” responses with the attention and support given to students **struggling with math** include 58% of Primary School parents, 59% of Middle School parents, and 18% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 80% of Primary School parents, 79% of Middle School parents, and 47% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 5% of Primary School parents, 8% of Middle School parents, and 35% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	58%	59%	18%
<b>Somewhat</b>	22%	20%	29%
<b>Slightly</b>	14%	14%	18%
<b>Not at all</b>	5%	8%	35%
<b>(n)</b>	(76)	(66)	(66)

**Attention and support given to students struggling overall academically**

“Very satisfied” responses with the attention and support given to students **struggling overall academically** include 55% of Primary School parents, 49% of Middle School parents, and 16% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 84% of Primary School parents, 78% of Middle School parents, and 45% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 8% of Primary School parents, 8% of Middle School parents, and 26% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	55%	49%	16%
<b>Somewhat</b>	29%	29%	29%
<b>Slightly</b>	8%	14%	29%
<b>Not at all</b>	8%	8%	26%
<b>(n)</b>	(86)	(79)	(69)

**Attention and support given to academically advanced students**

“Very satisfied” responses with the attention and support given to **academically advanced** students include 36% of Primary School parents, 37% of Middle School parents, and 25% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 74% of Primary School parents, 58% of Middle School parents, and 48% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 18% of Primary School parents, 17% of Middle School parents, and 30% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	36%	37%	25%
<b>Somewhat</b>	38%	21%	23%
<b>Slightly</b>	9%	25%	23%
<b>Not at all</b>	18%	17%	30%
<b>(n)</b>	(80)	(71)	(57)

**Attention and support given to average-achieving students**

“Very satisfied” responses with the attention and support given to **average-achieving** students include 55% of Primary School parents, 44% of Middle School parents, and 19% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 87% of Primary School parents, 79% of Middle School parents, and 60% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 9% of Primary School parents, 10% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	55%	44%	19%
<b>Somewhat</b>	32%	35%	41%
<b>Slightly</b>	4%	10%	30%
<b>Not at all</b>	9%	10%	11%
<b>(n)</b>	(91)	(77)	(64)

**Quantity of homework given to students**

“Very satisfied” responses with the *quantity* of homework given to students include 58% of Primary School parents, 44% of Middle School parents, and 29% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 81% of Primary School parents, 71% of Middle School parents, and 60% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 10% of Primary School parents, 10% of Middle School parents, and 21% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	58%	44%	29%
<b>Somewhat</b>	23%	27%	31%
<b>Slightly</b>	9%	19%	19%
<b>Not at all</b>	10%	10%	21%
<b>(n)</b>	(101)	(86)	(75)



**Quality of homework assignments given to students**

“Very satisfied” responses with the *quality* of homework assignments given to students include 59% of Primary School parents, 46% of Middle School parents, and 22% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 85% of Primary School parents, 72% of Middle School parents, and 55% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 5% of Primary School parents, 9% of Middle School parents, and 20% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	59%	46%	22%
<b>Somewhat</b>	26%	26%	33%
<b>Slightly</b>	9%	20%	25%
<b>Not at all</b>	5%	9%	20%
<b>(n)</b>	(95)	(81)	(69)

**Opportunities to engage in a wide variety of learning experiences at school**

“Very satisfied” responses with the availability of opportunities to engage in a wide variety of learning experiences in their Galesburg-Augusta schools include 53% of Primary School parents, 42% of Middle School parents, and 21% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 82% of Primary School parents, 71% of Middle School parents, and 47% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 9% of Primary School parents, 13% of Middle School parents, and 24% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	53%	42%	21%
<b>Somewhat</b>	29%	29%	26%
<b>Slightly</b>	10%	16%	29%
<b>Not at all</b>	9%	13%	24%
<b>(n)</b>	(104)	(86)	(76)

**Technology used to enhance learning and teaching in everyday classrooms**

“Very satisfied” responses with how technology is used to enhance learning and teaching in the everyday classrooms in their G-A Community Schools include 52% of Primary School parents, 51% of Middle School parents, and 21% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 83% of Primary School parents, 82% of Middle School parents, and 68% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 8% of Primary School parents, 6% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	52%	51%	21%
<b>Somewhat</b>	31%	31%	47%
<b>Slightly</b>	9%	12%	22%
<b>Not at all</b>	8%	6%	11%
<b>(n)</b>	(97)	(86)	(73)

**Familiarity with additional programs available to G-A High School students**

“Very familiar” responses by the High School parents range from 22% for KVCC to 9% for both Career Technology and WMU Dual Enrollment classes.

“Very or somewhat familiar” responses by the High School parents range from 45% for KVCC to 21% for WMU Dual Enrollment classes.

“Not at all familiar” responses by the High School parents are highest for the WMU Dual Enrollment program (63%).

**2023 Survey ... High School parents (n = 70)**

	<b>Very familiar</b>	<b>Somewhat familiar</b>	<b>Slightly familiar</b>	<b>Not at all familiar</b>
Career technology and vocational education	<b>9%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>42%</b>
KVCC	<b>22%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>41%</b>
WMU Dual Enrollment	<b>9%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>63%</b>
Early Middle College	<b>11%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>53%</b>

**2023 Survey ... Total Current parents (n = 136)**

	<b>Very familiar</b>	<b>Somewhat familiar</b>	<b>Slightly familiar</b>	<b>Not at all familiar</b>
Career technology and vocational education	10%	25%	18%	46%
KVCC	19%	20%	14%	46%
WMU Dual Enrollment	11%	12%	15%	61%
Early Middle College	11%	17%	14%	59%

**Satisfaction with additional programs available to G-A High School students**

“Very satisfied” responses by the High School parents range from 26% for KVCC to 15% for both WMU Dual Enrollment and Early Middle College classes.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses by the High School parents range from 60% for KVCC to 46% for WMU Dual Enrollment classes.

“Not at all satisfied” responses by the High School parents are highest for the WMU Dual Enrollment program (31%).

**2023 Survey ... High School parents (n = 47)**

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Career technology and vocational education	<b>19%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>23%</b>
KVCC	<b>26%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>21%</b>
WMU Dual Enrollment	<b>15%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>31%</b>
Early Middle College	<b>15%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>25%</b>

**2023 Survey ... Total Current parents (n = 74)**

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Career technology and vocational education	21%	33%	25%	21%
KVCC	27%	35%	19%	19%
WMU Dual Enrollment	20%	32%	23%	25%
Early Middle College	21%	32%	25%	22%

**Programs and education related to developing and supporting our students’ social and emotional development**

“Very satisfied” responses with the programs and education related to developing and supporting our students’ social and emotional development include 40% of Primary School parents, 34% of Middle School parents, and 13% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 76% of Primary School parents, 68% of Middle School parents, and 47% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 10% of Primary School parents, 11% of Middle School parents, and 26% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	40%	34%	13%
<b>Somewhat</b>	35%	34%	34%
<b>Slightly</b>	15%	20%	26%
<b>Not at all</b>	10%	11%	26%
<b>(n)</b>	(94)	(79)	(68)

**Importance of developing social and emotional learning skills or capacities**

When asked about the importance of developing five specific social and emotional learning skills or capacities, the percent of total current G-A parents who reply “very important” ranges from 83% for Responsible Decision Making to 74% for Empathy.

“Not at all important” responses by total current G-A parents are very sparse, at most 2% for Self-Awareness.

**2023 Survey ... Total Current parents (n = 188)**

	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Slightly important</b>	<b>Not at all important</b>
Self-Awareness	75%	18%	5%	2%
Self-Management/Regulation	79%	16%	4%	1%
Empathy	74%	20%	5%	1%
Relationship Skills	76%	18%	5%	1%
Responsible Decision Making	83%	13%	3%	1%

The percent of Primary School parents who reply “very important” ranges from 82% for Responsible Decision Making to 75% for Self-Awareness.

**2023 Survey ... Primary School parents (n = 107)**

	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Slightly important</b>	<b>Not at all important</b>
Self-Awareness	75%	21%	5%	0%
Self-Management/Regulation	81%	16%	3%	0%
Empathy	76%	20%	5%	0%
Relationship Skills	78%	16%	6%	0%
Responsible Decision Making	82%	15%	3%	0%

The percent of Middle School parents who reply “very important” ranges from 87% for Responsible Decision Making to 79% for Empathy.

**2023 Survey ... Middle School parents (n = 90)**

	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Slightly important</b>	<b>Not at all important</b>
Self-Awareness	80%	15%	4%	1%
Self-Management/Regulation	83%	11%	4%	1%
Empathy	79%	17%	3%	1%
Relationship Skills	81%	12%	7%	0%
Responsible Decision Making	87%	9%	3%	1%

The percent of High School parents who reply “very important” ranges from 81% for Responsible Decision Making to 68% for Empathy.

**2023 Survey ... High School parents (n = 78)**

	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Slightly important</b>	<b>Not at all important</b>
Self-Awareness	71%	16%	9%	4%
Self-Management/Regulation	76%	14%	7%	3%
Empathy	68%	22%	8%	3%
Relationship Skills	70%	21%	8%	1%
Responsible Decision Making	81%	13%	4%	3%



### Standardized tests performance

Almost three-fourths of current parents (73%) are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the G-A Community Schools performance on the standardized tests such as the M-STEP, PSAT and SAT.

This includes 23% of current parents who are “very satisfied,” including a high of 32% among Middle School parents.

Twelve percent of all current parents are “not at all satisfied,” including a high of 15% among High School parents.

### 2023 Survey

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	23%	30%	32%	10%
<b>Somewhat</b>	50%	54%	46%	49%
<b>Slightly</b>	16%	8%	11%	25%
<b>Not at all</b>	12%	8%	11%	15%
<b>(n)</b>	(147)	(76)	(79)	(71)

**SUMMARY: G-A Community Schools graduates prepared**

More current G-A High School parents believe G-A Community Schools graduates are prepared to continue their formal education (72% “definitely/probably yes”) than for work and careers (67%) or for everyday life (70%) or for military service (62%).

Eleven percent of G-A High School parents reply “definitely yes” to G-A graduates being prepared to continue their formal education, 8% also for work and careers, 5% for everyday life, and 9% for military service.

Conversely, 28% of the High School parents feel G-A graduates are not prepared for continued education, 33% for work and careers, 29% for everyday life, and 37% for military service.

**2023 Survey ... High School parents**

<b>G-A graduates are prepared:</b>	<b>To continue their formal education</b>	<b>For work and careers</b>	<b>For everyday life</b>	<b>For military service</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Probably yes</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Probably no</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Definitely no</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	<b>(75)</b>	<b>(75)</b>	<b>(75)</b>	<b>(64)</b>

**2023 Survey ... Total current parents**

<b>G-A graduates are prepared:</b>	<b>To continue their formal education</b>	<b>For work and careers</b>	<b>For everyday life</b>	<b>For military service</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	15%	15%	13%	13%
<b>Probably yes</b>	61%	57%	61%	58%
<b>Probably no</b>	14%	19%	16%	17%
<b>Definitely no</b>	10%	9%	10%	13%
<b>(n)</b>	<b>(143)</b>	<b>(141)</b>	<b>(142)</b>	<b>(125)</b>

**G-A graduates prepared to continue their formal education**

Almost three-fourths of current High School parents (72%) believe G-A graduates are prepared to continue their formal education, including 11% who reply “definitely yes.”

Three-fourths of all current parents (76%) believe G-A graduates are prepared to continue their formal education, including 15% who reply “definitely yes.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	15%	<b>11%</b>
<b>Probably yes</b>	61%	<b>61%</b>
<b>Probably no</b>	14%	<b>17%</b>
<b>Definitely no</b>	10%	<b>11%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(143)	<b>(75)</b>

**G-A graduates prepared for work and careers**

Two-thirds of current High School parents (67%) believe G-A graduates are prepared for work and careers. This includes 8% who reply “definitely yes.”

Seventy-two percent of all current parents believe G-A graduates are prepared for work and careers, including 15% who reply “definitely yes.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	15%	<b>8%</b>
<b>Probably yes</b>	57%	<b>59%</b>
<b>Probably no</b>	19%	<b>25%</b>
<b>Definitely no</b>	9%	<b>8%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(141)	<b>(75)</b>

**G-A graduates prepared for everyday life**

Seventy percent of current High School parents believe G-A graduates are prepared for everyday life, including 5% who reply “definitely yes.”

Three-fourths of all current parents (74%) believe G-A graduates are prepared for everyday life, including 13% who reply “definitely yes.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	13%	<b>5%</b>
<b>Probably yes</b>	61%	<b>65%</b>
<b>Probably no</b>	16%	<b>20%</b>
<b>Definitely no</b>	10%	<b>9%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(71)	<b>(75)</b>

**G-A graduates prepared for military service**

Sixty-two percent of current High School parents believe G-A graduates are prepared for military service, including 9% who reply “definitely yes.”

Seventy-one percent of all current parents believe G-A graduates are prepared for military service, including 13% who reply “definitely yes.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	13%	<b>9%</b>
<b>Probably yes</b>	58%	<b>53%</b>
<b>Probably no</b>	17%	<b>20%</b>
<b>Definitely no</b>	13%	<b>17%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(125)	<b>(64)</b>

### **Additional Comments about Teaching and Learning**

Q. Do you have any comments or suggestions about any of the topics in this section on Teaching and Learning?

More frequently mentioned unaided comments about Teaching and Learning include:

- ❖ More instructional content and options for students who are academically advanced
- ❖ More electives for the middle school and high school students
- ❖ Support for students who are struggling academically
- ❖ Some parents feel technology is relied on too much by teachers and students; students are able to watch too many YouTube videos while at school
- ❖ Some parents feel there is too much homework, while others say there is not enough
- ❖ More communication from the teachers about what their child is learning and how their child is progressing
- ❖ More instructional content about daily living and “real life”

Individual comments on Teaching and Learning are provided in the appendix of verbatim comments (separate from this report).

## **SURVEY FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Attention and support G-A Community Schools gives to special education/special needs students

Initial evaluation process to receive special education services

Re-evaluation process for special education services

Additional verbatim comments about special education services published in separate appendix report



**Attention and support given to special education/special needs students**

“Very satisfied” responses with the attention given to their special needs children include 37% of Primary School special ed parents, 40% of Middle School special ed parents, and 25% of High School special ed parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses with the attention given to their special needs children include 66% of Primary School special ed parents, 68% of Middle School special ed parents, and 54% of High School special ed parents.

Eleven percent of Primary School special ed parents, 8% of Middle School special ed parents, and a substantial 29% of High School special ed parents are “not at all satisfied.”

These finding should be interpreted with caution because of the small sample sizes.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	37%	40%	25%
<b>Somewhat</b>	29%	28%	29%
<b>Slightly</b>	23%	24%	17%
<b>Not at all</b>	11%	8%	29%
<b>(n)</b>	(35)	(25)	(24)

**Initial evaluation and re-evaluation processes to receive special education services**

When asked about the *initial evaluation process* for special education services, 66% of current G-A Community Schools parents with children receiving special education services are “very or somewhat satisfied.” This includes 44% who are “very satisfied.”

Eighteen percent are “not at all satisfied.”

When asked about the *re-evaluation process* for special education services, 72% of current G-A Community Schools parents with children receiving special education services are “very or somewhat satisfied.” This includes 38% who are “very satisfied.”

Seventeen percent are “not at all satisfied.”

Again, these finding should be interpreted with caution because of the small sample sizes.

**2023 Survey ... total current G-A Special Ed parents**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Initial evaluation</b>	<b>Re- evaluation</b>
<b>Very</b>	44%	38%
<b>Somewhat</b>	22%	34%
<b>Slightly</b>	16%	11%
<b>Not at all</b>	18%	17%
<b>(n)</b>	(50)	(47)

**Additional comments about Special Education services**

Q. Do you have any additional comments specifically about Special Education services?

Additional comments about Special Education services include:

- ❖ Insufficient communication with parents about their special ed child's progress or problems
- ❖ Delays in evaluations and approval process to qualify for an IEP or 504 plan
- ❖ Some parents take the time to write that they are very pleased with the Galesburg-Augusta special education services ... *"My son is receiving special education services and I am happy with the results and follow-up with me and his mom"* and *"Ms. Smith and Ms. Baker are wonderful!"*

Individual comments are provided in the appendix of verbatim comments (separate from this report).

## **SURVEY FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Familiarity with the preschool opportunities at G-A Community Schools

Satisfaction with the preschool opportunities at G-A Community Schools for children age 3

Satisfaction with the preschool opportunities at G-A Community Schools for children age 4

Before-school and after-school childcare programs at G-A Community Schools

Additional verbatim comments about before and after school care, preschool, or early childhood education published in separate appendix report

**Familiarity with the preschool opportunities at G-A Community Schools**

Eighty-three percent of current Primary School parents are “very or somewhat familiar” with the preschool opportunities at G-A Community Schools, including a substantial 69% who reply “very familiar.”

Thirteen percent of Primary School parents are “not at all familiar.”

Slightly more than three-fourths of total current G-A parents (77%) are “very or somewhat familiar” with the preschool opportunities at G-A Community Schools, including 59% who reply “very familiar.”

Eighteen percent of total current parents are “not at all familiar.”

**2023 Survey**

<b>Familiar</b>	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	59%	<b>69%</b>
<b>Somewhat</b>	18%	<b>14%</b>
<b>Slightly</b>	5%	<b>5%</b>
<b>Not at all</b>	18%	<b>13%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(119)	<b>(80)</b>

**Preschool program for children age 3 at G-A Community Schools**

Eighty-nine percent of current Primary School parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the preschool program for children **age 3**, including a significant 74% who reply “very satisfied.”

Just 6% of Primary School parents are “not at all satisfied.”

Eighty-seven percent of total current G-A parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the preschool program for children preschool program for children **age 3**, including an impressive 71% who reply “very satisfied.”

Few current parents are “not at all satisfied,” just 4%.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	71%	<b>74%</b>
<b>Somewhat</b>	16%	<b>15%</b>
<b>Slightly</b>	8%	<b>6%</b>
<b>Not at all</b>	4%	<b>6%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(73)	<b>(53)</b>

**Preschool program for children age 4 at G-A Community Schools**

Most current Primary School parents (92%) are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the preschool program for children **age 4**, including an impressive 79% who reply “very satisfied.”

Only 5% of Primary School parents are “not at all satisfied.”

Ninety percent of total current G-A parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the preschool program for children preschool program for children **age 4**, including a significant 76% who reply “very satisfied.”

Few current parents are “not at all satisfied,” just 3%.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	76%	<b>79%</b>
<b>Somewhat</b>	14%	<b>13%</b>
<b>Slightly</b>	7%	<b>3%</b>
<b>Not at all</b>	3%	<b>5%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(86)	<b>(62)</b>

**Before-school and after-school child-care programs**

Almost three-fourths of current Primary School parents (73%) are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the before-school and after-school childcare programs, including a noticeable 50% who reply “very satisfied.”

Twelve percent of Primary School parents are “not at all satisfied.”

Three-fourths of total current G-A parents (75%) are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the before-school and after-school childcare programs, including a considerable 51% who reply “very satisfied.”

Nine percent of total current parents are “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	51%	<b>50%</b>
<b>Somewhat</b>	24%	<b>23%</b>
<b>Slightly</b>	16%	<b>15%</b>
<b>Not at all</b>	9%	<b>12%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(70)	<b>(52)</b>



**Additional comments about before and after school care, preschool, or early childhood education**

Q. Do you have any additional comments specifically about before and after school care, preschool, or early childhood education?

Additional comments about before and after school care, preschool, or early childhood education include:

- ❖ More consistent monthly invoicing for the before and after school care program
- ❖ Some feel these programs are too expensive
- ❖ Some parents take the time to write that they are very pleased with the Galesburg-Augusta before and after school care program and staff ... *“Before and after school care is great and I feel my children are well cared for and loved”* and *“Jillian and Joan make the preschool program an amazing start to lifelong learning and create a family environment that encourages and nurtures our children”* and *“Ms. Turner and Mrs. Jessica are amazing teachers! They take time out to make sure every student has the best care and learning options!”*

Individual comments are provided in the appendix of verbatim comments (separate from this report).

## **SURVEY FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Athletic opportunities

Performing Arts opportunities

Other extracurricular activity and club opportunities

Summary of unaided comments on Extracurricular Opportunities

### **Athletic opportunities**

“Very satisfied” responses with **Athletic** opportunities include 54% of Primary School parents, 36% of Middle School parents, and 43% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 83% of Primary School parents, 70% of Middle School parents, and 78% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 10% of Primary School parents, 8% of Middle School parents, and 6% of High School parents.

#### **2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	54%	36%	43%
<b>Somewhat</b>	29%	34%	35%
<b>Slightly</b>	7%	22%	16%
<b>Not at all</b>	10%	8%	6%
<b>(n)</b>	(87)	(74)	(63)

**Arts opportunities**

“Very satisfied” responses with the **Arts** opportunities include 38% of Primary School parents, 28% of Middle School parents, and 23% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 76% of Primary School parents, 57% of Middle School parents, and 69% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 15% of Primary School parents, 26% of Middle School parents, and 16% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	38%	28%	23%
<b>Somewhat</b>	38%	29%	46%
<b>Slightly</b>	9%	17%	16%
<b>Not at all</b>	15%	26%	16%
<b>(n)</b>	(85)	(72)	(57)

**Other extra-curricular activities and clubs opportunities**

“Very satisfied” responses with the opportunities to join **other extra-curricular activities and clubs** include 37% of Primary School parents, 21% of Middle School parents, and 17% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 64% of Primary School parents, 45% of Middle School parents, and 55% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 19% of Primary School parents, 24% of Middle School parents, and 17% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	37%	21%	17%
<b>Somewhat</b>	27%	24%	38%
<b>Slightly</b>	17%	30%	28%
<b>Not at all</b>	19%	24%	17%
<b>(n)</b>	(81)	(70)	(60)

**Additional comments about extra-curricular activities and opportunities**

Q. Do you have any additional comments specifically about extra-curricular activities and opportunities?

Additional unaided comments about extra-curricular activities and opportunities include:

- ❖ More all types of extra-curricular opportunities needed, including sports, arts, and academic and life interests
- ❖ More and better communications needed to inform parents and students about the extra-curricular activities and programs
- ❖ More partnerships with other schools or districts to provide extra-curricular opportunities not available to scale in Galesburg-Augusta

Individual comments are provided in the appendix of verbatim comments (separate from this report).

## **SURVEY FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

### **FACILITIES, OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

G-A Community Schools responsibly manages and spends its annual operating budget

Communications of updates about the design and construction plans for the new facilities financed by the 2021 bond issue

Cleanliness and maintenance at the G-A school buildings

Transportation/busing

Quality of food served by G-A Community Schools

Quantity of food served at each meal

Summary of unaided comments on Facilities, Operations and Management

**Responsible with managing and spending annual operating budget**

Thirty-nine percent of current parents say G-A Community Schools is “very responsible” with how it manages and spends its annual operating budget.

Almost three-fourths say G-A Community Schools is “very or somewhat responsible” (73%) with how it manages and spends its annual operating budget.

Only 9% say it is “not at all responsible.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current G-A parents</b>
<b>Very responsible</b>	39%
<b>Somewhat</b>	34%
<b>Slightly</b>	18%
<b>Not at all responsible</b>	9%
<b>(n)</b>	(139)



**Communications of updates about the design and construction plans for the new facilities financed by the 2021 bond issue**

More than half of current parents are “very satisfied” (53%) with how G-A Community Schools has communicated updates about the design and construction plans for the new facilities financed by the 2021 bond issue.

Seventy-seven percent are “very or somewhat satisfied” with these new facility updates.

Only 7% say it is “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current G-A parents</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	53%
<b>Somewhat</b>	24%
<b>Slightly</b>	15%
<b>Not at all satisfied</b>	7%
<b>(n)</b>	(169)

**Cleanliness and maintenance at the school buildings**

“Very satisfied” responses with the **cleanliness and maintenance** at the school buildings include 60% of Primary School parents, 64% of Middle School parents, and 59% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 87% of Primary School parents, 93% of Middle School parents, and 90% of High School parents.

Very few reply “not at all satisfied” ... only 5% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 3% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	60%	64%	59%
<b>Somewhat</b>	27%	29%	31%
<b>Slightly</b>	8%	5%	7%
<b>Not at all</b>	5%	3%	3%
<b>(n)</b>	(100)	(80)	(71)

**Transportation/busing**

“Very satisfied” responses with the **transportation/busing** in G-A Community Schools include 32% of Primary School parents, 29% of Middle School parents, and 38% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 60% of Primary School parents, 62% of Middle School parents, and 63% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 23% of Primary School parents, 20% of Middle School parents, and 18% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	32%	29%	38%
<b>Somewhat</b>	28%	33%	25%
<b>Slightly</b>	17%	19%	18%
<b>Not at all</b>	23%	20%	18%
<b>(n)</b>	(71)	(70)	(65)

**Quality of food served by G-A Community Schools**

“Very satisfied” responses with the **quality of food served** by G-A Community Schools include 31% of Primary School parents, 20% of Middle School parents, and 20% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 68% of Primary School parents, 60% of Middle School parents, and 58% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 10% of Primary School parents, 21% of Middle School parents, and 23% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	31%	20%	20%
<b>Somewhat</b>	37%	40%	38%
<b>Slightly</b>	22%	19%	18%
<b>Not at all</b>	10%	21%	23%
<b>(n)</b>	(87)	(70)	(65)

**Quantity of food served by G-A Community Schools**

“Very satisfied” responses with the **quantity of food served at each meal** by G-A Community Schools include 48% of Primary School parents, 35% of Middle School parents, and 28% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 81% of Primary School parents, 71% of Middle School parents, and 69% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 10% of Primary School parents, 15% of Middle School parents, and 18% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	48%	35%	28%
<b>Somewhat</b>	33%	36%	41%
<b>Slightly</b>	10%	14%	13%
<b>Not at all</b>	10%	15%	18%
<b>(n)</b>	(80)	(66)	(61)

**Additional verbatim comments about G-A Community Schools Facilities, Operations, and Management:**

Q. Do you have any additional comments specifically about Facilities, Operations, and Management?

More frequently mentioned comments about facilities, operations, and management include:

- ❖ Better, more nutritious food options
- ❖ School lunch portions don't provide enough food, kids are still hungry
- ❖ Acknowledge shortage of bus drivers while also noting some bus drivers have poor attitudes
- ❖ Bus routes are too long
- ❖ Better cleanliness needed at the Primary School

Individual comments are provided in the appendix of verbatim comments (separate from this report).

## **SURVEY FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

G-A Community Schools district web site

G-A Community Schools district Facebook page

Each school building's Facebook page

Communications from school buildings about what is occurring in the individual buildings

Communications from teachers about what is occurring in class

Teachers utilize PowerSchool

Teachers responsive to parents questions and messages

Guidance counselors responsive to parents questions and messages

Information from G-A Community Schools about resources to assist families with children with social, emotional or behavioral issues

Communicating important information about school openings, closings and schedules in a timely and effective manner

Communications received from G-A Community Schools about your children's schools, the entire district, and education issues and trends

Summary of unaided comments on Communications

**G-A Community Schools district web site**

More than two-thirds of current parents (69%) are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the **district’s web site** to inform them about their G-A schools.

This includes 30% who are “very satisfied.”

Just 8% are “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current G-A parents</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	30%
<b>Somewhat</b>	39%
<b>Slightly</b>	23%
<b>Not at all satisfied</b>	8%
<b>(n)</b>	(158)



**G-A Community Schools district Facebook page**

Most current parents (90%) are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the **district’s Facebook page** to inform them about their G-A schools.

This includes a significant 66% who are “very satisfied.”

Just 4% are “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current G-A parents</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	66%
<b>Somewhat</b>	24%
<b>Slightly</b>	5%
<b>Not at all satisfied</b>	4%
<b>(n)</b>	(169)

**Individual school building’s Facebook page**

“Very satisfied” responses with how each building’s **Facebook page** informs them about their school building include 40% of Primary School parents, 35% of Middle School parents, and 46% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 71% of Primary School parents, 67% of Middle School parents, and 69% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 12% of Primary School parents, 12% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	40%	35%	46%
<b>Somewhat</b>	31%	32%	23%
<b>Slightly</b>	18%	22%	21%
<b>Not at all</b>	12%	12%	11%
<b>(n)</b>	(85)	(69)	(57)

**Communications from each school about what is occurring in their individual school building**

“Very satisfied” responses with **how each school communicates to them about what is occurring in their individual school building** include 56% of Primary School parents, 36% of Middle School parents, and 24% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 84% of Primary School parents, 68% of Middle School parents, and 62% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 9% of Primary School parents, 9% of Middle School parents, and 17% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	56%	36%	24%
<b>Somewhat</b>	28%	32%	38%
<b>Slightly</b>	8%	23%	21%
<b>Not at all</b>	9%	9%	17%
<b>(n)</b>	(90)	(78)	(66)

**Communications from their children’s teachers about what is occurring in class**

“Very satisfied” responses with the communications that they receive **from their children’s teachers about what is occurring in class** include 70% of Primary School parents, 42% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 88% of Primary School parents, 75% of Middle School parents, and just 31% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 5% of Primary School parents, 11% of Middle School parents, and 39% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	70%	42%	11%
<b>Somewhat</b>	18%	33%	20%
<b>Slightly</b>	6%	14%	30%
<b>Not at all</b>	5%	11%	39%
<b>(n)</b>	(93)	(79)	(66)

**How their children’s teachers utilize PowerSchool**

“Very satisfied” responses with **how their children’s teachers utilize PowerSchool** include 45% of Middle School parents and 18% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 73% of Middle School parents and 50% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 12% of Middle School parents and 18% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	45%	18%
<b>Somewhat</b>	28%	32%
<b>Slightly</b>	15%	31%
<b>Not at all</b>	12%	18%
<b>(n)</b>	(67)	(65)

**Teachers responsive to questions and messages from parents**

“Very responsive” responses **how responsive teachers are to parents’ questions and messages** include 83% of Primary School parents, 75% of Middle School parents, and 32% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat responsive” responses include 96% of Primary School parents, 82% of Middle School parents, and 64% of High School parents.

Few reply “not at all responsive” ... only 1% of Primary School parents, 3% of Middle School parents, and 11% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Responsive</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	83%	75%	32%
<b>Somewhat</b>	13%	7%	32%
<b>Slightly</b>	2%	15%	25%
<b>Not at all</b>	1%	3%	11%
<b>(n)</b>	(90)	(71)	(56)

**Guidance counselors and social workers responsive to questions and messages from parents**

“Very responsive” responses **how responsive the guidance counselors and social workers are to parents’ questions and messages** include 64% of Primary School parents, 44% of Middle School parents, and 24% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat responsive” responses include 76% of Primary School parents, 66% of Middle School parents, and 50% of High School parents.

“Not at all responsive” responses include 15% of Primary School parents, 22% of Middle School parents, and 22% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Responsive</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	64%	44%	24%
<b>Somewhat</b>	12%	22%	26%
<b>Slightly</b>	9%	11%	28%
<b>Not at all</b>	15%	22%	22%
<b>(n)</b>	(33)	(27)	(46)

**Information about resources to assist families with children with social, emotional or behavioral issues**

“Very satisfied” responses the **information from G-A Community Schools about resources to assist families with children with social, emotional or behavioral issues** include 42% of Primary School parents, 28% of Middle School parents, and 20% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 68% of Primary School parents, 52% of Middle School parents, and 47% of High School parents.

“Not at all satisfied” responses include 18% of Primary School parents, 17% of Middle School parents, and 29% of High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	42%	28%	20%
<b>Somewhat</b>	26%	24%	27%
<b>Slightly</b>	14%	30%	24%
<b>Not at all</b>	18%	17%	29%
<b>(n)</b>	(50)	(46)	(45)



**Communicating important information about school openings, closings and schedules in a timely and effective manner**

Three-fourths of current G-A Community Schools parents (75%) are “very or somewhat satisfied” with how the district communicates important information about school openings, closings and schedules in a timely and effective manner, including 39% who are “very satisfied.”

Nine percent are “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current parents</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	39%
<b>Somewhat</b>	36%
<b>Slightly</b>	17%
<b>Not at all satisfied</b>	9%
<b>(n)</b>	(139)

**G-A Community Schools communications about what is occurring in its individual schools**

Three-fourths of current parents (76%) are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the district’s communications to inform them what is occurring in **its individual schools**.

This includes 42% who are “very satisfied.”

Nine percent are “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current G-A parents</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	42%
<b>Somewhat</b>	34%
<b>Slightly</b>	15%
<b>Not at all satisfied</b>	9%
<b>(n)</b>	(139)

**G-A Community Schools communications about what is occurring throughout the district**

Three-fourths of current parents (75%) are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the district’s communications to inform them what is occurring **throughout the G-A district**.

This includes 35% who are “very satisfied.”

Ten percent are “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current G-A parents</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	35%
<b>Somewhat</b>	40%
<b>Slightly</b>	15%
<b>Not at all satisfied</b>	10%
<b>(n)</b>	(127)

**G-A Community Schools communications about education issues and trends**

Fifty-nine percent of current parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the district’s communications to inform them about **education issues and trends**.

This includes 29% who are “very satisfied.”

Twenty percent are “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current G-A parents</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	29%
<b>Somewhat</b>	30%
<b>Slightly</b>	21%
<b>Not at all satisfied</b>	20%
<b>(n)</b>	(121)

**Additional verbatim comments about Communications:**

Q. Do you have any additional comments specifically about ***Communications***?

More frequently mentioned unaided comments about communications from G-A Community Schools include:

- ❖ Inconsistencies in communication timeliness, frequency and thoroughness ... some school buildings and teachers are very good with communicating while others are not as good
- ❖ Some parents ask for more interactive communications via Facebook, while other parents feel Facebook is relied on too much by the district
- ❖ More information and communications about events, activities and updates
- ❖ Some parents don't know there are guidance counselors and social workers at the Middle School or at the High School

Individual comments are provided in the appendix of verbatim comments (separate from this report).

## **SURVEY FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

### **CLOSING EVALUATIONS**

Overall satisfaction with G-A Community Schools and its individual schools

Recommend to families to enroll their children in G-A Community Schools

Summary of unaided comments what is liked best about G-A Community Schools

Summary of unaided comments about suggested improvements for G-A Community Schools

**Overall satisfaction with G-A Community Schools**

Seventy-nine percent of current parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” overall with G-A Community Schools, including 36% of current parents who are “very satisfied.”

“Very satisfied” responses include 45% of Primary School parents, 30% of Middle School parents, and 29% of High School parents.

“Very or somewhat satisfied” responses include 87% of Primary School parents, 73% of Middle School parents, and 74% of High School parents.

Sixteen percent of current parents are “slightly satisfied,” while just 5% are “not at all satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Very</b>	36%	45%	30%	29%
<b>Somewhat</b>	43%	42%	43%	45%
<b>Slightly</b>	16%	8%	21%	21%
<b>Not at all</b>	5%	5%	6%	5%
<b>(n)</b>	(160)	(96)	(77)	(62)

**Satisfaction with G-A Primary School**

Most current G-A Primary School parents (90%) are “very or somewhat satisfied” with the Primary School. This includes a substantial 62% who are “very satisfied.”

Just 3% of G-A Primary School parents are “not at all satisfied.”

Eighty-nine percent of total current G-A Community Schools parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” overall with the Primary School, including a noticeable 58% who are “very satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current parents</b>	<b>G-A Primary School parents</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	58%	<b>62%</b>
<b>Somewhat</b>	31%	<b>28%</b>
<b>Slightly</b>	7%	<b>7%</b>
<b>Not at all satisfied</b>	4%	<b>3%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(113)	<b>(192)</b>



**Satisfaction with G-A Middle School**

Eighty-three percent of current G-A Middle School parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” overall with the Middle School. This includes 40% who are “very satisfied.”

Just 5% of G-A Middle School parents are “not at all satisfied.”

Eighty-three percent of total current G-A Community Schools parents are at least somewhat satisfied overall with the Middle School, including 42% who are “very satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current parents</b>	<b>G-A Middle School parents</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	42%	<b>40%</b>
<b>Somewhat</b>	41%	<b>43%</b>
<b>Slightly</b>	12%	<b>13%</b>
<b>Not at all satisfied</b>	5%	<b>5%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(98)	<b>(80)</b>

**Satisfaction with G-A High School**

Sixty percent of current G-A High School parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” overall with the High School. This includes 22% who are “very satisfied.”

Fourteen percent of G-A High School parents are “not at all satisfied.”

Fifty-nine percent of total current G-A Community Schools parents are “very or somewhat satisfied” overall with the High School, including 24% who are “very satisfied.”

**2023 Survey**

	<b>All current parents</b>	<b>G-A High School parents</b>
<b>Very satisfied</b>	24%	<b>22%</b>
<b>Somewhat</b>	35%	<b>38%</b>
<b>Slightly</b>	25%	<b>26%</b>
<b>Not at all satisfied</b>	16%	<b>14%</b>
<b>(n)</b>	(88)	<b>(73)</b>

**Recommend to families to enroll their children in G-A Community Schools**

Seventy-nine percent of current parents responding would recommend to families to enroll their children in G-A Community Schools, including 38% who say “definitely yes.”

“Yes” replies include 86% of Primary School parents, 72% of Middle School parents, and 74% of High School parents.

“Definitely yes” replies include 43% of Primary School parents, 33% of Middle School parents, and 34% of High School parents.

Just 5% of all current parents reply “definitely no,” at most 7% among High School parents.

**2023 Survey**

	<b>Total current parents</b>	<b>Primary School parents</b>	<b>Middle School parents</b>	<b>High School parents</b>
<b>Definitely yes</b>	38%	43%	33%	34%
<b>Probably yes</b>	41%	43%	39%	40%
<b>Probably no</b>	16%	10%	25%	19%
<b>Definitely no</b>	5%	4%	3%	7%
<b>(n)</b>	(173)	(98)	(79)	(73)

**“Liked best” attributes of G-A Community Schools**

Q. What do you like best about Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools?

More frequently cited unaided “liked best” attributes of G-A Community Schools include:

- ❖ Small town, family-oriented community feeling
- ❖ Smaller classroom sizes and smaller schools allow for more individual attention
- ❖ Friendly and caring teachers and staff
- ❖ Responsive communications

Individual comments on why not “completely or very satisfied” are provided in the appendix of verbatim comments (separate from this report).

### **Suggestions to improve G-A Community Schools**

Q. Please suggest the *single most important* thing to improve Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools.

More frequently cited suggestions to improve G-A Community Schools include:

- ❖ More frequent, responsive and thorough communications from teachers to parents on how their children are progressing in school and what they're learning, especially at the Middle School and High School levels
- ❖ Address bullying when it starts or happens
- ❖ Consistency when enforcing discipline
- ❖ More programs for academically advanced students more
- ❖ More support for students struggling academically
- ❖ More elective options for the High School students

Individual comments on why not “completely or very satisfied” are provided in the appendix of verbatim comments (separate from this report).



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## **Community Research to Support Strategic Planning Parents and Residents Survey Winter 2023**

Draft #3, January 28, 2023

Thank you for participating in our survey of Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools' parents and other residents to help evaluate our district's performance and needs. The survey results will guide our strategic planning priorities and decisions.

Please carefully read and complete this questionnaire by February 28. Be assured that your answers will remain completely anonymous and confidential. Please **skip** any question that you feel you don't have sufficient information or experience to answer.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools district, we thank you again for your contribution to our strategic planning process.

Wendy Somers, Superintendent, and Diana Walker, Board President

## Your Family Information

1. Do you currently have or did you ever have children attend Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools?

Yes, currently

Yes, previously but not currently

No, never

2. At which Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools buildings are your children currently attending? (select as many as apply)

Primary School

Middle School

High School

3. Do you currently have preschool-age children, and if yes, do they attend a preschool program?

No, do not have preschool-age children

Yes, but they do NOT attend a preschool program

Yes, they attend a preschool program, but not with G-A Community Schools

Yes, they attend a G-A Community Schools preschool program

4. Do you have any children in a special education program or receiving special services?

Yes

No

5. Do you have any children attending a public school in another school district, a charter school, a parochial or religious school, a private school, or being home schooled? (select all that apply)

No

Charter school

Home schooled

Parochial or religious school

Private school

Public school in another school district

6. If you answered “yes” in the previous question, please tell us why your child is not attending Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools?

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## School and District Environment

Note: Please **SKIP** any question on this survey that you feel you don't have sufficient information or experience to answer.

7. How welcome do you feel when you visit the school buildings in Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools?

	<b>Very welcome</b>	<b>Somewhat welcome</b>	<b>Slightly welcome</b>	<b>Not at all welcome</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

8. How **PHYSICALLY** safe do you feel G-A's schools are for their children?

	<b>Very safe</b>	<b>Somewhat safe</b>	<b>Slightly safe</b>	<b>Not at all safe</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

9. How **EMOTIONALLY** safe do you feel G-A's schools are for their children?

	<b>Very safe</b>	<b>Somewhat safe</b>	<b>Slightly safe</b>	<b>Not at all safe</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

10. Are students at your child's school treated fairly and with respect?

	<b>Definitely yes</b>	<b>Probably yes</b>	<b>Probably no</b>	<b>Definitely no</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—



11. Do staff at your child’s school set, teach and enforce clear expectations for positive behavior?

	<b>Definitely yes</b>	<b>Probably yes</b>	<b>Probably no</b>	<b>Definitely no</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

12. Are your children recognized for positive behavior?

	<b>Definitely yes</b>	<b>Probably yes</b>	<b>Probably no</b>	<b>Definitely no</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

13. How satisfied are you with how student discipline is **consistently** enforced in school?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

14. How satisfied are you with how Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools addresses bullying?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—
Elementary school buses	—	—	—	—
MS/HS buses	—	—	—	—

15. Are you comfortable talking to staff about your children?

	<b>Definitely yes</b>	<b>Probably yes</b>	<b>Probably no</b>	<b>Definitely no</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

16. Do you feel that there is at least one teacher, administrator or other staff member who knows your child well enough to recognize if something was different about or troubling your child?

	<b>Definitely yes</b>	<b>Probably yes</b>	<b>Probably no</b>	<b>Definitely no</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

17. Do you have any comments or suggestions about any of the topics in this section on ***School and District Environment?***

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## Teaching and Learning

Note: Please **SKIP** any question on this survey that you feel you don't have sufficient information or experience to answer.

18. Does your child feel successful at school?

	<b>Definitely yes</b>	<b>Probably yes</b>	<b>Probably no</b>	<b>Definitely no</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

19. Do staff at your child's school encourage academic success?

	<b>Definitely yes</b>	<b>Probably yes</b>	<b>Probably no</b>	<b>Definitely no</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

20. How satisfied are you with how G-A Community Schools helps **YOU** support your children's learning?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

21. If your child is **struggling with reading**, how satisfied are you with the attention and support given to them?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

22. If your child is **struggling with math**, how satisfied are you with the attention and support given to them?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

23. How satisfied are you with the attention and support G-A Community Schools gives to students who are **struggling overall academically**?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

24. How satisfied are you with the attention and support G-A Community Schools gives to students who are **academically advanced or accelerated**?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

25. How satisfied are you with the attention and support G-A Community Schools gives to **average-achieving** students?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

26. How satisfied are you with the **quantity** of homework given to students?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

27. How satisfied are you with the **quality** of homework assignments given to students?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

28. How satisfied are you with your child’s opportunities to engage in a wide variety of learning experiences at school?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

29. How satisfied are you with how technology **is used** to enhance teaching and learning in our **everyday classrooms**?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

30. How familiar are you with the following classes and programs available to G-A High School students?

	<b>Very familiar</b>	<b>Somewhat familiar</b>	<b>Slightly familiar</b>	<b>Not at all familiar</b>
Career technology and vocational education	—	—	—	—
KVCC	—	—	—	—
WMU Dual Enrollment	—	—	—	—
Early Middle College	—	—	—	—

31. How satisfied are you with the following classes and programs available to G-A High School students?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Career technology and vocational education	—	—	—	—
KVCC	—	—	—	—
WMU Dual Enrollment	—	—	—	—
Early Middle College	—	—	—	—

32. How satisfied are you with the programs and education related to developing and supporting our students’ social and emotional development?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

33. How important is it for G-A Community Schools to develop each of the following skills or capacities within its students?

	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Slightly important</b>	<b>Not at all important</b>
Self-awareness	—	—	—	—
Self-management or regulation	—	—	—	—
Empathy	—	—	—	—
Relationship skills	—	—	—	—
Responsible decision making	—	—	—	—

34. How satisfied are you with the performance of Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools' students on standardized tests such as the M-STEP, PSAT and SAT?

Very satisfied      Somewhat satisfied      Slightly satisfied      Not at all satisfied

35. Do you feel the graduates of G-A Community Schools are well prepared for:

	<b>Definitely yes</b>	<b>Probably yes</b>	<b>Probably no</b>	<b>Definitely no</b>
Continuing their formal education	—	—	—	—
Work and careers	—	—	—	—
Everyday life	—	—	—	—
Military service	—	—	—	—

36. Do you have any comments or suggestions about any of the topics in this section on ***Teaching and Learning?***

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## Special Education Services

Note: Please **SKIP** this set of questions if you do NOT have children receiving special education services.

37. How satisfied are you with the attention and support Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools gives to special education/special services students?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

38. If your son or daughter is receiving special education services, how satisfied were you with the overall initial evaluation process?

Very satisfied      Somewhat satisfied      Slightly satisfied      Not at all satisfied

39. If your son or daughter is receiving special education services, how satisfied were you with any re-evaluation process?

Very satisfied      Somewhat satisfied      Slightly satisfied      Not at all satisfied

40. Do you have any additional comments specifically about ***Special Education Services***?

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## Early Childhood Education and Before/After School Care

Note: Please **SKIP** any question on this survey that you feel you don't have sufficient information or experience to answer.

41. How familiar are you with the preschool opportunities at G-A Community Schools available to our families?

Very familiar      Somewhat familiar      Slightly familiar      Not at all familiar

42. How satisfied are you with the preschool program at G-A Community Schools for children age 3?

Very satisfied      Somewhat satisfied      Slightly satisfied      Not at all satisfied

43. How satisfied are you with the preschool program at G-A Community Schools for children age 4?

Very satisfied      Somewhat satisfied      Slightly satisfied      Not at all satisfied

44. How satisfied are you with the before-school and after-school childcare programs at G-A Community Schools?

Very satisfied      Somewhat satisfied      Slightly satisfied      Not at all satisfied

45. Do you have any additional comments specifically about ***before and after school care, preschool, or early childhood education?***

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## Extracurricular Activities and Opportunities

Note: Please **SKIP** this set of questions if you do NOT have children receiving special education services.

46. How satisfied are you with the **ATHLETIC** opportunities at G-A Community Schools?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Not at all satisfied
Primary School				
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

47. How satisfied are you with the **ARTS** opportunities available at G-A Community Schools?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Not at all satisfied
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

48. Excluding the arts and athletics, how satisfied are you with the opportunities to join **other extracurricular activities and clubs** at G-A Community Schools?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Slightly satisfied	Not at all satisfied
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

49. Do you have any additional comments specifically about **Extracurricular Activities and Opportunities**?

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## Facilities, Operations and Management

Note: Please **SKIP** this set of questions if you do NOT have children receiving special education services.

50. Operating expenses (such as staff compensation, benefits, training, and utilities) for Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools are mostly funded by the \$9,150 received from the state of Michigan for each student counted. This is the state’s *minimum* level of funding for all public school districts, with some districts receiving more per student because of taxation levels prior to Proposal A’s approval in 1994.

How responsible is Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools with how it manages and spends its annual operating budget?

Very responsible      Somewhat responsible      Slightly responsible      Not at all responsible

51. Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools voters approved a bond issue in 2021 for \$16.5 million to build four new fourth-grade classrooms, a fifth STEAM/project-based classroom and a secured entry at the Primary School, a multi-purpose instructional activity area at the High School, and a new athletic stadium at the High School.

How satisfied are you with how Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools has communicated updates about the design and construction plans for these new facilities?

Very satisfied      Somewhat satisfied      Slightly satisfied      Not at all satisfied

52. How satisfied are you with the cleanliness and maintenance at the school buildings in G-A Community Schools?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

53. How satisfied are you with the transportation/busing in G-A Community Schools?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

54. How satisfied are you with the **quality** of food served at the school buildings in G-A Community Schools?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

55. How satisfied are you with the with the **quantity** of food served at each meal at the school buildings in G-A Community Schools?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

56. Do you have any additional comments specifically about **Facilities, Operations and Management**?

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## Communications

57. How satisfied are you with how our district’s website at <https://www.g-aschools.org> informs you about our G-A schools?

Very satisfied      Somewhat satisfied      Slightly satisfied      Not at all satisfied

58. How satisfied are you with how our district’s Facebook page informs you about our G-A schools?

Very satisfied      Somewhat satisfied      Slightly satisfied      Not at all satisfied

59. How satisfied are you with how each building’s Facebook page informs you about their school?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

60. How satisfied are you with the communications that you receive from your children’s school about what is occurring in their individual building?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

61. How satisfied are you with the communications that you receive from your children’s teachers about what is occurring in class?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

62. How satisfied are you with how your children’s teachers utilize PowerSchool?

	<b>Very responsive</b>	<b>Somewhat responsive</b>	<b>Slightly responsive</b>	<b>Not at all responsive</b>
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

63. How **responsive** are teachers to questions and messages from you as a parent?

	<b>Very responsive</b>	<b>Somewhat responsive</b>	<b>Slightly responsive</b>	<b>Not at all responsive</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

64. How **responsive** are the guidance counselors and social workers to questions and messages from you as a parent?

	<b>Very responsive</b>	<b>Somewhat responsive</b>	<b>Slightly responsive</b>	<b>Not at all responsive</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

65. How satisfied are you with the information from G-A Community Schools about resources to assist families with children with social, emotional or behavioral issues?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

66. How satisfied are you with how our district communicates important information about school openings, closings and schedules in a timely and effective manner?

Very satisfied      Somewhat satisfied      Slightly satisfied      Not at all satisfied

67. How satisfied are you with the communications that you receive from G-A Community Schools about what is occurring in your children’s individual schools, throughout our district, and in education?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
Children’s individual schools	—	—	—	—
Throughout G-A Community Schools	—	—	—	—
Education issues and trends	—	—	—	—

68. Do you have any additional comments specifically about **Communications**?

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## In Closing

69. How satisfied are you with Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools overall and with its individual schools?

	<b>Very satisfied</b>	<b>Somewhat satisfied</b>	<b>Slightly satisfied</b>	<b>Not at all satisfied</b>
G-A Community Schools overall	—	—	—	—
Primary School	—	—	—	—
Middle School	—	—	—	—
High School	—	—	—	—

70. Would you recommend to families that they enroll their children in Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools?

Definitely yes      Probably yes      Probably no      Definitely no

71. What do you like best about Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools?

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72. Please suggest the **single most important** thing to improve Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools.

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73. If you would like a response or further information, please include your name and preferred telephone number or email to contact you.

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**Thank you! Your answers will provide valuable assistance to our Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools.**

Parents survey URL is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GASchoolsParents2023>

Landing page after a submitted survey is: <https://www.g-aschools.org>