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TO: MLUSD Trustees
FROM: Marcy Guthrie, Superintendent
RE: 2016 & 2017 Parent Survey Data & Highlights

May 10, 2017

As you know we annually survey our parents. The survey has not changed in the four years we've been administering the surveys so we can compare data from year to year. The only part of the survey that changes are the first 5-8 questions. This year we asked 5 questions. We use the beginning of the survey each year to ask for input or feedback on "time sensitive" matters. For example, in the past we've asked about a 2 week winter break, offering a one-way bus fee, etc. Based on these questions we have made adjustments and been responsive. The questions and results are below.

As part of the annual LCAP process, the LCAP-BACT Team analyzed the 2017 parent survey results and compared them to the 2016 parent survey results. All of the data is attached. Some 2017 Parent Survey highlights:

- Increased participation from 90 to 123
- Increased participation of Spanish speaking parents from 1 to 32
- Increase in Student Attendance went from 50% to 74% as an extremely high/high priority
- Facilities in good repair went from 82% to 89% as an extremely high/high priority (possibly due to our heaters and leaks)
- Importance of teachers are qualified went from 79% to 88% as an extremely high/high priority
- Implementing State Standards went from 60% to 77% as an extremely high/high priority
- Informed of grade level learning standards went from 66% to 87%
- *Perhaps these two are connected and may relate to our emphasis on Parent Conferences TK-5.*
- Student Access to core subjects and high school prep went from 86% to 93% as an extremely high/high priority
- Reading went from 80% to 90%
- Math went from 73% to 88%
- Technology went from 64% to 71%
- Student gets academic support if they need it went from 51% to 66%
- *Could be related to the fact that 27 parents of 5th graders took the survey & 60 ICES parents participated in the survey this year up from 33 last year*
- Teachers are knowledgeable went from 77% to 91%
- Timely communication between School and Home went from 79% to 85%

The Mission of the Mother Lode Union School District is the successful education of every student.

2017 MLUSD Parent Survey the First 5 questions

1. When it comes to getting information about school activities or events, what communication methods do you prefer? Select the best methods below:

54% Automated phone calls
46% Automated emails
43% School Newsletter
40% Notes from Teacher(s)

Only 26% selected
the school website as
a preferred method

2. When it comes to getting information from the school district, what communication methods do you prefer? Select the best methods below:

53% Automated phone calls
51% Automated emails
34% District Newsletter
All "other comments" were Board Meeting Notes

Only 18% selected
the district website as
a preferred method

3. As you know, each year we review our progress in implementing our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). When it comes to getting your ideas for the next year's LCAP, what is the preferred or best way for you to provide your ideas to the LCAP Team? Select all that apply:

58% Prefer sharing their ideas using technology (i.e., electronic survey, email, etc.)
21% LCAP Meetings for Parents at school sites in the evening
18% would need childcare
17% Add "LCAP Input" to the PTO/PTC Agenda

4. This year we have been using Accelerated Reader (AR) at both school sites to support reading fluency and practice for all students. Feedback during the LCAP process last year indicated that our school libraries needed to 1) increase the number of books in their collections, 2) expand the range of reading levels of books at both school libraries and 3) broaden the types and variety of books at both libraries. Have you and/or your child(ren) noticed any changes or improvements in these areas? Please select all that apply:

43% have seen some improvement
23% need more for books with broader variety and type
21% had not noticed – however 10% commented that they were "New" this year

5. What types of programs would you like to see expanded and or offered in our schools? Select rank your top 3.

1) Sports
2) Technology
3) Visual and Performing Arts

2016 & 2017 PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

		Question	2016 n=90	2017 n=123	Increase over 5%	Any Decrease
Ext. High Priority + High Priority	+	Inc. Stu Ach.	75%	80%		
		Inc. Stu Attend.	50%	74%		
		Inc. Parent Inv./Part.	64%	69%		
		PSC	84%	80%		
		Teachers Qualified	79%	88%		
		Stu Access to Instr. Mat.	90%	91%		
		Facil. Good Repair	82%	89%		
		Imp. State Standards	60%	77%		
		Stu. Access Core Subj	86%	93%		
			IC n=26 HG n=54	IC n=60 HG n=60		
Strongly Agree + Agree		Child Safe/Secure	85%	91%		
		Ongoing harassment (Strongly Disagree/Disagree)	72%	53% 25% Don't Know/Not Applicable		
		Child knows what to do in emergency	81%	79%		
		Child posit. attitude Twds Sch	76%	87%		
		Reading	80%	90%		
		Writing	78%	83%		
		Math	73%	88%		
		Science	85%	80%		
		History/SS	80%	82%		
		Technology	64%	71%		
		PE	78%	80%		
		Academic support if needed	51%	66%		
		Teachers are knowledgeable	77%	91%		
		School clean/well maint.	84%	87%		
		Library	73%	76%		
		Parents informed of learning standard	66%	87%		
		Sch Communication	92%	91%		
		Timely Comm. Btwn Home & Sch	79%	86%		
		Admin/Office staff friendly/helpful	85%	89%		
		Aware of Parent Inv. Opps.	79%	80%		
		Sch Website	82%	84%		
		High Quality Fac.	92%	96%		
			IC=33% HG = 67%	IC=50% HG=50%		