

General Information

1. Please check each of the ways in which you are connected to the MSAD4 school district?

107 Parent **20** MSAD#4 employee **3** School Board Member **52** Community Member **1** Blank

2. How many **school-related** activities or meetings did you attend during the last year?

11 None **23** 1-2 **42** 3-5 **17** 6-10 **34** 10+ **1** Blank

Please check all that apply:

62 Athletic contest **35** School / community meeting
96 Parent/teacher conference **6** Adult education
91 School performance **26** Other _____ **12** Blank

3. Where do you currently get your information about your schools? (Please check all that apply.)

97 Own children **43** School administration **29** Radio/television
93 School newsletters **56** Pirate Treasure Chest **60** Newspaper
13 Other children **76** Teachers **40** Web site
31 Other school personnel **69** Word of mouth **5** Other **0** Blank

4. In your opinion, are you adequately informed about your schools? **111** Yes **11** No **3** Blank

If no, how would you like to receive information? **3** (other) _____

5. After school hours, do you feel the MSAD#4 buildings and grounds are:

10 Too Accessible **85** Accessible Enough **6** Not Accessible Enough **26** No Opinion **1** Blank

6. In your opinion, to what extent does the current budget provide for meeting the educational needs of students and families in the MSAD#4 district?

15 Very well **67** Adequate **24** Not Well **22** Don't know **0** Blank

7. In your opinion, to what extent do you have opportunities to provide the School Board feedback about budget development?

23 Adequate **42** Little **25** None **37** Don't know **1** Blank

8. What are your top three suggestions for dealing with decreased educational funding from the state for the MSAD#4 district?

(1 for first choice, 2 for second choice, 3 for third choice - please, mark only three.)

23 Cut programs **23** Increase class sizes
8 Eliminate teaching staff **39** Eliminate administrative staff
94 Look for other cost cutting areas **8** Eliminate support staff (drivers, custodians, etc.)
79 Do fundraising activities **17** Increase property taxes
27 Further explore school consolidation **18** Other _____ **4** Blank

9. For the delivery of instruction in major content area classes (Reading/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies), which do you think is better to have:

- 39** Larger classes taught by a highly qualified teacher assisted by an Ed Tech
83 Smaller classes taught by a highly qualified teacher
8 Other _____ **1** Blank

10. Which of the following types of adult education courses are of interest to you if offered at one of the schools during evening hours? Check all that apply.

- 57** Hobby or craft classes **10** Basic reading and math
15 High school diploma / GED **47** College credit
43 Retraining for employment / vocational **43** Computer training
12 Parenting classes **37** Financial planning / budgeting
26 Wellness **2** Other _____ **16** Blank

Questions 11, 13 and 16 that all deal with curriculum at the various levels are not included in this summary of the survey.

12. Please indicate the various after-school activities you would like to see available to MSAD#4 **elementary** (K-3) students.

- 72** Reading help **73** Math help **65** Homework help
41 Music programs **44** Theater programs **43** Art programs
58 Activity-based programs **60** Athletic activities **1** Other _____ **9** Blank

14. Please indicate the various after-school activities you would like to see available to **PCMS** (grades 4-8) students.

- 73** Reading help **78** Math help **79** Homework help
47 Interscholastic sports **50** Intramural sports **49** Clubs
43 Fine Art programs **62** Academic support **66** Community service **0** Other _____ **15** Blank

15. Do you think transportation should be provided for after school activities? **77** Yes **42** No **13** Other _____ **0** Blank

17. Please indicate the various after-school activities you would like to see available to **PCHS** (grades 9-12) students.

- 55** Reading help **60** Math help **63** Homework help
37 Interscholastic sports **35** Intramural sports **44** Clubs
40 Fine Art programs **62** Academic support **66** Community service
73 SAT prep **0** Other _____ **33** Blank

18. In your opinion, how well are MSAD#4 graduates prepared for each of the following:

| | Very Well | Adequate | Fair | Poor | No Opinion | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| a. Work | 9 | 45 | 22 | 9 | 15 | 30 Blank |
| b. Technical / Vocational School | 23 | 43 | 20 | 1 | 15 | 28 Blank |
| c. College | 14 | 43 | 23 | 6 | 15 | 29 Blank |
| d. Military | 11 | 51 | 10 | 4 | 24 | 30 Blank |
| e. Citizenship | 11 | 40 | 24 | 9 | 18 | 28 Blank |
| f. Family responsibilities | 7 | 32 | 26 | 19 | 18 | 28 Blank |

19. In your opinion, please check **five areas** where you think your schools are doing a **good job**?

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| 27 Administration | 7 Resource management | 36 School facility maintenance |
| 26 Athletics | 4 Gifted and talented services | 42 Size of instructional classes |
| 41 Curriculum | 16 Instructional prog./materials | 21 Special education services |
| 11 Discipline | 32 Parental interest/participation | 41 Student/Teacher relationships |
| 21 Drug/alcohol prevention | 25 Public access to the schools | 46 Teaching staff |
| 36 Equality for all students | 7 School board decisions | 13 General student competency |
| 1 Financial support | 14 Engaging students | 25 Current teaching methods |
| 51 Transportation | 31 Food Service | 10 Prof development for tchers |
| 4 Student aspirations | 5 Expanded academic programs | 0 * Other _____ 9 Blank |

20. In your opinion, what are the **five most serious concerns** you have with your schools?

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| 16 Administration | 12 Resource management | 8 School facility maintenance |
| 10 Athletics | 16 Gifted and talented services | 19 Size of instructional classes |
| 21 Curriculum | 22 Instructional program/materials | 9 Special education services |
| 42 Discipline | 29 Parental interest/participation | 13 Student/Teacher relationships |
| 44 Drug/alcohol prevention | 3 Public access to the schools | 10 Teaching staff |
| 24 Equality for all students | 22 School board decisions | 30 General student competency |
| 28 Financial support | 28 Engaging students | 14 Current teaching methods |
| 12 Transportation | 15 Food Service | 5 Prof. development for teachers |
| 29 Student aspirations | 21 Expanded academic programs | 0 * Other _____ 14 Blank |

21. In your opinion, what is the primary role of a building principal? (Please check only one.)

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 88 Instructional Leader | 12 Business Manager | 19 Disciplinarian | 9 N/A |
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22. In your opinion, how important is professional development for school staff?

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| 65 Very Important | 53 Important | 2 Not Important | 8 No opinion | 0 Blank |
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23. In your opinion, what are the **five most important topics** for teacher professional development?

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|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 44 Assessment | 46 Discipline | 45 Parental interest/participation |
| 36 Bullying | 46 Equality for all students | 14 Special education services |
| 71 Curriculum | 12 Gifted and talented services | 70 Student/Teacher relationships |
| 45 Technology integration | 59 Academic intervention | 42 Newer educational practices |
| 6 Data Analysis | 49 Instructional programs | 0 * Other _____ |
| | | 6 Blank |

24. In general, how satisfied are you with the quality of education provided in the MSAD#4 schools?

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|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 23 Very satisfied | 83 Satisfied | 10 Dissatisfied | 2 Very dissatisfied | 10 No opinion | 0 Blank |
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25. What is your Internet connectivity from home?

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 27 Dial-up | 45 DSL | 20 Wireless | 7 Satellite | 23 No connectivity | 6 Blank |
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Parent / Guardian Information

26. Please check each of the following schools in which you currently have or recently had children enrolled.

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|--------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 54 McKusick | 47 GPS | 59 PCMS | 32 PCHS | 21 Blank |
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27. I think it is important for my child to go to college.

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| 79 Strongly Agree | 23 Agree | 2 Disagree | 0 Strongly Disagree | 2 No opinion | 21 Blank |
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28. I think my child enjoys going to school ...

| | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 17 Always | 69 Most of the Time | 12 Sometimes | 6 Rarely | 3 Never | 21 Blank |
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29. My child expresses feelings of boredom about school ...

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|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 6 Always | 14 Most of the Time | 39 Sometimes | 39 Rarely | 9 Never | 21 Blank |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|

30. I think my child is adequately challenged in his/her academic subjects.

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|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 15 Always | 56 Most of the Time | 29 Sometimes | 6 Rarely | 1 Never | 21 Blank |
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31. I think homework is an important part of my child's education. **79** Yes **27** No **22** Blank

32. My child's teachers effectively communicate with me regarding both his/her accomplishments and areas of concern.

32 Strongly Agree **49** Agree **22** Disagree **4** Strongly Disagree **0** No opinion **21** Blank

33. I am comfortable talking to my child's teachers.

53 Strongly Agree **42** Agree **7** Disagree **0** Strongly Disagree **4** No opinion **22** Blank

Demographics

34. What is your gender?

108 Female **18** Male **2** Blank

35. In which age group are you?

6 18 to 25 **40** 26 to 35 **46** 36 to 45 **26** 46 to 65 **8** 66 or older **2** Blank

36. How many years have you lived in this school district?

20 0 to 5 years **18** 6 to 10 years **24** 11 to 19 years **25** 20 to 29 years **37** 30+ years **4** Blank

37. What is your highest level of education? (or highest level in your household)

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 0 Less than a high school education | 33 Some college |
| 2 Some high school education | 41 College graduate |
| 29 High school graduate | 7 Graduate degree |
| 11 Technical, trade or business school | 3 Other _____ |
| | 2 Blank |