

2016-2017 District-wide Principal Survey

Welcome

Dear Principal,

Thank you for participating in this year's survey. Your feedback is invaluable to your school. Please note that your responses to the following items are CONFIDENTIAL and will only be presented in aggregate (with those of other principals).

Sincerely,

**Office of Research and Evaluation
The School District of Philadelphia**

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School Leadership

1. Please estimate how much time **you** typically spend on the following activities.

	0 hours/Not Applicable	A few times a year	About every month	1-5 hours per week	6-10 hours per week	11-20 hours per week	21-30 hours per week	More than 30 hours per week
Working on administrative duties (e.g., budgets, personnel management, or paperwork)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arranging for substitute teachers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Instructional leadership activities (e.g., observing your teachers' classroom instruction or providing feedback to teachers regarding curriculum and instruction)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reviewing students' assessment results	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talking with parents and guardians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engaging with community members	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Addressing student discipline problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Planning or conducting teacher professional development workshops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monitoring students in the hallways, playground, lunchroom, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meeting with school leadership teams on issues related to teaching and learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interacting with teachers, counselors, and other staff at the school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Addressing student health issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Counseling students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building management (e.g., scheduling repairs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Managing external partnerships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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2. How much control do **you** have over the following (if you would like to have more control over any of the following, please check the box at the end of the row **in addition** to your rating of how much control you currently have):

	None	A little	Some	A great deal	I would like to have more control over this than I currently have
Hiring teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firing teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choosing how to allocate school funds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choosing school goals and objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choosing professional development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choosing curriculum/curriculum materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enforcing the school discipline policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduling non-state testing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduling state test preparation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Professional Capacity

3. During the 2016-2017 school year (including the summer of 2016), how many times did you:

	Never	1-4 times a year	5-7 times a year	Monthly or about monthly (8-9 times a year)	Weekly or about weekly	Daily or almost daily
Receive formal or informal coaching or mentoring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in an informal or formal support network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visit other schools within and/or outside your district	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Collaborate with other principals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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School Environment

4. To what extent are each of the following a focus at your school?

	Not at all a focus	A minor focus	A moderate focus	A major focus
High expectations for students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No-excuses culture for student learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Idea that all students can learn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers are responsible for student failure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers are responsible for student success	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The importance of student attendance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. To what extent are each of the following a focus at your school?

	Not at all a focus	A minor focus	A moderate focus	A major focus
Social emotional learning (such as communication, teamwork, and empathy)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soft skills (such as self-efficacy, responsibility, time-management, and persistence)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vocational Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Science and Math	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technology	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creative and Performing Arts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
College preparation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community/civic engagement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

School Environment

6. To what extent do you feel respected by:

	Not at all respected	A little respected	Somewhat respected	Respected a great deal	Don't know	Does not apply
The School Reform Commission	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
District/Charter Operator administrators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assistant Superintendents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers in your school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other school staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parents/Guardians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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7. To what extent is each of the following a challenge to student learning at your school?

	Not a challenge	A slight challenge	A moderate challenge	A great challenge
Frequent changes in district leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of adequate funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teacher turnover	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shortage of highly qualified teachers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teacher absences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers teaching a subject or grade outside of their certification	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of high-quality professional development opportunities <u>for teachers</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of high-quality professional development opportunities <u>for principals</u>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shortage of instructional support staff (e.g., teacher aides and reading specialists)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shortage of other support staff (e.g., nurses, counselors, and security)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students transferring in or out of the school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student absenteeism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student tardiness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inadequate textbooks, materials, or other non-technological instructional resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of computers or other technological resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of school resources to provide the extra help for students who need it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of support for teaching special education students (i.e., students with IEPs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Not a challenge A slight challenge A moderate challenge A great challenge

Lack of support for teaching English Language Learners

Lack of teacher planning time built into the school day

Pressure to perform well on the state standardized tests

School crime/safety

Bullying

Problems with student transportation

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8. To what extent do you consider each of the following factors a challenge to student learning in your school?

	Not a challenge	A slight challenge	A moderate challenge	A great challenge
Frequent changes in district initiatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neighborhood crime/safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students have inadequate basic skills or prior preparation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of support from parents and guardians	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural differences between home and school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Please use the space below to describe the greatest challenge(s) your school faced this year.

10. Please use the space below to describe your school's greatest success(es) this year.

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School Leadership

11. To what extent do you use student data for the following activities?

	Not at all	A little	Some	A great deal
Making changes to the school's curriculum and/or instructional materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing a school improvement plan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making decisions regarding student promotion or retention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identifying students who need additional instructional support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identifying school-level or student-level problems with attendance, tardiness, and/or behavior	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making decisions about how much time to spend on each academic subject	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assigning teachers to students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Evaluating teacher performance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Choosing the focus of teacher professional development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recognizing students for achievement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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District/Charter Operator Feedback

12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The District/Charter Operator...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A
communicates a clear academic vision for schools.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides appropriate support to enable principals to act as instructional leaders.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides appropriate instructional support for teachers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides support for teaching grade-level standards to special education students (i.e., students with IEPs).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides support for teaching grade-level standards to English Language Learners.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. Have you experienced assistance from the District with regard to any of the following?

	Yes, from the Assistant Superintendent	Yes, from someone else at the District	Did not receive	Did not need	Does not apply. I am a charter school principal.
Facilitating student achievement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Analyzing student data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identifying research-based school improvement strategies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aligning curriculum with state content standards and state assessments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Planning or providing professional development that is tailored to the needs of teachers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Parent/Guardian-Community Ties

14. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Parents and guardians treat me with respect.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I treat parents and guardians with respect.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I actively engage parents and guardians in their child's education.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parents and guardians are actively involved in their child(ren)'s education.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Transportation

15. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of the transportation services provided to your school?

	Not Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N/A
The extent to which drivers follow procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drivers' student management techniques	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attendants' student management techniques	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drivers' responsiveness to complaints/issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attendants' responsiveness to complaints/issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Transportation Department's responsiveness to complaints/issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The timeliness of AM bus arrivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The timeliness of PM bus arrivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appearance of the buses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional appearance of the drivers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional appearance of the attendants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Courtesy of the drivers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Courtesy of the attendants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Transportation

16. How many mid-day buses serve your school?

17. Does your school have safe loading/unloading areas?

Yes

No

18. Does your school have personnel watching the buses load and unload?

Yes

No

19. Overall, how satisfied are you with transportation at your building?

Not satisfied

Somewhat satisfied

Satisfied

Very satisfied

20. What change is most needed to improve transportation for your school?

Options

Change Most Needed

Other (please specify)

21. Would you like a representative from transportation to contact you regarding any concerns?

Yes

No

22. If you selected "Yes," please provide your contact information below.

23. Are you the principal of a Charter school?

Yes

No

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RtII

24. To what extent have the following been challenges to the implementation of RtII at your school?

	Not a challenge	A slight challenge	A moderate challenge	A great challenge
A lack of understanding of RtII among school staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A lack of professional development on RtII	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A lack of buy-in for RtII among school staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A lack of collaboration time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A lack of understanding of how special education fits into the RtII process among school staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Problems with rostering for interventions/intervention programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Suspensions

25. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

Out-of-school suspension helps ensure a safe school environment.

Suspending a misbehaving student encourages other students to follow the rules.

Out-of-school suspension is useful for sending a message to parents about the seriousness of an infraction.

The negative impacts of out-of-school suspension on students outweigh any possible benefits.

Additional Feedback

26. If you have any additional feedback you would like to provide, please write it in the box below. Thank you!