

# DISTRICT-WIDE SURVEY: RESULTS IN BRIEF

Based on 131,000+  
survey responses

from students, parents,  
teachers, & principals  
at 309 District & Charter schools

Surveys administered January through June, 2019



COMPARING  
PERSPECTIVES

on

LEADERSHIP

## 1. Do principals set high standards for student learning?

We asked teachers and parents/guardians...

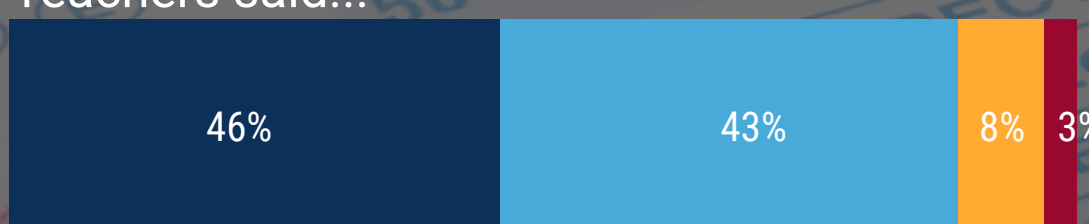
"The principal [or school leader] sets high standards for student learning."  
How much do you agree or disagree?

Teacher survey item: How much do you agree or disagree? "The principal sets high standards for student learning."  
Parent survey item: "The principal or school leader has high standards for student learning."  
Results are based on responses from 6,663 teachers and 35,020 parents and guardians.

### The survey said...

Teachers generally agreed with parents and guardians: 89% of teachers and 94% of parents *agreed or strongly agreed* that their school principal sets high standards for student learning, and only 3% of respondents from both groups *strongly disagreed*.

Teachers said...



Combined, 89% of teachers and 94% of parents responded positively.

Parents and guardians said...



Source: District-Wide Survey responses (2019). For school-level results, visit [www.philasd.org/dwsresults](http://www.philasd.org/dwsresults).

## 2. Do principals communicate a clear mission or vision?

We asked teachers and parents/guardians...

"The principal [or school leader] has a clear mission for the school."  
How much do you agree or disagree?

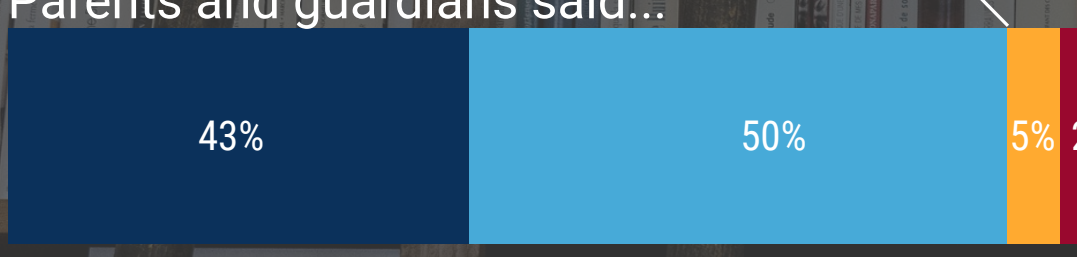
Teacher survey item: How much do you agree or disagree? "The principal communicates a clear mission for our school."  
Parent/guardian survey item: How much do you agree or disagree? "The principal or school leader has a clear mission for the school."  
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Teachers said...



86% of teachers and 93% of parents *agreed or strongly agreed*, a difference of 7 percentage points.

Parents and guardians said...



### The survey said...

Compared to teachers, a slightly higher percentage of parents and guardians *agreed or strongly agreed* that their principal has a clear mission for the school. Teachers *disagreed or strongly disagreed* twice as frequently as parents and guardians (14% vs. 7%).

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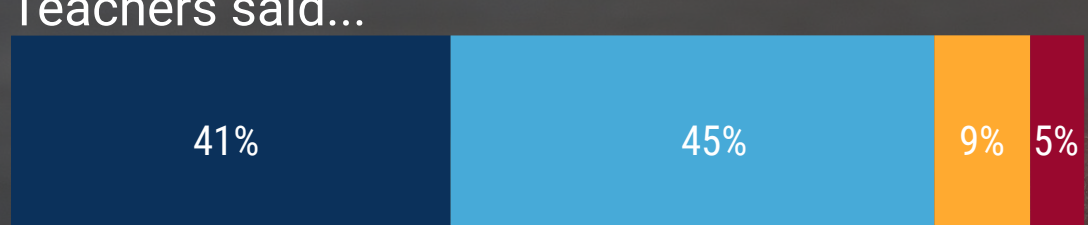
## 3. Do principals promote community involvement?

We asked teachers and parents/guardians...

"The principal [or school leader] promotes involvement in the school."  
How much do you agree or disagree?

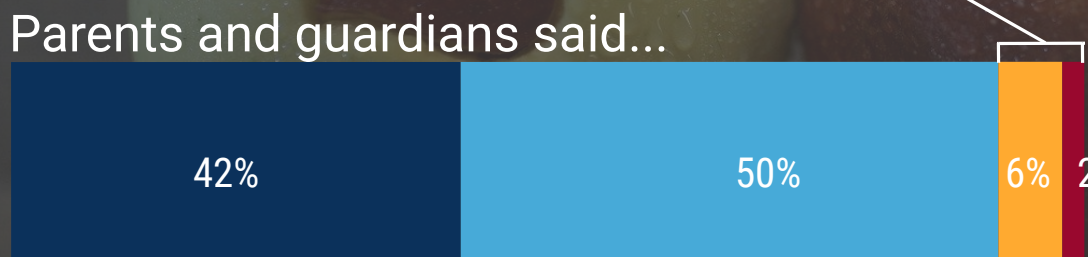
Teacher survey item: How much do you agree or disagree? "The principal promotes parent, guardian, and community involvement in the school."  
Parent/guardian survey item: How much do you agree or disagree? "The principal or school leader promotes parent/guardian engagement."  
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Teachers said...



Combined, 14% of teachers and 8% of parents *disagreed or strongly disagreed*.

Parents and guardians said...



### The survey said...

Compared to teachers, a higher percentage of parents and guardians *agreed or strongly agreed* that their principal promotes family engagement (92% vs. 86%). Only 8% of parents *disagreed or strongly disagreed* with this statement, compared to 14% of teachers.

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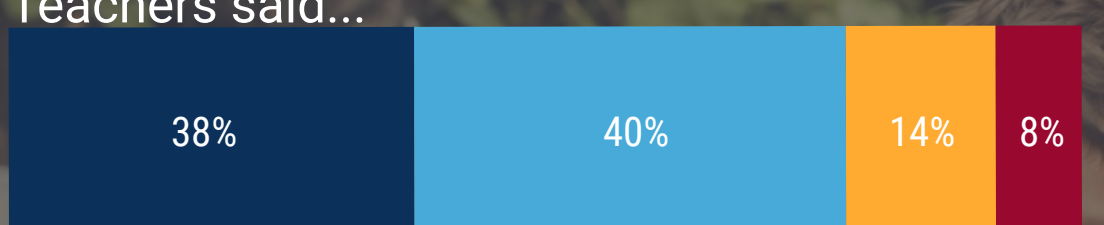
## 4. Do principals create a sense of community at their schools?

We asked teachers and parents/guardians...

"The principal [or school leader] works to create a sense of community at this school."  
How much do you agree or disagree?

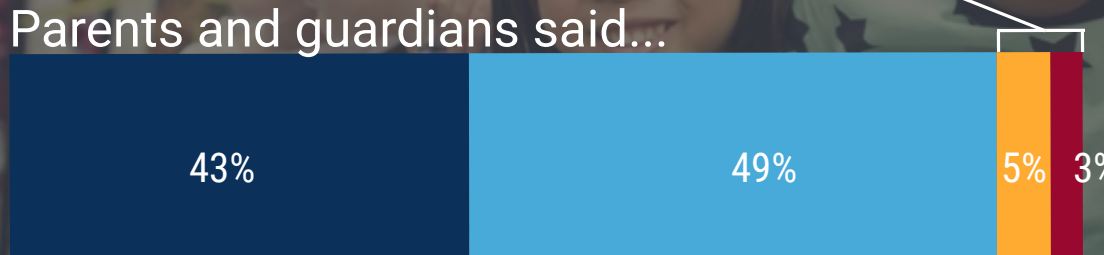
Teacher survey item: How much do you agree or disagree? "The principal at this school works to create a sense of community at this school."  
Parent/guardian survey item: How much do you agree or disagree? "The principal or school leader works to create a sense of community in the school."  
Results are based on responses from 6,663 teachers and 35,020 parents and guardians.

Teachers said...



22% of teachers *disagreed or strongly disagreed* with this statement, compared to only 8% of parents/guardians.

Parents and guardians said...



### The survey said...

Compared to teachers, a higher percentage of parents and guardians *agreed or strongly agreed* that their principal works to create a sense of community in the school (92% vs. 78%).

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## About the District-Wide Survey

Each spring, The Office of Evaluation, Research, and Accountability administers the District-Wide Survey to students, teachers, parents, guardians, and principals. The surveys measure five key topics: Climate, Instruction, Professional Capacity, Leadership, and Parent & Guardian Community Ties. For more information about the survey, including school-level summaries and technical reports, visit [www.philasd.org/dwsresults](http://www.philasd.org/dwsresults).