

ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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AAPS Priorities: Community Feedback Report

December 2021 - January 2022

ThoughtExchange Survey

February 23, 2022

Summary: Community Feedback

Ann Arbor Public Schools, December 2021-January 2022

*Based on your experience and perspective, what do you feel are the **most important needs and priorities** as we serve and support our students, and allocate resources across our school communities?*

PARTICIPATION

ThoughtExchange Survey Results: Winter 2022



3,346
Participants



3,382
Thoughts

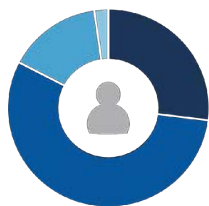


75,849
Ratings

PARTICIPATION

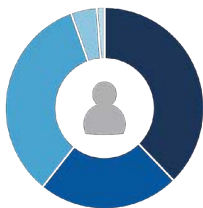
ThoughtExchange Survey Results: Winter 2022

Please select one of the following:



%		Answer
27%	(873)	I am a student.
56%	(1847)	I am a parent or guardian.
15%	(485)	I am a staff member.
2%	(71)	I am a community member.

Please indicate the grade level you are most closely associated with:



%		Answer
38%	(1248)	Pre-K - 5th grade
23%	(736)	6th grade - 8th grade
34%	(1106)	9th grade - 12th grade
4%	(124)	Pre-K - 12th grade
1%	(40)	NA

Please indicate if you represent the interests of children with any of the following needs. Check all that apply:



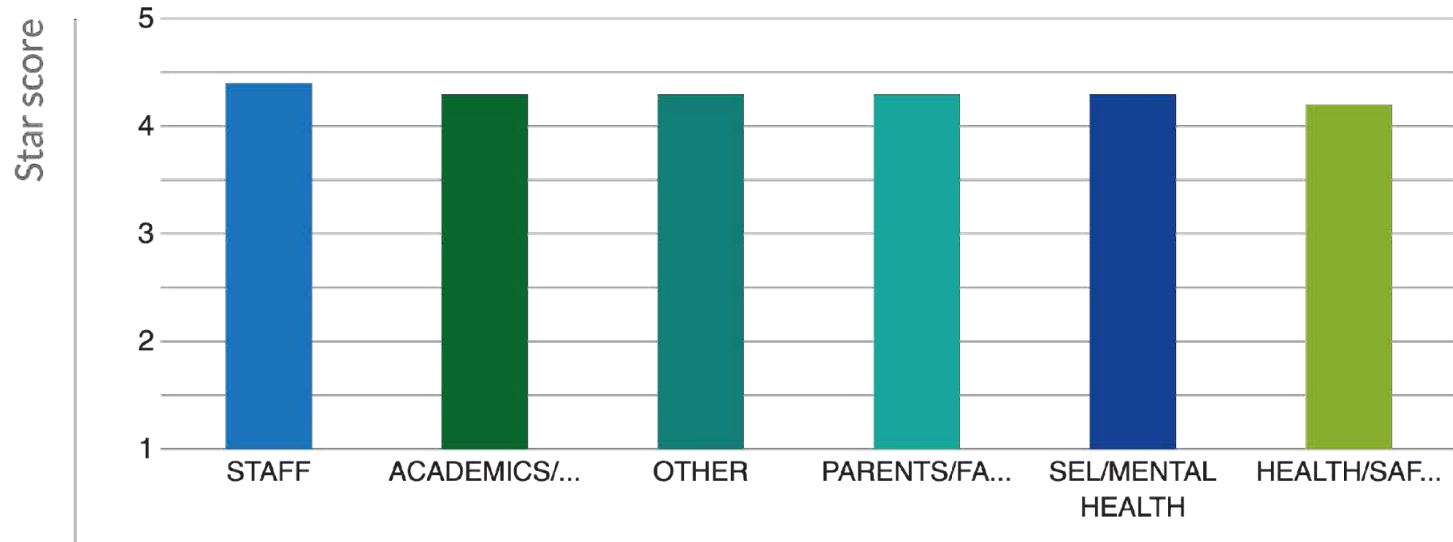
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Responses

%		Answer <i>(Multi-select)</i>
14%	(460)	English Language Learners (first language other than English)
6%	(206)	Homelessness (McKinney-Vento)
14%	(459)	Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible
5%	(157)	Foster Care
1%	(56)	Incarcerated Students
5%	(165)	Migrant Students
9%	(287)	Poverty
21%	(649)	Students served with an IEP (Special Education)

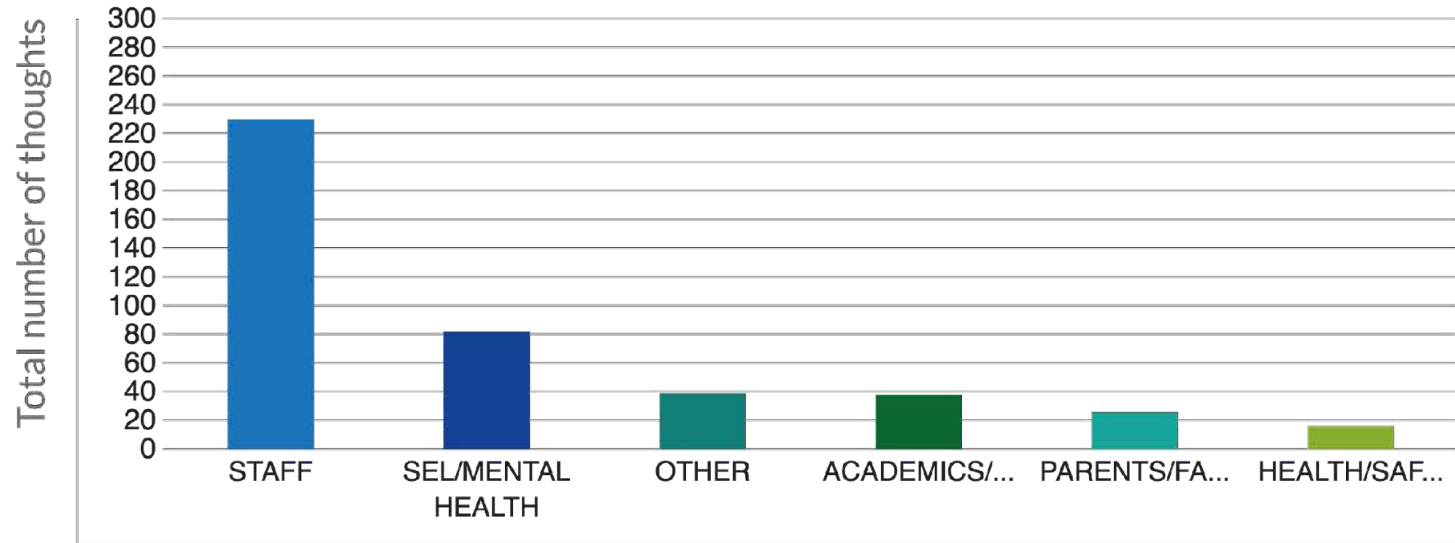
AAPS Priorities - Feedback from our AAPS Community:

68%	(1,849)	Attracting, Hiring, and/or Retaining High-Quality Professional and Support Staff
55%	(1,486)	Mental Health Supports, Services, and Resources
49%	(1,333)	Academic Supports in-school
40%	(1,084)	Attracting, Hiring and/or Retaining Contracted Service Staff (e.g., transportation, food services, custodial, substitutes)
38%	(1,031)	COVID mitigation and health supports (e.g., nurses and health specialists, PPE, etc.)
37%	(1,003)	Social-emotional Learning
29%	(796)	Extended School Day Before- and After-School Programming
25%	(698)	Academic Supports before/after school

TOP THEMES BY STAR SCORE



TOP THEMES BY TOTAL THOUGHTS



KEY THOUGHTS - Staff

Hire and retaining high quality teachers! 4.5 ★★★★★ (25 👤)

Ranked #1 of 3382

Attracting and retaining excellent professionals. The staff leading our schools and classrooms and interacting with our students every day, can make or break their entire experience. 4.4 ★★★★★ (29 👤)

Ranked #2 of 3382

Attracting and retaining staff to ensure continued in-person learning. My children have thrived with the return to in-person learning. 4.4 ★★★★★ (29 👤)

Ranked #3 of 3382

THOUGHTS - Academics

Academic support, high quality, supported staff, staff retention, mental health.

Our kids are worth it and the district can do more. 4.4 ★★★★★ (28 👤)

Fully staffed classrooms your educators are burnt and need help and this impacts the kids 4.4 ★★★★★ (27 👤)

Improved ventilation and air conditioning 4.2 ★★★★★ (30 👤)

Relying less on devices and developing more teacher-child interactions Learning from a teacher seems to be more impactful, as the teacher knows the children's specific needs. 4.3 ★★★★★ (23 👤)

Critical thinking and learning skills The internet makes it easy to manipulate populations. It's important to teach kids critical thinking and how to go about learning new information. 4.2 ★★★★★ (28 👤)

High quality and reliable instruction it relates to achievement 4.2 ★★★★★ (28 👤)

THOUGHTS - Parents & Families

AAPS should offer before and after school child care. It supports working families and allows for continuity of care for kids. It is important to support working moms and their kids. 4.3 ★★★★★ (20 👤)

Before and after hours services need to be restored. Many families can not have parents return to work, and thus provide basic financial needs for children, without adequate before and after care. 4.2 ★★★★★ (18 👤)

We need appropriate, flexible, and affordable before and after care programs at all AAPS schools (elementary). Without these programs, families cannot properly work at their jobs. Also, if these programs are not affordable many cannot utilize them. 4.2 ★★★★★ (25 👤)

THOUGHTS - Social Emotional Learning /Mental Health

Mental health support Between COVID (fear, loss, illness) and school shootings, kids are a mess right now. 4.3 ★★★★★ (29 👤)

We need people in schools that kids can talk to, be that actual trained counselors or just people given the time they need to be available Kids are facing and dealing with more and more stress. Just having someone they can talk to about things could have far reaching impacts. 4.3 ★★★★★ (29 👤)

Good mental health is concerning now more than ever Kids, like adults, are going through more stress than ever. 4.3 ★★★★★ (28 👤)

THOUGHTS - Health/Safety

Keeping school open safely This impacts kids' ability to learn, parents' ability to work. 4.2 ★★★★★☆ (29 👤)

Keep kids safe from guns As a student recent events have been very stressful 4.2 ★★★★★☆ (28 👤)

Providing a safe & secured environment for student's education; hiring and retaining teachers and other staff members, after school opportunities. 4.2 ★★★★★☆ (27 👤)

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AAPS PRIORITIES

- **Academic Learning, Growth, & Development**
- **Social Emotional Learning, Wellness & Mental Health**
- **Quality professional staff**
- **COVID mitigation in classrooms, schools & activities**