

District Climate Survey Results – Parents

May 2016

Centennial

	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Facilities					
The school is generally clean.	1	1	4	30	30
The school is safe and secure.	1	0	4	29	31
Staff takes ownership in the physical appearance of the school.	1	0	7	27	29
The school's appearance is welcoming to outsiders.	2	0	4	29	28
Comments:					
<p>Very friendly staff!</p> <p>I think food quality needs to be looked at. I've heard a lot of complaints about food being frozen, moldy, and tasteless.</p> <p>Centennial School is an excellent school.</p> <p>Teachers and school are great.</p> <p>My children have been nothing but taught rude ignorance since attending this school, bullied, physically abused and brushed off by teachers and bus drivers alike.</p> <p>The front door needs more security.</p> <p>Besides the constant head lice last year and the scabies. I think those checks should be done on all students. The fact that they were not I'm still very upset. Those checks need to be done!</p>					
Instruction					
The school provides an atmosphere where every student can succeed.	1	2	7	26	26
Quality work is expected of all students.	1	2	3	27	30
Instruction is dynamic, involving, learner centered, and challenging.	1	2	7	25	28
Comments:					
<p>I don't know about specific school instruction, but I'm <u>very</u> impressed with the level that my daughter is at and her educational growth throughout the year.</p> <p>We have been very pleased with Mrs. _____ and her instruction this year. She is an excellent teacher who cares and wants her students to learn.</p> <p>Teachers and school are great.</p> <p>You have confused the common core math generation by trying to make their brain operate exactly as a calculator would; basic math has worked fine for generations.</p> <p>More attention needs to be placed on kids that succeed, not the kids that interrupt the learning process. Felt bad for teachers with little assistance for these kids. Always felt comfortable with teachers-could contact them at any time with any issues.</p>					
District Programs					
School district programs meet the individual needs of my child.	2	4	8	24	25
My child's school clearly communicates school curriculum.	1	0	11	23	27
I receive regular communication on my child's progress.	2	3	3	18	33
Comments:					
<p>I am not fond of the Class Dojo point system or how it is determined to lose a point. I find losing a point for no name on a paper is irrelevant compared to other important issues such as running in class or being disruptive. There needs to be some kind of standard or do away with the points.</p> <p>No calls at all.</p> <p>They have gone out of their way to make sure my child gets all the help he needs to be successful.</p> <p>Due to the financial situation of our state, our district has suffered. Our students have less opportunities and this negatively effects their education.</p> <p>I really don't have choice but to send my kids to a public Streator school, or they definitely wouldn't be there. Conference with "Grand Ridge" school they are the best elementary school in this area and the students and staff alike are polite and responsible, not harmful to each other.</p> <p>The <u>teachers</u> at Centennial are great. Never had a problem with them. The support staff in the office is great too!</p>					

Leadership					
The principal promotes a positive school environment.	2	1	7	28	23
The principal maintains a good rapport and good working relationship with staff.	2	0	11	26	17
The principal is highly visible to the student body.	2	0	10	26	22
The principal is accessible when needed.	2	0	3	28	20
I feel respected and valued by the building administration.	2	1	8	24	23
Comments:					
<p>The principal is very unwelcoming. We've been at Centennial School for 8 years and she still doesn't know who I am. I've been to many class parties and field trips- still stares blankly at me as I pass her.</p> <p>The school is well run.</p> <p>The secretarial staff has been very helpful this year.</p> <p>Wonderful teachers and office staff.</p> <p>My child loves this school.</p> <p>The anti-bullying program in place at this school is good and holds students accountable for their actions.</p> <p>Never met principal so can't answer.</p>					
Morale					
Student morale is high.	4	1	8	21	21
Teacher morale is high.	3	2	9	21	19
Support Staff morale is high.	3	1	11	20	17
Administration morale is high.	2	1	11	22	14
Comments:					
<p>Most teachers try to remain upbeat and positive.</p> <p>High expectations, overcrowded classrooms, mandated teaching methods and state requirements, lack of support staff, poor management of funds by administration, high stress, and a lot of pressure on teaching staff. Great teachers doing the best they can with what they have.</p> <p>I feel that the financial situation our school district is in has brought morale down for the whole community. This is a state issue.</p> <p>I believe this S.D. to be mismanaged.</p> <p>My child is happier at this school then the old school.</p> <p>Due to all the hardships this district-has faced because of poor financial management by the state of Illinois, morale is lower.</p> <p>However, we have an excellent staff in District 44 and they rise to the challenge and work professionally in spite of their morale.</p>					
Looking Forward					
Streator Elementary Schools should adopt a 4 day school week. School days would be longer in order to maintain the number of instructional minutes per week.	25	9	18	6	2
Comments:					
<p>I need to know more before I could make an informed decision.</p> <p>Lower ridiculous administrative salaries.</p> <p>If this is in the best interest of the children and studies have proven this then I am for it.</p> <p>As long as the time added is minimal.</p> <p>I think Streator kids should go to school 8:00-3 PM everyday Mon-Fri. This early release is hard on working parents on Wednesdays.</p> <p>My child has problems with his attention span now, longer days would be worse for many.</p> <p>In my child's case I disagree.</p> <p>How long would the school day be?</p> <p>I think children will lose focus if kept longer hours.</p> <p>I would not like this.</p> <p>That would be horrible.</p> <p>Kids' minds get overwhelmed and overworked if longer school hours.</p> <p>No, kids need to be in 5 days a week makes no sense to go to school till 11:45 kid should stay til let out time.</p> <p>5 days a week of school prepares them for when they get older and have to work 5 days a week.</p> <p>I don't know about this. Some days my kids come home exhausted already. I would need more information as far as times and</p>					

days. I am leaning toward no until more information is available. Too long of days may lose the kids interest and attention. SES should adopt year round school.

Why change school week after so long, when there's already so much being cut out of the student's education.

Although it would probably save the school money on transportation that would be a long time to expect young children to stay focused.

Don't think that this is good idea. Not only taking time away from families when child is out of school but also, kids might get antsy from being in class that long.

That would not be good. Most students would not be able to tolerate a longer day.

Need more information. A regular schedule with regular start and stop times would be nice though.

3 days off in a row is too many. I think it would be an all right idea but only if the third day off was Wednesday and the weekend.

Streator Elementary Schools should re-organize grades K-4 into attendance centers. Students from each grade level would all be located in the same building.	14	5	15	17	8
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Comments:

I need to know more information before I could make an informed decision.

Having more than one child in school might make this inconvenient during school programs on the same night or pickup and drop off issues may arise.

Ottawa Elementary schools did something like this and it seems to have worked for them.

Nope.

School should be a consistent routine 5 days per week. I don't like all the early out and half days.

Though I believe it would be good to have all the kids that are going to meet up in Jr. high at one school I also believe it is beneficial to be around other kids of all ages.

Really? There's no money for anything and this comes up!

Why fix something that isn't broken, the system is fine the way it is now.

I'm not sure about the effects of this, but it doesn't sound like a bad thing to try. If it's counter-productive you can just switch back.

I think it should go back to K-4. Fifth graders are not mature enough to be in middle school.

Eliminate school orientation day. No buses. Send home registration packets at the end of school year.

The school I went to was K through 8th and it worked well and the 8th graders got to tutor the little kids, and help grade assignments.

Suggestions for Improvement:

Have community members volunteer for after school programs to supplement what they are missing due to lack of funds.

Thanks to everyone in the district for working so hard. Our students benefit from the good job you do!

I don't know but we are purchasing a home elsewhere due to the unstable education system here in Streator.

My child has had great teachers at Centennial and I feel the curriculum is good. No parent that truly cares for their child is happy with the financial situation in this district. That problem is not a reflection on the teachers. The teachers are doing the best they can with what they are given.

Centennial needs to address drop off/pick up. There's no reason why a teacher needs to help kids out of the car in the morning. Maybe have drop off somewhere else for the kids that need help.

Stop teaching our kids songs and dances that are done and played in bars and clubs.

Try to remember that not all of the students in Streator schools are of African descent, so stop teaching only African behavior.

I have been really impressed with everything about my daughter's school, especially the level of instruction and the materials available and provided to her. I know times are tight, but I'd really like to see art and music more than once a week. Also I have huge reservations about her going to a middle school at only a 5th grade level. I have very strong feelings that elementary should be K-5 and middle school should be 6-8. Children at the 5th grade level are not ready for a middle school environment.

More after school activities for the students. A group for Autistic Children to meet and maybe form bonds with each other.

Support should always go to the front line staff teaching and managing the students. These are the people doing the educating. That's why we send our children to school right? Enormous salaries for administration that doesn't seem to want to cut from the top doesn't seem right.

Some kids act bad on the bus so it may be an idea to have an assistant to the bus driver ride in the back of the bus to watch kids' behavior and make sure kids get off at correct stop. Teach K-2 kids about the swings that if they run in front of a swinger they will get kicked because my child was upset because kids blamed her for kneeling a smaller kid when he ran straight into her swing and they all were yelling at her like it was her fault. Swings don't have breaks in midair. But I'm really glad this school allows kids to swing so I didn't want to discourage the fun at recess at all. I love it! Maybe adding a short gate around the swing set to keep little kids from running into swingers.

District Climate Survey Results -Parents

May 2016

Kimes

	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Facilities					
The school is generally clean.	1	0	1	30	47
The school is safe and secure.	1	0	3	28	46
Staff takes ownership in the physical appearance of the school.	1	0	2	29	47
The school's appearance is welcoming to outsiders.	1	0	2	29	47
Comments: Keep up the good work. We love Kimes and always know my kids are well taken care of, safe and happy each day. Kimes does a great job. Very friendly environment. Love seeing the student work.					
Instruction					
The school provides an atmosphere where every student can succeed.	1	1	2	37	38
Quality work is expected of all students.	1	0	2	32	44
Instruction is dynamic, involving, learner centered, and challenging.	1	0	3	34	41
Comments: More adult aids for children's benefit-less teens in the school. All teachers provide great learning environments. I believe teachers need more aides with experience, not high schoolers to help. High schoolers don't have parent type dynamics the kids need. No common core please. Very happy with my child's progress from K-4 th .					
District Programs					
School district programs meet the individual needs of my child.	1	3	11	25	38
My child's school clearly communicates school curriculum.	1	0	3	33	42
I receive regular communication on my child's progress.	1	0	3	29	45
Comments: Great communication via website and newsletters. Class Dojo is awesome!					
Leadership					
The principal promotes a positive school environment.	0	1	0	27	46
The principal maintains a good rapport and good working relationship with staff.	2	0	4	25	46
The principal is highly visible to the student body.	2	0	2	26	46
The principal is accessible when needed.	2	1	1	28	44
I feel respected and valued by the building administration.	2	2	1	31	40
Comments: The principal is more than an amazing principal! She goes above and beyond! The principal has always put my kids first. She is fair and consistent. Kimes staff rocks! Best principal ever. Love the principal.					

The principal and other staff is always highly involved and wonderful to be around.
 The principal is Awesome! ☺
 She is one outstanding Principal who takes part in all she does with the kids.

Morale

Student morale is high.	2	2	2	34	35
Teacher morale is high.	2	2	1	34	36
Support Staff morale is high.	2	3	2	33	35
Administration morale is high.	3	0	7	33	31

Comments:

I've been in all buildings in the district and Kimes appears the happiest.
 Kimes staff is always so friendly and the students were awesome to work with as I had the privilege of being a room parent again. ☺
 I see a great deal of strength in a tough situation. The principal is a leader who shows and leads with amazing strength and maintains a positive attitude in tough times.
 I believe even given the district's circumstances all teachers still keep morale high for students.

Looking Forward

Streator Elementary Schools should adopt a 4 day school week. School days would be longer in order to maintain the number of instructional minutes per week.	19	20	18	12	9
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Comments:

I think they are in school long enough! I feel it should stay as it is.
 The kids have a hard enough time already sitting for too long with not enough play/recess. My kids come home every day hungry for a snack. They would be even hungrier with longer days. This will be horrible for so many parents financially. Many parents will have difficulty finding or paying for sitters for their children for that day. Kid's attention spans will diminish by the end of the day and I feel grades and test scores will be lower. When will kids have time for their homework?
 I know it isn't what is best for kids, but will it save us \$?
 I think this would be okay if it would help with the budget. I don't think students would gain anything, but I don't think they would be hurt with this either.
 We highly disagree with a 4 day week. Cuts need made elsewhere before sacrificing our children's education/future.
 Failure-kids will be left alone because of no care. Parents will lose jobs.
 Children do Not need to be cooped up in school for longer days. Mornings are already rushed. Kids have after school activities and let's not forget about family times.
 No, I don't agree with this.
 May be a solution, but will be very hard for some parents.
 I feel longer days would affect after school activities. Also, on the day off that affects daycare expense. Most of these parents can barely afford it now.
 If a 4 day week included much needed supportive arts classes and a better creative environment, I would support it.
 Absolutely NOT-too hard on students that are already suffering.
 I feel the kids are already getting a full day as is. Longer days would have a negative impact on them late in the day.

Streator Elementary Schools should re-organize grades K-4 into attendance centers. Students from each grade level would all be located in the same building.	15	13	31	11	7
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Comments:

What happens when families have kids at all 3 schools? How will the parents wait for the kids at multiple bus stops? Or wait for how long if they have the same bus stop by they surely won't be there at the same times. I think this will be a huge transportation dilemma. I really feel this would be hard on families with multiple children that are different ages.
 I think the school would need to offer more bussing options, as transportation is an issue for our family. Besides that, this sounds ok.
 School Days are long enough for kids already. Children need ample amount of time to learn. Even though the day would be longer, I still feel like they'd have to cram to get it all in. I think having longer school days and shorter weeks could worsen behavior of children.
 More fun basic field trips with an educational background for learning.
 Don't pay the administration so much money-figure out where the money is going-look inside!
 Not sure what this would solve or save money.
 Have the Superintendent resign. The rest of administration can stop taking pay raises. In fact, take pay cuts. Distribute their

loss into a profit between all schools including the re-opening of Oakland and 5th grade back to where it should be. K-5th at all schools. Giving teachers decent class sizes to teachers. No longer days. I enjoy spending time with my child. They are only little once. I'll homeschool before I conform to this nonsense.

Keep the school the way it was before.

Not unless there is existing property that can work for this situation.

Class sizes are already large enough. Adding more stress to each grade level seems like a bad idea.

Absolutely NOT.

[My student] says, "no."

There is nothing wrong with the current system....except, of course financing.

What are the savings?

Suggestions for Improvement:

We are very impressed with our daughter's progress this year. Mrs. _____ is truly an amazing teacher!

Provide children's meals for those with allergies. Offer different stuff, suggest options. Heard this was a peanut free environment, and yet my child has made it known that teachers have had stuff with peanuts brought in and kids do as well as kitchen staff. Why...Have menus provided with different options!

We are so pleased with our Kimes experience. The staff and admin are amazing. I'm proud to be a Kimes parent and feel my kids are getting a great education.

I've noticed it's very difficult to hear what the visitor is saying over the intercom-that could lead to potential issues.

More communication from other parents.

Lose the Assistant Superintendent and those that support her i.e. secretary!

Why do all the kids have to be punished and put on wall at lunch time for others wrong doing?

Do more educational fun field trips for the kids.

Stop cutting school staff. Start trimming the fat from the top. We need school support staff. We don't need huge administrative salaries. Get it together school board and stop hurting the kids.

I think children learn and develop from older children. I don't understand how having organized grades could benefit the school system.

Mrs. _____ is an awesome teacher! Great Job!

District Climate Survey Results – Parents

May 2016

Sherman

	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Facilities					
The school is generally clean.	0	0	3	26	37
The school is safe and secure.	0	1	3	22	40
Staff takes ownership in the physical appearance of the school.	0	0	3	28	35
The school's appearance is welcoming to outsiders.	0	1	2	25	37
Comments: Could have a few more student/parent activities. Enjoy meeting my child's classmates and friends The extreme heat makes learning hard for my children the 1 st few weeks of school. This Sherman kids miss out on instruction while other children in district get started. Not a big deal but my child complains that bathrooms are nasty because the kids play with soap and pee on floor. There should be a supervisor that checks the bathroom after each class has gone to narrow down messes.					
Instruction					
The school provides an atmosphere where every student can succeed.	0	0	6	27	33
Quality work is expected of all students.	0	0	1	28	37
Instruction is dynamic, involving, learner centered, and challenging.	0	0	3	27	36
Comments: Hot in summer months with no A/C No spring music concert. Miss that from Oaklawn. Very pleased with Mrs. _____, Mrs. _____, & Ms. _____. Love this school!					
District Programs					
School district programs meet the individual needs of my child.	1	2	6	21	34
My child's school clearly communicates school curriculum.	0	2	4	25	33
I receive regular communication on my child's progress.	1	0	5	18	42
Comments: [My child] has learned so much this year. Mrs. _____ was a very good and wonderful teacher. Thank you so much. More directions needed for parent about common core math (examples would be great). I think Sherman school is doing a great job!! Not too sure of district programs I know of a child in my daughter's class who does not Read or Write well at all. Never does anyone (staff) recommend to her any extra help. I give her a ride every day and I ask her. She said her class don't have a A.R. Goal. My daughter has a math pamphlet every week and she don't. Maybe I am missing something, slower class. Maybe-but I would like to see extra help for her. Or at least hear about someone trying to reach out to her. Maybe a afterschool program that is fun but yet helps so they want to go. Would be nice to receive more updates on how my child is doing in school with academics and behavior. Mrs. _____ IS AWESOME. Very concerned for her students, very helpful, always available for partnes. Children in title class should not be pulled from classes. They should take from gym, art, music but not important subjects.					
Leadership					
The principal promotes a positive school environment.	0	1	1	20	38
The principal maintains a good rapport and good working relationship with staff.	0	0	1	21	37
The principal is highly visible to the student body.	1	1	1	19	38
The principal is accessible when needed.	0	0	3	20	36

I feel respected and valued by the building administration.	1	0	3	19	37
Comments:					
The principal is one of the best principals I have had the pleasure of meeting.					
The principal is the best principal I have ever seen. She only wants what is best for her students. She is highly active in all her school does.					
She is awesome.					
The principal is the best. Welcoming students in the mornings. If you have question, she e-mails quickly.					
She is an awesome principal, very caring kid, and considerate-she cares!					
My child rarely sees his principal.					
We love the principal. Always pleasant and helpful.					
The principal is great. She does a lot for the school and really cares about her students.					
Morale					
Student morale is high.	0	0	7	23	30
Teacher morale is high.	1	0	10	21	26
Support Staff morale is high.	1	0	7	23	28
Administration morale is high.	0	1	9	20	28
Comments:					
I am sure they are concerned like the rest of us about the lack of funding.					
Teachers at Sherman are professional with high morale. Other district teachers complain to anyone who will listen.					
Children need to have P.E. Some sort of fun! Take away P.E. and then talk about Child Obesity! All work and no play-children are hating school.					
Students do not understand the hardships the district is going through. I think the teachers put on a good face considering they do not know what the future holds.					
Not sure on teacher & administrator morale					
Looking Forward					
Streator Elementary Schools should adopt a 4 day school week. School days would be longer in order to maintain the number of instructional minutes per week.	22	10	14	8	5
Comments:					
Disagree due to being single parent and work full time-where would my child attend the 5 th day. I feel school hours should stay the same.					
This would be a big inconvenience to working parents.					
The kids will get frustrated quicker with longer school days.					
There are a lot of parents who do not have daycare. This would cause a lot of issues. Longer days would be exhausting.					
Longer school days would leave no time for sports and other things after school.					
I don't think longer days will be good for anyone.					
With hyper active students that are time release meds.....I don't think that would be a good thing.					
We would remove our kids from the district and send them to private school. There is no research to show any benefits for students. A 4 day week should not even be an option. My kids already get on the bus at 7:47 and get home at 3:42. Then 2-3 hours' worth of 3 rd grade homework plus any activity. It's not right asking this of little kids is wrong. We are already 82% poverty. How would making parent provide babysitting on Friday help our community?					
I think this is a great idea.					
This may be an option as long as my child is still receiving PE, music, art to keep their day interesting.					
Stop cutting school programs					
Horrible idea-parents work and cannot afford extra sitters and it's hard enough for the kids to pay attention let alone with longer hours					
Students would be burned out by the end of the day					
Unsure of my thoughts on this					
I could see that for the older children-High School Kids Maybe. Longer days would not be good on younger children.					
I love the idea of the kids having any extra day off. I need to research and see statistics regarding cost savings, etc....					
Totally disagree. If presented with the facts then I'd take it in to consideration. Young children do not need longer days.					
There's only so much time in a day to get everything done. Upon that how do you expect them to sit, pay attention, behave, and retain when having to be there longer. How would the behavior system change to go along with more tired children?					
Upon that would you then still send home more homework?					

Streator Elementary Schools should re-organize grades K-4 into attendance centers. Students from each grade level would all be located in the same building.	13	10	23	6	3
<p>Comments:</p> <p>I feel kids shouldn't have to travel for schooling. That they should be able to attend the school by their home. No, then parents would be transporting their kids all over town instead of the area they live in. And parents could have kids in all different schools.</p> <p>I am neutral on this because it will save money but more children in a classroom and less attention for the kids that need it. How will having everyone in the same building be good for students or teachers? I understand the overhead would be less, but will and new building have to be built?</p> <p>Not sure how to answer that.</p> <p>Worse than a 4 day school week</p> <p>I would need more information to offer opinion.</p> <p>The day is long enough. If the kids are in school any longer they won't learn anything. They will be too would up to focus on school.</p> <p>Don't know how I feel about that. I have a child at Northlawn. Once she started there we had several problems with stress, anxiety, and stomach. Was a big change for her with friends-classes and big school. Maybe starting that earlier would be better. Maybe not! Northlawn Jr. High has way too much-cyber bullying and in school gossip.</p> <p>These two questions/statements need more elaboration before they can be answered. I think the parents deserve at least that before changing everything.</p> <p>If this is needed to balance a budget, then it is much better than a 4 day week.</p> <p>I think all is fine the way it is.</p>					
<p>Suggestions for Improvement:</p> <p>Great school!</p> <p>Leave things alone-5 day school week normal hours.</p> <p>The older kids help the younger kids learn. Also, siblings will be in different places. Parents can't be in 2 places at one to pick up and drop off.</p> <p>Let children have more fun time! Work with the slower kids who have no help at home. Send out letters letting them know help is there.</p> <p>I suggest that extra staff like lunch supervisors respect children and should be screened and also supervised, as we had a bad experience.</p>					

District Climate Survey Results – Parents

May 2016

Northlawn

	strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree
Facilities					
The school is generally clean.	3	22	40	62	36
The school is safe and secure.	4	9	38	74	35
Staff takes ownership in the physical appearance of the school.	2	8	34	70	40
The school's appearance is welcoming to outsiders.	3	7	20	76	48
Comments:					
<p>This school is really dirty and the classes are really dusty. Bathrooms could be cleaner. The school bathrooms are gross. The school is safe and secure from outsiders, but needs improvement internally. There is excessive bullying and fighting between students. Students are allowed to move around in order to harass other students, especially at lunch. I have no idea how the staff feel about their role regarding the physical appearance of the school. Bathrooms are disgusting. Too much bullying and threatening other students. I feel like my children are both safe and secure at Northlawn. It has always been very clean and inviting. After school dance they pushed my kid out the back and made them walk off school property to get to front of school where I was told to pick them up, but other kids came out the front like supposed to. The students report that the tables are not clean Bullying is an ongoing and constant problem. The overcrowding puts too many students at risk to be overlooked. Northlawn should have a security guard on site. The city/state needs to fix the entry to the school – change the angle of the drive into the drop off parking lot. After school dance my kids had to walk to the sidewalk outside the school property to the front of the school to be picked up by me. I was told to pick them up in the front, Why were they told to walk off school property? I couldn't find them. I was scared. Major bully problems – school does nothing about it!!! The school does not appear clean and I do not always feel that my child is safe at the school. Children state that the bathrooms are always very dirty. Paper towels and toilet paper everywhere. It's pretty big but there is so much dust. Floors, bathroom, walls in bathrooms. Everything is fine The bathroom is not sometimes clean. Bathroom and classes are not clean.</p>					
Instruction					
The school provides an atmosphere where every student can succeed.	8	16	35	68	32
Quality work is expected of all students.	3	5	36	77	44
Instruction is dynamic, involving, learner centered, and challenging.	4	12	39	71	34
Comments:					
<p>It's pretty big but there is so much dust. Floors, bathroom, walls in bathrooms. Everything is fine The bathroom is not sometimes clean. Bathroom and classes are not clean. I am very happy with the way teachers are accommodating to learning styles of children. I do not feel all students are treated the same. Ex – students with poor attendance are rewarded while others with moderate absenteeism are not rewarded. Teachers and staff are outstanding. I've heard students talk about teachers using their phones and such when they should be instructing. I believe that the more cognitively challenged and behavior disordered students are the only focus of District 44. We do not challenge our brighter students and do not take pride in them. We do not offer higher level learning. We do not encourage</p>					

excellence, we encourage average.

I'm not sure my child is challenged enough in school. However, due to class sizes, I understand the teacher is limited and she does the best job she can do given the circumstances.

Please pay more attention to those students at the middle or the top rather than focus all your effort to those at the bottom. Teachers and schools need to listen to parents more on what's going on with kids. They get use to parents coming in and don't listen. They treat it as repetitiveness instead of listening individually.

Students can bring home multiple failed tests and assignments but still get A's. Grades online are never correct. Parents are not contacted when student is falling behind.

School is very much made up of groups of children. Some groups of children do get treated differently than others.

They expect us to do good, but not to take the time to teach us.

I believe bullying is dealt with only to a small extent and not at all if the child's parent works at the school.

District Programs

School district programs meet the individual needs of my child.	7	17	42	68	28
My child's school clearly communicates school curriculum.	4	19	45	64	28
I receive regular communication on my child's progress.	7	13	33	69	36

Comments:

The school district should have the activities for the kids and more support for sports and band programs.

Skyward is the only form of communication. I would like to see an open door for parents. Centennial is the most unwelcoming school to be at. The principal is a bully and in general she'd be happy if she could keep all parents out.

The teacher does not contact me until it's extremely late about the grades. No matter how many times I write to her. I never receive emails, calls or texts. Until child has lost several points or has detentions. Communication needs to improve!!!

I do not receive communication from teachers. I do have the ability to check online though.

In response to question #1 – since we have to pay for it.

Besides midterms, graded assignments are not often updated online. Assignment grades don't always match. I can email the teachers multiple times without getting a response.

The athletic department needs to incorporate all kids – not everyone can afford to lace their child in sports at an early age so they can be great. All kids should have a chance to play on a team if they try out and show potential.

My child's teachers regularly post grades. This is very appreciated.

Everyone does a great job of informing me about my son's progress.

With all the losses in programs, I'm not sure I can say all needs are being met. I feel like teachers do the best they can with what they have.

Bathrooms need cleaned more.

My child is above average and no behavior problems, therefore you do not care about my child. Since my child is not a problem, I do not hear from the school.

I only get insight to my child's progress when I ask his teachers, IEP meetings and report cards.

It would be nice to have advance classes for students who exceed in certain areas.

District losing music and art is discouraging. Pushing kids to be creative is too large of a learning tool to lose.

Northlawn has done a very good job with 5th grade, keeping it more "elementary" than Junior High. This must have been a tough transition, but it appears they have done a good job.

My child's 5th grade teacher does a great job communicating with parents, either through newsletters or text messages. The group texts are great for informing parents of events occurring or upcoming tests – which I appreciate.

They do not let me know about my child's progress until mid-term

Too many extracurricular program cuts. I know this is partially due to lack of state funding.

Leadership

The principal promotes a positive school environment.	1	15	34	74	34
The principal maintains a good rapport and good working relationship with staff.	2	6	54	67	26
The principal is highly visible to the student body.	4	15	46	59	32
The principal is accessible when needed.	6	14	46	62	28
I feel respected and valued by the building administration.	10	8	46	54	36

Comments:

School principal is rarely visible to my child and impossible to get ahold of if needed. Asst. Principal is more accessible and quick

to respond and help.
 I have no idea about the relationship between principal and staff. It is not relevant to a parent.
 I hear the staff talk about each other.
 My child does not seem to notice the principal.
 I have been very happy with communication with the principal. She works hard to resolve issues.
 Never dealt with principal. How would parents know if principal has good rapport or relationship with staff?

Morale

Student morale is high.	7	25	40	63	20
Teacher morale is high.	7	22	36	64	25
Support Staff morale is high.	7	24	36	57	23
Administration morale is high.	6	22	44	57	23

Comments:
 Unsure on morale, but feel budget/staff /school cuts can't be positive.
 Not by any fault of their own, just the BS of the budget.
 Really don't know.
 My child is not excited about school. In the past has always loved school.
 With the financial state of the school system and the administrations we are right and everyone's opinions don't matter. The kids are not blind to what is going on. They know there is no funding for activities that they enjoy.
 Teachers do a great job keeping their contractual issues out of the classroom. My kids have not had a single bad teacher experience and from what I see they care about the kids.
 Morale sucks! Teachers are disgruntled – support staff has been cut, everyone is dealing with a bad situation with a lack of support.
 Morale is low because no one knows what is going to be happening in the future with students or teachers.
 I have no idea about the morale of teachers, staff or administrators. This question is not relevant to parents.
 Students mostly do not have school spirit.

Looking Forward

Streator Elementary Schools should adopt a 4 day school week. School days would be longer in order to maintain the number of instructional minutes per week.	71	25	33	12	15
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Comments:
 If it's the only way to save our teachers and keep our school out of the state's hands – then yes
 I would rather this but it's tough on parents if they work 5 days a week.
 I don't think that is a good idea, because the kids are going to be tired and they are not going to learn as much as they need to.
 Is the district going to provide a snack for the students? How does the district plan to deal with the increase in bad behavior from unruly, cranky children at the end of the day?
 What are you gaining?
 Students can barely pay attention the 6-7 hours they are there now. Extending the school day would cause grades to drop.
 Children have a hard enough time paying attention in the amount of hours they are there now.
 By having these kids in school only 4 days a week it isn't teaching our future generation any more than they need to. These kids are already used to a certain time to be off school, longing the day would be a bad idea.
 This is dumb. There will be no time for extracurricular activities which are just as important.
 NO MORE SCHOOL.
 Kids do not need longer days, nor do they need more days off per week. They need time to come home and play each day.
 There should be a structure for their academics, but also time to be kids and play while burning off some energy.
 Monday to Friday is perfectly fine.
 This is a stupid idea. Test scores are low as it is. Would teachers only be paid for 4 days per week? Parents would struggle to find child care and students would be short changed the education they deserve.
 NO
 I disagree because this would interfere with after school activities and with a longer school day it will cause the children to do homework later in the evening making them go to bed later.
 The question is, can you still teach the entire curriculum that is required in that time? Would it be harder on teachers? On students?
 The students, staff and parents should not suffer because of the shortcomings and poor money management by the district and superintendent.
 I would be afraid that it would interfere with other activities. Examples – sports, y programs, etc. Children will be tired.

Really hope this doesn't happen.

7 hours at school plus homework is ENOUGH

I feel the school system has lost the focus of what education is about – longer days will hinder the attention of the “students” and that is what is important – THE Children

I think longer days would stress out the kids and teachers. Working parents would have difficulties with child care for 1 day a week.

4 day school week/longer days will burn kids out faster – focus later in the day will not be there.

I think it is fine the way it is.

A four day school week would make things very difficult for working families.

Will NOT WORK!!!

Lengthening school days would be very hard for students on medication for attention also kids already come home with enough homework to last til bedtime.

They push too much now. It would be different if they were learning like we learned 10 years ago. None of this common core.

Absolutely a bad idea. Parents who work do not have access to extra sitter and kids will tire easier.

Streator Elementary Schools should re-organize grades K-4 into attendance centers. Students from each grade level would all be located in the same building.	39	29	48	22	14
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Comments:

Anything to save our schools

I do not see how this would help the transportation costs! Also, I can not see the children benefiting from the plan in any way.

There is already 5-8, it's way too much.

As long as classes are reasonably sized.

Older kids have such an impact on younger ones. It can be quit scary for kindergardeners to be walking around with kids twice their size. Kids in 4th grade might not be setting a good example for the kids in kindergarden. All kids need to be around other kids their own age.

If you not from money you don't matter Rasism at this school is terrible.

In suburban schools this works. It allows students to be groups by ability for math and reading. There is no reason why it wouldn't work here.

No – bigger class size interferes with students learning and teachers are less likely to meet the demands of different learning styles and needs of individual students.

I would disagree because if there's more buildings, it would cost more to upkeep

Am willing to explore those options, however after next year, I will have no kids in K-4

The school system is a mess and we all know this. I feel that any suggestions or survey will not be properly tended to. My personal opinion is that the district superintendent or whoever wouldn't truly value our opinions or take them to hear. Any person overseeing this many children should definitely not have taken a raise and let go of needed teachers all at the same time. When our childrens educations are suffering as they are, then none of this matters.

Some teachers need to be taught how to deal with students a little better.

I need more information on attendance centers.

More info would be needed before I could agree or disagree.

Larger classes are not good for the children. It will not help in the “learning portion.” Our children deserve a great place to learn and teachers deserve to be able to reach every child's education.

Students socialization skills of meeting new kids along the way would be decreased, along with being with different age groups. Don't really see any cost effective reason for this.

I would have to see the financial advantages to have an opinion. I am not education on this issue.

There is research that shows this is not always cost effective and not best for students.

NO!!!

Even worse idea than before

Suggestions for Improvement:

Make school fun. Make students want to come to school. Get rid of common core. Keep teachers and staff proud to be a teacher instead of taking teachers away.

Have nicer staff (office people – not teachers)

No dress code

The principal should and needs to learn that a dress code is stupid. It only is towards the girls. The guys don't get dress coded.

Girls aren't supposed to show their shoulders because boys get distracted. What about girls?

Keep the bathroom clean.

Check the bathrooms every two periods.

More supervision in the bathrooms.

Funner class lessons. Funner teachers

Eighth grade moved to high school and all other grades in another low grade school.

Get better lunch ladys that aren't rude!!

Keep the bathrooms clean at all time and fix the bathroom towel dispenser.

Cleaner bathrooms and better lunch

If parents have issues with their child at the school it would be nice to get a call or note that the issue was handled!

Pay more attention to students who are at or above grade level rather than focusing all your resources to those at the bottom.

Quit focusing on Band, Band Aids. I do not want my tax dollars paying for band when my children are not getting the education they need. This would save the school \$50,000. We are playing favorites!

STOP cutting our teachers – without them there is no education. Save by cutting from the Principals. Let them downsize and

NO MORE RAISES for the SUPERINTENDINT. Our children deserve their education! - I am a proud mother of 2 and I THANK their teachers!!

Introduce advance courses

Administration and school board need to be more open to the publics suggestions about the things that affect our kids.

Leave things alone! 5 day school week absolutely no attendance center

Get rid of Wilkinson, Plain and simple

School buses will be nice to take the kids to track meets and basketball games, volleyball and all other activities that our kids need to learn more. Thank you!