# State Survey Results

- Administered Spring 2014
- All Teachers (online at SC Department of Education website)
- Students in grade 5, 8 and 11 (paper/pencil)
- Parents equal to number of students surveyed (paper/pencil)

# SURVEY: Areas of strongest agreement

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## **TEACHERS**

**99**% Teachers effectively impact State curriculum standards.

98% My school offers a challenging instructional program for students.

**98**% I feel safe going to or coming from my school.

**98**% I feel safe at school during the day.

98% I feel safe at school before and after hours.

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### **STUDENTS**

**99**% Teachers expect students to learn.

**98**% Teachers expect students to behave.

**96**% Teachers test what I learn in class.

**95**% Parents are welcome at my school.

95% My parents know how well I'm doing in school.

**93**% I use computers and technology to help me learn.

**91**% I feel safe at school during the day.

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#### **PARENTS**

**93**% Teachers encourage children to learn.

**93**% School has high expectations for learning

**92**% My child's school is neat and clean.

**92**% My child feels safe at school.

# SURVEY: Areas of lowest agreement

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# **TEACHERS**

**74**% Parents volunteer in the classroom and at school. (*Up 1.9*)

80% Level of teacher morale is high. (Up 0.3)

**83**% Parents attend school meetings and events. ( $U_p$  0.3)

**85**% Teachers are recognized and appreciated for good work. (Down 4.4)

**86**% Parents are interested in their children's schoolwork. (*Up 0.9*)

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## **STUDENTS**

**53**% Students behave in the hallways, lunchroom and on school grounds. (*Up* 0.5)

**53%** Students behave in class. (No change)

**54**% School bathrooms are kept clean. (*No change*)

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### **PARENTS**

**48**% Child's teacher invites me to visit classroom during the day. (*Up* 1.6)

**61%** Child's teacher contacts me to say good things about child. (*Up 0.9*)

66% Child's teacher tells me how I can help my child learn. (Down 0.4)

# SURVEY: Areas of most improvement in Strongly Agree/Agree

# **TEACHERS**

- +3.5% School has sufficient computers for instruction. (90.7% agree)
- +2.5% Parents are involved in school decisions through advisory committees. (89.9% agree)
- +2.4% Students know rules and what happens when they break rules. (86.9% agree)
- +2.2% I am satisfied with the social and physical environment. (95.3% agree)
- +1.4% School administration communicates clear instructional goals. (93.1% agree)

## **STUDENTS**

- +3.8% Grounds around school are kept clean. (83% agree)
- +2.8% I feel safe at school before and after hours. (89.9% agree)
- +2.4% Students know rules and what happens when they break rules. (91.2% agree)
- +1.9% I use computers and technology at school to help me learn. (93% agree)
- +1.9% Rules about student behavior are fair. (82.7% agree)

## **PARENTS**

- +4.4% Child's teacher invites me to visit classroom during the day. (52.8% agree)
- +2.0% Child's school involves me in decision making. (69.9% agree)
- +1.6% Child's teacher invites me to visit child's classroom during the day. (48.1% agree)

# SURVEY: Areas of most decline in Strongly Agree/Agree

# **TEACHERS**

-4.4% Teachers are recognized and appreciated for good work. (85.5% agree)

No other greas more than -1.0.

# **STUDENTS**

- -5.4% Work done by students can be seen on walls of school. (81.8% agree)
- -4.4% Textbooks and workbooks really help me learn.(69.8% agree)
- -1.1% Teachers praise students who do good work. (80.4% agree)

## **PARENTS**

- -11.6% I am satisfied with home-school relations. (72.2% agree; but "don't know" increased by 10.7%)
- -3.9% Child's school gives me information about what child should be learning in school. (73.8% agree)
- -1.5% School schedules activities when I can attend. (77.2% agree)

# Additional Parent Survey Items

### **OVERALL DISTRICT RESULTS:**

- 59% said work schedule makes it hard to be involved.
- School's overall friendliness: 84% Very Good/Good (up 2.8%)
- □ How school is doing overall: 79% Very Good/Good (up 2.3%)

# Survey Responses on State Report Card

RESPONSE ITEM	2013	+/-	2014	+/-
PARENTS: Satisfied with Learning Environment	89.8%	-0.4	89.5%	-0.3
PARENTS: Satisfied with Social & Physical Environment	85.9%	-1.5	86.9%	+1.0
PARENTS: Satisfied with Home-School Relations	83.8%	-1.4	72.2%	-11.6
STUDENTS: Satisfied with Learning Environment	86.3%	+2.2	83.8%	-2.5
STUDENTS: Satisfied with Social & Physical Environment	85.1%	-0.1	87.5%	+2.5
STUDENTS: : Satisfied with Home-School Relations	88.9%	+1.5	88.3%	-0.6
TEACHERS: Satisfied with Learning Environment	91.0%	-1.8	91.9%	+0.9
TEACHERS: Satisfied with Social & Physical Environment	94.9%	-0.4	95.3%	+0.4
TEACHERS: Satisfied with Home-School Relations	87.3%	-0.6	88.0%	+0.7