

Exchange Summary

Walla Walla Public Schools
September 6, 2022

What do you value most about Walla Walla Schools and what can we do better to prepare our students for the challenges and opportunities of the future?



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



134

Participants



96

Thoughts



2,189

Ratings

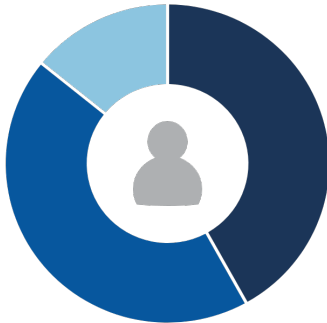


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What best describes your relationship with the district.



%		Answer
42%	(53)	■ Parent
44%	(56)	■ Employee
14%	(18)	■ Community Member

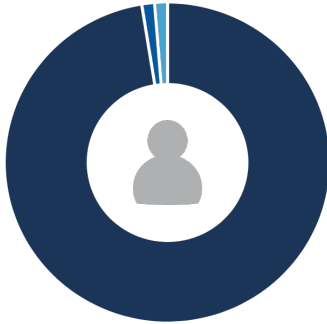



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The primary language spoke in my home is



%		Answer
98%	(123)	English
1%	(2)	Spanish
1%	(1)	Other



WORDCLOUD
Top Rated

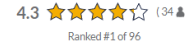




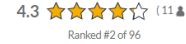
TOP 10 THOUGHTS



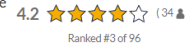
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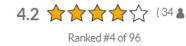
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I value the teachers dedication and hard work to create valuable learning environments for our children. When a teacher creates a positive learning environment that leads to a positive attitude to education.



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Culture of caring. Some of the best people in our community are our teachers. Our children need a whole community to raise them. Kindness and compassion are important.



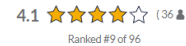
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I appreciate how forward thinking this school district is. During the pandemic you were a leader in our state in preparedness . Our students need to be exposed to the newest technologies, critical thinking skills, and social-emotional well-being.



Students need to learn about diversity and our history. We are a global society and everything throughout the world is connected.



WWPS does a great job communicating with the community regarding plans and changes they are needing to make. It allows for more trust in the decisions that are being made. You can't share the reason why all decisions are made but the openness allows for trust





THOUGHTS

Caring



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4.3  (34 )

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4.2  (34 )

Caring staff and faculty Child's self esteem

3.9  (28 )



THOUGHTS Value



I value the teachers dedication and hard work to create valuable learning environments for our children. When a teacher creates a positive learning environment that leads to a positive attitude to education.

4.2  (34 )

The work of belonging is a good idea but the district isn't quite there yet. Belonging is a must for inclusion and higher levels of learning.

4.2  (13 )

I value the commitment that all students can and need to learn as well as the intentional focus on belonging for all staff and students. This is vital because as an educator I was always taught that my number one job is to provide a safe learning environment where all students can learn

4.1  (19 )



THOUGHTS Community



Culture of caring. Some of the best people in our community are our teachers. Our children need a whole community to raise them. Kindness and compassion are important.

4.2  (32 )

I value how fluid the district is when it comes to adapting to circumstances and the changing needs of the community it serves. Education is for the students. Staying on top of their needs and being open to adapt shows the district is here to be in service of them.

4.0  (34 )

I like that WWPS seems to be always trying to do what's best with what we have and what we can get. The district seems to be forward-thinking. This is important because it not only improves the quality of education but also helps our community be proud of its school district and its work.

3.9  (33 )



THOUGHTS Learning



Increase student voice. Bring students to the table so we know what they are learning or not and what they need.

4.3  (11 )

Collaboration for students Students learn from good teachers -- and teacher collaboration leads to great teaching.

4.1  (29 )

Your willingness to teach the truth and teach students to think. Your program of acceptance and inclusion is great. As adults, they will need to think for themselves. If they don't learn to discern the truth, they will accept lies and disinformation.

4.0  (6 )



THOUGHTS Program



Standardized tests (iReady) need not take up so much time throughout the year, especially at the elementary level. Twice a year is more than enough! Standardized testing is becoming less and less necessary, even for college entrance. Why spend 18 days a year on iReady testing alone?

4.0  (35 )

What I most value is the commitment to the We All Belong vision to make students and staff feel safe and accepted I would like to see the highly capable program renamed and revamped and opening MS honors classes up to any student who can keep their grades up.

4.0  (6 )

More advanced options for kids who don't test into the Highly Capable Program Programs like this miss so many gifted students who are bored in class because it is only based on the test, despite saying it includes teacher rec.

3.8  (22 )



THOUGHTS Build



The teachers and the relationships they build with the students is what I value most.

4.2  (34 )

I value that educators acknowledge and build on each student's strengths and interests.

I believe it's important to build on an individual's best qualities and interests so that they can fully contribute to our community/society.

4.0  (32 )

I value stakeholder input and I want to see our schools bring out the best in each student.

Education is a pillar of our democracy. Enhancing our students' aptitudes and interests will help us build a strong democracy.

3.9  (35 )



THOUGHTS Kids



Communication and safety I feel communication between the district and parents. The school and parents and the teacher and parents is key success for kids.

4.0  (24 )

I appreciate the lengths the district office goes to in order to receive input from parents and staff. Feeling heard and understood is the essential first step to any positive communication and relationship.

3.9  (35 )

I value the thoughtfulness that the teachers at Lincoln and the other schools are putting in to making sure my kid/other kids feel like they can attend Because they want to feel wanted and they need that space with their peers. Covid really took that away from these kids. Time to take their lives back



3.9  (29 )







THOUGHTS

Miscellaneous



I appreciate how forward thinking this school district is. During the pandemic you were a leader in our state in preparedness . Our students need to be exposed to the newest technologies, critical thinking skills, and social-emotional well-being. 4.2  (7 )

Students need to learn about diversity and our history. We are a global society and everything throughout the world is connected. 4.1  (36 )

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THOUGHTS High Levels







- WWPS need to have higher expectations for all students.** Kids in poverty and minorities deserve the chance to achieve at high levels instead of making excuses for the lack of achievement. **3.8** ★★★★★ (28 👤)
- I value high WA state standards.** Every student needs to know the standards so that they have the opportunity to reach high to attain and exceed the standards to be competitive. **3.7** ★★★★★ (35 👤)
- High level of computer and Engineering classes are needed** The world is in desperate need of individuals with high level computer skills. **3.7** ★★★★★ (34 👤)





THOUGHTS Skills



Continue to expand career and life skills oriented options. Many students require earlier opportunities to develop life and career skills along with basic education. 3.7  (24 )

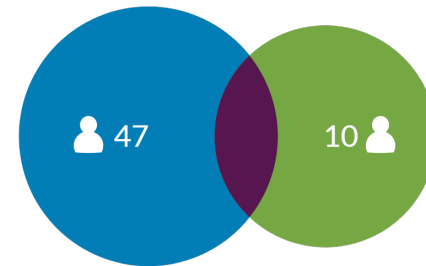
I would like to see more technical skills training and blue-collar job programs offered/introduced at the high-school level. We will always need builders, masons, mechanics, etc. While white-collar jobs are being outsourced abroad, local skilled labor is in high demand. 3.6  (7 )

Teach the basics of reading writing and arithmetic. More daily life skills. Because other things are pushed into our kids learning day. Kids need to learn skills like a signature, house skills, basic finances. 3.3  (35 )



DIFFERENCES

Culture Of Belonging | Standards and Value [47 | 10]



Side A

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★ 4.5 ★ 2.5

I value our diversity and unique culture. I would like to see improvement on belonging and inclusion by creating a stronger culture of belonging. Diversity is an asset and making sure all our children and their

Side A/B Common (high)

We have bright, caring teachers! Relationships are most important!

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★ 4.4 ★ 4.3

Side B

WWPS need to focus on academic standards only. Political and social agendas are confusing students. Students should never know a teachers political party or religion. Teachers need to teach facts.

★ 1.3 ★ 4.9

I have concerns about sex education, that the curriculum is fine but personal agendas exist to promote values we disagree with. I wouldn't know if an individual teacher were promoting these values privately in their classroom, things not in the curriculum.