

Exchange Summary

Mountain View Whisman School District, Mountain View Whisman
School District
January 17, 2023

What are the important things for us to consider
as we continue to work to ensure our schools are
safe places?



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Parent of a student in MVWSD



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Participants



337
Thoughts



10,658
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8%	(35)	Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary School



THOUGHTS

Key Thoughts

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Clear bike routes and clearly marked bike lanes to all schools

4.4  (42 )

Ranked #1 of 337

Providing safe places for students to gather during recess and lunch that are not targets for bullies Sending a clear message to students that physical violence or even unwanted touching is never ok.

4.4  (34 )

Ranked #2 of 337

Building a community at each school campus where students know each other, treat each other with respect, and feel comfortable asking adults for help Safety starts with all students feeling welcome, respected, and that people will help them if they ask.

4.4  (33 )

Ranked #3 of 337



THOUGHTS

Bullying

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Stop all forms of bullying. Not just in your words but in actions. Children would be much happier and feel safer.

4.1  (26 )

Keep an eye out for bullying and address it seriously. When anyone looks the other way when bullying happens, it just encourages the behavior. Bullies will do anything they get away with.

4.0  (44 )

Bullying twice this school yeah my 2nd grader has been physically bullied. I would like to see an increase of TRAINED yard duties and staff during lunch

4.0  (36 )



THOUGHTS

Mental Health

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While security measures help, they are a bandaid to the deeper issues. Focus on mental health and students feeling a sense of belonging. Students need to feel valued and respected. Mental health issues need more proactive measures instead of more fences, security, cameras, etc.

4.2  (12 )

Invest in mental health for students and staff. Life can be stressful. We need to find ways to give people tools to handle this

4.1  (44 )

Mental health Children and staff need access to mental health resources

4.1  (42 )













THOUGHTS

Feel Safe

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- Building a community at each school campus where students know each other, treat each other with respect, and feel comfortable asking adults for help** Safety starts with all students feeling welcome, respected, and that people will help them if they ask. 4.4  (33 )
- Love that empathy and being kind is taught in the classroom** This is important to make children feel safe to express their emotions 4.3  (36 )
- have a safe teacher that you can talk to** Because that than you can talk to them if you don't feel safe or if someone is mean. 4.1  (38 )
- Parents should be notified if class had to evacuate the classroom because of a disruptive student** I want to know if my child is and feels safe at school 4.1  (35 )
- In the classroom, I want my child to feel safe enough to ask questions. To feel safe when he is extra wiggly or has a bad day.** Shame corrodes children's mental health and interest in classroom learning. Emotional safety and security are important to school engagement. 4.0  (23 )



THOUGHTS

Safety

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Clear bike routes and clearly marked bike lanes to all schools

4.4  (42 )

Safe routes to schools, crossing guards, protected bike lanes, and a few trusted adults on campus before school Being able to walk and bike to school is healthy exercise, provides students with a sense of pride and independence as they get older.

4.3  (34 )

Safety of kids walking and biking to school No more children killed just going to school

4.3  (33 )

Traffic safety for bikes and pedestrians Kids need to be able to get to school safely

4.2  (39 )

Safe routes to school bicycle and pedestrian safety are a high priority

4.2  (33 )

Traffic safety needs to be addressed I see drivers letting kids out in the street, speeding, not yielding to pedestrians and cyclists not following traffic safety rules daily.

4.2  (33 )



THOUGHTS

Important

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Students, staff, and parents should be able to confidentially report safety concerns Confidentiality is important when someone may fear retribution

4.1  (12 )

Efforts should be made to prevent bullying and fights It is important for children to learn alternative conflict resolution techniques. It is also important to learn how to be effective bystanders.

4.0  (44 )

The most important thing is who is entering the property. Who is interacting with students. I don't want my child to be put in contact with strangers.

3.8  (3 )













THOUGHTS

Kids

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- Safety within school first** Kids should feel safe in the school environment amongst friends and other students 4.3  (20 )
- Psychological safety** Kids should feel safe being themselves and confiding in peers and adults. Difficult to achieve but anything to help us get there will be worthwhile. 4.2  (33 )
- Monitor computer usage at school and give parents access to monitor and regulate while home.** Elementary kids especially need more restrictions on sites like YouTube. Kids also have links to download and play violent video games at school 4.1  (25 )
- Parents/guardians need to be responsible in addressing their kids behaviors and help resolve issues when they arise** Positive parent/guardian involvement has the biggest influence on kids 4.1  (14 )
- I think the most likely safety threat to a student is another student at the school, NOT an external threat.** We need more adults working with and supervising our kids, rather than fortifying our campuses against intruders. 4.0  (45 )







THOUGHTS

People

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More people around the school It is important because if we don't have enough people to survey the school, they might be more fights or more people skipping class. 3.7  (40 )

Increased surveillance at entrances and around the school So we know what kind of people are entering our schools 3.3  (1 )

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THOUGHTS

People Fights

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Being kind to everyone, and not getting into fights. Also speaking up if anything happens. It is always important to have a good attitude, and to try not to get into trouble. Fights cause harm between students, but happen once in a while.

4.2  (35 )

That the behavior of children be monitored more at break time There are children who play very rough, and others tend to have fights at break time

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3.5  (7 )

School violence School shootings, fighting is increasing

3.1  (42 )











THOUGHTS

Know

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- Students need to have a caring adult on campus and they need to know who their caring adult is.** When they need help, they know who to turn for. Also students need to have a closer relationship with teachers. 4.0  (36 )
- Provide a simulation of the safety procedures and share with parents and the community since these individuals do not participate in the drills.** Families need to know what happens to students and school personnel if there is an emergency, and what they can or need to do. 3.7  (10 )
- Proactively communicate about safety plans and procedures.** Parents, teachers, students, and the community at large need to know exactly what to do in the event of an emergency. 3.5  (5 )
- Active shooter drills at all school levels** Because they need to know what to do 3.1  (43 )







THOUGHTS



Bathrooms

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Bathroom safety and cleanliness There are many students who do not go to the bathroom during the day because of safety and cleanliness issues like not working toilets & hand dryers. 3.7  (44 )

Monitor bathrooms for cleanliness and physical safety Kids need to be able to use the bathroom during school 3.6  (46 )

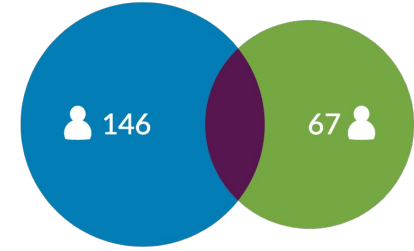
Have the physical environment be in good shape Graham bathrooms are apparently often broken, toilets clogged and lacking soap. It's hard to learn when students can't use the bathroom. 3.6  (2 )



DIFFERENCES

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Side A

More fenced gates, security cameras The school is adjacent to a public park and has many easy entry points for outsiders

★ 4.8 ★ 1.3

keep all school doors locked. and enter only through the office. Because most of the time they are always open and anyone can enter, without using the front door

★ 4.6 ★ 1.2

Side A/B Common (high)

Clear bike routes and clearly marked bike lanes to all schools

★ 4.7 ★ 4.6

Building a community at each school campus where students know each other, treat each other with respect, and feel comfortable asking adults for help Safety starts with all students feeling welcome, respected, and that people will help them if they ask.

★ 4.8 ★ 4.5

Side B

Fences do not make campuses safer, just more cut off from the community. Fences are no deterrent to serious criminals, just to regular people. I am distressed by all the new fencing at all the district schools, which foster an unhealthy siege mentality.

★ 1.8 ★ 4.7

It is important to avoid making our schools feel like fortresses. The news is scary, but by and large our schools are safe. Children should not feel under siege every time they walk into school.

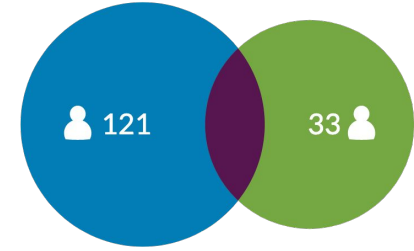




DIFFERENCES

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Side A

Installing new gates was a waste of money You paid all this money for new gates to keep people out during school hours. But people are still able to just walk onto the campus.

★ 4.6 ★ 1.4

Please focus on bus routes. getting rid of the buses was a way to save money not lives.

★ 4.2 ★ 1.7

Side A/B Common (high)

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★ 4.7 ★ 4.0

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★ 4.5 ★ 3.9

Side B

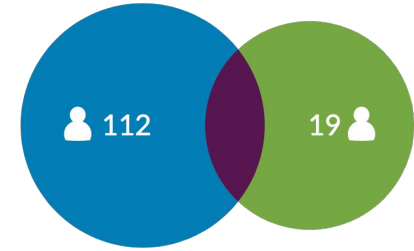
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DIFFERENCES

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Side A

Safe routes to school - drivers including parents who speed around the school Educating people who don't have children to slow down whether or not school is in session.

★ 4.5 ★ 1.8

Car drop off should not be at the same place that kids walk and bike to arrive The density of kids is too high for cars. Cars should have to stop a block away to drop off kids to walk in.

★ 4.4 ★ 1.5

Side A/B Common (high)

Continued support for social emotional learning / psychological safety (both students and staff) It is important to feel safe, and accepted at school. So the out that, learning will be compromised.

★ 4.3 ★ 4.3

Bullying issues among students are very alerting and disturbing for me as a parent of a young student. It should be addressed more effectively. It is of course important for students' general mental well-being and to ensure the

Side B

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