



Sense of Belonging School Board Report

December 6, 2022



Mission Statement

Mankato Area Public Schools
is committed to working together
equitably, with families and communities,
so that each learner has the knowledge
and skills to be a successful and
contributing citizen in a diverse global
society.

Commitment and Values

Visibly Inclusive
Intentionally Equitable
Actively Anti-racist
Committed to Excellence
Accountable for Results



Sense of Belonging Panorama Surveys

Fall 2022 Students Sense of Belonging Survey

Grades 3-5 up 6%

Grades 6-12 up 2 %

Spring 2022 Family Survey

School Climate: 60%

School Fit: 60%



Sense of Belonging: Students

1. How well do people at your school understand you as a person? Elem: up 8%, Sec: up 3%
2. How much support at your school do the adults give you? Elem: up 6%, Sec: up 5%
3. How much respect at your school do other students show you? Elem: up 1%, Sec 0%
4. How much do you matter to others at this school? Sec: up 2%
5. Overall, how much do you feel you belong at your school? Elem: up 7%, Sec: down 1%



Panorama Safety Survey: Students

1. How often are others disrespectful to you at your school: Sec: up 7% who reported almost never or once in a while

2. How often do students get into fights at your school? Sec: up 12% who reported almost never or once in a while

3. How likely is it that someone from your school will bully you online? Sec: up 2% who reported almost never or once in a while

4. How often do you worry about violence at your school: Sec: no change

5. If a student is bullied in school, how difficult is for him/her to get help from an adult? Sec: up 5% who reported not difficult at all or slightly difficult

6. In your school, how unfairly do the adults treat the students? Sec: up 1 % who reported not at all unfairly or slightly



Family Survey on Climate and Fit

QUESTION

- Given your child's cultural background, how good a fit is his/her school?

77% i

responded
favorably

QUESTION

- How well do the teaching styles of your child's teachers match your child's learning style?

59% i

responded
favorably

QUESTION

- Overall, how much respect do you think the teachers at your child's school have for the children?

70% i

responded
favorably

QUESTION

- How much does the school value the diversity of children's backgrounds?

69% i

responded
favorably



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Elementary Schools in MAPS

School Pride - PBIS

Buddy Classrooms

Nest Groups

Parent Involvement

After School Learning Opportunities





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Elementary Schools in MAPS

Mentoring Opportunities

Student Leadership Opportunities

Celebrations

Prairie Winds Mentors



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Middle Schools in MAPS - #WeBelong

- Advisory
- PBIS - Traditions and Celebrations
- Co-Create with Students
- WEB
- Eagle Lake Mentoring
- Speak Up Resource
- Regular Communication with Families
 - DMMS Connect
 - Family Meetings and Home Visits





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Middle School Celebrations

- Positive start to the year
- Panorama 39% to 43% increase as compared to last winter in students feeling a sense of belonging



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High Schools in MAPS

- Students
 - Panorama
 - Advisories
 - West and East
- Families
 - Opportunities to Engage Families
 - Partnership



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High School Celebrations

- Start of School Year
- Panorama Data demonstrates increase in Connections, Supportive Relationships, and Sense of Belonging





Staff Satisfaction

Responded favorably

Staff find their job is interesting 95%

Staff have opportunities to collaborate 92%

Staff receive timely & accurate communication 59%

Feedback is presented in a constructive manner 53%

Performance expectations & feedback are clear
and timely 78%

Sense of personal accomplishment from job 83%



Thank you!

Question/Answer Time