

Teachers are invested in the wellbeing of their students. Happy to be assured that our kids are in good hands.

Make it more interactive for students and teach them life skills that are going to be important in the near future. It's important because if you don't know key life skills then it will be difficult to live and get a job here.

I appreciate the advancement of our curriculum. Compared to other schools, our district has a higher level of curriculum. The courses we take are very advanced.

Add Your Voice

Fall 2017

Shrewsbury Public Schools



Agenda

1. Project Overview
2. Understanding Top Thoughts
3. Digging Deeper
4. Next Steps

Overview

PARTICIPATION OPEN BETWEEN

November 2, 2017

TO

November 13, 2017

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THOUGHT EXCHANGE PROCESSES

INCLUDING PARENTS/GUARDIANS,
STUDENTS, STAFF MEMBERS,
COMMUNITY MEMBERS & OTHER

Overview - Steps



Participants share answers
to open ended questions



Participants consider ideas
from others and add stars
to the ones they like best



Everyone discovers
what is important to the group

Overview - Questions



1. What are some things you appreciate about our school and school district?
2. What are some things you think our school and school district should improve upon?
3. *(District-wide only)* What are the most important things our school and school district should focus on over the next five years to benefit our students?
4. *(Students only)* What are some specific things that could be done in future years to make school better for you and for other students?

Overview - Participation Numbers (District-wide)



1,249

PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED



2,750

THOUGHTS
CONTRIBUTED



31,965

STARS
ASSIGNED

Overview – Demographic (District-wide)

66.0% 667
Parents/Guardians

5.0% 46
Community Members

24.0% 241
Staff Members

6.0% 56
Other

Overview - Participation Numbers (Students)



3,324

PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED



12,587

THOUGHTS
CONTRIBUTED



127,620

STARS
ASSIGNED

Overview – Demographic (Students)

13.0% 415
Grade 5

13.0% 426
Grade 9

13.0% 430
Grade 6

13.0% 443
Grade 10

12.0% 396
Grade 7

12.0% 389
Grade 11

13.0% 441
Grade 8

11.0% 366
Grade 12

Top Thoughts

Three Tips for Understanding Top Thoughts

1. All thoughts are important and true for that individual.
2. Top Thoughts are what was important to participants during Star.
3. Simply reading the top prioritized thoughts is powerful.

Digging Deeper

BUILDING UNDERSTANDING

1. Interesting to read thoughts in both the themed and un-themed reports
2. Using filters can sharpen insights
3. Sorting by stars, people and passion can help answer questions

ANALYSIS

1. Thoughts are themed to provide quick access
2. Bar charts show where people have assigned their stars across themes
3. Specific topics and groups can be analyzed more deeply so you can understand issues better

Resources Available

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Working with Results Document

1. Identify questions and topics for further exploration
2. Find overarching connections
3. Plan and prioritize action steps

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Next Steps – Taking Action

- Share and celebrate your results!
- Review results and further develop your understanding
- Consider questions you have for further analysis.
- Schedule a follow-up call for two weeks from now.
- Begin thinking about a plan for your next engagement.
- Look forward to a review with our team.