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Hillsborough CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Search Survey
Major Themes
Special Board Meeting: November 8, 2023

Methodology

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- Survey Monkey platform
- October 24-November 1
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- Responses were reviewed, "clustered" and major themes were articulated.

Responses and Demographics

- There were 87 respondents to the survey:
 - 43 current elementary school parents/guardians
 - 27 current middle school parents/guardians
 - 9 former parent/guardian
 - 35 educators
 - 6 community members
 - 3 other
- Some responders represented multiple constituencies

Major Themes

- Collaboration, shared leadership, strong partnerships within the district and the community, frequent and transparent communication are strengths that exist now and should be preserved.
- Both educators and parents are wondering how the facilities improvements
 afforded by passage of the bond measure will impact program during the
 implementation phase.
- There is great respect for the district's experienced and talented teachers and some concern about burnout/fatigue.
- Academic rigor is valued highly, as is support for specialists and electives.
- Concern about declining enrollment, especially at Crocker.
- Both parents and educators notice that there are challenges in the area of social-emotional health of students. How to meet these challenges?

Desirable Characteristics

- Warmth
- Puts the students first
- Accessible
- Experience with both elementary and middle school; experience with a high performing district.
- Strong work ethic
- Ability to lead from the front; calm under pressure
- Approachable
- Engaged with the community
- Visible
- Empathetic

- Understands Ed Code and laws pertaining to schools
- Small district mentality
- Responsive
- Flexible
- Open-minded
- Action-oriented
- Intelligent
- Enthusiastic
- Local resident
- A doctorate of education would keep us current
- Understands demands of being a parent or a caregiver
- Collaborative; great listener