

# MORGAN COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL SYSTEM

## Survey Summary



*February 13, 2012*



# Teacher Survey Summaries



## ***Respondents:***

- Morgan County Primary School: 28**
- Morgan County Elementary School: 47**
- Morgan County Middle School: 50**
- Morgan County High School: 34**
- Morgan County CrossRoads School: 3**



# COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS

Teachers were asked:

***“What percentage of parents for the students you teach communicated with you through notes, phone calls, and/or e-mails this school year?”***

***The highest rated response from teachers:***

***76%-100% (Morgan County Primary School)***

***76%-100% (Morgan County Elementary School)***

***26%-50% (Morgan County Middle School)***

***0-25% (Morgan County High School)***

***0-25% (Morgan County CrossRoads School)***



# TEACHERS' PERCEPTIONS OF SCHOOL SAFETY

Teachers were asked:

***“Based on your experience, how would you describe the safety of your school?”***

## **“THE SCHOOL IS SAFE”**

*93.10% of MCPS teachers who responded agreed that “the school is safe.”*

*97.87% of MCES teachers who responded agreed that “the school is safe.”*

*92.16% of MCMS teachers who responded agreed that “the school is safe.”*

*91.18% of MCHS teachers who responded agreed that “the school is safe.”*

*100% of CrossRoads teachers agreed that “the school is safe.”*



# TEACHERS' PERCEPTIONS OF FACILITY CLEANLINESS

## THE SCHOOL BUILDING IS WELL-MAINTAINED AND CLEAN

*72.41% of MCPS teachers who responded agreed*  
*89.36% of MCES teachers who responded agreed*  
*62.75% of MCMS teachers who responded agreed*  
*76.47% of MCHS teachers who responded agreed*  
*33.33% of CrossRoads teachers agreed*



## **TEACHERS' PERCEPTIONS OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS**

The majority of MCPS and MCES teachers who responded agreed that *“We make sure programs targeting student learning needs are included in the School Improvement Plan”* and *“Once we start a new program, we follow-up to make sure it is working.”*

The majority of MCMS teachers who responded agreed that *“We make sure programs targeting student learning needs are included in the School Improvement Plan”* and *“We have many different programs in this school but I am not sure how effective they are.”*



**TEACHERS' PERCEPTIONS  
OF  
PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO MEET  
THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS,  
*continued***

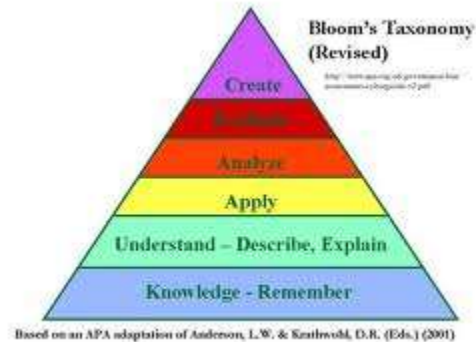
**The majority of MCHS teachers who responded and CrossRoads teachers agreed that *“We make sure programs targeting student learning needs are included in the School Improvement Plan” and “We have many different programs in this school but I am not sure how effective they are.”***



# “In my school, teachers.....

“....feel responsible for student learning”  
(top answer for all schools)

“....share resources with one another”  
(top answer for all schools)



## Teacher respondents viewed their administrators as instructional leaders:

**58.62% MCPS**

**74.47% MCES**

*Administrators at MCPS were rated highest by the teacher respondents at informing parents of the school's expectations for academic performance, behavior, and attendance.*

*Administrators at MCES were rated highest by the teacher respondents at working with school stakeholders to set high standards for student learning.*



# Teacher respondents viewed their administrators as instructional leaders:

**33.33% MCMS**

**73.53% MCHS**

**33.33% CrossRoads**

*\*Administrators at MCMS were rated highest by the teacher respondents at informing parents of the school's expectations for academic performance, behavior, and attendance.*

*\*Administrators at MCHS were rated highest by the teacher respondents for valuing diversity.*

*\*Administrators at CrossRoads were rated highest by the teacher respondents for managing the school effectively.*



# Reasons for Interrupted Instruction

## The highest rated response from teachers:

*Students misbehave during class*  
*(Morgan County Primary School)*

*Students misbehave during class*  
*(Morgan County Elementary School)*

*Students misbehave during class*  
*(Morgan County Middle School)*

*Students are late to class*  
*(Morgan County High School)*

*Students misbehave during class and*  
*Students are late to class*  
*(Morgan County CrossRoads School)*



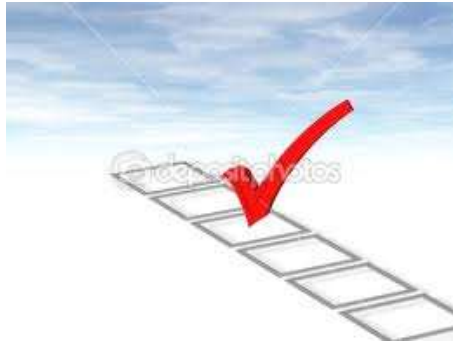
## TEACHER PERCEPTIONS ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL

Teacher Respondents from every school except CrossRoads reported *that “I would recommend this school to parents seeking a school for their child”* as their highest response. Morgan County High School teachers had this response tied with *“I feel loyal to this school.”*

CrossRoads School teachers made *“I feel loyal to this school”* as their highest response.



# Community Survey Summaries



***23 Respondents***



I feel comfortable contacting school and system personnel with questions problems, and/or concerns.

**83% YES**      **17% NO**

*Questions and concerns are answered in a timely manner by central office administrators and school staff.*

**87% YES**      **13% NO**

The Board of Education understands and represents the community in its work.

**78% YES**      **22% NO**

*The schools are helping students develop the skills necessary to work cooperatively with others.*

**74% YES**      **26% NO**

The academic standards and expectations of the Morgan County Charter School System are appropriate.

**83% YES**      **17% NO**



Technology is used effectively throughout the school's educational program and is an important investment.

96% YES 4% NO

*The school system budgets and spends its money appropriately.*

65% YES 35% NO

The public is well-informed about issues concerning the school system.

65% YES 35% NO

*The Board of Education seeks citizens' viewpoints/suggestions for solutions to school needs.*

74% YES 26% NO

The Board of Education gives the public complete and accurate information.

78% YES 22% NO



What should be the priority of the Morgan County Board of Education as it makes fiscal decisions?

To provide a quality education	83%
To cut costs	17%



*The two most common ways our community learn about what is happening in our school system is through the school system website and newspapers.*



# Parent Survey Summaries



## Respondents:

**Morgan County Primary School: 103**  
**Morgan County Elementary School: 78**  
**Morgan County Middle School: 74**  
**Morgan County High School: 86**  
**School Unspecified: 51**



# PARENTS RESPOND:

*“I am comfortable talking to school staff about my child’s learning and behavior.”*

## Strongly Agree/Agree:

99/103 (MCPS)

76/78 (MCES)

71/74 (MCMS)

78/86 (MCHS)

50/51 (Unspecified School)



# PARENTS RESPOND:

*“How quickly does school staff respond to your questions and concerns?”*

A response is provided during the same business day or within 24 hours:

92/103 (MCPS)

67/78 (MCES)

49/74 (MCMS)

63/86 (MCHS)

41/51 (Unspecified School)



# PARENTS RESPOND:

*“Based on your experience, how would you describe discipline at your child’s school?”*

## Less than 11 responses:

- Discipline policies and procedures are not clearly communicated to parents
- Discipline is not administered fairly
- Discipline policies take away from instructional time and student learning

*(Parents could check more than one item, so totals differed with every response.)*



## PARENTS RESPOND:

*“Based on your experience, how would you describe the safety of your child’s school?”*

### Morgan County Primary School:

The school is safe. *96 respondents agreed*

The school is drug-free. *86 respondents agreed*

The school buildings are well-maintained and clean. *87 respondents agreed*

The school grounds are well-maintained.  
*80 respondents agreed*

The schools is not safe. *3 respondents agreed*

The school is not drug-free. *1 respondent agreed*

The school building is not well-maintained or clean. *4 respondents agreed*

The school grounds are not well-maintained.  
*7 respondents agreed.*



## PARENTS RESPOND:

*“Based on your experience, how would you describe the safety of your child’s school?”*

### Morgan County Elementary School:

The school is safe. *71 respondents agreed*

The school is drug-free. *54 respondents agreed*

The school buildings are well-maintained and clean. *67 respondents agreed*

The school grounds are well-maintained.  
*60 respondents agreed*

The schools is not safe. *0 respondents agreed*

The school is not drug-free. *0 respondent agreed*

The school building is not well-maintained or clean. *0 respondents agreed*

The school grounds are not well-maintained.  
*1 respondents agreed.*



## PARENTS RESPOND:

*“Based on your experience, how would you describe the safety of your child’s school?”*

### Morgan County Middle School:

The school is safe. *62 respondents agreed*

The school is drug-free. *34 respondents agreed*

The school buildings are well-maintained and clean. *59 respondents agreed*

The school grounds are well-maintained.  
*51 respondents agreed*

The schools is not safe. *1 respondent agreed*

The school is not drug-free. *11 respondents agreed*

The school building is not well-maintained or clean. *5 respondents agreed*

The school grounds are not well-maintained.  
*4 respondents agreed.*



## PARENTS RESPOND:

*“Based on your experience, how would you describe the safety of your child’s school?”*

### Morgan County High School:

The school is safe. *65 respondents agreed*

The school is drug-free. *22 respondents agreed*

The school buildings are well-maintained and clean. *67 respondents agreed*

The school grounds are well-maintained.  
*62 respondents agreed*

The schools is not safe. *1 respondent agreed*

The school is not drug-free. *25 respondents agreed*

The school building is not well-maintained or clean. *2 respondents agreed*

The school grounds are not well-maintained.  
*4 respondents agreed.*



# PARENTS RESPOND:

*“Based on your experience, how would you describe the safety of your child’s school?”*

## Unspecified School:

The school is safe. *43 respondents agreed*

The school is drug-free. *40 respondents agreed*

The school buildings are well-maintained and clean. *37 respondents agreed*

The school grounds are well-maintained.  
*28 respondents agreed*

The schools is not safe. *1 respondent agreed*

The school is not drug-free. *1 respondent agreed*

The school building is not well-maintained or clean. *1 respondent agreed*

The school grounds are not well-maintained.  
*1 respondent agreed.*



# PARENTS RESPOND:

*“My child looks forward to attending school each day.”*

## Strongly Agree/Agree:

94/103 (MCPS)

71/78 (MCES)

61/74 (MCMS)

76/86 (MCHS)

50/51 (Unspecified School)



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## PARENTS RESPOND:

*“My child’s teacher(s) clearly communicates in a timely manner how my child is progressing academically and behaviorally.”*

### Strongly Agree/Agree:

97/103 (MCPS)

71/78 (MCES)

66/74 (MCMS)

81/86 (MCHS)

49/51 (Unspecified School)



# Student Survey Summaries



## ***Respondents:***

**Morgan County Middle School: 495**

**Morgan County High School: 32**

**Morgan County CrossRoads School: 8**



# Student Survey Summaries

**I feel safe at my school.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>41.83%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>46.11%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>4.73%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>1.37%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>5.95%</b>

**An adult in my family (or someone that is taking care of me) visits my school often.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>15.42%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>35.27%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>29.16%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>12.21%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>7.94%</b>



# Student Survey Summaries

*(Continued)*

**I enjoy learning at my school.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>27.48%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>57.25%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>7.33%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>2.75%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>5.19%</b>

**Students at my school trust the teachers.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>22.75%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>47.33%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>13.59%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>3.82%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>12.52%</b>



# Student Survey Summaries

*(Continued)*

**Teachers are able to stop someone from being a bully.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>23.97%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>35.57%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>21.68%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>8.09%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>10.69%</b>

**At my school, teachers respect the students.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>31.91%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>46.26%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>10.23%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>3.97%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>7.63%</b>



# Student Survey Summaries

*(Continued)*

**The noise in the school disrupts my learning.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>15.27%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>23.82%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>35.27%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>18.63%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>7.02%</b>

**My teachers make me feel good about myself.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>30.69%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>47.48%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>9.31%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>3.51%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>9.01%</b>



# Student Survey Summaries

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**My teachers care whether I am successful or not.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>48.70%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>34.50%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>6.87%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>1.98%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>6.72%</b>

**At my school, teachers are fair to everyone.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>24.89%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>40.31%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>21.22%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>6.72%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>6.87%</b>



# Student Survey Summaries

*(Continued)*

**I look forward to coming to school most days.**

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>26.87%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>47.33%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>14.50%</b>
<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>7.33%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>3.97%</b>



## Next Steps:

Survey results will be posted on system web-site for public viewing.

Each survey summary will be analyzed at both the school and system levels. Specific data will be broken down; strengths and weaknesses identified and acted upon.

Surveys and Survey Summaries will be made available to **Strategic Planning Committee**.

Follow-up surveys will be administered in order to show improvements.

