Raymore-Peculiar School District
Fall 2011 Student Climate Survey Final Report
November 8, 2011

Over a period of approximately four weeks, a comprehensive climate survey was made available to students from grade 3 on up in the Raymore-Peculiar School District to determine each student's views on life in the district's schools.

Those in grades 3 and 4, and in the district's two intermediate schools took one version of the survey, while those in the middle school and high school took a slightly enhanced version that asked additional questions and modified the language to reflect the fact that the participants were older.

The survey presented students with a long list of statements (22 for the elementary/intermediate study; 25 for the middle school and high school study) on topics such as teachers, friends, safety, classroom behavior and attitudes. Students were asked to rate how frequently they felt the same way as the statement – "always," "usually," "sometimes," or "never." For those who couldn't pinpoint their views on a particular statement, "I'm not sure" was also provided as an option. The result was a significant amount of statistical data that defines how students view their own school experiences, as well as provides for comparisons from school to school.

The remainder of the survey provided students with an open-ended opportunity to describe what they like best about school, and what they wish was different. The responses to these questions were coded, meaning that the comments were analyzed for common words, phrases or ideas to identify the thoughts that were most prevalent.

While it is important for the district to review this data in detail, here are the key themes:

The younger the student, the more satisfied he or she is with the school experience. While part of this would make sense given the reputation of the typical American teenager, the precipitous drop in the scores from elementary to intermediate (particularly in the case of Bridle Ridge), from intermediate to middle school, and somewhat dramatically from middle school to high school is noteworthy.

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Bridle Ridge had more scores statistically below the overall average, while Shull, Stonegate and Peculiar stood out above the group. When compared to the overall average score on each topic on the elementary/intermediate survey, Bridle Ridge varied negatively by 6% or more on 16 of the 22 topics. On the other hand, Shull had five topics, Stonegate, six topics, and Peculiar, eight topics, that varied positively by 6% or more. The other schools had a less significant number of variations from the overall average – either positively or negatively. (The middle school and high school surveys were not analyzed in the same manner, because there were only two schools – meaning that significant variations are to be expected.)

Statements related to teachers, friends and expectations received the highest levels of agreement. Statements such as "I feel like my teachers want me to do well in school," and "I have to think to do well in school" tended to score higher, in terms of the level of agreement, than did more abstract issues such as "I feel I could tell my teacher anything, and it would be OK." In most cases, the scores of these topics were not low at a troublesome level, but tended to have a higher percentage of "I sometimes feel this way" than on the higher-rated topics.

The open-ended comments suggest general satisfaction at the lower grades, and some challenges at the secondary level. Coding of open-ended comments offers the opportunity to determine just how prevalent a thought is among a survey group, but it does diminish the passion and intensity of the words that are expressed. While the younger grades were content to say that "recess is fun" or "I like lunch," many secondary level students opened up about issues, such as their concerns on the demeanor and behavior of their classmates, and the quality of the teaching they receive.

It is best if this report is reviewed as follows:

- **Start by looking at the individual schools.** The "statement" questions are listed in rank order, based on the percentage of students who said "I always feel this way." A review of what resides at the top, middle and bottom of the list for each school will provide a clear picture of how students perceive life there, along with the open-ended comments.
- **Study the cross-tabulations on pages 19 and 26.** These pages combine the scores for "I always feel this way" and "I usually feel this way" and display these numbers for each school, and for the overall average. A review of these pages provides a critical school by school comparison.

Elementary/Intermediate School Student Climate Survey 2011/CREEKMOOR ELEMENTARY/Number of respondents: 183

1. **Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.** *Items displayed in rank order, based on the percentage for "I always feel this way."*

	I ALWAYS feel this way	I USUALLY feel this way	I SOMETIMES feel this way	I NEVER feel this way	I'm not sure
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	87%	6%	2%	3%	2%
I feel that my principal cares about me	86%	5%	6%	2%	2%
I feel like my principal wants me to do well in school	86%	9%	2%	2%	1%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	78%	13%	3%	3%	2%
I feel that my teachers care about me	77%	14%	4%	4%	1%
I feel like I have some good friends at school	73%	16%	6%	2%	4%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	71%	17%	7%	5%	2%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	70%	14%	9%	5%	3%
I have to think to do well in school	68%	24%	3%	1%	5%
I like my school	66%	17%	8%	6%	3%
I feel safe at school	62%	23%	7%	3%	6%
I have fun in school	56%	19%	18%	5%	1%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	49%	34%	9%	4%	4%
I feel that everyone wants me to do my best in school	48%	29%	13%	5%	6%
If I don't understand something I'm learning, I can ask my teacher about it, and it would be OK	46%	31%	16%	2%	5%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	37%	28%	20%	4%	11%
I feel I could tell my teacher anything, and it would be OK	36%	30%	19%	8%	7%
I feel that most of the students in my class behave well	36%	37%	18%	7%	3%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	34%	40%	14%	7%	6%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	24%	30%	25%	10%	11%
School is easy	23%	26%	24%	21%	6%
I feel bored at school	19%	15%	24%	33%	9%

2. **What do you like best about school?/Creekmoor** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
Recess	59
Math	52
PE	48
Teachers	29
Art	28
Lunch	26
Reading	16
Science	14
Computers	13
Specials	13
Friends	13
Everything	8
Writing	7
Learning	6
Social Studies	5
Principal	4

3. **What do you wish was different about school?/Creekmoor** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
More freedom/fun time/recess/PE	54
Fewer/shorter/easier academics	31
Nothing	24
More/better/healthier/cheaper food	24
More/harder/longer academics	20
Better specials	7
People being nicer/no bullying/more discipline/less drama/racism issues	5
More choices of classes/teachers/books	3

Elementary/Intermediate School Student Climate Survey 2011/PECULIAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/Number of respondents: 113

1. **Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.** *Items displayed in rank order, based on the percentage for "I always feel this way."*

	I ALWAYS feel this way	I USUALLY feel this way	I SOMETIMES feel this way	I NEVER feel this way	I'm not sure
I feel like my principal wants me to do well in school	96%	1%	4%	0%	0%
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	93%	4%	3%	1%	0%
I feel that my principal cares about me	92%	4%	1%	2%	1%
I have to think to do well in school	83%	14%	2%	1%	0%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	80%	18%	1%	0%	2%
I like my school	79%	12%	7%	1%	1%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	79%	16%	1%	2%	2%
I feel that my teachers care about me	79%	13%	6%	2%	0%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	71%	19%	6%	3%	2%
I feel safe at school	68%	20%	9%	2%	2%
I feel like I have some good friends at school	68%	24%	6%	1%	2%
I have fun in school	65%	22%	7%	5%	1%
If I don't understand something I'm learning, I can ask my teacher about it, and it would be OK	65%	27%	5%	1%	2%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	62%	29%	8%	1%	1%
I feel that everyone wants me to do my best in school	56%	33%	5%	3%	4%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	56%	29%	12%	1%	3%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	49%	32%	11%	4%	5%
I feel that most of the students in my class behave well	43%	37%	14%	2%	4%
I feel I could tell my teacher anything, and it would be OK	34%	33%	21%	4%	9%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	33%	30%	24%	4%	9%
School is easy	25%	36%	21%	11%	7%
I feel bored at school	9%	13%	22%	43%	12%

2. **What do you like best about school?/Peculiar** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
Teachers	23
Math	17
Friends	11
Recess	11
PE	11
Reading	9
Learning	8
Writing	7
Specials	7
Lunch	7
Principal	6
Science	5
Art	4
Everything	4
Computers	3

3. **What do you wish was different about school?/Peculiar** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
More/harder/longer academics	35
More freedom/fun time/recess/PE	13
More/better/healthier/cheaper food	12
More choices of classes/teachers/books	7
More specials	5
Fewer/shorter/easier academics	3
Less freedom/fun time	3

Elementary/Intermediate School Student Climate Survey 2011/RAYMORE ELEMENTARY/Number of respondents: 195

1. **Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.** *Items displayed in rank order, based on the percentage for "I always feel this way."*

	I ALWAYS feel this way	I USUALLY feel this way	I SOMETIMES feel this way	I NEVER feel this way	I'm not sure
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	91%	6%	1%	2%	0%
I feel like my principal wants me to do well in school	88%	5%	4%	2%	2%
I feel that my principal cares about me	85%	8%	4%	1%	3%
I feel that my teachers care about me	81%	11%	7%	1%	1%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	77%	18%	5%	0%	1%
I feel like I have some good friends at school	76%	18%	3%	1%	3%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	70%	19%	9%	1%	2%
I have to think to do well in school	68%	21%	9%	3%	1%
I feel safe at school	68%	22%	6%	2%	2%
I like my school	64%	21%	10%	3%	3%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	62%	25%	8%	3%	2%
I feel that everyone wants me to do my best in school	56%	27%	9%	4%	5%
I have fun in school	53%	25%	16%	3%	2%
If I don't understand something I'm learning, I can ask my teacher about it, and it would be OK	52%	28%	15%	0%	4%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	42%	36%	14%	3%	4%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	40%	46%	9%	3%	3%
I feel I could tell my teacher anything, and it would be OK	40%	31%	14%	10%	5%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	36%	36%	18%	3%	7%
I feel that most of the students in my class behave well	32%	32%	31%	3%	3%
School is easy	20%	25%	34%	13%	9%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	20%	33%	30%	9%	8%
I feel bored at school	14%	18%	31%	32%	6%

2. **What do you like best about school?/Raymore** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
Recess	39
Math	37
Teachers	27
Lunch	20
Friends	11
Reading	11
Learning	11
PE	10
Specials	8
Science	8
Everything	6
Writing	5
Art	4

3. **What do you wish was different about school?/Raymore** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
More freedom/fun time/recess/PE	58
More/better/healthier/cheaper food	34
More/harder/longer academics	25
Nothing	16
Fewer/shorter/easier academics	14
People being nicer/no bullying/more discipline/less drama/racism issues	6

Elementary/Intermediate School Student Climate Survey 2011/SHULL ELEMENTARY/Number of respondents: 107

1. **Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.** *Items displayed in rank order, based on the percentage for "I always feel this way."*

	I ALWAYS feel this way	I USUALLY feel this way	I SOMETIMES feel this way	I NEVER feel this way	I'm not sure
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	90%	5%	3%	2%	0%
I feel that my principal cares about me	90%	3%	3%	1%	3%
I feel like my principal wants me to do well in school	90%	6%	2%	1%	1%
I have to think to do well in school	85%	9%	4%	0%	2%
I feel that my teachers care about me	84%	9%	6%	0%	1%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	81%	13%	3%	0%	3%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	81%	15%	0%	1%	3%
I like my school	77%	13%	6%	0%	4%
I have fun in school	75%	13%	10%	0%	2%
I feel like I have some good friends at school	73%	17%	6%	2%	2%
I feel safe at school	72%	18%	9%	0%	1%
If I don't understand something I'm learning, I can ask my teacher about it, and it would be OK	71%	21%	4%	2%	2%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	71%	18%	7%	2%	2%
I feel that everyone wants me to do my best in school	65%	13%	19%	1%	2%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	57%	28%	11%	1%	3%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	52%	33%	10%	3%	2%
I feel I could tell my teacher anything, and it would be OK	49%	36%	11%	1%	3%
I feel that most of the students in my class behave well	46%	30%	19%	2%	3%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	44%	32%	18%	3%	3%
School is easy	36%	24%	24%	10%	6%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	32%	29%	19%	7%	13%
I feel bored at school	13%	11%	19%	40%	16%

2. **What do you like best about school?/Shull** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
Recess	21
Teachers	13
Friends	13
Math	12
Learning	8
Caring people	7
Fun	7
Lunch	6
PE	5
Reading	5
Everything	4
Specials	4

3. **What do you wish was different about school?/Shull** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
More freedom/fun time/recess/PE	34
Nothing	17
More/harder/longer academics	10
More/better/healthier/cheaper food	7
Fewer/shorter/easier academics	6
People being nicer/no bullying/more discipline/less drama/racism issues	6

Elementary/Intermediate School Student Climate Survey 2011/STONEGATE ELEMENTARY/Number of respondents: 153

1. **Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.** *Items displayed in rank order, based on the percentage for "I always feel this way."*

	I ALWAYS feel this way	I USUALLY feel this way	I SOMETIMES feel this way	I NEVER feel this way	I'm not sure
I feel like my principal wants me to do well in school	90%	5%	1%	1%	3%
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	87%	9%	4%	1%	0%
I feel that my teachers care about me	81%	14%	4%	1%	1%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	80%	15%	4%	1%	0%
I feel that my principal cares about me	80%	13%	3%	2%	2%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	80%	12%	7%	0%	2%
I have to think to do well in school	79%	18%	3%	0%	1%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	76%	15%	7%	3%	0%
I feel like I have some good friends at school	69%	22%	7%	1%	2%
I like my school	67%	23%	7%	3%	1%
I feel safe at school	65%	21%	9%	1%	4%
I have fun in school	63%	24%	9%	1%	2%
If I don't understand something I'm learning, I can ask my teacher about it, and it would be OK	63%	22%	12%	3%	1%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	58%	27%	8%	5%	3%
I feel that everyone wants me to do my best in school	57%	25%	9%	4%	6%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	54%	31%	12%	2%	1%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	50%	26%	19%	3%	3%
I feel I could tell my teacher anything, and it would be OK	48%	29%	15%	3%	5%
School is easy	38%	31%	16%	8%	8%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	36%	31%	20%	4%	9%
I feel that most of the students in my class behave well	31%	39%	17%	7%	6%
I feel bored at school	16%	13%	30%	34%	7%

2. **What do you like best about school?/Stonegate** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
Teachers	33
Recess	17
Math	17
Friends	13
Reading	12
Lunch	9
Fun	9
Specials	9
PE	8
Learning	7
Writing	6
Caring people	6
Principal	5
Everything	3
Science	3

3. **What do you wish was different about school?/Stonegate** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
More freedom/fun time/recess/PE	30
More/harder/longer academics	14
Fewer/shorter/easier academics	11
More/better/healthier/cheaper food	8
More choices of classes/teachers/books	5
Less freedom/fun time	3

Elementary/Intermediate School Student Climate Survey 2011/TIMBER CREEK ELEMENTARY/Number of respondents: 121

1. **Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.** *Items displayed in rank order, based on the percentage for "I always feel this way."*

	I ALWAYS feel this way	I USUALLY feel this way	I SOMETIMES feel this way	I NEVER feel this way	I'm not sure
I feel like my principal wants me to do well in school	93%	3%	1%	1%	2%
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	90%	6%	1%	3%	1%
I feel that my principal cares about me	82%	13%	3%	0%	3%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	82%	17%	2%	0%	0%
I like my school	78%	13%	3%	5%	2%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	77%	18%	2%	3%	1%
I feel that my teachers care about me	73%	10%	14%	3%	0%
I feel like I have some good friends at school	70%	22%	5%	3%	1%
I have to think to do well in school	68%	18%	8%	3%	5%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	66%	22%	6%	2%	5%
I have fun in school	59%	21%	16%	3%	1%
I feel safe at school	59%	23%	12%	0%	6%
I feel that everyone wants me to do my best in school	55%	30%	8%	2%	5%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	51%	36%	7%	3%	3%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	51%	35%	12%	1%	1%
If I don't understand something I'm learning, I can ask my teacher about it, and it would be OK	41%	37%	15%	3%	5%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	41%	31%	14%	4%	10%
I feel I could tell my teacher anything, and it would be OK	36%	36%	15%	8%	6%
I feel like most of the students in my class behave well	31%	35%	23%	7%	4%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	20%	36%	22%	8%	14%
School is easy	19%	30%	22%	19%	10%
I feel bored at school	16%	20%	22%	34%	9%

2. **What do you like best about school?/Timber Creek** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
Math	25
Recess	22
PE	15
Teachers	15
Friends	14
Reading	10
Learning	8
Lunch	6
Writing	6
Specials	6
Art	5
Caring people	4
Fun	4

3. **What do you wish was different about school?/Timber Creek** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
More freedom/fun time/recess/PE	43
Nothing	18
Fewer/shorter/easier academics	7
Less crowding	7
People being nicer/no bullying/more discipline/less drama/racism issues	6
More/harder/longer academics	5
More/better/healthier/cheaper food	4
More choices of classes/teachers/books	2

Elementary/Intermediate School Student Climate Survey 2011/EAGLE GLEN INTERMEDIATE/Number of respondents: 448

1. **Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.** *Items displayed in rank order, based on the percentage for "I always feel this way."*

	I ALWAYS feel this way	I USUALLY feel this way	I SOMETIMES feel this way	I NEVER feel this way	I'm not sure
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	88%	9%	2%	0%	1%
I feel like my principal wants me to do well in school	86%	9%	3%	1%	2%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	82%	15%	3%	0%	1%
I feel that my principal cares about me	76%	13%	7%	1%	4%
I have to think to do well in school	72%	19%	6%	2%	1%
I feel like I have some good friends at school	71%	20%	7%	1%	1%
I feel that my teachers care about me	69%	20%	9%	0%	2%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	69%	24%	7%	0%	0%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	68%	24%	6%	2%	1%
I like my school	62%	27%	7%	2%	1%
I feel safe at school	57%	33%	8%	0%	2%
If I don't understand something I'm learning, I can ask my teacher about it, and it would be OK	56%	29%	12%	1%	1%
I have fun in school	49%	33%	14%	3%	1%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	47%	38%	11%	3%	1%
I feel that everyone wants me to do my best in school	46%	36%	12%	3%	3%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	40%	44%	12%	2%	2%
I feel I could tell my teacher anything, and it would be OK	40%	32%	18%	7%	3%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	27%	36%	29%	4%	3%
I feel that most of the students in my class behave well	21%	42%	30%	5%	1%
School is easy	19%	31%	39%	8%	3%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	15%	42%	32%	7%	4%
I feel bored at school	15%	16%	43%	24%	3%

2. **What do you like best about school?/Eagle Glen** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
Teachers	135
Friends	79
Math	53
Learning	37
Recess	36
PE	36
Art	23
Lunch	19
Science	17
Lockers	16
Caring people	13
Fun	13
Computers	9
Encore	9
Everything	8

3. **What do you wish was different about school?/Eagle Glen** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
More freedom/fun time/recess/PE	115
More/better/healthier/cheaper food	61
Fewer/shorter/easier academics	38
People being nicer/no bullying/more discipline/less drama/racism issues	35
More/harder/longer academics	27
Nothing	25
More choices of classes/teachers/books	9
More passing time	7

Elementary/Intermediate School Student Climate Survey 2011/BRIDLE RIDGE INTERMEDIATE/ Number of respondents: 384

1. **Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.** *Items displayed in rank order, based on the percentage for "I always feel this way."*

	I ALWAYS feel this way	I USUALLY feel this way	I SOMETIMES feel this way	I NEVER feel this way	I'm not sure
I feel like my principal wants me to do well in school	79%	13%	5%	1%	3%
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	73%	17%	6%	2%	2%
I feel that my principal cares about me	72%	15%	8%	1%	4%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	71%	18%	8%	1%	2%
I feel like I have some good friends at school	63%	24%	9%	2%	2%
I have to think to do well in school	60%	21%	11%	4%	4%
I feel that my teachers care about me	55%	28%	15%	2%	1%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	52%	24%	12%	5%	7%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	51%	33%	11%	3%	2%
I like my school	50%	24%	16%	6%	4%
If I don't understand something I'm learning, I can ask my teacher about it, and it would be OK	43%	34%	18%	2%	4%
I feel safe at school	42%	41%	13%	2%	2%
I feel that everyone wants me to do my best in school	36%	34%	18%	7%	6%
I have fun in school	30%	32%	21%	14%	3%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	30%	36%	21%	6%	8%
I feel I could tell my teacher anything, and it would be OK	26%	31%	25%	12%	6%
I feel bored at school	22%	16%	36%	21%	6%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	21%	34%	21%	8%	17%
School is easy	18%	37%	29%	13%	4%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	16%	34%	27%	10%	13%
I feel like most of the students in my class behave well	11%	39%	32%	13%	4%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	7%	34%	33%	13%	14%

2. **What do you like best about school?/Bridle Ridge?** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
Teachers	67
Friends	31
Recess	29
PE	20
Lunch	11
Learning	11
Art	11
Nothing	11
Caring people	9
Science	9
Lockers	8
Principal	7
Social Studies	5
Encore	5
Everything	5
Math	4
Specials	3

3. **What do you wish was different about school?/Bridle Ridge** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
More freedom/fun time/recess/PE	52
More/better/healthier/cheaper food	30
Fewer/shorter/easier academics	22
More/harder/longer academics	14
People being nicer/no bullying/more discipline/less drama/racism issues	13
Nothing	12
More choices of classes/teachers/books	11
Less freedom/fun time	3

Elementary/Intermediate School Student Climate Survey 2011/Cross-tabulation

Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below. *Those items in bold were at least 6% lower than the "overall" score, while those that are underlined were at least 6% higher.*

Combined "Always feel this way/Usually feel this way" percentage	Overall	Eagle Glen	Bridle Ridge	Creekmoor	Raymore	Shull	Timber Creek	Stonegate	Peculiar
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	**95%**	97%	**89%**	91%	95%	96%	99%	95%	98%
I feel like my principal wants me to do well in school	**95%**	95%	92%	95%	93%	96%	96%	95%	97%
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	**95%**	97%	90%	93%	97%	95%	96%	96%	97%
I feel that my principal cares about me	**92%**	89%	87%	91%	93%	93%	95%	93%	96%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	**92%**	97%	**84%**	88%	89%	94%	95%	91%	95%
I have to think to do well in school	**91%**	91%	**81%**	92%	89%	94%	86%	97%	97%
I feel like I have some good friends at school	**91%**	91%	87%	89%	94%	90%	92%	91%	92%
I feel that my teachers care about me	**91%**	89%	**83%**	91%	92%	93%	**83%**	95%	92%
I feel safe at school	**87%**	90%	83%	85%	90%	90%	82%	86%	88%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	**87%**	92%	**76%**	84%	87%	89%	88%	92%	90%
I like my school	**87%**	89%	**74%**	83%	85%	90%	91%	90%	91%
If I don't understand something I'm learning, I can ask my teacher about it, and it would be OK	**83%**	85%	**77%**	**77%**	80%	92%	78%	85%	92%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	**81%**	85%	**55%**	83%	86%	85%	87%	85%	85%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	**81%**	84%	**66%**	**74%**	78%	85%	86%	85%	91%
I feel that everyone wants me to do my best in school	**81%**	82%	**70%**	77%	83%	78%	85%	82%	89%
I have fun in school	**80%**	82%	**62%**	75%	78%	88%	80%	87%	87%
I feel I could tell my teacher anything, and it would be OK	**71%**	72%	**57%**	66%	71%	85%	72%	77%	67%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	**69%**	**63%**	**50%**	65%	72%	76%	72%	76%	81%
I feel that most of the students in my class behave well	**66%**	63%	**50%**	73%	64%	76%	66%	70%	80%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	**60%**	57%	**41%**	**54%**	**53%**	61%	56%	67%	63%
School is easy	**55%**	50%	55%	**49%**	**45%**	60%	**49%**	67%	61%
I feel bored at school	**31%**	31%	**38%**	34%	32%	**24%**	36%	29%	**22%**

High School/Middle School Student Climate Survey 2011/RAYMORE PECULIAR EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL/Number of respondents: 851

1. **Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.** *Items displayed in rank order, based on the percentage for "I always feel this way."*

	I ALWAYS feel this way	I USUALLY feel this way	I SOMETIMES feel this way	I NEVER feel this way	I'm not sure
I feel like I have some good friends at school	73%	21%	4%	1%	1%
I feel that I'm treated with respect by my principal	70%	18%	5%	2%	5%
My teachers expect me to do quality work	63%	29%	5%	1%	2%
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	62%	27%	8%	2%	1%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	57%	35%	7%	1%	0%
I feel that, generally speaking, I have good teachers who want to be teaching	53%	33%	10%	2%	2%
I feel like I'm treated with respect by my teachers	48%	36%	12%	3%	2%
I feel safe at school	47%	40%	9%	3%	2%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	46%	35%	13%	4%	3%
I feel that my teachers are approachable, meaning I can ask them questions if I don't understand something	45%	36%	14%	3%	3%
I like my school	44%	34%	14%	4%	3%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	42%	40%	13%	4%	1%
I feel that everybody wants me to do my best in school	40%	40%	14%	3%	3%
I feel that my teachers care about me	40%	38%	16%	4%	3%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	39%	42%	15%	3%	1%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	37%	43%	15%	4%	2%
I'm required to think at high levels	33%	40%	20%	4%	3%
I have fun in school	25%	40%	27%	5%	3%
I feel I could tell my teachers anything, and it would be OK	23%	34%	24%	14%	6%
I feel like I'm treated with respect by other students	22%	41%	28%	7%	3%
I feel like I get the chance to work on some projects that interest me	21%	42%	26%	9%	2%
I'm bored in class	20%	25%	40%	11%	4%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	19%	39%	31%	6%	4%
I feel that most of the students in my classes behave well	14%	40%	35%	8%	4%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	13%	37%	36%	10%	5%

2. **What do you like best about your school?/Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
Friends	193
Teachers	161
Good classes/hard classes/variety of classes	59
Green	52
Lunch	49
PE	41
Passing time/freedom/phone usage	36
Caring people	34
Learning/challenging curriculum	30
Campus layout	28
It's big	27
Math/science/computers	26
Performing Arts (band, choir, theater)	22
Environment/spirit/smoothness of operations	21
Nothing	15
Sports	15
Safety	12

3. **What do you wish was different about your school?/Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
People being nicer/no bullying/more discipline/less drama/racism issues	121
Fewer/shorter/easier academics	92
Better teachers/teaching methods/interested teachers/caring teachers	87
More/better/healthier/cheaper food	66
Nothing	62
Passing time issues	59
Facility issues/two building issues/crowding issues	44
More freedom/fun time/recess/PE	33
More choices of classes/teachers/books	21
More/harder/longer academics	17
Scheduling/block scheduling/calendar issues	8
Everything	5

High School/Middle School Student Climate Survey 2011/Raymore Peculiar High School/Number of respondents: 1,630

1. **Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.** *Items displayed in rank order, based on the percentage for "I always feel this way."*

	I ALWAYS feel this way	I USUALLY feel this way	I SOMETIMES feel this way	I NEVER feel this way	I'm not sure
I feel like I have some good friends at school	54%	30%	11%	3%	2%
My teachers expect me to do quality work	46%	36%	13%	3%	3%
I feel that I'm treated with respect by my principal	37%	31%	15%	7%	10%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	36%	38%	19%	6%	2%
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	32%	38%	23%	5%	3%
I feel safe at school	32%	46%	15%	5%	3%
I feel that, generally speaking, I have good teachers who want to be teaching	27%	40%	27%	4%	3%
I feel that my teachers are approachable, meaning I can ask them questions if I don't understand something	27%	38%	27%	6%	3%
I'm bored in class	28%	29%	32%	8%	3%
I'm required to think at high levels	25%	39%	27%	6%	3%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	24%	35%	26%	11%	4%
I feel like I'm treated with respect by my teachers	23%	38%	28%	8%	3%
I feel that everybody wants me to do my best in school	21%	34%	32%	9%	5%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	17%	41%	28%	9%	4%
I feel that my teachers care about me	17%	37%	35%	8%	4%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	16%	40%	31%	10%	4%
I like my school	15%	31%	27%	20%	6%
I feel like I get the chance to work on some projects that interest me	14%	30%	36%	17%	4%
I feel like I'm treated with respect by other students	14%	33%	36%	13%	4%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	13%	34%	33%	16%	4%
I have fun in school	12%	27%	37%	20%	5%
I feel I could tell my teachers anything, and it would be OK	11%	22%	32%	28%	8%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	9%	26%	39%	19%	7%
I feel that most of the students in my classes behave well	8%	29%	42%	18%	5%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	7%	19%	44%	25%	6%

2. **What do you like best about your school?/Raymore-Peculiar High School** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
Friends	278
Teachers	240
Good classes/hard classes/variety of classes	116
Lunch	103
Nothing	100
Sports	66
Passing time/freedom/phone usage	59
Caring people	51
Learning/challenging curriculum	49
Performing Arts (band, choir, theater)	48
Campus/big school/nice school	30
Extracurricular activities	27
Diversity	20
Late starts/calendar with breaks	20
PE	18
Environment/spirit/smoothness of operations	16

3. **What do you wish was different about your school?/Raymore-Peculiar High School** *Items below were coded from open-ended comments, based on common words, phrases or ideas. Only top answers displayed below.*

Item	Number
People being nicer/no bullying/more discipline/less drama/racism issues	214
Better teachers/teaching methods/interested teachers/caring teachers	164
Facility issues/two building issues/crowding issues	163
Passing time issues	141
More/better/healthier/cheaper food	82
Scheduling/block scheduling/calendar issues	69
Everything	64
Fewer/shorter/easier academics	62
More freedom/fun time/recess/PE	47
Nothing	47
Poor administration/no student voices heard/financing inequities	43
More choices of classes/teachers/books	39
More/harder/longer academics	13

High School/Middle School Student Climate Survey 2011/Cross-tabulation

Please check the box that best fits how you feel about each item shown below.

Combined "Always feel this way/Usually feel this way" percentage	**Overall**	R-P High School	R-P East Middle School
I feel like I have some good friends at school	**89%**	84%	94%
My teachers expect me to do quality work	**87%**	82%	92%
I feel like I'm trying hard in school	**83%**	74%	92%
I feel safe at school	**83%**	78%	87%
I feel that my teachers want me to do well in school	**80%**	70%	89%
I feel that I'm treated with respect by my principal	**78%**	68%	88%
I feel that I'm treated with respect by my principal	**78%**	68%	88%
I feel that, generally speaking, I have good teachers who want to be teaching	**77%**	67%	86%
I feel that my teachers are approachable, meaning I can ask them questions if I don't understand something	**73%**	65%	81%
I feel like I'm treated with respect by my teachers	**73%**	61%	84%
I feel like my teachers know when I'm trying my best	**70%**	59%	81%
I feel that my school is a healthy place	**70%**	58%	81%
I'm required to think at high levels	**69%**	64%	73%
I feel like I'm learning a lot in school	**69%**	56%	82%
I feel that everybody wants me to do my best in school	**68%**	55%	80%
I feel that my teachers care about me	**66%**	54%	78%
I feel like my school runs smoothly	**64%**	47%	80%
I feel like I'm treated with respect by other students	**55%**	47%	63%
I feel like I get the chance to work on some projects that interest me	**54%**	44%	63%
I have fun in school	**52%**	39%	65%
I'm bored in class	**51%**	57%	45%
I feel that most of the students in this school are friendly, even the ones I don't know	**47%**	35%	58%
I feel that most of the students in my classes behave well	**46%**	37%	54%
I feel I could tell my teachers anything, and it would be OK	**45%**	33%	57%
I feel that most of the students in the whole school behave well	**38%**	26%	50%