

IASB School Improvement Needs Assessment

Your District is participating in a needs assessment survey focused on improved student achievement. As a key stakeholder in your school system, we would like to solicit your input. Results of this survey will be used to assess district strengths and areas of needed improvement. Your responses will be kept strictly confidential. The average time to complete the survey is 9 minutes.

1. What is your school district?

None - (Just looking)

Central DeWitt

Dike-New Hartford

Emmetsburg

Humboldt

Martensdale-St Marys

Missouri Valley

Mt Vernon

Okoboji

Pokahontas

Union

West Central Valley

2. What is your position?

Board Member

Administrator

Parent/Community Member

Teacher

Other Staff Member

Student

3. The current level of student achievement in the district is about what we can expect.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neutral or Not Enough Information

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

4. This district does not make or accept excuses for the current level of student achievement.

Strongly Agree

- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

5. There is a shared understanding of what we are trying to improve in this district.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

6. I have a voice in decision making.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

7. Our district standards are clear and rigorous.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

8. Virtually all children can learn at high levels.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

9. Important areas of student learning are missing in our current curriculum.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

10. Student learning needs drive our professional development.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

11. Our students are actively engaged in classroom learning tasks.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

12. Teachers have adequate time for collaboration.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree

Strongly Disagree

13. Student achievement barriers, such as poverty and lack of family support, can be overcome by quality teaching.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neutral or Not Enough Information

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

14. We need to focus major attention on improving professional practices in the classroom.

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neutral or Not Enough Information

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

15. Parents and community must be partners with the school district in order to improve student learning.

Strongly Agree

Agree

- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

16. Local school boards can impact their school system in ways that improve student achievement.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

17. We use research-based instructional practices in this district.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

18. We have effective leadership teams in this district.

- Strongly Agree

- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

19. Our district's assessments do a good job of measuring important student learning.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

20. Our parents are informed of their student's progress.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

21. The rigor and content of the Iowa Core/Common Core Standards are fully implemented in this district.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral or Not Enough Information
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

22. Thinking about state standards for each grade level, approximately what percentage of students in your district do you believe *currently* meet or exceed those standards? (Enter a 2-digit number)

Please enter a number less than or equal to 100

23. Thinking about those same standards, approximately what percentage of students in your district do you believe *could* meet or exceed the state standards for their grade level? (Enter a 2-digit number)

Please enter a number less than or equal to 100

24. What is the top priority for improvement in your district?

- Reading
- Math
- Science
- Improving student achievement
- Implementing the Iowa Core Standards

- Improving teaching
- Preparing students for college, career, and life after high school
- Parental involvement
- Active student engagement in learning
- Meeting individual needs of all students
- Improving testing and assessment
- Leadership
- Technology
- Anti-Bullying
- Other

25. What does your school district do well?

- Communication
- Facilities
- Extracurricular activities
- Parental Involvement
- Technology
- Hire and retain quality staff
- Leadership
- Use data in decision-making

- Staff development and collaboration
- Implement standards
- Other

26. What needs to change in your school district?

- Communication
- Leadership
- Teaching
- Curriculum alignment
- Professional development
- Technology
- Student engagement
- Facilities
- Anti-bullying
- Rigor/Higher level skills
- Parental involvement
- Shared decision-making
- Other

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