

# SUDBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## 2015 PRELIMINARY PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

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# Participation



School	# of Complete Responses	Enrollment (March 1 <sup>st</sup> )	Response Rate (%)
Haynes	38	407	9.34%
Loring	42	466	9.01%
Nixon	47	387	12.14%
Noyes	54	618	8.74%
ECMS	72	1008	7.14%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>2886</b>	<b>8.77%</b>

# Survey Questions



Parents were asked questions in the following categories:

- Academics
- Communication
- Discipline and Respect
- Homework
- Monitoring Student Progress
- Outreach and Engagement
- Quality and Satisfaction
- Responsiveness
- School Climate
- School Pride

# Identifying Strengths



- Scores of 67% favorable are generally considered strengths
- Scores of 75% + favorable are generally considered real strengths

# Identifying Opportunities/Needs



- Scores of 20% - 30% unfavorable are generally considered an area for improvement
- Scores of 30%+ unfavorable are generally considered an area for immediate improvement.

## Overall Results by Dimension

Dimension	Favorable%	Neutral %	Unfavorable %
Academics (8)	68%/64%	21%/30%	11%/15%
Communication (5)	85%/83%	10%/10%	5%/7%
Discipline and Respect (4)	64%/63%	30%/27%	6%/10%
Homework (3)	64%/66%	16%/16%	20%/18%
Monitoring Student Progress (2)	64%/65%	19%/18%	17%/17%
Outreach and Engagement (6)	81%/81%	12%/12%	7%/7%
Quality and Satisfaction (3)	74%/68%	16%/18%	10%/14%
School Climate (12)	82%/79%	12%/14%	6%/7%
Responsiveness (3)	81%/79%	13%/14%	6%/7%
School Pride (3)	81%/77%	14%/15%	5%/8%

# Favorable Responses



- Communication
- Outreach and Engagement
- Responsiveness
- School Climate

# “Top 10” Questions with Favorable Response



- I attend most school events offered to parents such as parent-teacher conferences and open houses. 2015 - 93%/2014 - 95%
- I believe that parent/guardian involvement is positively related to a child's achievement. 2015 - 95%/2014 - 95%
- There is an active Parent Association at my child's school.  
2015 - 92%/2014 - 94%
- I am kept up-to-date on school activities and events.  
2015 - 92%/2014 - 93%
- The school encourages students to be responsible.  
2015 - 90%/2014 - 93%



# “Top 10” Questions with Favorable Response



- School staff is courteous and helpful.  
2015 - 93%/2014 - 88%
- My child's school makes effective use of technology as a means of communication. 2015 - 89%/2014 - 87%
- Teachers at my child's school appear to be enthusiastic about teaching. 2015 - 89%/2014 - 82%
- I know how to get school information when I need it.  
2015 - 88%/2014 - 86%
- Overall, school information is communicated effectively.  
2015 - 90%/2014 - 86%

# Unfavorable Responses



- Academic
- Homework
- Discipline and Respect
- Outreach and Engagement
- Monitoring Student Progress
- Quality and Satisfaction

## “Top 10” Questions with Unfavorable Response



- My child’s school offers him/her opportunities to explore areas of interest outside the core content areas.  
2015 - 24%/2014 - 32% (13% national)
- The school does a great job of challenging my child to his/her full potential. 2015 - 24%/2014 - 28% (13% national)
- The amount of homework given to my child is appropriate.  
2015 - 19%/2014 - 21% (12% national)
- I am involved in the decisions that affect my child’s education.  
2015 - 21%/2014 - 20%
- My child’s school does a very good job of meeting the needs of all its students. 2015 - 16%/2014 - 19% (10% national)

## “Top 10” Questions with Unfavorable Response



- The level of difficulty associated with my child’s homework is appropriate. 2015 - 20%/2014 - 18% (9% national)
- I am informed of my child’s academic progress on a regular basis. 2015 - 19%/2014 - 17% (9% national)
- Oftentimes, my child’s homework assignment requires interaction with me or others in our family.  
2015 - 21%/2014 - 16% (14% national)
- I feel well informed about my child’s school life.  
15% (10% national)
- It is very clear to me what the teacher(s) expect of my child in terms of school work. 2015 - 16%/2014 - 15%

## Satisfaction with overall quality 2015/2014



Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K (39/48)	0%/2%	8%/10%	92%/88%
1 (49/45)	4%/4%	10%/9%	86%/87%
2 (35/51)	6%/8%	6%/6%	88%/86%
3 (45/53)	0%/8%	24%/13%	76%/79%
4 (41/59)	12%/2%	7%/8%	81%/90%
5 (46/54)	6%/7%	4%/11%	90%/82%
6 (28/42)	4%/12%	0%/14%	96%/74%
7 (33/38)	6%/16%	9%/18%	85%/66%
8 (31/58)	6%/20%	10%/9%	84%/71%
N/R (6/16)	50%/51%	0%/31%	50%/18%

# School provides a high quality education

## 2015/2014

Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	0%/4%	10%/15%	90%/81%
1	6%/6%	8%/16%	86%/78%
2	6%/6%	17%/10%	77%/84%
3	4%/10%	29%/23%	79%/67%
4	10%/4%	10%/8%	80%/88%
5	9%/9%	7%/13%	84%/78%
6	7%/9%	7%/19%	86%/72%
7	6%/11%	18%/24%	76%/65%
8	3%/12%	19%/24%	78%/64%
N/R	34%/37%	17%/44%	49%/19%

# Opportunities to explore areas of interest outside the core content areas 2015/2014

Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	18%/23%	33%/44%	49%/33%
1	14%/20%	41%/33%	45%/47%
2	14%/31%	40%/24%	46%/45%
3	40%/42%	24%/25%	36%/33%
4	27%/24%	32%/29%	41%/47%
5	37%/37%	28%/22%	35%/41%
6	33%/28%	25%/12%	42%/60%
7	21%/48%	33%/32%	46%/20%
8	29%/24%	39%/29%	32%/47%
N/R	17%/76%	33%/19%	50%/5%

# Challenging my child to his/her full potential 2015/2014

Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	18%/21%	18%/21%	64%/58%
1	14%/25%	33%/16%	53%/59%
2	26%/30%	29%/20%	45%/50%
3	29%/38%	20%/30%	51%/32%
4	20%/20%	24%/15%	56%/65%
5	21%/28%	28%/24%	51%/48%
6	14%/24%	32%/24%	54%/52%
7	24%/32%	15%/18%	61%/50%
8	22%/24%	32%/31%	46%/45%
N/R	33%/76%	33%/13%	34%/11%



# School offers safe environment to learn

## 2015/2014

Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	0%/4%	10%/4%	90%/92%
1	0%/4%	8%/4%	92%/92%
2	3%/4%	3%/4%	94%/92%
3	2%/12%	11%/6%	87%/82%
4	5%/0%	12%/8%	83%/92%
5	2%/6%	2%/16%	96%/88%
6	8%/0%	0%/19%	92%/81%
7	9%/5%	12%/3%	79%/92%
8	0%/8%	6%/10%	94%/82%
N/R	0%/19%	33%/19%	67%/62%

# Amount of homework given is appropriate 2015/2014



Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	5%/8%	28%/19%	67%/73%
1	14%/16%	12%/11%	74%/73%
2	11%/18%	9%/10%	80%/72%
3	20%/21%	11%/9%	69%/70%
4	17%/20%	15%/7%	68%/73%
5	27%/19%	4%/17%	69%/64%
6	22%/29%	11%/14%	67%/57%
7	24%/27%	18%/18%	58%/55%
8	19%/31%	23%/12%	58%/57%
N/R	33%/26%	33%/19%	34%/55%

# Level of homework difficulty is appropriate

## 2015/2014

Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	15%/6%	23%/33%	62%/61%
1	14%/17%	18%/18%	68%/65%
2	17%/20%	14%/10%	69%/70%
3	25%/23%	20%/13%	55%/64%
4	17%/15%	17%/12%	63%/73%
5	24%/20%	7%/13%	69%/67%
6	18%/19%	18%/19%	64%/62%
7	24%/21%	9%/16%	67%/63%
8	16%/15%	19%/16%	65%/69%
N/R	17%/38%	33%/13%	50%/49%

# Homework requires family interaction 2015/2014



Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	8%/4%	23%/25%	69%/71%
1	2%/4%	10%/4%	88%/92%
2	11%/4%	6%/12%	83%/84%
3	9%/6%	7%/15%	84%/79%
4	5%/10%	7%/17%	88%/73%
5	33%/21%	4%/11%	63%/68%
6	36%/31%	7%/17%	57%/52%
7	45%/37%	9%/24%	46%/39%
8	48%/35%	16%/9%	36%/56%
N/R	17%/35%	0%/9%	83%/56%

# I am involved in the decisions that affect my child's education 2015/2014

Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	13%/13%	28%/23%	59%/64%
1	18%/22%	31%/27%	51%/51%
2	17%/8%	29%/25%	54%/67%
3	29%/29%	31%/28%	40%/43%
4	19%/14%	32%/25%	49%/61%
5	15%/21%	30%/20%	55%/59%
6	25%/19%	21%/19%	54%/62%
7	36%/29%	21%/29%	43%/42%
8	13%/24%	35%/26%	52%/50%
N/R	17%/62%	17%/25%	66%/13%

## My child's school does a very good job of meeting the needs of all its students 2015/2014

Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	5%/6%	18%/27%	77%/67%
1	8%/18%	24%/13%	68%/69%
2	11%/18%	29%/16%	60%/66%
3	18%/22%	27%/36%	55%/42%
4	15%/12%	17%/19%	68%/69%
5	22%/15%	17%/15%	61%/70%
6	11%/19%	18%/31%	71%/50%
7	18%/18%	27%/29%	55%/53%
8	23%/23%	35%/24%	42%/53%
N/R	50%/76%	33%/19%	17%/5%

# My child gets support needed at school

## 2015/2014



Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	6%/6%	13%/23%	81%/71%
1	8%/9%	20%/7%	72%/84%
2	6%/8%	14%/12%	80%/80%
3	15%/10%	11%/19%	74%/71%
4	7%/7%	12%/14%	81%/79%
5	13%/8%	15%/11%	72%/81%
6	7%/12%	7%/24%	86%/64%
7	6%/8%	9%/24%	85%/68%
8	10%/21%	23%/14%	67%/65%
N/R	34%/37%	33%/44%	33%/19%

# My child's school does an excellent job educating students 2015/2014



Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	0%/2%	15%/13%	85%/85%
1	2%/7%	14%/13%	84%/80%
2	3%/10%	20%/6%	77%/84%
3	0%/12%	22%/19%	78%/69%
4	7%/7%	5%/8%	88%/85%
5	9%/9%	7%/13%	84%/78%
6	4%/12%	7%/14%	89%/74%
7	3%/11%	6%/32%	91%/57%
8	6%/16%	13%/14%	81%/70%
N/R	33%/63%	17%/13%	50%/24%



# Effective use of technology for instructional purposes



Grade	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable
K	0%/6%	23%/21%	77%/73%
1	4%/7%	24%/22%	72%/71%
2	6%/12%	23%/14%	71%/74%
3	9%/13%	29%/28%	62%/59%
4	4%/7%	24%/12%	72%/81%
5	2%/13%	20%/17%	78%/70%
6	4%/12%	11%/17%	85%/71%
7	6%/21%	6%/29%	88%/50%
8	3%/13%	39%/26%	58%/61%
N/R	0%/19%	0%/44%	100%/37%

## Custom Question #1



I am satisfied with the services provided by school based mental health providers (if applicable).

- 2015 Results: Of the 90 responses to this question, 53% (48) responded favorably, 28% (25) neutral, and 19% (17) unfavorable.
- 57% responded favorably in 2014

## Custom Question #2



My child receives academic tutoring, training, or extra help, on a regular basis, outside of the help offered at school.

- 2015 Results: Of the 263 responses to this question, 16% (42) responded in the affirmative.
- 21% responded in the affirmative in 2014

## Custom Question #3



My child attends tutoring or help sessions at school with one of his/her teachers.

- **2015 Results:** Of the 263 responses to this question, 30% (79) responded in the affirmative.
- 30% responded in the affirmative in 2014.

# Update on Next Steps from FY14 Survey



- FY15 Goals/Strategic Initiatives include emphasis on areas identified in survey (*included and in progress, to continue for FY16*)
  - Tiered system of support (social/emotional/behavioral)
  - Enhance opportunities for students to be appropriately challenged
- Individual School Results (*reviewed with administration and at individual sites*)
- Superintendent Chat Topics (*included challenge topic at evening chat*)
- Spring 2015 Survey (*completed*)