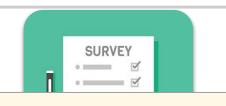
Coffee & Conversation

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District Goal 2- Portrait of a Graduate



PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

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To assess, review and revise the Portrait of a Graduate.

Project Timeline:

- Surveyed Parents in Fall~
 - Results presented at <u>November</u>
 2023 Supt. Coffee
- Surveyed Staff in Winter~
 - Results presented at <u>February 2024</u>
 Supt. Coffee
- Conducted Student group discussion~
 - Results used to create survey for students.

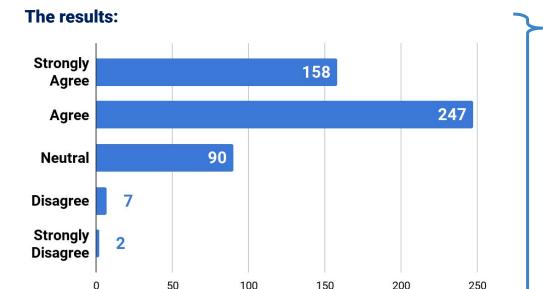
- Student survey completed in the Spring~
 - In May/June of 2024, the survey was administered to students in grades 7-12.
 - Parents were provided with a notification explaining the survey and how to opt-out of the survey.
 - 500+ students completed the survey.





Q1:

The six portrait competencies (Emotionally Intelligent, Curious Thinkers, Leaders, Active Citizens, Adaptable/Resilient and Life Ready) reflect my goals for who I would like to become as an individual.



What this tells us:

• While 80% of respondents agree, 20% do not feel the six portrait competencies completely reflect their goals for our students.

Action Steps:

- Engage in further investigations & conversations on how to adjust our POG to fully encompass our student's goals for themselves and their fellow students.
 - Hold Focus Group Discussions
 - o Reform competencies as needed



Q2:

I am regularly exposed to the six portrait competencies (Emotionally Intelligent, Curious Thinkers, Leaders, Active Citizens, Adaptable/Resilient and Life Ready) during my school day.

The results:

- ✓ Out of every 20 Students surveyed:
 - 3 Strongly Agree
 - 9 Agree
 - 7 are Neutral and
 - 1 Disagree with this statement.

What this tells us:

 Approximately 60% of students expressed that they feel our portrait competencies are incorporated into their school day.

Action Steps:

 Continue to offer training & professional development to our staff on how our portrait competencies are able to be embedded into their daily work and interactions with our students.





Q3:

I understand how the indicator attributes are incorporated into my daily instruction.

The results:

- ✓ Out of every 20 Students surveyed:
 - 3 Strongly Agree
 - 10 Agree
 - 6 are Neutral and
 - 1 Disagree with this statement.

What this tells us:

 It is evident that as a district, we must enhance our efforts to incorporate the indicator attributes into the instructional experience of students.

Action Steps:

 Continue to offer training & professional development to staff on how the indicator attributes are able to be incorporated into our students' school day.

Q4:

With regard to the competencies of the POG, I would like the following area to be considered:

The results (by theme)

- More time should be devoted to the POG competencies, thereby creating more opportunities for students to feel creative & confident.
- Continue to focus on Emotional Intelligence and teaching students to be Empathetic.
- Life Ready needs to be present in all classes

What this tells us:

- The district needs identify and articulate the connection between curricular initiatives, student experiences and the POG.
- Explore ways to align the themes across all facets of the district.

Action Steps:

- Breakdown the current framework to provide a greater level of detail.
 - Focus Group Discussions
 - Focused interviews with key stakeholders



Q5:

With regard to the indicator attributes, I would like the following activities/initiatives to be considered:

The results (by theme):

- For Emotional Intelligence:
 - More coaching is needed to help students become self-aware and realize when they need help or are struggling.
 - Students need to learn that it is important to listen to others, even when receiving constructive criticism, in order to achieve goals and establish meaningful relationships.
- Additional activities/outlets are needed for students in order for them to learn & practice how to be Active Citizens and help outside of school with local projects.
- **Utilize Advisory periods** to enforce POG competencies and encourage students to create a better environment for the school.

What this tells us:

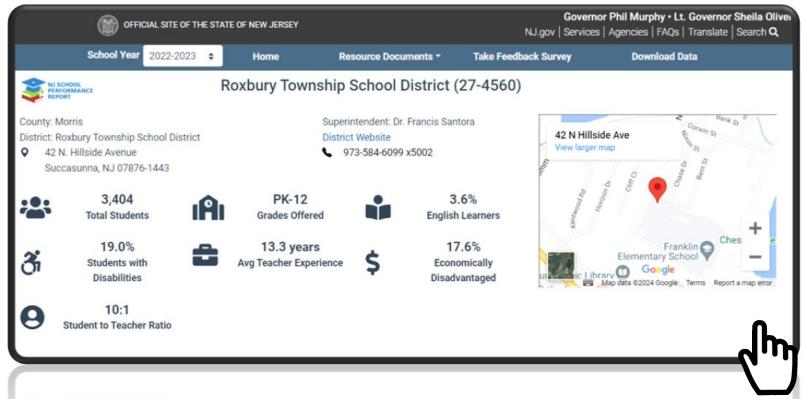
 The district needs to focus refining existing structures and processes to better meet the needs of our learners

Action Steps:

- Review and revise the indicator attributes rubric.
 - Focus Group Discussions
 - Focused interviews with key stakeholders







NJ SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT



What Does the NJ DOE Report Card tell us?

- Provides comprehensive review of student performance
- Review of standardized assessment results signal a need for:
 - Increased opportunities for targeted and explicit instruction in both ELA and Math
 - Enhancement of district's data informed decision-making
 - Refined professional development for teachers and staff
 - Increased opportunities for parent training sessions

