

## 2017-18 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Survey Open Ended Question Responses

### **What do you like best about your school?**

- There are trustworthy teachers.
- How they teach me how to learn.
- That there is no bullying and that the school is small.
- I like that we get to have a typing class.
- Lunch
- I like that my school has all the things I need to be successful.
- I like that we have three minutes to get from class to class.
- What I like best is how my school is always supportive.
- I like English the best.
- I like my homeroom teacher Mrs. Schanilec the best because she is really good at helping you understand what she is teaching you. She also helps if you are having a bad day.
- Lunch; meeting new friends
- Friends
- What I like best about my school is that the teachers care about us.
- The robotics for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
- I like that we know everyone and everybody is really close.
- That you can bring your chrome books home.
- What I like best about my school are the teachers. Most of the teachers are very fun and kind. I always like when teachers make things fun.
- That some of the teachers I have had before in recent years I still have, and they are really helpful to me to help me understand everything I need to know. I love how having a teacher for so long that you understand their concept and how they teach.
- The environment
- I like that mostly everybody in my school gets along very well.
- They offer us computers and we have the option to take them home if we don't abuse the option.
- The thing I like the best is having gym class so I can get my mind off everything and have fun.
- What I like best about my school is that there's always help when you need it. Teachers will help you achieve and become a better student any way they can. Not only are my teachers helpful, they are kind and uplifting as well.
- I like that the teachers always make sure you understand everything. They try very hard to make sure you are learning everything correctly too. The school also tries to make changes to make sure the school is the best it can be.
- What I like about our school is that you do not have to wear uniforms.

- I like the girls bathroom of how it has the words that say: you are strong, you are brave, you are amazing.
- What I like best about my school is the learning. The learning skills are very academic to a lot of students.
- It is small so I know everyone.
- We have computers.
- What I like best about my school is that whenever you need help or are struggling there is always a teacher or para to help you.
- I like the students who attend the school.
- What I like best is gym.
- Recess
- What I like best about school is that I can work with my friends.
- Gym and recess because it's great and fun.
- How nice the teachers are and how they help me if I need help
- I like everything
- The teachers

### **What do you like least about your school?**

- One thing that I like least about our school is that we get a lot of homework every day.
- Honors breakfast
- My school is great!
- I hate how the boys' bathroom stinks.
- I like how some people act and get other people in trouble.
- What I like least is music.
- I feel like some teachers don't show empathy as well as they should. I feel everyone's opinion is important, and I think the school should show it more.
- What I like least about my school is that kids are not always respectful to other kids, teachers, janitors, paras, and other staff.
- I do not like music.
- Punishments are huge.
- There is only one boy teacher.
- What I don't like about our school is the homework.
- I like everything in my school.
- What I like least about my school is that there are no more Manvel sports teams, not every kid gets to take a language or art class, and there are no other extra classes to take.
- The thing I like the least is having a short time outside at recess.
- The homework
- I like everything in my school.

- Someone can very easily get into someone else's computer. Everybody has the same email account and can very easily hack into that. I think everybody should make their own password, but tell the teacher and the teacher will write it down.
- The food
- It's not really about the school, but having a sub for this first quarter has been really hard for me. Mostly just Algebra because of how hard it is getting. We need as much learning as we could possibly get and I just feel like I am not getting that. I have so many questions that are unanswered and need help to understand but neither does the teacher know. I feel like when our actual teacher comes back she will expect us to know all of this stuff when even the sub doesn't know. And when our teacher comes back we will be so far behind going over the stuff we don't get that we won't be getting over everything for this year. I just feel like I will not be ready for high school coming up. I just wish we had a teacher who knew everything and was good at helping and explaining the things we need to know and what we have questions on.
- I don't like the food, and I don't like how not all of the students are treated the same.
- Everything else- FOOD, THE OTHER KIDS, HOMEWORK
- I don't like the hot lunches.
- The cafeteria is just tables in the gym.
- The food we get for lunch.
- What I like least about my school is drama.
- Jerks
- Homework
- I don't like how classes can't get along; there is a lot of drama in my class.
- I least like math.
- What I like least is how my school is always so demanding and they expect me to know everything.
- I do not like the locker sizes and how some kids do not show respect.
- What I like least is my grades and most of my classmates sometimes never get along.
- Not many opportunities
- The food
- That we have lots of homework
- The food
- There is some drama and mean kids.

### **What is one suggestion you would like to offer to improve your school?**

- Work on getting along with others.
- Longer recess
- That we learn a lot and not have as much homework like Grand Forks.

- The food was better.
- Give certain opportunities
- I would like to improve friendship.
- Activities to help improve kindness.
- Give us kids some more time.
- Math
- I think my school can improve on being kind.
- To have fun
- A bigger playground
- One suggestion I have is to stop the drama.
- Try making a cafeteria.
- Better food for lunch.
- Talk to the students about the lunch menu.
- Paint the hallways grey and add a few lines of black and orange.
- I think it would be fun to have more school activities.
- Change some of the lunches instead of having the same thing over and over again.
- Have different food options and don't have salad bar twice a week.
- Maybe have the students pick their own password.
- Use the grade scale that Grand Forks uses.
- Having a longer lunch, better food and longer recess.
- One suggestion is to be able to drop out of choir or band whenever you'd like, instead of at the end of a quarter. If you can drop out in the middle, then you haven't had to waste any time doing something you are just going to quit in the near future, and get into the other class you'd like to take.
- One suggestion is add a school store that sells sweatshirts and everything. One teacher sells sweatshirts and hats but there should be more.
- What I suggest is to make the slab into our gym. Then make our old gym a cafeteria.
- I would like to improve that the slab outside. Have it become a new gym and that the other gym is the lunchroom.
- I think we should have more healthy food choices. Plus I think we should only have one salad bar a week with different soups instead of only one soup.
- Get more playground equipment.
- Breakfast bar
- Give the students a longer recess.
- One suggestion is to push a little harder on the empathy project.
- Some of the stuff the teachers teach they can learn from as well. Practicing empathy and putting yourself in someone else's shoes is something all the students are taught. However students need examples of these behaviors, so teachers should show it. If all the teachers did exactly what the students are told to do 24/7 our school would be much better than it is today.
- Less homework

- One thing is that if it's a two-person assignment, students can choose people they work better with.
- I think its fine.
- One thing I would like to offer to improve is that we should get a longer recess.