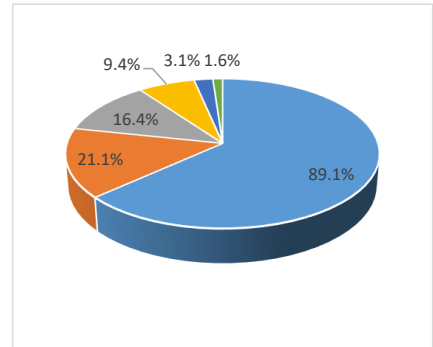


SIoux VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT - STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY - FALL OF 2018

[128 survey responses]

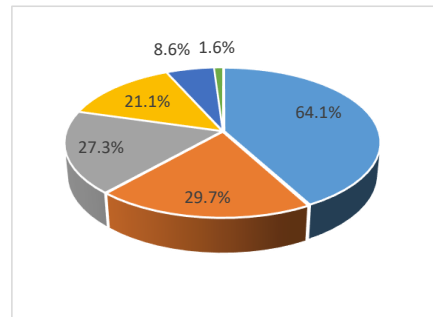
Who are you?

1 Parent/Guardian	89.1%
2 Community Member	21.1%
3 Teacher/Staff Member	16.4%
4 Graduate of Sioux Valley	9.4%
5 Grandparent	3.1%
6 Elected Official	1.6%
7 Other (please specify)	0.8%
8 Current JK-12 Student	0.8%



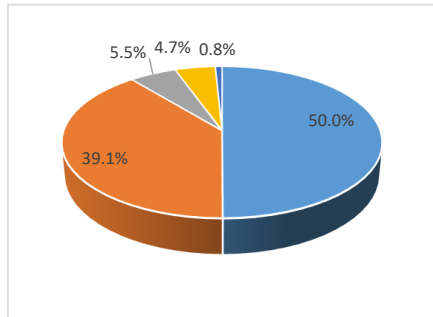
What choice represents you?

1 My child is in elementary school	64.1%
2 My child is in high school	29.7%
3 My child is in middle school	27.3%
4 I am a graduate of Sioux Valley	21.1%
5 I have no children currently attending Sioux Valley	8.6%
6 I am a teacher at Sioux Valley Schools	1.6%
7 I am a stakeholder in the school	0.8%
8 I am a student at Sioux Valley	0.0%



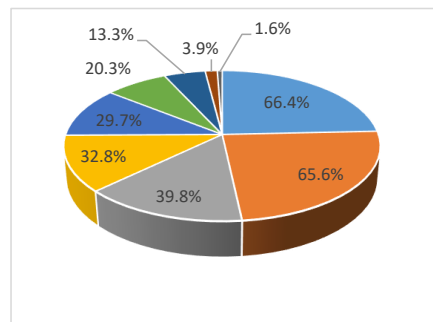
What is your impression of JK-12 education at Sioux Valley?

1 Positive - The school has many strengths.	50.0%
2 Mixed positive - The school has more strengths than weaknesses	39.1%
3 Neutral - I do not have an opinion either way	5.5%
4 Mixed negative - The school has more weaknesses than strengths	4.7%
5 Negative - The school has many weaknesses/significant concerns	0.8%



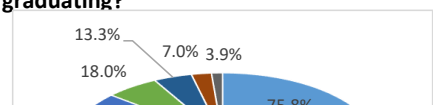
What do you believe is the purpose of JK-12 education at Sioux Valley?

1 Help students fulfill their potential and have choices in life	66.4%
2 Ensure students have basic skills (reading, math)	65.6%
3 Prepare every student for future economic success	39.8%
4 Prepare students for college	32.8%
5 Support/develop our future workforce	29.7%
6 Connect students to their peers and community	20.3%
7 Create global citizens	13.3%
8 Promote equity	3.9%
9 Support our democratic society	1.6%
10 Other (five different responses each receiving a 0.8% rating)	0.8%

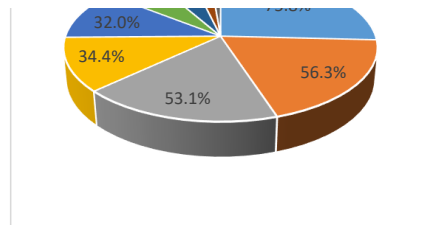


What are the most important skills current JK-12 students should learn before graduating?

1 Critical thinking and problem solving skills	75.8%
2 Communication skills	56.3%
3 Interpersonal skills (working with others)	53.1%

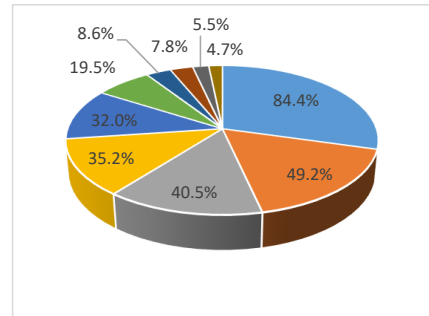


4 Organizational and time management skills	34.4%
5 Financial management skills	32.0%
6 Technology skills	18.0%
7 Leadership skills	13.3%
8 Research skills (gathering and analyzing information)	7.0%
9 Community service skills	3.9%
10 Other (2 different responses each receiving a .8% rating)	0.8%



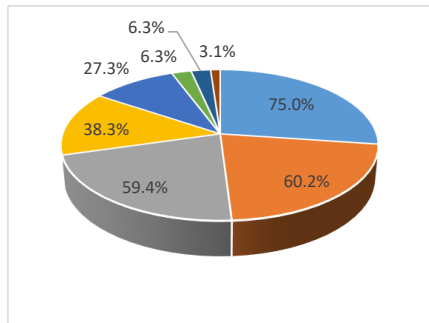
What do you value most in a public school?

1 Quality of teaching	84.4%
2 Caring environment	49.2%
3 Challenging academic programs	40.5%
4 Physical safety	35.2%
5 A sense of community	32.0%
6 Fun learning experience	19.5%
7 Extra-curricular options	8.6%
8 Quality of facilities	7.8%
9 Welcoming to parents and the community	5.5%
10 Diversity of students	4.7%
11 Other (2 different responses each receiving a .8% rating)	0.8%



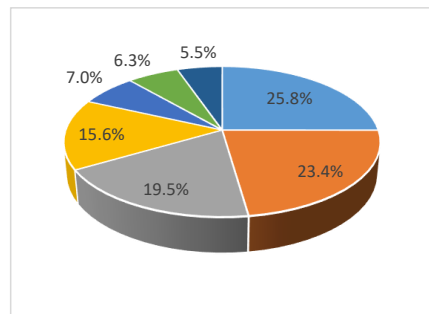
What do you want Sioux Valley School District to provide our students?

1 Highly qualified teachers	75.0%
2 Curriculum that prepares students for the workforce	60.2%
3 Safe and orderly learning environment	59.4%
4 Rigorous, challenging curriculum	38.3%
5 Technology in the classrooms	27.3%
6 Successful extra-curricular programs	6.3%
7 High graduation rates	6.3%
8 High test scores	3.1%
9 Other (12 different responses each receiving a .8% rating)	0.8%



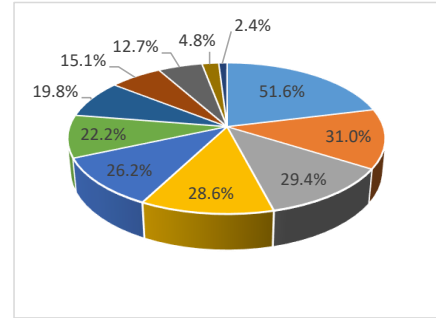
What do you think is the #1 challenge at Sioux Valley?

1 Meeting the needs of a growing diverse student population	25.8%
2 Providing a balanced curriculum & variety of electives	23.4%
3 Recruiting and retaining highly qualified staff	19.5%
4 Increasing student achievement	15.6%
5 Expanding communication & parent/community involvement	7.0%
6 Providing a safe and orderly environment	6.3%
7 Providing challenging instructional programs	5.5%
8 Other (9 different responses each receiving a .8% rating)	0.8%



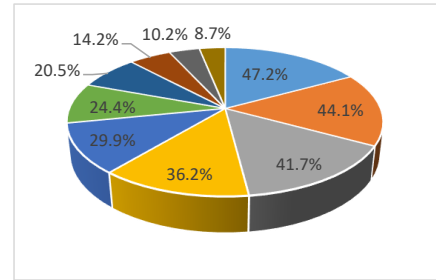
What priorities would you recommend for improvement of our current JK-12 school district?

1 Students' motivation and behavior	51.6%
2 Access to advanced courses for high school students	31.0%
3 Quality of teaching	29.4%
4 Basic academic skills (reading, math)	28.6%
5 Academic rigor and expectations	26.2%
6 Students' use of technology	22.2%
7 Quality of classroom curriculum, equipment, and materials	19.8%
8 Parent and community involvement	15.1%
9 Fine arts options	12.7%
10 Extra-curricular options	4.8%
11 Services for English Language Learners (ELL)	2.4%
12 Other (14 different responses each receiving a .8% rating)	0.8%



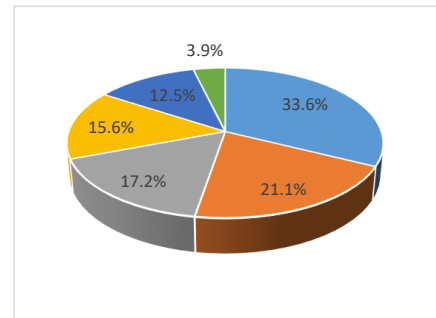
How do you stay connected to school issues?

1 Emails with child's teachers	47.2%
2 District web site	44.1%
3 School Messenger calls and emails	41.7%
4 Infinite Campus parent portal	36.2%
5 Parent/Teacher Conferences and Open Houses	29.9%
6 Social media	24.4%
7 Word of mouth	20.5%
8 Local newspapers	14.2%
9 Classroom newsletters	10.2%
10 Attendance at events	8.7%
11 Other (5 different responses each receiving a .8% rating)	0.8%



What do you believe is the #1 issue facing students?

1 Negative peer pressure	33.6%
2 Too much stress	21.1%
3 Drugs and alcohol	17.2%
4 Lack of parental involvement	15.6%
5 Being ready for college	12.5%
6 Low academic proficiency	3.9%
7 Other (9 different responses each receiving a .8% rating)	0.8%



What do you believe is working well in our school district?

- 1 Excellent quality, caring staff
- 2 Good communication
- 3 Focus on academics & strong curriculum
- 4 Strong, solid administration
- 5 Good facilities
- 6 Great extra-curricular programs
- 7 Good parent involvement and parent support
- 8 Pride in the school and a sense of community
- 9 Good safety procedures in place
- 10 Dual credit opportunities for high school students

What areas of our school district need improvement?

- 1 Better and more frequent communication between school and parents
- 2 Large class sizes and keeping up with growing enrollment
- 3 Passionate and quality teachers that care about all children
- 4 Better technology and better use of technology in the MS & HS classrooms
- 5 More elective options for HS students
- 6 Better balance on focus of academics, athletics, and fine arts
- 7 Addressing student issues that affect community/student drug use and abuse
- 8 Bullying issues
- 9 More consistent discipline
- 10 More consistent accountability for teachers and coaches

What are the school district's greatest facility needs?

- 1 More locker room space and/or updated locker rooms
- 2 More gym space
- 3 Soundproofing between floors in Performing Arts Center
- 4 Drop off and pick up zone at elementary entrance
- 5 Additional parking at elementary entrance
- 6 Additional MS/HS space to accommodate enrollment growth
- 7 More funding/focus on safety and building security
- 8 Updated technology in classrooms
- 9 More space for MS/HS cafeteria
- 10 More space for band and choir due to growing numbers in these programs

When you think of Sioux Valley Schools, what are you most proud of?

- 1 Quality teachers and staff
- 2 Community sense of pride in the school
- 3 Academic excellence
- 4 Positive and safe environment for learning
- 5 Success of extra-curricular programs
- 6 Students and student success
- 7 Community involvement and support
- 8 Facilities
- 9 Supportive administration and school board
- 10 Small town feel, yet growing and progressive school district