# Central City School District No. 133

**RESULTS:**

### 53 Completed

**and Returned**

### NEEDS ASSESSMENT

ATTENTION FATHERS, MOTHERS, GRANDPARENTS, AND GUARDIANS:

Studies have shown that children of parents who are actively involved in their child’s education do better in school. Central City School is seeking ways to provide you an opportunity to be involved in your child’s education. Please complete this questionnaire so that (1) we may better understand your feelings toward this school and its educators, (2) we can determine the degree to which you would like to become involved, and (3) we can assess how we can help you as you help your child. Please return this completed questionnaire to your child’s teacher or to the office by **Wednesday, May 8, 2013**.

\*Bold, underlined numbers indicate number of responses.

**\*Complete only one Needs Assessment per family please.**

Date: **05-08-2013**

I am the child’s: **0 Blank**

**9** father **44** mother **0** grandparent **0** guardian or other caring person

1. When you hear the words, “Central City School,” what do you think? **9 Blank**

**S*ee attached sheet for comments.***

2. Please circle your overall rating for the following staff members of Central City School #133:

**2 Entire Question Blank**

Teachers **28** Excellent **20** Good **3** Average **0** Fair **0** Poor **0 Blank**

Administrator **33** Excellent **17** Good **0** Average **0** Fair **0** Poor **1 Blank**

Office Secretaries **34** Excellent **15** Good **1** Average **0** Fair **0** Poor **1 Blank**

Aides **30** Excellent **18** Good **2** Average **0** Fair **0** Poor **1 Blank**

Cooks **29** Excellent **17** Good **5** Average **0** Fair **0** Poor **0 Blank**

Custodians **33** Excellent **16** Good **1** Average **0** Fair **0** Poor **1 Blank**

Bus Drivers **29** Excellent **16** Good **2** Average **0** Fair **0** Poor **2 Blank 1 ? 1 NA**

Crossing Guards **28** Excellent **19** Good **3** Average **0** Fair **0** Poor **1 Blank**

School Board Members **25** Excellent **20** Good **3** Average **1** Fair **0** Poor **2 Blank**

Comments: ***See attached sheet for comments.***

3. Do you read the ***Home & School Connection*** newsletter (for early childhood through fifth grade) each month that is

provided to you courtesy of Title 1 at C.C.S.? **36** Yes **13**  No **0 Blank 2 NA**

**1 Sometimes 1 Yes – When I have her.**

If “Yes”, have you ever used a new idea with your child that you learned about in this publication?

**25** Yes **10** No **2 Blank**

4. How often do you visit the school? **23** daily **13** weekly **10** monthly **3** yearly **1** never

**0 Blank 2 Daily/Weekly 1 Monthy (less) / Yearly (more).**

5. Do you feel that the Accelerated Reader program has been beneficial to your child(ren)? **49** Yes **2** No **0 Blank 1 No not really.** Explain: ***See attached sheet for comments.***

6. Do you think that the AR Store is an effective reward system for AR participants? **49** Yes **2** No

**1 Blank 1 NA** Explain: ***See attached sheet for comments.***

**\*\*We desperately need volunteers for the AR store, so if you are interested, please call the school office (532-9521).**

1. **Have called before. Never been used!**

7. What is your rating of the amount of homework that your child received this school year? **0 Blank**

**2** Too Much **49** Just Right **1** Not Enough

What grade was your child in this year? ***See attached sheet for ratings and grades in school.***

8. Were your expectations for the Superintendent met this year? ***See attached sheet for comments.***

**2 Blank 43 Yes 0 No 1 ? 1 So – so. 1 Absolutely. 1 0**

9. Were your expectations for your child’s teacher(s) met this year? ***See attached sheet for comments.***

**1 Blank 46 Yes 1 No 1 Yes – Wonderful. 1 Not really. 1 Absolutely. 1 0**

10. In your opinion, was the information (curriculum) that was taught to your child during this school year appropriate for his/her grade level? **51** Yes **2** No **0 Blank** Comments: ***See attached sheet for comments.***

11. Do you feel that your child(ren) receive(s) adequate exposure to technology at school? **50** Yes **0** No

**1 Blank 1 Not sure.** Explain: ***See attached sheet for comments.***

12. Have you used the TeacherEase online program to check your child’s grades, discipline logs, etc.? **0 Blank**

**29** Yes **24** No ***See attached sheet for comments.***

13. Have you used Homework Hotline this year? **2**  Yes **50** No **0 Blank 1 NA**

List any improvements that need to be made:

14. Do you and/or your child(ren) have daily access to the Internet at home? **45** Yes **8** No **0 Blank**

Explain:

15. Have you or your child visited the Central City School website at **www.ccs133.com**? **43** Yes **10** No **0 Blank**

Comments: ***See attached sheet for comment.***

16. Are there any items that you would like to see added to the Central City School website? **8** Yes **39**  No

**5 Blank** If “Yes”, what are the items? ***See attached sheet for comments.***

17. Do you regularly check your child’s school planner for homework assignments, teacher notes, or school information?

(Please circle the answer that **best** applies)

**36**  Always **5** Frequently **6** Sometimes **3** Rarely **1** Never

**1 Never – This year, he didn’t use it. 1 Never – Doesn’t have one or use it.**

18. Did you find Central City School’s “School Reach” Parent Notification System helpful this year? **1 Blank**

**45** Yes **1** No **1 Yes – Very helpful. 1 Yes – Wonderful! 4 Yes – Love it!**

Comments: ***See attached sheet for comments.***

19. What functions did you attend or do you plan to attend at Central City School in the 2012-2013 school year?

(please mark **all** that apply) **0 Blank**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **37** Open House/Book Fair | **18** PeeWee Basketball Games | **14** School Assemblies |
| **50** Parent/Teacher Conferences | **35** School Carnival/Coronation | **19** Spring Concert/Academic Honors |
| **21** Santa’s Workshop | **3** Scholar Bowl Meets | **19** Athletics Awards Night |
| **47** Holiday Program | **7** Cross Country Meets | **5** School Board Meetings |
| **31** Title 1 Craft Night | **9** Baseball / Softball Games | **39** Class Field Trips |
| **26** Boy’s/Girl’s Basketball Games | **9** Track Meets | **9** Graduation |
| **4** Fifth-Grade Basketball Games | **40** Title 1 Crazy Cultural Night |  |
| **8** P.T.O. Meetings | **10** Volleyball Games |  |

**1 Bowling event at Banks and O’Fallon.**

20. Did you assist your child at home with any Title-sponsored activities? **35** Yes **17** No **1 Blank**

If “Yes”, which one(s): **10** Six-Flag’s Six-Hour Reading Club **31** Rehearsing for Crazy Cultural Night

**1 If “Yes”, Blank**

21. Do you think that the C.C.S. discipline plan is effective? **51** Yes **0** No **0 Blank**

Do you think that the discipline plan has proven to be fair and consistent for all students? **48** Yes **2** No

**1 ? 0 Blank**

Do you think the After-School Detention program is effective? **40** Yes **1** No **5 Blank 4 NA**

**1 Does not apply.**

In your opinion, what is the greatest strength of the discipline plan? **41 Blank 1 No opinion**

***See attached sheet for comments.* 1 NA 1 ?**

In your opinion, what is the greatest weakness of the discipline plan? **42 Blank 1 NA 1 No opinion**

***See attached sheet for comments.*** **1 ?**

Additional Comments: ***See attached sheet for comments.*** **2 Entire #21 Blank**

22. Did you like that evening hours were offered for parent-teacher conferences? **4 Blank**

**49** Yes **0** No Comments: ***See attached sheet for comments.***

23. Would you be interested in volunteering at C.C.S. for any of the following: **(please mark all that apply) 41 Blank**

**1 Not at this time.**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **1** tutoring during school | **9** classroom volunteer | **1** computer lab volunteer |
| **3** recess supervision | **4** AR Store volunteer | **2** advisory board |
| **1** lunchroom supervision | **1** tutoring after school | **2** P.T.O. |

**1** **What should I do? Have volunteered several years, never had follow through. 1**

**S*ee attached sheet for comment.***

24. Is there an activity for parents and/or students that you would like to see started at Central City School?

**40 Blank 3 No 2 NA S*ee attached sheet for comments.***

25. What are the reasons you feel keep parents from being involved? (Please mark **all** that apply) **1 Blank**

**43** work full-time **5** sickness

**6** work part-time **11** transportation problems

**23** small child with no one to watch him/her **2** apathy

**5** elderly person to care for in the home **7** other (please list):

**1 Not motivated to. 1 Disabled person to care for in the home. *See attached sheet for “other” comments.***

26. How safe from serious threats do you feel your child is when he/she is at school during regular school hours?

**39** Very Safe **13** Moderately Safe **1** Not Safe **0 Blank**

Comments: ***See attached sheet for comments.***

27. Please rate your overall satisfaction with Central City School as a place to send your child(ren) to school? **0 Blank**

**Low**  **Medium** **High**

**0** 1 **0** 2 **0** 3 **0** 4 **0** 5 **0** 6 **1** 7 **5** 8 **14**  9 **33** 10

***See attached sheet for comments.***

**\* Please note:**  Central City School is a Schoolwide Title Program school. A school may operate a Schoolwide program if 40 percent of the students participate in the free/reduced lunch program. A Schoolwide program permits a school to use funds under Part A of Title 1 and other federal education program funds and resources to upgrade the entire educational program of the school and to raise academic achievement for all the students. Schoolwide programs do not have to identify children as eligible for services.

***Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey.***

**The opinions of parents, grandparents, and guardians of ALL students at Central City School are essential for the planning process for the 2013-2014 school year. Please write any additional comments on the back of this sheet or on a separate piece of paper.**

***See attached sheet for “additional” comments.***

**\*Bold, underlined numbers indicate number of responses.**

**#1 Comments:**

***When you hear the words, “Central City School,” what do you think?***

1. Great school. **5**
2. A good school. **4**
3. Excellent school!! **3**
4. Awesome school! **2**
5. An awesome school to send my child to. **1**
6. I think of community, family, and an excellent environment. **1**
7. A great K-8 school. **1**
8. Great family school with good education. **1**
9. Great school, proud my child goes here! **1**
10. Great school to send your kids to. **1**
11. Great school except there is still kids picking on other kids. **1**
12. Proud to be a part of something great. **1**
13. Very good school **1**
14. It’s a good school district. **1**
15. Good school, safe, caring teachers. **1**
16. Good, small school. **1**
17. Good school to have my child at. **1**
18. Good curriculum, friendly staff. **1**
19. Caring good school. **1**
20. It’s a good school; I attended there myself when I was young. **1**
21. High academic standards. Great athletic program. K-8 “country school” feel. **1**
22. K-8 school where there is a close knit community. **1**
23. I heard good things. **1**
24. Positive place to be. **1**
25. Smiles – good things. **1**
26. My kid’s school, my home. **1**
27. My childhood school, my children’s school, K-8th. **1**
28. Education. **1**
29. K-8 grade school. **1**
30. Right down the road. **1**

**#2 Comments:**

***Please circle your overall rating for the following staff members of Central City School #133:***

***Teachers, Administrators, Office Secretaries, Aides, Cooks, Custodians, Bus Drivers, Crossing Guards, School Board Members – Ratiing: Excellent – Good – Average – Fair - Poor***

1. All Excellent – Everyone treats us great. **1**
2. Since moving to CCS, I’ve seen a big change in my child, socially, mentally. He used to hate school

and would cry everyday, but not anymore. **1**

1. All Goods except School Board Members Excellent – Always room for improvement. **1**
2. Cooks – Average. Most of time my children do not like school lunch. **1**
3. My children complain about hair in their food. I do think the overall staff and faculty do

a wonderful job. **1**

1. ? for Bus Drivers – Don’t ride bus / Don’t use crossroads. **1**
2. Crossing Guard – Good. Not familiar with crossing guard. **1**
3. Never had any problems. **1**
4. I think that they should have an assembly on bullying. **1**

**#5 Comments:**

***Do you feel that the Accelerated Reader program has been beneficial to your child(ren)?***

1. Yes – Helps to get students to read. **1**
2. Yes – Encouraged them to read more. **1**
3. Yes – Showing improvement and drive to read. **1**
4. Yes – Helps them keep focused on reading for fun. **1**
5. Yes – My child loves to read, or me read them books before bed every night. **1**
6. Yes – Before my child started this program he didn’t like to read. Now he loves to read. **1**
7. Yes – It has helped to be a better reader. **1**
8. Yes – Helps improve his level of reading. **1**
9. Yes – Any type of reading is helpful. **1**
10. Yes – Helps my kids. **1**
11. Yes – My kids work more. **1**
12. Yes – They are both excellent readers. **1**
13. Yes – Seems to comprehend reading good. **1**
14. No – My son has problems reading. He is not a fast reader. **1**
15. No – Upper grades more of incentives to read besides trinkets. **1**
16. No not really – Because it is just one more thing the children have to worry about, including their

other subjects. **1**

1. Not as of yet, my son is lacking motivation. **1**

**#6 Comments:**

***Do you think that the AR Store is an effective reward system for AR participants?***

1. Yes – Keeps them motivated. **1**
2. Yes – It gives my children a goal to achieve. **1**
3. Yes – Encouraged them to read more. **1**
4. Yes – Gives the child something to strive towards. **1**
5. Yes – Gives incentive to read. **1**
6. Yes – Gets children more interested in reading. **1**
7. Yes – It gives them something to read for. **1**
8. Yes – Kids read more. **1**
9. Yes – The students look forward to it. **1**
10. Yes – Gives them something to look forward to. **1**
11. Yes – It makes reading more fun. **1**
12. Yes – My kids get excited about it. **1**
13. Yes – I guess so.  **1**
14. No – AR needs to be more part of grades. **1**

**#7 Ratings and Grades in School:**

***What is your rating of the amount of homework that your child received this school year?***

***What grade was your child in this year?***

1. Just Right – Kdg. **4**
2. Just Right – Grades K, 1, and 3 **1**
3. Just Right – Grade 1 **8**
4. Just Right – Grades 1 and 6 **1**
5. Just Right – Grades 1, 6, and 8 **1**
6. Just Right – Grade 2 **8**
7. Just Right – Grades 2 and 6 **1**
8. Just Right – Grades 2, 6, and 7 **1**
9. 2nd Just Right; 4th Just Right; 7th Too Much sometimes. **1**
10. Just Right – Grade 3 **7**
11. Not Enough – Grade 3 **1**
12. Just Right – Grade 4. **6**
13. Just Right – Grades 4, 6, and 7 **1**
14. Just Right – Grade 5 **3**
15. Just Right – Grades 5 and 8 **1**
16. Just Right – Grade 6 **3**
17. Too Much – Grade 6 **2**
18. Just Right – Grade 7 **1**
19. Just Right – Grade 8 **1**
20. Just Right – Grade not marked. **1**

**#8 Comments:**

***Were your expectations for the Superintendent met this year?***

1. And always excels. **1**
2. Yes – I feel he is fair and friendly. **1**
3. Very much so. **1**
4. Needs improvement in some areas. **1**
5. To advise be watchful of what is going on at CCS. **1**

**#9 Comments:**

***Were your expectations for your child’s teacher(s) met this year?***

1. Yes – The teachers were all exceptional. **1**
2. Yes – I am biased. **1**
3. Yes – Overpopulated class but yes. **1**
4. Kinda was not pleased with the coach’s helper. **1**

**#10 Comments:**

In your opinion, was the information (curriculum) that was taught to your child during this school year appropriate for his/her grade level?

1. Yes – Would have liked to see more phonics taught. **1**
2. No – Too much to write. **1**

**#11 Comments:**

***Do you feel that your child(ren) receive(s) adequate exposure to technology at school?***

1. Yes – Can do things I can’t . **1**
2. Adequate. Would like more! **1**
3. Yes – Like to see more! **1**
4. Yes – But would like to see more. **1**

**#12 Comments:**

***Have you used the TeacherEase online program to check your child’s grades, discipline logs, etc.?***

1. Yes – Love it! **1**
2. Yes – I love TeacherEase. If my mom would have had it I would have been a better student. **1**
3. Yes – Enjoy this very much. **1**
4. Yes – Very helpful for working paresnts. **1**
5. Yes – Check it everyday. **1**
6. Yes – Three times a week! **1**
7. Yes – All teachers use at least the grades, discipline. **1**
8. No – I keep on losing password. **1**
9. No – Was not aware of this program. **1**
10. No – Didn’t know about it. **1**

**#15 Comment:**

***Have you or your child visited the Central City School website at www.ccs133.com?***

1. Yes – It would be helpful if calendars, menu, and monthly items were posted two weeks before the

month starts. **1**

**#16 Comments:**

Are there any items that you would like to see added to the Central City School website?

If “Yes”, what are the items?

1. Yes – Page for PTO, homework updates daily. **1**
2. Yes – Homework assignments updated quicker. **1**
3. Yes – Update the calendar more. I can only see the month we are in and would like to

look at more months. **1**

1. Yes – The full year’s calendar / Teachers email addresses. **1**
2. Yes – Have a running 30-day calendar instead of calendar month. It’s hard to see what’s

coming next month. **1**

1. Yes – Extra learning links and math help – step by step for papers. **1**
2. Yes – A quick launch for the younger kids. **1**
3. Could the older students update classroom pages? Could older students do anything to help

with web page? **1**

**#18 Comments:**

***Did you find Central City School’s “School Reach” Parent Notification System helpful this year?***

1. Yes – With daily routines so hectic as every family’s is, it’s nice to have that

extra reminder. **1**

1. Yes – Good reminders. Very helpful to use for double checking schedules. **1**
2. Yes – Sometimes I wish when it’s not referring to my child it didn’t call. **1**
3. Yes – It can be a little overused I think. **1**
4. No – I don’t appreciate the incredible amount of fundraisers that are sent home week

after week, after week, and then called about. **1**

**#21 Comments:**

***A) Do you think that the C.C.S. discipline plan is effective?***

***B) Do you think that the discipline plan has proven to be fair and consistent for all students?***

***C) Do you think the After-School Detention program is effective?***

***D) In your opinion, what is the greatest strength of the discipline plan?***

***E) In your opinion, what is the greatest weakness of the discipline plan?***

***Question “D” – In your opinion, what is the greatest strength of the discipline plan?***

1. Strict but understanding. **1**
2. Holds my children accountable. **1**
3. That the kids know Mr. Branon is serious. **1**
4. Clearly written. **1**
5. Being at school longer than others. **1**
6. Level 1. **1**
7. My daughter wants to “clip” up with the rest of the class. **1**

***Question “E” – In your opinion, what is the greatest weakness of the discipline plan?***

1. Doesn’t seem to be used fairly for all students. Teachers need to enforce rules themselves on some

issues like NO homework and not send to office all the time. **1**

1. That there are kids that still do stuff to other kids but get overlooked because of who they are. **1**
2. She continues to get in trouble for the same thing. **1**
3. Warnings. **1**
4. Losing a stick green/yellow/red. **1**
5. Lots of teachers have kids in school? **1**

***#10 Additional Comments:***

1. Thanks for getting on to them when they need it. That takes a lot of patience. **1**
2. I feel the school is doing the best they can in this area. **1**
3. Can’t really answer this because I have never had to deal with the discipline plan. **1**

**#22 Comments:**

***Did you like that evening hours were offered for parent-teacher conferences?***

1. Yes – Would have a hard time going without them. **1**
2. Yes – Good for the parents that work days. **1**
3. Yes – I don’t have to miss work, and because of divorced parents, it’s easy for both of us. **1**
4. Yes – But I need morning meetings. I work second shift. **1**
5. Yes – Very helpful. It would be nice if we had two meetings per year. **1**

**#23 Comment:**

***Would you be interested in volunteering at C.C.S. for any of the following: tutoring during school, recess supervision, lunchroom supervision, classroom volunteer, AR Store volunteer, tutoring after school, computer lab volunteer, advisory board, P.T.O.***

1. Advisory Board and P.T.O. – Why is this on here if you don’t use information for volunteers? **1**

**#24 Comments:**

***Is there an activity for parents and/or students that you would like to see started at***

***Central City School?***

1. Eat lunch with your kids at school once a year. **1**
2. Jordan School used to have donuts with dad, muffins with mom program. The kids seemed

to really enjoy that. **1**

1. Maybe more at-home projects for kids and parents to do together. **1**
2. An after-school arts and crafts / study hall. **1**
3. Make Crazy Cultural Night a little more “souped up” with costumes, etc. **1**
4. Robert Mashburn coach bowling! **1**
5. Better fundraisers? Raccoon has excellent fundraisers. **1**
6. No, we need to take away some sports to help with budget. Why do we have more girls’ sports than

boys’? Isn’t there a law for equal numbers? **1**

**#25 “Other” Comments:**

***What are the reasons you feel keep parents from being involved?***

1. I think all apply, also think some don’t care. **1**
2. They just don’t care. **1**
3. Some parents I feel do not get involved enough. **1**
4. May just not agree with some of the school’s activities or etc… **1**
5. Busy / Just don’t want to be bothered. **1**
6. Attend school myself at KC. **1**
7. School. **1**

**#26 Comments:**

***How safe from serious threats do you feel your child is when he/she is at school during regular school hours? Very Safe, Moderately Safe, or Not Safe***

1. Very Safe – School is safe as it can be. A bad person wants in, they will find a way in. **1**
2. Very Safe – My children have not reported any bullying. Would like for the traffic by school

to drive slower! **1**

1. Moderately Safe – I wish the front office doors were locked during school hours, like the rest of the

doors. Visitors should be let in the door, not just able to walk on in. **1**

1. Moderately Safe – I have found you can enter the school anytime without anyone necessarily

knowing you’re there. Need to be a buzzer and an intercom. Doors should be locked

at all times. **1**

1. Not Safe – There’s not much security at the school at all. After all that’s happened in the U.S. lately, I

really don’t feel safe anywhere. **1**

**#27 Comments:**

**Please rate your overall satisfaction with Central City School as a place to send your child(ren) to school? 1 (Low) through 10 (High)**

1. 10 – My grandchild attends kindergarten. **1**
2. 10 – I also think that the rates for lunches and the permits for who gets reduced and free

are not correct. **1**

**Additional Comments:**

**Please write any additional comments below or on a separate piece of paper.**

1. I’m proud of my child and I’m proud of Central City School! Love it! **1**
2. I feel that 30 plus kids are too many kids for one class. **1**