

**Content of Middle School  
Student Survey  
Spring 2007**

1. Think about the ONE TEACHER or ONE OTHER ADULT in your school who knows you best. Please indicate how much this person knows about the following areas.

|  | Nothing | A little | A lot |
|--|---------|----------|-------|
| a. What you are interested in            |         |          |       |
| b. How well you are doing in school      |         |          |       |
| c. Who your friends are                  |         |          |       |
| d. What your life at home is like        |         |          |       |
| e. What you want to do after high school |         |          |       |

2. Now think about ALL THE OTHER ADULTS in your school. This year, how many of these adults have done or would be willing to do the following?

|  | No adults | 1 adult | 2 or 3 adults | 4 or 5 adults | 6 or more adults |
|--|-----------|---------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| a. Give you extra help with your schoolwork if you need it                         |           |         |               |               |                  |
| b. Help you with a personal problem  |           |         |               |               |                  |
| c. Really care about how well you are doing in school                              |           |         |               |               |                  |
| d. Help you think about what you need to do to prepare for college or for a career |           |         |               |               |                  |

3. Now think about the TEACHERS you have had at this school. How much do you agree with the following statements about your teachers?

| They....   | Disagree<br>strongly | Disagree<br>a little | Agree<br>a little | Agree<br>strongly |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a. Believe that <u>all</u> students in this school can do well.            |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| b. Have given up on some of their students.                                |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| c. Expect very little from students.                                       |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| d. Work hard to make sure that <u>all</u> students are learning.           |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| e. Respect me.   |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| f. Can't be trusted.   |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| g. Keep their promises.  |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| h. Care about what I think.  |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| i. Talk with students when key decisions about this school are being made. |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| j. Apply the same rules to <u>all</u> students equally.                    |                      |                      |                   |                   |

4. Now think about the STUDENTS in your school. How much do you agree with the following statements about them?

|   | Disagree<br>strongly | Disagree<br>a little | Agree<br>a little | Agree<br>strongly |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a. Many students in this school don't respect one another.  |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| b. There are groups of students in this school who don't get along.                                       |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| c. Students feel comfortable saying what they think even if it is different from what other students say. |                      |                      |                   |                   |
| d. Students in this school respect what other students say, even when they disagree with them.            |                      |                      |                   |                   |

5. During this school year, how often have the following things happened?

|  | Never | Once in<br>a while | Half of<br>the time | Most of<br>the time | All<br>the time |
|--|-------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| a. When I worked on a topic at school, I was able to spend enough time on it to understand it really well. |       |                    |                     |                     |                 |
| b. My teachers expected me to learn some topics well enough to be able to teach others about them.         |       |                    |                     |                     |                 |

6. During this school year, how often have your TEACHERS done the following things?

|  | Never | Once in a while | Half of the time | Most of the time | All the time |
|--|-------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| a. Shown students examples of student work that they consider good or poor.  |       |                 |                  |                  |              |
| b. Made clear to us what they should know and be able to do.   |       |                 |                  |                  |              |
| c. Assigned projects or presentations that let students show what they have learned.                                       |       |                 |                  |                  |              |
| d. Let students decide on the projects or research topics they will work on.   |       |                 |                  |                  |              |
| e. Let students decide how to work on their assignments or projects (e.g., read on their own, do research in the library). |       |                 |                  |                  |              |
| f. Returned your assignment with helpful feedback.   |       |                 |                  |                  |              |
| g. Gave you feedback and then let you improve your work.   |       |                 |                  |                  |              |

|  | None | 30 minutes or fewer | 30-60 minutes | 1-2 hours | More than 2 hours |
|--|------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 7. How much time do you typically spend on school homework each night? |      |                     |               |           |                   |

8. In each of your current classes, how often do you feel really challenged?

|            | Not taking subject | Never | Less than once a week | About once a week | A few times a week | Almost every day |
|------------|--------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| a. Math    |                    |       |                       |                   |                    |                  |
| b. English |                    |       |                       |                   |                    |                  |
| c. History |                    |       |                       |                   |                    |                  |
| d. Science |                    |       |                       |                   |                    |                  |

|  | Very<br>dissatisfied | Somewhat<br>dissatisfied | Neutral | Somewhat<br>satisfied | Very<br>satisfied |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|
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9a. Overall, how satisfied are you with this school?

|  | Poor | Fair | Good | Very Good | Excellent |
|--|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|
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9b. How would you rate the overall quality of education at this school?

|  | Not at all<br>likely | Not very<br>likely | Somewhat<br>likely | Very<br>likely | Extremely<br>likely |
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9c. How likely are you to recommend this school to your friends?

9d. How likely are you to return to this school next year?

10. How much do you agree with the following statements about yourself?

|  | Disagree<br>strongly | Disagree<br>a little | Agree<br>a little | Agree<br>strongly |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
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a. I am happy to be at this school.

b. I feel like I am a part of this school.

c. I don't fit in with most of the other students in this school.

d. I participate in a lot of extracurricular activities in this school (for example, sports, drama, music, etc.)

e. People at this school are like family to me.

f. I feel like an outsider at this school.

g. People notice if I am not at school.

11. During this school year, how often have you felt unsafe in the following spaces in your school?

|  | Never | Once in a while | Half of the time | Most of the time | All the time |
|--|-------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| a. In your classes?                        |       |                 |                  |                  |              |
| b. In the hallways, stairs, and bathrooms? |       |                 |                  |                  |              |
| c. Immediately outside the school?         |       |                 |                  |                  |              |
| d. On your school campus?                  |       |                 |                  |                  |              |

12. During this school year, how often have these things occurred in your school (either during the school day or before or after school)?

|                                       | Never | A few times this year | Once or twice a month | Once or twice a week | Almost every day |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| a. Fighting                           |       |                       |                       |                      |                  |
| b. Destroying or vandalizing property |       |                       |                       |                      |                  |
| c. Verbal bullying                    |       |                       |                       |                      |                  |
| d. Physical bullying                  |       |                       |                       |                      |                  |
| e. Cheating                           |       |                       |                       |                      |                  |
| f. Theft                              |       |                       |                       |                      |                  |

13. Please indicate how comfortable you are with each of the following in your classes.

|   | Very uncomfortable | Uncomfortable | Comfortable | Very comfortable | Does not apply |
|---|--------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| a. Discussing controversial issues related to race  |                    |               |             |                  |                |
| b. Working with students from different racial backgrounds in group projects              |                    |               |             |                  |                |
| c. Learning about the differences between people from other racial and ethnic backgrounds |                    |               |             |                  |                |
| d. Working with students from other language backgrounds                                  |                    |               |             |                  |                |
| e. Working with students from different countries   |                    |               |             |                  |                |

14. How well is your school doing in teaching you to do the following?

|   | Poor job | Satisfactory job | Excellent job |
|---|----------|------------------|---------------|
| a. Be a good reader   |          |                  |               |
| b. Speak clearly and effectively  |          |                  |               |
| c. Write clearly and effectively  |          |                  |               |
| d. Analyze and solve math problems  |          |                  |               |
| e. Learn effectively on your own with little help from others                       |          |                  |               |
| f. Understand your strengths, weaknesses, and interests                             |          |                  |               |
| g. Be a responsible member of your community  |          |                  |               |
| g. Understand the rights and responsibilities of people living in the United States |          |                  |               |
| h. Respect the opinions of people from different backgrounds                        |          |                  |               |
| i. Prepare for work or attending college  |          |                  |               |
| j. Do things to help my community   |          |                  |               |
| k. Think critically about ideas, problems, and current events                       |          |                  |               |

15. Right now, what is your best guess about how far you will go in school? I plan to....

| Leave high school before graduation | Graduate from high school | Get some college or other training | Go into the military | Complete a job training program | Graduate from a 2-year college | Graduate from a 4-year college or university | Graduate from college and take further training |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
|                                     |                           |                                    |                      |                                 |                                |  |   |

| Male | Female |
|------|--------|
|------|--------|

16. I am...

| 6th                        | 7th | 8th |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| 17. What grade are you in? |     |     |

18. Mark below ALL the adults who live in your home most of the time.

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
|                                    |  |
|                                    |  |
| Mother                             |  |
| Father                             |  |
| Stepmother                         |  |
| Stepfather                         |  |
| Foster parent(s)                   |  |
| Grandparent(s)                     |  |
| Brothers and sisters older than 18 |  |
| Other adults older than 18         |  |

|   | Never | Once in a while | Half the time | Most of the time | Always |
|---|-------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|--------|
| 19. How often do people in your home speak a language other than English? |       |                 |               |                  |        |

|  | Did not graduate from high school | Graduated from high school or earned a GED but did not go to college | Went to college, but did not graduate | Graduated from a 4-year college | Earned an advanced degree after college | I don't know |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------|
| 20. How far did your mother (or stepmother, grandmother, etc.) go in school? |                                   |  |                                       |                                 |   |              |

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| 21. How far did your father (or stepfather, grandfather, etc.) go in school? |  |
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|                                   | American Indian/Alaskan Native | Asian | Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | Hispanic/Latino | Black/African American | White | Multi-racial | Other |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| 22. How do you describe yourself? |                                |       |                                  |                 |                        |       |              |       |