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Family Empowerment Survey, [SCHOOL NAME], 2024/25

[SCHOOL NAME] is committed to creating an environment where you feel your opinion is heard and valued. Please complete the survey below to help us improve. As a school, we've set an initial goal to collect XX surveys, an overall XX% response rate from our families. Please take 20-30 minutes to help us reach this goal!

Please complete only one survey per family and return it to school by [collection end date], 2024. Four \$25 Walmart gift cards will be raffled off to families that complete the survey to honor your time. **Additionally, the three homerooms or grade levels with the most surveys returned receive a Donut Party.**

This survey is conducted on behalf of our school through SchermCo Foundation, our family engagement/empowerment partner. Your responses to this survey are voluntary and COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL. SchermCo Foundation is a data partner of the Charlotte Regional Data Trust (the Data Trust). The Data Trust is a community-university partnership that links administrative data across service and organizational silos to provide information our community can act on. The information from this survey is shared with the Data Trust. Your data may be used for research and evaluation purposes. ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION IS REMOVED FROM THE DATA BEFORE BEING USED FOR RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.

1. Your contact information (optional, must provide for raffle): Name _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

2. Student Information

a. Please list the name(s) of all students attending [SCHOOL NAME] (optional): _____

b. Please circle the grade levels of all students attending [SCHOOL NAME]:

PreK	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade

c. Circle the homeroom teacher(s) for all students attending [SCHOOL NAME]:

3. Please circle the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about [SCHOOL NAME].

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. When I walk into the school, I feel the school is inviting and this is a place where parents "belong."	1	2	3	4	5
b. The school keeps all families informed about important issues and events.	1	2	3	4	5
c. The school communicates with families in multiple ways (e.g., email, phone, website).	1	2	3	4	5
d. The school makes it easy for families to communicate with teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
e. The school makes it easy for families to communicate with school leaders.	1	2	3	4	5
f. I believe my ideas are valued at my child's school.	1	2	3	4	5

g. I feel informed about what my child is learning in the classroom.	1	2	3	4	5
h. The school gives me useful information about how to improve my child's progress.	1	2	3	4	5
i. The school gives me useful resources to help me support my child's learning at home.	1	2	3	4	5
j. The school connects students and families to expanded learning opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5
k. The school connects students and families to community services.	1	2	3	4	5
l. If the school can't help me, they will connect me to someone who can.	1	2	3	4	5
m. The school provides opportunities for families to develop relationships and raise concerns with teachers, school leaders, public officials, business leaders, and community leaders.	1	2	3	4	5
n. I feel empowered to advocate for my child's and other children's success in school.	1	2	3	4	5
o. I believe my involvement with my child's school is valued.	1	2	3	4	5
p. I am satisfied with the frequency of communication coming from my child's school.	1	2	3	4	5
q. The school is a place where my child feels safe and can belong.	1	2	3	4	5
r. The school is a place where my child feels motivated.	1	2	3	4	5

4. How have you interacted with [SCHOOL NAME] in the past? (If you are a new family at [SCHOOL NAME], please skip this question.)

a. Attended a parent-teacher conference with my child's teacher(s)	Yes	No
b. Communicated with teachers about my child's progress via phone, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, email, website, or note	Yes	No
c. Connected with other parents from my child's school	Yes	No
d. Attended a school event (virtual or in-person)	Yes	No
e. Assisted with planning an event or activity at my child's school	Yes	No
f. Participated with and/or joined the Family Empowerment Committee (FEC), the PTA/PTO/PTSA, and/or the School Improvement Team (SIT)	Yes	No
g. Provided input/feedback to my child's school or raised a concern	Yes	No
h. Advocated for my child at school	Yes	No
i. Used information and resources provided by the school to support my child's learning at home	Yes	No
j. Reached out to my child's teacher or a school leader to ask for support or assistance	Yes	No
k. Used information and resources provided by the school to support myself (as an adult)	Yes	No
l. Other (if any):		

5. Please circle an answer to each of the following questions.

	Not confident at all	Slightly confident	Somewhat confident	Quite confident	Extremely confident
a. How confident are you that you can motivate your child to try hard in school?	1	2	3	4	5
b. How confident are you in your ability to support your child's learning at home?	1	2	3	4	5
c. How confident are you in your ability to make sure your student's school could support your child's learning needs?	1	2	3	4	5

6. How likely are you to recommend [SCHOOL NAME] to another family?

Not at all likely

Extremely likely

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7. How would you prefer to communicate with [SCHOOL NAME]?

- a. Email
- b. Text
- c. Phone call

- d. Parent Square
- e. ConnectEd
- f. Class Dojo

- g. Remind
- h. Other

8. What day(s) are best for your family for [SCHOOL NAME] to hold family events? (Mark all that apply)

- a. Monday
- b. Tuesday
- c. Wednesday
- d. Thursday
- e. Friday
- f. Saturday

9. What times are best for your family to attend a family event at [SCHOOL NAME]? (Circle all the apply)

- a. Weekdays during school
- b. Weeknights at 4 pm
- c. Weeknights at 6 pm
- d. Saturday mornings
- e. Other _____

10. Do you face any challenges in attending events and/or meetings (in-person or virtual) that your school could help with? (Examples: transportation issues, no wifi)

11. How would you like to engage with [SCHOOL NAME] in the future? Please select all that apply. Please use "Other" to provide new ideas.

- a. PTA
- b. Family Empowerment Committee (FEC)
- c. School Improvement Team (SIT)
- d. Parent/caregiver group
- e. Parenting seminars
- f. Tutor
- g. Mentor
- h. Event volunteer
- i. Chaperone field trips
- j. Other _____

If you circled anything in Question #11, we will use your contact information provided in Question #1.

12. Please mark any of the resources or supports you'd like to see available for you as a parent/guardian at upcoming school events this year (Circle all that apply)

- a. Housing assistance
- b. Job trainings and opportunities: Overall/general
- c. Job trainings and opportunities: HVAC, Construction, other trades
- d. Job trainings and opportunities: Microsoft Office
- e. Job trainings and opportunities: Broadband/Internet services
- f. Financial education program
- g. Mental health services
- h. Physical health and exercise
- i. Access to technology and computers
- j. Access to the internet
- k. Advocating for equitable schools
- l. Public advocacy fellowship
- m. Leading change in the community
- n. Mentoring (for you as an adult/parent)
- o. Support with completing a job application or resume
- p. English language classes
- q. Other _____

13. Please mark any of the resources or supports you'd like to see available for your student at [SCHOOL NAME] at upcoming school events this year (Circle all that apply)

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| a. Academic support / tutoring: Reading/English | g. Homework help/tools |
| b. Academic support / tutoring: Math | h. Access to books for students |
| c. Academic support / tutoring: Science | i. Mental health resources |
| d. Academic support / tutoring: History | j. Physical health and exercise resources |
| e. Academic support / tutoring: Other | k. Afterschool programs / afterschool care |
| f. High school specific | l. Extracurricular programs |
| i. Job training and internship placement | m. Summer school programs |
| ii. Access to scholarships | n. Access to technology, computers, internet |
| iii. ACT and SAT prep | o. Mentoring |
| iv. Access to college | p. Other _____ |

14. Are there any specific community organizations you'd like to be present at future school events?

15. Is there anything else you would like to share to help us support your engagement with [SCHOOL NAME]?

16. What else could [SCHOOL NAME] do to support your student or your family at the school?

17. Would you like to join SchermCo's email list to receive bi-monthly updates with community resources?

[] Yes [] No

If you answered "yes," we will use your email address provided in Question #1.