

2024 Jr/Sr High School Parent Focus Group

Parents stated that “our school does most things well”. They shared that communication and discipline is much better. They have no safety concerns and appreciate how they are able to get in contact with staff easily and quickly to get questions answered. It was shared that they feel that staff are “approachable and are comfortable talking with anyone” and “feel they are all going above and beyond to talk to parents”. Teachers are “helpful and feel they can always talk to teachers”. One parent stated that “our parental involvement is a lot more than a lot of other schools - parents are involved”. They also shared that students’ academic progress is “much better than it used to be” and appreciate the messages from Alma about missing assignments. Parents stated that they bring their kids here for a reason, and another parent stated their child would never want to move back to their previous school. There is a sense of family and that everyone cares about each other. One parent stated, “Someone is always looking out for each other”. The parents concluded with, “it is a great school”.

The recommendations parents provided included:

- Master list of all activities on the website
- Limit phones use - one parent stated, “if we are all confident that our school is safe, we should be confident that our kids don’t need their phones in class”.
- Continue to provide parent training on how to use Alma
- Caution on the number of extracurricular activities students are involved in; one parent asked if there is a report on the number of kids in afterschool programs; perhaps normalizing it is okay not to do everything
- Clarify protocols for snow days - remote learning or completely off
- Some things have not been implemented when discussing the 4 day week (i.e., CPR class, babysitting training); Childcare is difficult on Mondays
- Inconsistency of calendar is hard (having some Friday off and coming to school on some Mondays)