



Exchange Summary

RED OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
December 21, 2020

Thinking beyond the pandemic, what have our schools done well and what are your hopes, dreams and desires for the future of our students' education in our district?



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



415

Participants



412

Thoughts



7,854

Ratings









PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



What is your grade level (students), or what level best represents you (or your children) in the district?



%		Answer
14%	(56)	 I don't have any students in the district.
17%	(67)	 Elementary School (K-6)
23%	(90)	 Junior High (7 & 8)
28%	(109)	 High School (9-12)
18%	(73)	 I represent more than 1 group



WORDCLOUD

Top Rated







THOUGHTS


Key Thoughts




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4.4  (13 )
Ranked #1 of 381

Providing opportunities for our students I feel having students not just prepared for higher education, but to have students prepared for the workforce is so important.

4.3  (31 )
Ranked #2 of 381

My hopes for our school district is to become a district that families want to send their children to. I want it to "stand out" to families moving to the area or to surrounding communities that it is a great school where you will get a good education.

4.3  (30 )
Ranked #3 of 381

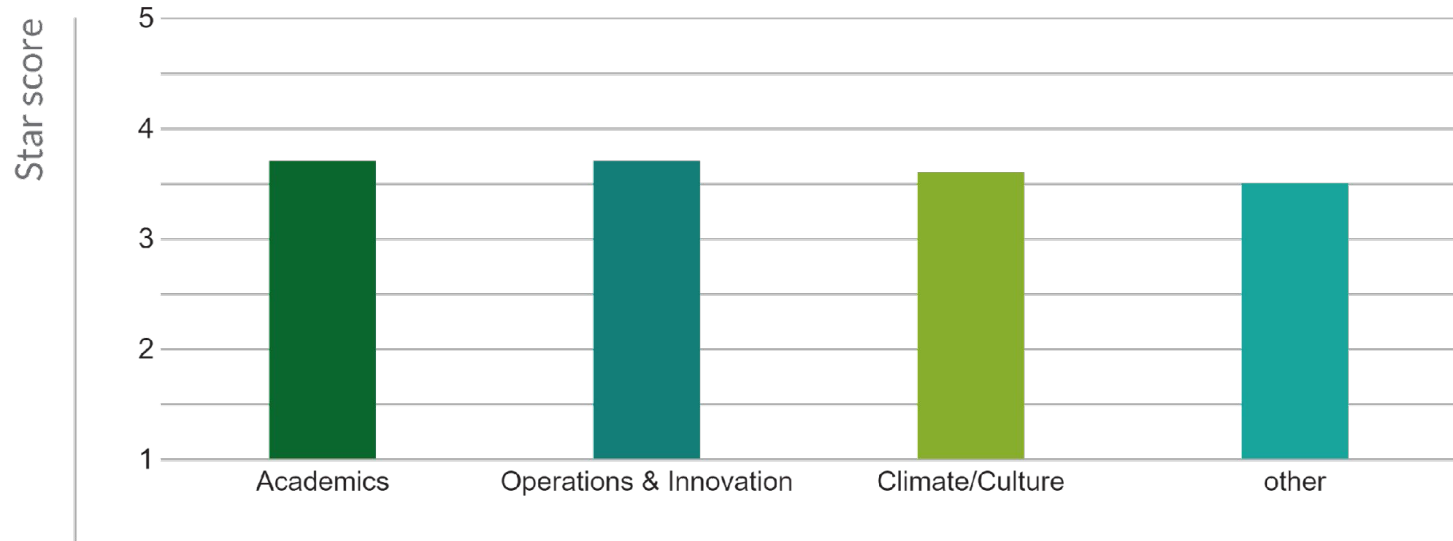
Communication Communication is the key to every successful relationship

4.3  (26 )
Ranked #4 of 381



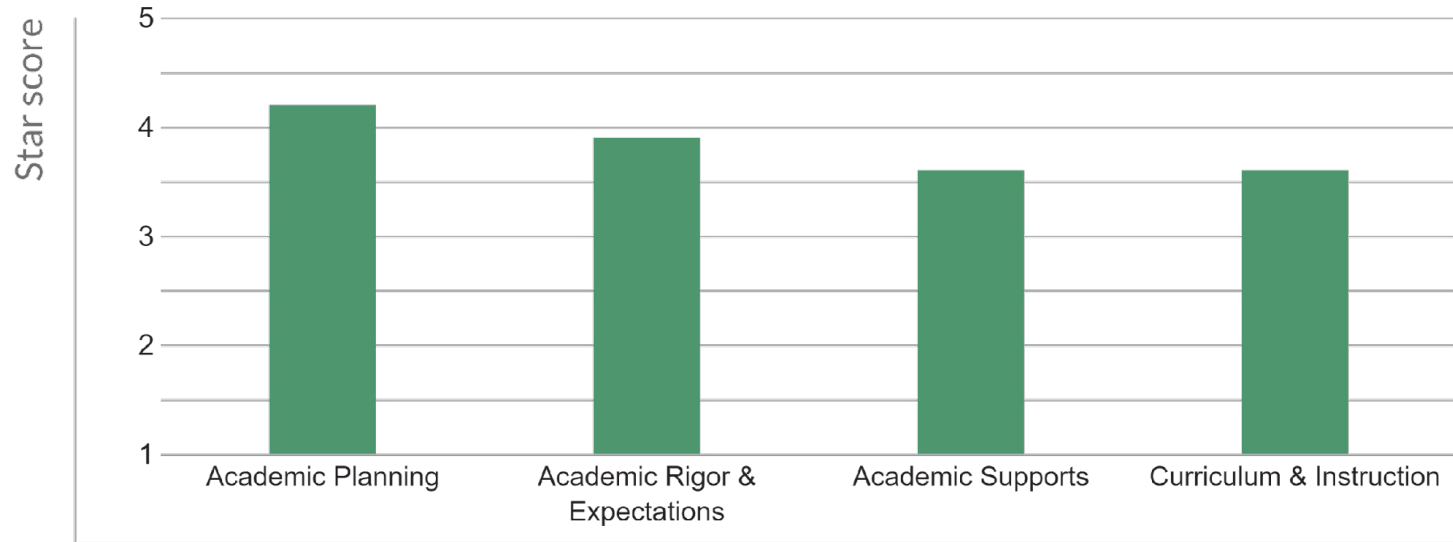
SIAC THEMES

Summary themes





ACADEMICS Top Themes





THOUGHTS

Academics / Academic Planning



The middle school and high school should give much more information on career preparation other than solely college (trade schools, etc.) The reality is for many Red Oak students, college isn't the best fit. They need to know about the other options available and how to approach them.

4.2  (24 )

I want the students graduating from RO to aspire to continue their education in college or with vocational training. Higher education or vocational training gives students more skills to be better prepared for a successful career.

4.2  (15 )

They have many different classes you can take I think its important because it gives us the students many different options and helps us decide what we want to do when we are older

4.1  (16 )



THOUGHTS

Academics / Academic Rigor & Expectations



- Students need to be held accountable . Parents need to hold their children accountable and not expect changed behavior if not required at home !!** Success in the world is about being accountable to our selves ,others and authority whether we like it or not . 4.2 ★★★★★ (12 👤)
- The elementary has worked hard to close the gaps in student learning.** This is important because our data was very low a few years ago. 4.0 ★★★★★ (25 👤)
- Commit to high levels of achievement.** This is the ultimate goal of any district and we need to make sure we keep this as a central focus of our district. 4.0 ★★★★★ (15 👤)



THOUGHTS

Academics / Academic Supports



I would like to see options for students to get tutoring or extra help in specific subjects in a one on one or small group setting. As students advance in grades, its harder for parents to help them. Some students learn best in smaller settings.

4.2 ★★★★★ (26 👤)

I would like to see more one on one help for students who aren't in ELO or Title 1. The student in the middle who needs extra help or tutoring. Especially after 5th grade when Title 1 or the small group learning is not available.

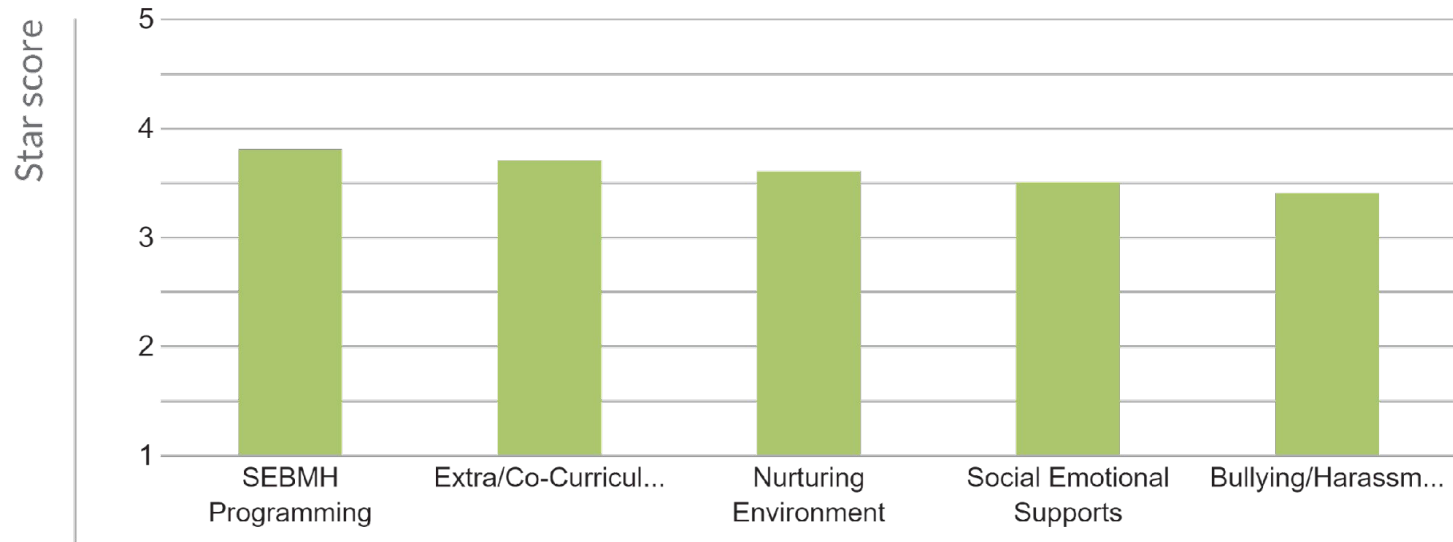
4.1 ★★★★★ (26 👤)

My hope is for more funds made available to hirer more paras. Students with IEPs & learning difficulties, need these resources. Students w/ learning curves are struggling w/ limited resources. Some require more 1 on 1 time to help them retain focus. Lack of funds is an issue.

4.0 ★★★★★ (33 👤)



CLIMATE/CULTURE Top Themes





THOUGHTS

Climate/Culture / SEBMH Programming



I agree with needing a full time guidance counselor. There needs to be more help for students transitioning into trade schools and college.

3.9  (26 )

Develop strong Social Emotional programming in the district. A k-12 plan of action with collection of data to ensure progress is being met. We have a low SES in the district. This support will help us improve our overall graduation rate and drop out rate.

3.9  (15 )

In each school there needs to be a behavioral classroom Children that constantly interrupt class take away educational time from other students and that's not fair

3.6  (42 )



THOUGHTS

Climate/Culture / Extra/Co-Curriculars



I believe that our school system has done well at showing school spirit and supporting extra curricular activities. Through everything having a good support system and representing our school and having a good attitude about it has been helpful to students.

4.1 ★★★★★ (12 👤)

I feel athletics is put on such a high pedestal in this community, we are missing extremely talented students in other extra curricular activities. Our Fine Arts Departments need to be spotlighted & encouraged more. Choir, Band, Art are life-long activities vs playing most any sports.

3.9 ★★★★★ (50 👤)

Our vocal music program has been excellent for many years. It gives students confidence and something to be a part of (which we know is very important)

3.8 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



THOUGHTS

Climate/Culture / Nurturing Environment



Kindness Teaching kids to be kind to every kid starts with positive role models

4.2  (27 )

We are doing a wonderful job showing care and concern for our children. In my role, I serve half of the district. I know my kids. It is important to build relationships in order to create, dream and work together.

3.9  (16 )

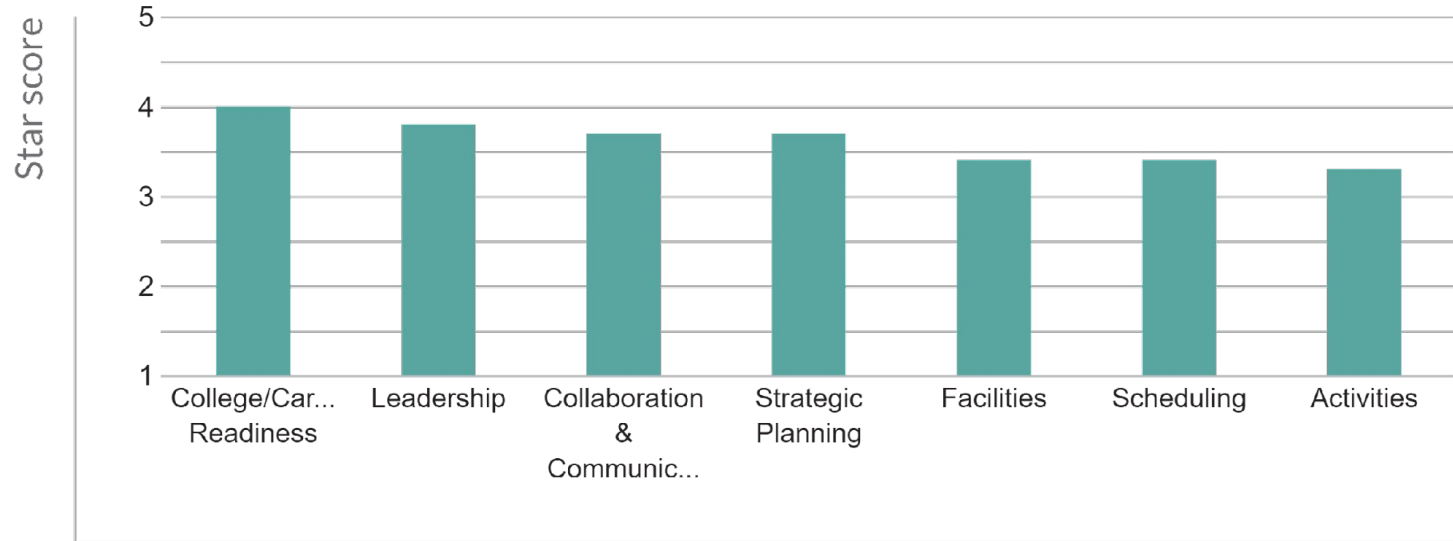
Friendly environment / positive communication Safety

3.8  (54 )



OPERATIONS & INNOVATION

Top Themes





THOUGHTS

Operations & Innovation / College/Career/Life Readiness



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4.3  (31 )

student/local business intern programs introduce students to the business community and give them real world job experience

4.3  (11 )



THOUGHTS

Operations & Innovation / Leadership



Need charismatic leaders to get students involved . Life is about relationships and thus wanting to be apart of success .

3.9  (12 )

Our Jr/Sr high build has done a wonderful job at building leadership we can count on w/Admin & Teacher Learning/Support Teams. Team work! Hope is to not allow every excuse in life to allow coddling and/or take away from accountability. Students need to be earning their HS Diploma.

3.7  (24 )

The district has a strong leadership team that communicates well and has made tough decisions for the long range good of the district . Leadership team needs to do what is best for the long range good of district regardless of the short term push back . Which can be deafening

3.5  (12 )



THOUGHTS

Operations & Innovation / Collaboration & Communication



Communication Communication is the key to every successful relationship

4.3  (26 )

Communication Sending out emails in regards to schedules and not having to find it on Facebook. Some of us do not have time to be on Facebook to check every update

4.2  (24 )

Student Survey: A couple of years ago a survey was done and student perception was a lot different from what teachers might think. I think this would be beneficial to look at again to see if there has been improvement on perceptions.

4.0  (23 )



WRAP UP

Next Steps

Thanks for participating

We'll be carefully considering what we learned and sharing our actions back with you.

