Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to the 2018-19 school year. This year we want to reach out to families and provide an opportunity to hear from you. Parents will be receiving a family engagement survey during the first week of school. Families will be able to respond to important questions about our home/school partnership.

In preparation, we thought it would be helpful to have the questions in advance; they are listed below. Our district has been working with PLC Associates, an organization that specializes in important data collection used for school planning. Staff and students have completed similar surveys over the past two years and we have found the information to be very helpful.

We value your input and look forward to hearing from you. Surveys will be made available early this fall. Our goal is to have every family participate in order to strengthen the home/school partnership. We look forward to a successful 2018-19 school year for students, staff and families.

Thank you,

Utica City School District

2018-2019
Family Engagement Survey

1. Our school leaders often talk about the vision, mission and/or beliefs of our school during events.
2. Our school leaders help families to become partners in the education of their children.
3. Our school leaders are seen as role models by families and students.
4. I am comfortable talking with our school leaders.
5. Our school leaders are positive and supportive of families.
6. Our school leaders share data and information about student results with families.
7. Our school leaders are available and approachable.
8. Our school leaders follow-up promptly when I have a question or concern.
9. Our school leaders promote a positive environment for children.
10. Our school leaders set high standards for students and staff.
11. Our school has a strong curriculum that meets the needs of my child(ren).
12. Our school provides information to families on the school curriculum.
13. The school day is properly organized so that my child(ren) benefits from the curriculum.
14. Our school curriculum provides opportunities for student enrichment in the arts and music.
15. Our school curriculum uses technology to support learning.
16. Training is provided to families in understanding student performance and test results. (OVER)
17. I discuss what my child(ren) is learning (curriculum) with teachers.
18. I receive specific test/assessment information about my child(ren)'s progress.
19. Our school uses a variety of texts and materials to support learning.
20. Our school requires students to engage in regular reading and writing tasks.
21. Teachers make classes interesting and engaging.
22. My child(ren) uses technology in their classrooms to support their learning.
23. Teachers send assignments and work home that helps reinforce learning.
24. My child(ren) talks about student learning targets/goals ("I can...") given to them by their teachers.
25. My child(ren) says that their teachers explain things in different ways so they understand.
26. My child(ren) feels secure in taking risks and asking questions in class.
27. My child(ren) is challenged by his/her teachers.
28. I receive notes/calls and/or other feedback from my child(ren)'s teachers.
29. Teachers use regular assessments/"checks" to monitor my child(ren)'s learning.
30. My child(ren) is required to self-monitor their progress and keep track of their own learning.
31. School rules are clear to students and families.
32. Procedures are in place to make sure students in need receive services.
33. Our school has an effective program for dealing with bullying.
34. School staff work to support student social-emotional well-being.
35. Our Student Services Team (guidance, social workers, psychologist, etc.) provide student supports.
36. Our school has clubs, activities, and events to help students engage and connect to school.
37. My child(ren) has adults in school to "go to" for discussing problems or concerns.
38. Our school provides a safe environment for staff and students.
39. Student behavior does not interfere with instruction.
40. Teachers support children's emotional needs, increasing their confidence as learners.
41. Our school actively engages our family in conversations around student needs/progress.
42. Family conferences are helpful.
43. Teachers contact me, not just in times of concern.
44. Our school has programs for families so we can help our children at home.
45. Our community agencies bring services/enrichment activities to our students.
46. We have well-planned events for families and children.
47. We have a supportive parent group, such as the PTA, to assist families.
48. Our school report cards provide families with clear information.
49. Our school helps us prepare children for life, including being "College and Career Ready."
50. As a parent/family member, I feel connected to our school.

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*Schools and families working together, side by side, in partnership, make great things happen for our students!*