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SY 2006-07 Customer Satisfaction Survey

Lajes ES/HS Results

Response Rates:

- Teachers* 44 (100%)
- Students 222 (97%)
- Parents 248 (58%)

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Overall Education Issues

	Teachers*	Parents	Students	National Parents
What grade would you give the public schools in the U.S.? (Percent responding A and B):	41 %	41 %	58 %	22 %
What grade would you give your school? (Percent responding A and B):	100 %	85 %	64 %	56 %
For what purpose do you think the DoD schools exist?				
To prepare people to become responsible citizens	64 %		18 %	
To help people become economically self-sufficient	7 %		21 %	
To ensure a basic level of quality among schools	11 %		19 %	
To promote cultural unity among all Americans	2 %		0 %	

To improve social conditions for people	0 %		3 %	
To enhance people's happiness and enrich their lives	11 %		4 %	
To dispel inequities in education among certain schools and certain groups	5 %		36 %	
Which is the primary purpose of the DoD schools—to teach the basic subjects, such as English, mathematics, and sciences, or to provide a balanced education which would involve the basics plus other subjects and co-curricular activities (i.e., art, music, band, sports, etc)?				
Teach the basic subjects	2 %	7 %	18 %	
Provide a balanced education	98 %	92 %	72 %	
Do not know	0 %	1 %	10 %	
Do you consider after school or co-curricular activities (i.e. band, drama, science club, sports, etc.) as important as the academic subjects (i.e., mathematics, reading, art, music), or do you consider them only an addition/supplement to the academic subjects?				
After school or co-curricular activities are as important as the academic subjects	32 %	48 %	44 %	
After school or co-curricular activities are an addition/supplement to the academic subjects	66 %	51 %	43 %	
Do not know	2 %	1 %	13 %	
Which do you think is more important for the schools to do—to prepare students for college or work, or to prepare students for effective/productive citizenship?				
Prepare students for college or work			71 %	
Prepare students for effective/productive citizenship			18 %	
Do not know			11 %	
What do you think are the three biggest problems with which your school must deal?				
Crime/vandalism	2 %	2 %	3 %	1 %
Difficulty getting good teachers/quality teachers	9 %	19 %	7 %	4 %
Fighting/violence/gangs	0 %	1 %	6 %	4 %
Inadequate bus transportation	2 %	0 %	8 %	1 %
Lack of attention/understanding of students by teachers	2 %	11 %	11 %	3 %
Lack of discipline/more control	0 %	6 %	8 %	7 %
Lack of financial support/funding/money	36 %	30 %	30 %	21 %
Lack of protection from physical attack	0 %	2 %	5 %	1 %
Low quality curriculum/standards	7 %	11 %	24 %	1 %
Low pay for teachers	2 %	15 %	14 %	2 %
Need more teachers/not enough help	14 %	17 %	6 %	7 %

Overcrowded schools	0 %	0 %	3 %	16 %
Parents' lack of support/interest in their child's education	18 %	14 %	0 %	6 %
Poor/outdated buildings and grounds	32 %	21 %	9 %	1 %
Poor lunch program	11 %	16 %	28 %	
Students' lack of respect from teachers	2 %	8 %	19 %	2 %
Teachers' lack of respect from students	7 %	3 %	8 %	
Use of drugs/alcohol	5 %	3 %	2 %	7 %
Other	55 %	20 %	44 %	
No problem	25 %	25 %	10 %	
Do not know	7 %	8 %	11 %	
Areas that should receive more attention or less attention in your school?				
Drug and alcohol abuse				
More Attention	73 %	75 %	56 %	
Less Attention	27 %	25 %	44 %	
Racial and ethnic understanding/tolerance				
More Attention	70 %	65 %	52 %	
Less Attention	30 %	35 %	48 %	
Environmental issues, such as global warming, habitat destruction, etc.				
More Attention	77 %	71 %	44 %	
Less Attention	23 %	29 %	56 %	
One of the DoD schools' main goals is for all students to meet or exceed challenging academic standards. Grade how well your child's school is meeting this goal right now. (Percent responding A and B)		83 %		
Of the following possibilities, which one do you think offers the most promise for improving your child's school?				
Rigorous academic standards		22 %		
Qualified, competent teachers		37 %		
Elimination of social promotion		8 %		
Reduced class size		15 %		
Full-time counselors in all schools		3 %		
Tough discipline policies		2 %		
None of the above		13 %		

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Expectations of Students

	Teachers*	Parents	Students	National Parents
In your opinion, do all students have the ability to reach a high level of learning or do only some have the ability to reach a high level of learning?				
All have ability to reach a high level of learning	61 %			
Only some have the ability to reach a high level of learning	23 %			
Do not know	16 %			
Who has the greatest effect on a student's level of achievement in school—the student, the student's teachers, or the student's parents?				
Students	30 %		36 %	
Teachers	18 %		24 %	
Parents	48 %		23 %	
Do not know	5 %		18 %	

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Assessment

	Teachers*	Parents	Students	National Parents
In your opinion, is there too much emphasis on achievement testing in your school, not enough emphasis on testing, or about the right amount?				
Too much emphasis	41 %	9 %		45 %
Not enough emphasis	0 %	12 %		17 %
About the right amount	50 %	67 %		37 %
Do not know	9 %	12 %		1 %
In your opinion, should the primary use of tests be to determine how much students have learned or to determine the kind of instruction they need in the future?				
Determine how much students have learned	18 %			
Determine the kind of instruction	77 %			
Do not know	5 %			

Which one of these do you think is the best way to measure students academic achievement—with a single standardized test, by a combination of both standardized and teacher-designed tests, or by portfolios of students' work and other demonstrations of academic competence?				
Single standardized test	5 %			
Combination of both standardized and teacher-designed tests	41 %			
Portfolios of students' work and other demonstrations	52 %			
Do not know	2 %			
Do you think it is better to use test scores, or your class work and homework to judge your school success?				
Test Scores			36 %	
Class work and homework			51 %	
Do not know			14 %	

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Technology

	Teachers*	Parents	Students	National Parents
Does your school use computer technology for instructing students a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?				
Great deal	66 %	30 %	22 %	
Fair amount	32 %	59 %	48 %	
Not much	2 %	11 %	29 %	
Not at all	0 %	0 %	1 %	
In your opinion, has the use of computer technology improved the quality of instruction in your school?				
Yes	80 %	71 %	46 %	
No	7 %	7 %	18 %	
Do not know	14 %	21 %	36 %	
Do you think your school should or should not invest more in computer technology for instructional purposes?				
Should invest more	64 %			
Should not invest more	18 %			

Do not know	18 %			
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Student Supports

	Teachers*	Parents	Students	National Parents
Student within the DoD schools transfer quite regularly. Grade how effectively your school welcomes new students into the school. (Percent responding A and B)	98 %	89 %	70 %	
How helpful is most of your homework?				
Very Helpful			23 %	
Somewhat Helpful			61 %	
Not Very Helpful			16 %	
Please grade your child's high school counseling services concerning students' future plans. (Percent responding A and B)		73 %	66 %	
Please mark the co-curricular programs that you have participated in this school year:				
Athletic team/clubs			75 %	
Academic club			16 %	
Band/Orchestra			25 %	
Career-oriented clubs			22 %	
Cheerleading			16 %	
Choir/choral group			4 %	
Debate/speech			5 %	
Drama/theater			5 %	
Honor Societies			25 %	
Language clubs			5 %	
School publications			12 %	
Service/volunteer groups			22 %	
Student council/government			27 %	
None			12 %	
Other			10 %	

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Professional Development

	Teachers*	Parents	Students	National Parents
Which of the following professional development opportunities do you think would provide the most professional growth?				
Alternative scheduling	7 %			
Developing in-depth content knowledge	23 %			
Integrating Curriculum	20 %			
Integrating Technology	30 %			
Leading focused school improvement for high academic achievement	5 %			
Learning/using instructional models	23 %			
Pursuing job-embedded professional development to meet SIP goals	5 %			
Using classroom and school data for decision making	5 %			
Different models of authentic classroom assessment	23 %			
Using powerful instructional strategies/practices	36 %			
Performance standards to plan/drive instruction	7 %			

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Partnerships with Parents/Community

	Teachers*	Parents	Students	National Parents
DoD Schools are working to open the lines of communication with parents and community member. (Percent rated "Very Effective")				
School newsletters	57 %	73 %		
School open houses	43 %	48 %		
Schools news hotlines	18 %	34 %		
Neighborhood discussion groups	7 %	20 %		
Town hall meetings	9 %	23 %		
Internet chat rooms set up by local schools	9 %	21 %		
Monthly parent orientations	7 %	31 %		

School visits by parents	55 %	72 %		
Your child's school is striving to form stronger partnerships between parents, the community, and the schools to improve student achievement. Grade how well your child's school is meeting this goal right now. (Percent responding A and B)		87 %		

CSS Reports Footnotes:

- * Teachers include certified teachers only.
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