UMCS School Feedback Survey Results

March/April 2021-22



Who was surveyed and what was covered?

Urban Montessori

Who we surveyed	Families N = 85	Students Grades 3-8 N = 152	Staff Instructional & Non-instructional N = 27
	Sense of Belonging	Sense of Belonging	Sense of Belonging
What we	Safety	Climate of Support for	Climate of Support for
asked	Equity	Learning	Learning
	Communication	Discipline, Rules, Norms	Discipline, Rules, Norms
	 Social Emotional/Classroom 	Safety	Safety
	Climate	Equity	
	Academics, Climate of Support	SEL measures: Growth	
	for Learning	mindset, self-management,	
	 Discipline, Rules, Norms 	social awareness, self-efficacy	PANORAMA

Climate of support for learning highest rated by students

- Students in both grades 3-5 and 6-8 responded most favorably to the climate of support for academic learning
 - Grades 3-5: 73% responded favorably (40-59th ptile nationally)
 - Grades 6-8: 72% responded favorably (40-59th ptile nationally)
- Highest rated for grades 3-5: Do adults at school encourage you to work hard to you can be successful? 82% favorable
- Highest rated for grades 6-8: Teachers give students a chance to take part in discussions and activities. 82% favorable

Grades 3-5:



Grades 6-8:





Safety is one of lowest rated areas for students

- Grades 3-5: 60% responded favorably (20-39th ptile nationally)
 - 69% favorable to 'feel safe at school'
 - 36% said kids never hit or push when not just playing around
- Grades 6-8: 51% responded favorably (0-19th ptile nationally)
 - 53% favorable to 'feel safe at school'
 - 35% said had never been pushed, shoved, etc.
 when not just playing around
- Responses less favorable for grades 5-6
- Responses less favorable for Black and Latinx students







60%



Knowledge/fairness of discipline and rules section is low rated area for students and families

- Grades 3-5: 69% responded favorably (0-19th ptile nationally)
 - 47% favorable to 'treated fairly when break the rules'
- Grades 6-8: 50% responded favorably (0-19th ptile nationally)
 - 32% favorable to 'treated fairly when break the rules'
- Responses less favorable for grades 5-7
- Responses less favorable for Black and Latinx students
- Lowest rated area for families with 74% responding favorably

Grades 3-5:







Families rate school-wide communication and sense of belonging very highly

- **99%** agreed that UMCS keeps them well-informed about school-wide events and general updates
 - Consistent across race/ethnicity
- Many comments in open-response like this: "Thank you for the increased communication via emails!"
- Sense of belonging: 92% favorable (40-59th ptile nationally); highest overall
 - 98% agree staff treat them respect
 - 93% feel welcome
 - Black and Latinx families slightly lower





Next steps

- Continued conversations with staff and families to better understand results and gather feedback on proposed changes
 - Discuss at upcoming FAC and ELAC meetings
- Improve safety at recess
 - Now: Administration spending time with upper El recess
 - Mid/longer term: Considering in hiring and planning for new ELOP role; better organization and accountability for equipment
- Improve knowledge and fairness of discipline and rules
 - Now: Reflections with Montessori coach on Nautilus system (done); conversations with families
 - Mid/longer term: Family events on Nautilus; refreshers for students throughout the year; additional coaching/PD with teachers to ensure consistency of implementation
- Continue school-wide communication systems





