

PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive **contributions to the community and global society.**



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Pajaro Valley Unified School District Shares Key Results of YouthTruth Student, Staff and Family Survey

Watsonville, CA. February 1, 2019 – Last October, Pajaro Valley Unified School District invited the community to participate in the YouthTruth survey, a key component of the District’s anti-bullying campaign. The survey strongly supports the Board of Trustee’s anti-bullying resolution [#18-19-11](#) and is the first of a three-year survey program that offers a venue for PVUSD students, staff and families to give their feedback on strengths and opportunities the District has as we journey through improving the experience of all students.

Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent of PVUSD, stated, “We are delighted to share the results of the combined voices of 12,412 total participants of this survey. Having the opinion of our most valued stakeholders will contribute to shape the District’s decisions as we improve the educational experience of our students.”

As we share the following summary of common strengths, we celebrate how they contribute to the positive learning and working environment of our District:

Students

Relationships is highly rated by the 10,751 students who took part in this survey. Students also rate Culture highly and believe PUVSD schools foster a culture of fairness. According to one 7th grader, “I think that students and staff treat each other with respect because staff help students with family problems or any other problems that a student can have. Students treat staff with respect and kindness.”

Families

Parents, 926 participants, feel the District is strong in parental engagement. They feel engaged at site by parent groups and informed about important decisions. A parent of a 3rd grade students shares the following experience: “I have been able to vote and influence improvements... I have benefited from nutrition classes at school site meetings as well as dancing Zumba and participating in Fun Runs at Pinto Lake.”

Staff

Staff rated engagement as a District strength; 1,016 participated in the survey. Staff feel engaged in their work and empowered to influence their schools. A staff member comments, “I am excited about the positive and creative ideas coming forward in PVUSD. I like the #OneTeam brand. At the end of the day we are all working here to support our students and it is good to hear people talking about that.”

As we acknowledge these highlights, we must remain vigilant on those areas rated as needing greater attention and improvement:

Students in elementary schools rate Engagement as an opportunity. In high school, Academic Rigor is on top of the list. Parents in elementary schools rate Communication and Feedback as an area to improve. At the secondary level, Culture is

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rated by parents as needing attention. Staff rate Professional Development and Support as an area of opportunity and it is linked to access to meaningful professional development, feedback from supervisors, and having adequate resources.

Every voice counts and will support our efforts to continue to make of PVUSD a District where our students have a positive and meaningful educational experience. As we continue to fortify those strengths that add value to our current systems, we will focus on refining systems of those opportunities identified by those we serve. We are listening to you and we look forward to your participation in the 2019-20 school year YouthTruth survey.

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You speak...
PVUSD listens.
 Using your voice to improve our schools.

YouthTruth
 STUDENT SURVEY
2018

CELEBRATING OUR STRENGTHS



STUDENTS

RELATIONSHIPS

Students believe their schools foster a culture of fairness

STUDENTS IN

25 of **31**

SCHOOLS RANKED PVUSD ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVG. IN RELATIONSHIPS

"I think that students and staff treat each other with respect because staff help students with any problem they can have. Students treat staff with respect and kindness."

- 7th Grade Student



PARENTS

ENGAGEMENT

Parents feel engaged at school by parent groups and informed about important decisions

PARENTS IN

9 of **20***

SCHOOLS RANKED PVUSD ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVG. IN ENGAGEMENT

*a minimum of 15 submitted surveys per school were required to yield results

"I have been able to vote and influence improvements... I have benefited from nutrition classes at school site meetings as well as dancing Zumba and participating in Fun Runs at Pinto Lake."

- 3rd Grade Parent



STAFF

ENGAGEMENT

Staff feel engaged in their work and empowered to influence their schools

STAFF IN

16 of **31**

SCHOOLS RANKED PVUSD ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVG. IN ENGAGEMENT

"I am excited about the positive and creative ideas coming forward at PVUSD. I like the #OneTeam brand. At the end of the day we are all working here to support our students & it is good to hear people talking about that."

- Staff Member

This is the first of a three-year comprehensive survey that provides a venue for students, families and staff to let PVUSD know how we are doing. Survey results inform changes to our next steps, future initiatives and LCAP development. We are listening to you and together we can elevate our students' educational experience. We look forward to your continued participation in this survey.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH



STUDENTS

ELEMENTARY: ENGAGEMENT

Teachers make you work your hardest

1 of 16 PVUSD SCHOOLS ABOVE NAT'L AVG.

SECONDARY: ACADEMIC RIGOR

The work I do for my classes makes me really think

In order to get a good grade I have to work hard in my class

6 of 16 PVUSD SCHOOLS ABOVE NAT'L AVG.



PARENTS

ELEMENTARY: COMMUNICATION & FEEDBACK

I receive regular feedback about my child's progress

I receive information about what my child should learn and be able to do

3 of 12 PVUSD SCHOOLS ABOVE NAT'L AVG.

SECONDARY: CULTURE

My school creates a friendly environment

I feel valued by my school

3 of 10 PVUSD SCHOOLS ABOVE NAT'L AVG.



STAFF

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

I have access to meaningful professional development

I receive regular feedback from my supervisors

I have the necessary resources to do my job well

7 of 31 PVUSD SCHOOLS ABOVE NAT'L AVG.



WHO WE HEARD FROM:



10,751
STUDENTS

+



926
PARENTS

+



1,016
STAFF

=

12,412
TOTAL