

# What are some goals/priorities we should consider as we continue mapping out the direction of our district's future?

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 180 People

 176 Thoughts

 6874 Ratings

“Thank you to the 179 participants in our Strategic Planning Thoughtexchange! Your time and comments are appreciated. Here are the top 20 rated thoughts!

Our next step will be to group all of the thoughts into categories and use this feedback to develop priorities for our next strategic plan.”

-Jason Lind

## Here are 20 thoughts that received the highest star ratings

**It surprises and impresses me that these teachers really know my daughter's strengths and weaknesses and want her to succeed. And they inspire her!**

I can't think of anything more important than having teachers who love what they do and are able to nurture the best within each student.

Wow.

4.4 ★★★★★ (32)

Ranked #1 of 20



**Continue to hire passionate and amazing teachers**

At the end of the day, a child connects with an empathetic and kind teacher. A good teacher can inspire and nurture the love of learning (#1 priority)

4.3 ★★★★★ (60)

Ranked #2 of 20



**Retaining teachers and offering competitive pay**

Having high quality teachers ensures the success of students in learning.

4.3 ★★★★★ (46)

Ranked #3 of 20



**Keep class sizes small**

Improves children's ability to learn when class size is small.

4.2 ★★★★★ (59)

Ranked #4 of 20



**Supporting the social and emotional aspect of students growth that will provide them with a solid foundation for their future.**

Students need to use their problem solving skills independently to form and maintain relationships that support them in a variety of situations.

4.2 ★★★★★ (35)

Ranked #5 of 20



**Great teachers need a supportive atmosphere. We should be doing more to assure that they have the necessary resources available to them.**

4.1 ★★★★★ (55)

Ranked #6 of 20



**I am a staff member but I am not a teacher. It seems that there is so much focus on testing our students and taking data that I wonder how much time i**

s focused on the art of teaching. We have an amazing staff and amazing teachers but it seems like teachers are expected to do more in less time.

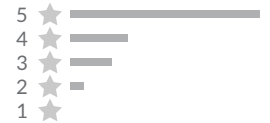
4.1 ★★★★★ (30 👤)  
Ranked #7 of 20



**The building seems outdated in parts.**

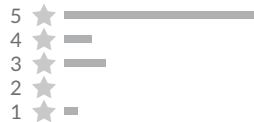
I'm told the water isn't the best to drink. There is sometimes an odor (at the elementary) - is this even fixable?

4.1 ★★★★★ (21 👤)  
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**We are new to the district this year and have had nothing but great experiences.**

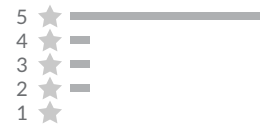
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**Add more physical activity - daily PE, etc.**

Improves brain development and social skills. Something that is lacking in a world laced with technology. Kids need to move their body to move minds

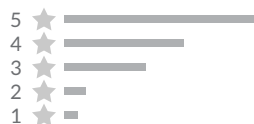
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**More focus should be given to character and social skills development rather than just preparing the students to take tests.**

Teaching conflict management skills and mindfulness to children can help them navigate difficult situations. They will carry these skills to adulthood

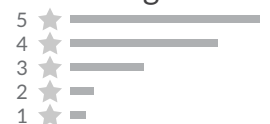
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**It's evident that the school district is the biggest draw to this community so maintaining innovation & best practices should be paramount in creating**

& developing a new strategy. We need strong & decisive decision making at the leadership level in order to achieve & accomplish these goals.

4.0 ★★★★★ (55 👤)  
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### Social/Emotional Learning

Broad support for students throughout school years to assist in managing social interactions, peer relationships, and foster social/emotional learning

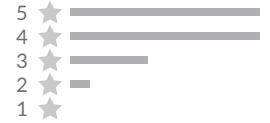
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Ranked #13 of 20



### Student social emotional learning

Improving self esteem, interpersonal skills

4.0 ★★★★★ (48 👤)  
Ranked #14 of 20



I am so incredibly impressed with the quality of the instructors teaching my daughter. They believe in her, challenge her academically and socially!

Honestly, i was worried about what her middle school experience might be and I am actually a little jealous that I wasn't able to go to MMS!

4.0 ★★★★★ (29 👤)  
Ranked #15 of 20



Teaching students how to be a well-rounded student and not just focusing on academics.

In today's society, it is important for people to be able to get along with one another and to accept each other's differences.

4.0 ★★★★★ (29 👤)  
Ranked #16 of 20



Make sure children know there are resources at school for them to seek if they have sadness or stress they don't know how to handle alone.

This world is not as safe as it has been. Let's not abandon our children when they need us most.

4.0 ★★★★★ (28 👤)  
Ranked #17 of 20



I love everything about Millburn. I've found both administration and teachers to be proactive and progressive and always looking to do things better.



Just keep doing what your doing.

4.0 ★★★★★ (26 👤)  
Ranked #18 of 20



### Continuing the Habitudes Social/Emotional Learning Program.

Social/emotional demands are increasing with middle school children. They must have strategies for adapting and responding to difficult situations.



4.0  (24 )  
Ranked #19 of 20



### With the increase in academic demands on younger students and technology more physical movement throughout the day should be explored.

Research is supporting the more we increase academic demands on our younger students the more this increases behavioral issues.

Movement may help.

4.0  (17 )  
Ranked #20 of 20

