# My Voice, My School

# SY2018 Parent/Guardian Survey Report FAQs

### What is the My Voice, My School Parent/Guardian Survey?

- An annual opportunity for CPS parents and guardians to rate their child's school on measures of school community, parent-teacher partnership, school safety, and quality of facilities.
- Surveys were completed on paper at schools or online in April 2018.
- The survey provides schools and communities with the parents' perspective of how the school is serving students and families.

### What is a measure?

- A measure is comprised of a group of specific questions related to the same topic. For example, pictured below is the Parent-Teacher Partnership measure, which consists of the 9 items listed.
- There are 3 measures in the Parent Survey: School Community, Parent-Teacher Partnership, and Quality of Facilities.
  Items on school safety and additional items are also included in the report.

#### How is a measure scored?

- A measure score is a summary indicator describing how parents responded to the questions making up the measure. The score is calculated by averaging together all of these questions, while giving more weight to questions that are harder to agree with.
  - This is like a test that is scored on a curve--how well you do depends on how others performed in SY2012, the year this data is benchmarked for the district.
  - Because high schools can be substantially different from elementary schools, we conduct analyses separately for high schools and elementary schools.
- A measure score may seem lower than you would expect when compared to the individual question responses. Due to the way the measure score is weighted and averaged scores may be relatively lower than the performance on individual items suggests.

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## Can I compare my schools scores this year to their scores last year on the Parent Survey?

• Yes, data from SY2012 to now are comparable.

### Can I see how other schools scores on the Parent Survey?

Yes, you can see this year's results under the Survey section at <u>http://cps.edu/schooldata/pages/schooldata.aspx</u>.

#### If I have additional questions, who can I contact?

• The principal or other staff at your child's school