

Engagement Summary

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January-February 2024

As we head into the second half of the 2023-24 school year, please tell us about your biggest successes and challenges.



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



343
Participants



212
Thoughts



8,749
Ratings



PARTICIPATION


Breakdown of Participation

What is your role in the district?



322

Responses

%		Answer <i>(Multi-select)</i>
75%	(243)	Parent/Guardian/Caregiver
24%	(76)	Staff
1%	(4)	Student
4%	(12)	Community Member





PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation




What building(s) are you connected to?



321

Responses

%		Answer (Multi-select)
14%	(46)	Jamesville Elementary
16%	(50)	Moses Dewitt Elementary
17%	(53)	Tecumseh Elementary
47%	(150)	J-D Middle School
40%	(128)	J-D High School
1%	(4)	District Office
3%	(10)	None of the above



THOUGHTS

Key Thoughts



Field trips are back Happy to see that field trips are returning. Educational experiences are important for all grade levels.

4.3  (59 )

Ranked #1 of 212

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4.2  (55 )

Ranked #2 of 212

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4.2  (51 )

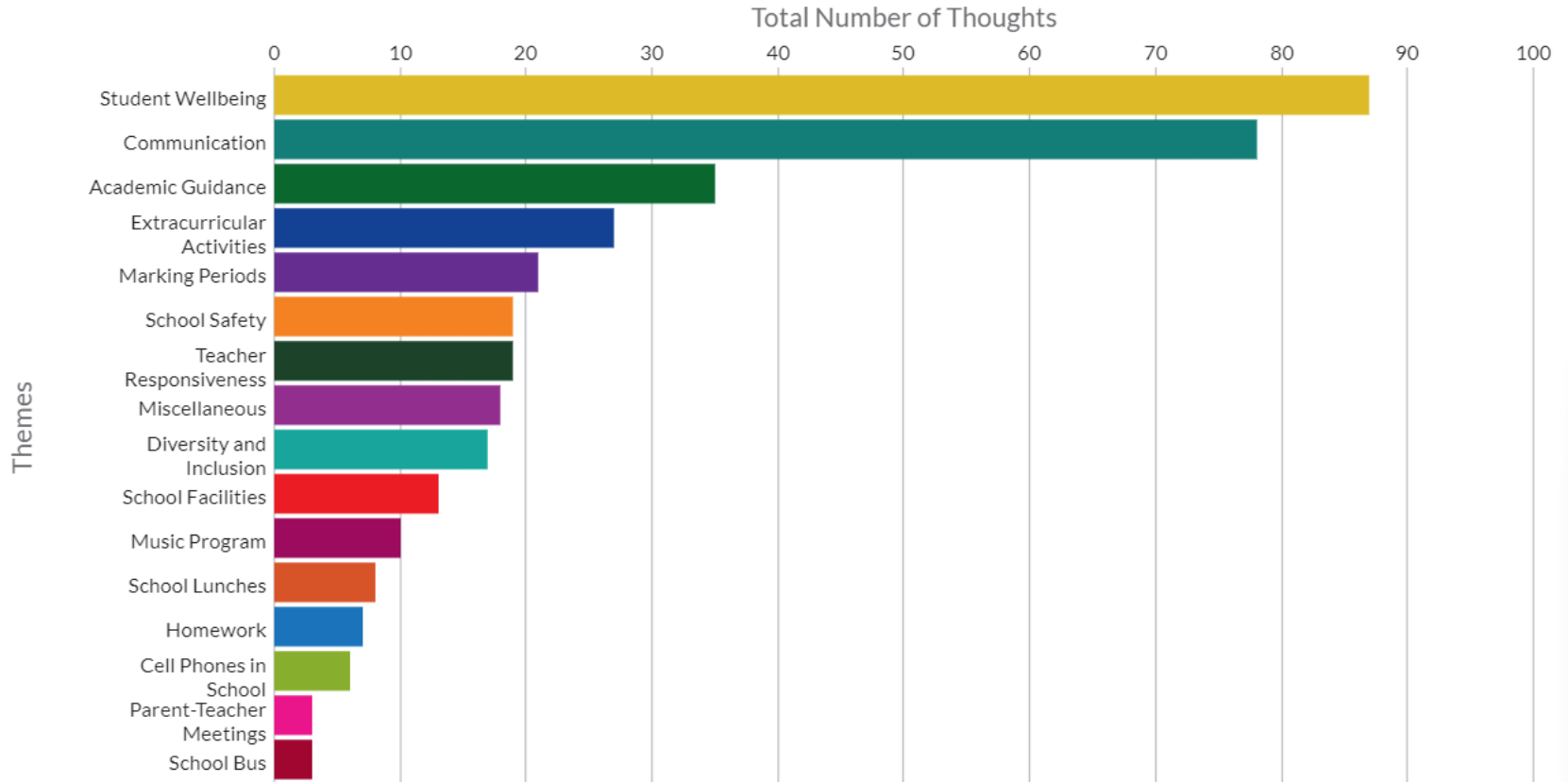
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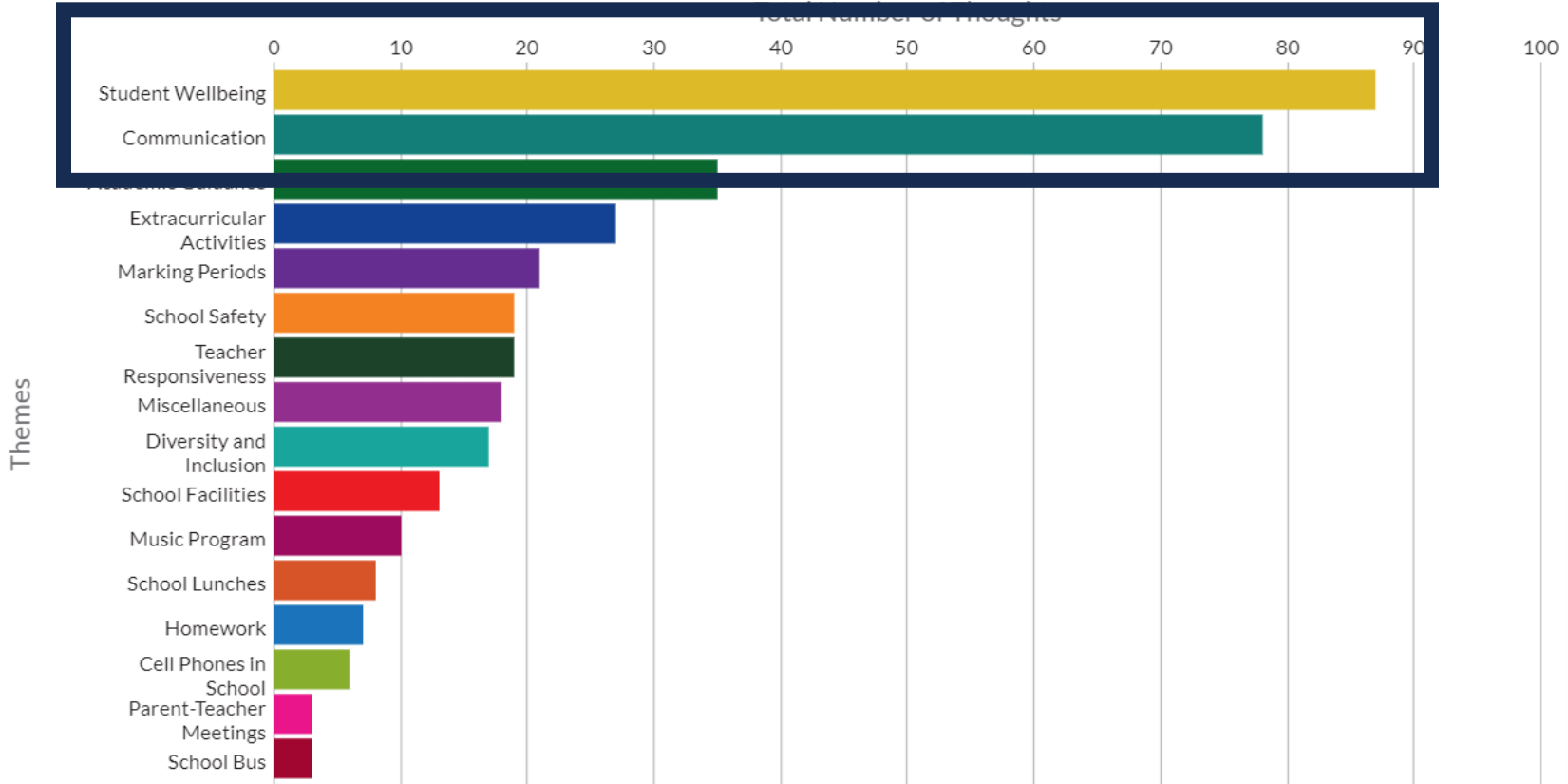
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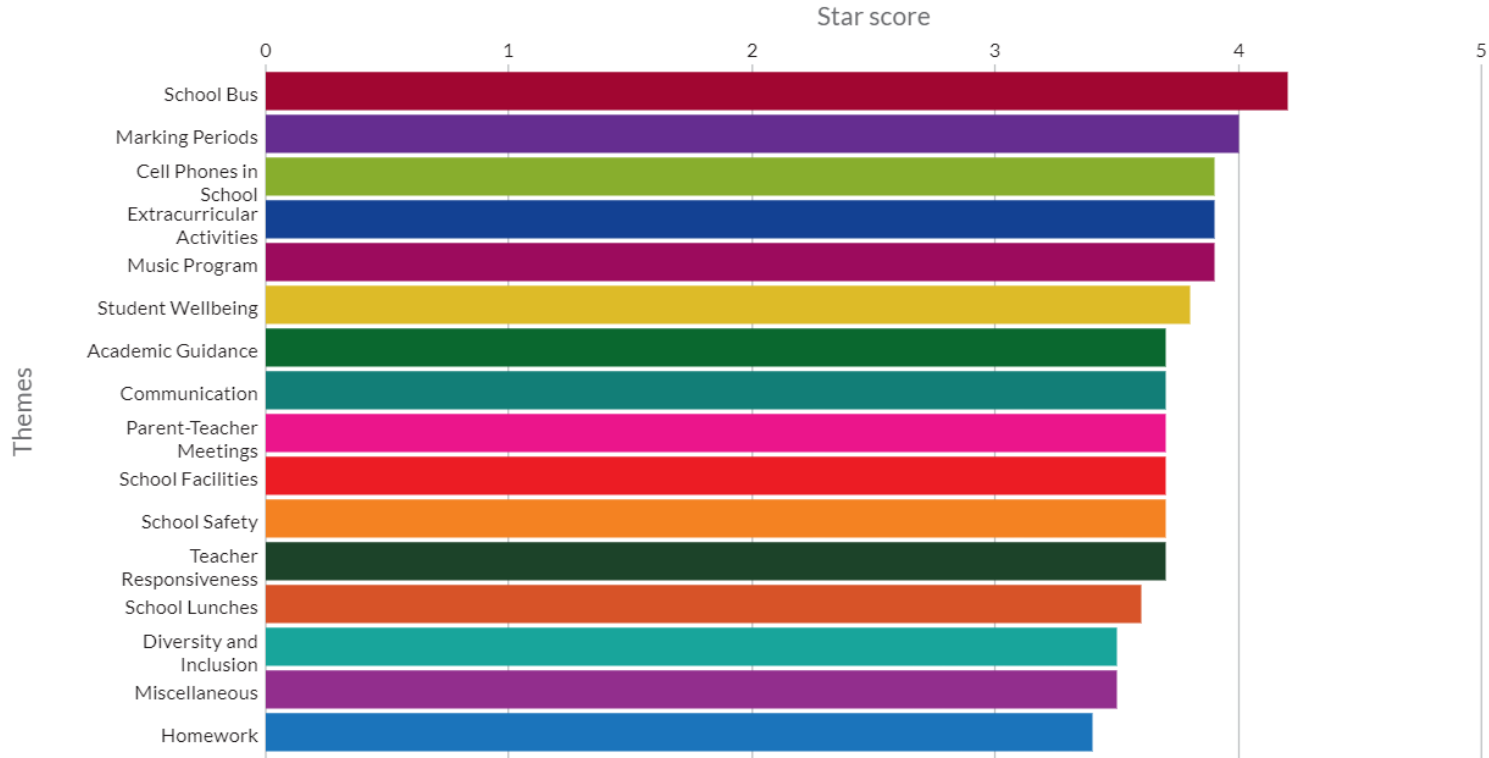
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Top Themes by star score





THOUGHTS

Student Wellbeing



Field trips are back

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Positive

59

4.3



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All students should feel safe and supported in school

Neutral

55

4.2



I think that the activity period is such a valuable time for students to see teachers. It has positively enhanced my child's experience this year.

I think it's important to do this for 7th /8th graders. In JDMS, it is very hard to get into see a teacher for those taking honors and needing help.

Neutral

53

4.1





THOUGHTS

Communication



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Communication beyond the team

All teachers who have a student should be included in important information and updates about that student.

My daughter has been able to take advantage of after school sessions offered by her ELA teacher and Science teacher.

Students may need extra help, but they might be shy or nervous to ask questions in class. The sessions provide the extra help they need.


 Positive

 51

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 4.2




 Neutral

 52

 4.1



 Neutral

 44

 4.1





THOUGHTS

Academic guidance



Five week marking periods at the Middle School are too short.

This change, to support shorter elective blocks, reduces opportunities for a balance period of assessments and uneven assessment opportunities.

☹️ Neutral

👤 54

★★★★☆ 4.1



Excelling students need more guidance and mentorship

They're often assumed to be doing well and so neglected, more interest and direction could make a large difference to them

☹️ Neutral

👤 55

★★★★☆ 4.0



I feel like there could be more guidance for high school students and their families on college prep starting sooner than junior year.

There is no guidance on when to start the process (PSATs, SAT, ACT testing) before junior year and I think that put us at a disadvantage and behind.

☹️ Neutral

👤 46

★★★★☆ 4.0





THOUGHTS

Extracurricular activities



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 Positive

 59

 4.3



Why must students take chorus to participate in school musicals at JDMS? If rehearsals are after school they should be open to all students,

even students wanting to do stage crew are excluded if not in chorus.

 Neutral


 41

 4.2



Success bringing extra curricular activities to many 5/6 graders

Our students need to have opportunities outside of academics that enhance what they are learning in school.

 Neutral

 31

 4.1





THOUGHTS

Marking periods



Eight marking periods is not beneficial to students, please revert back the standard quarter system.


The five week span is too narrow and puts unneeded stress on kids if they miss school or do poorly on a single assignment

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Challenge: shorter marking periods

Shortened marking periods have produced a lot of stress for my student, as they struggle to grasp new material very rapidly and maintain their grades

 Negative

 45

 4.2




 Neutral

 54

 4.1



 Neutral

 52

 4.1






THOUGHTS

School safety



In light of the war in the Middle East and 300% ride in Antisemitism in the US, JD should clearly publicly state and enforce zero tolerance policy

 Neutral

 55

 4.2



All students should feel safe and supported in school

that all kids feel safe and welcome

 Neutral

continue to hear stories of bullying- this is not ok

 49

 4.1



It should be school wise rule to store cell phones, head sets, ear buds, any electronics in a safe place in each classroom.

 Neutral

 56

 3.8



Kids are too distracted in class. It's rude and disrespectful to the teachers.



WRAP UP Next Steps



Will make these results available on our website

Share with the administrative team

Look for areas that we can improve on immediately versus those that will take additional planning.



WRAP UP Next Steps



Thanks for participating

We'll be carefully considering what we learned and sharing our actions back with you.