Survey of SFUSD Principals

Welcome to the 2012 Stanford University Survey of SFUSD Principals!

This online survey offers you the opportunity to confidentially share your views and insights about your experiences as a principal. You will be asked questions about your role as a leader, your opinions on district-level programs, and your perceptions of the challenges facing your school currently. Your responses will help inform future policy decisions in SFUSD.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Taking this survey is completely voluntary. Your responses are completely confidential. To protect confidentiality, survey results will be reported in aggregate form only and will never identify you.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WILL NOT AT ANY TIME BE REPORTED BACK TO THE DISTRICT.

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Thanks for your participation!

Warm-Up

1. For how many years (including this one) have you been a PRINCIPAL...

Total	0	years
c. in schools outside of SFUSD?	0	years
b. in other schools within SFUSD (not your current school)?	0	years
a. In your current school?	0	years

2. For how many years were you an ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL...

Total	0	years
c. in schools outside of SFUSD?	0	years
b. in other schools within SFUSD (not your current school)?	0	years
a. in your current school?	0	years

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Other				(0)	0		0		()
4. For	how m	any yea	rs were	you a TI	EACHER								
a. in your	current :	school?										0	years
b. in other schools within SFUSD (not your current school)?										0	years		
c. in scho	ols outsi	de of SFl	JSD?									0	years
Total													
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Teacher Recruitment and Retention

We are interested in your personnel management practices - particularly how you recruit and retain good teachers.

7. Is teacher HIRING a challenge	e for your sc	hool? (Chec	k only one.)				
Generally, yes.							
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 No, we have no problem hiring 	g teachers.						
8. Please rate your satisfaction	with the QUA	ALITY of tead	chers in eacl	h of the follo	owing nool	•	
o. Thouse rate your satisfaction	Very	ALIT I OI TOU	Somewhat		ownig poor	Very	
		Dissatisfied		Satisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	N/A
a. Consolidated teachers		\bigcirc					
b. Voluntary transfers		\bigcirc				\bigcirc	
c. Laid off teachers who have been recalled		\bigcirc			\bigcirc		\bigcirc
d. External (new) hires	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc		
9. Please think of the teacher yo	ou MOST RE	CENTLY hire	ed when ans	wering thes	e yes/no qı	uestions.	
					Y	es	No
a. Did this teacher transfer from and	other school in	n the district?			(\supset	0
b. Was this teacher consolidated from	om another so	chool in the di	strict?		(\supset	
c. Did this teacher have any prior te	aching exper	ience?			(\circ	
d. Was there more than one applica	ant for the vac	ant position?			(\supset	
e. Did you attend a job fair to recruir	t for this posit	ion?			(\supset	
f. Did you interview the applicant(s)	?				(\supset	
g. Did the applicant(s) perform a sa	mple lesson?				(\supset	
h. Were any current teachers officia	ally involved in	the hiring pr	ocess?		(\supset	
i. Was there consensus among the applicant?	hiring team a	s to whom wa	as the top cho	oice	(\supset	\bigcirc
j. Was the teacher you hired the firs was this person the hiring team's TO		hom the sch	ool made an	offer? (i.e.,	(\supset	\bigcirc
k. Was this teacher hired by mutual	consent of th	e teacher an	d the principa	al?	(\supset	
I. Was this teacher a laid off teache	rs who have b	een recalled	?		(\supset	\bigcirc
10. How typical was the process	s for the tead	her you MO	ST RECENT	LY hired?			
Typical							
 Somewhat typical 							

	Not at all typical							
11. the	How many teachers did yo beginning of the school or	ou hire who started during the school	teaching in your sc year)?	hool in the 20	11-2012 s	school ye	ear (eith	er at
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12.	IS TEACHER RETENTION	a challenge for you	r school? (Check o	nly one.)				
0	Generally, yes.							
	Yes, but only in certain subjection	ects (please specify):						
	No, I have no problem retain	ning teachers						
13. Tea yea	This year, some teachers and Education Act). <i>I</i>	are receiving specia Are teachers in you	al SALARY BONUSI r school receiving a	ES as a result any of the follo	of Prop <i>F</i> wing sal	\ (The Q ary bonu	uality Ises this	S
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b. Bo	orido for teaching in a riard to	•		\bigcirc	0		0	
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d. RETAIN high quality candidates in HARD-TO-FILL SUBJECTS

Teacher Performance

Tea	cher	Perfo	rman	CE

We are interested in how you evaluate teacher performance and manage teachers who do not meet your expectations.

15.	Of the follo	wing sources	of information,	which do you	ı rely on the l	MOST and	SECOND MC	ST to f	ind out
abo	out teachers'	instructional	practices? (Ch	eck only one	in each colun	nn.)			

	SECOND MOST (Check only ONE in this column.)	MOST (Check only ONE in this column.)
Unscheduled classroom walk-throughs	0	0
Targeted observations of specific teachers	0	
Discussions with teacher about what happens in the classroom		
Monitoring student performance data		\circ
Reviewing student work		\circ
Reports from other school leaders (e.g., AP, coach, teacher mentor)	0	0
Reports from students		\circ
Reports from parents		\circ
Reports from other teachers	0	\bigcirc
Formal evaluation process		

16. How many of the following types of teachers do NOT meet your expectations?

	None	1-2	A Few	Half	Most	All	
a. Probationary teachers	0				\bigcirc		
b. Tenured teachers	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	

17. Considering teachers in the following grades, how well do you think you understand their effectiveness at improving student learning?

	very well	well	pretty well	not well
» Pre-K	\circ			
» K	0			

» 1		\circ
» 2		
» 3		
» 4		
» 5		
» 6		
» 7		
» 8		
» 9		
» 10		
» 11		
» 12		
» Post High-School		

18. Considering teachers in the following grades, much better do you think you understand their effectiveness at improving student learning this year relative to how well you understood it last year?

	much better	better	a little better	a little worse	worse	much worse
» Pre-K	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
» K		\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
» 1		\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
» 2	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
» 3	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
» 4			\bigcirc			
» 5		\bigcirc			\bigcirc	
» 6	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
» 7	0	\bigcirc			\bigcirc	
» 8	0	\bigcirc			\bigcirc	
» 9		\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
» 10	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
» 11	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
» 12	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
» Post High-School	0					

19. To what extent has the new teacher evaluation template improved your ability to do each of the following:

	Not at all	A little	Some	Quite a bit	A lot
a. To do objective evaluations	0				\bigcirc
b. To evaluate using California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP Standards)		\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ
c. To have conversations about instructional best practices	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	
d. To use rubrics to determine the ratings					
e. To use performance indicators to determine the ratings	0	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ
f. To make recommendations to teachers to move their practice forward	0	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ

20. During your process for evaluating teachers how much did you do each of the following?

	For no teachers	For some teachers	For most teachers	For all teachers
a. Held a CSTP Standards based evaluation meeting with the teacher to be evaluated	0	\circ	0	0
b. Had teachers self-assess using CSTPs		\bigcirc		
c. Held CSTP-based pre-observation conversations				
d. Reviewed the written lesson plan that was to be observed with the teacher	0	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ
e. Shared your observation script with the teacher				
f. Held CSTP-based post-observation conversations				

21.	With respect to teacher evaluation, did you do any of the following this year? (Check all that apply.)
	Asked your peers for input
	Shared observation data with your peers
	Shared thinking on rubric with your peers
	Helped others in determining ratings using the rubrics and performance indicators
	Helped others to determine commendations and recommendations on teacher evaluations
	At Area Meetings, discussed teacher evaluation and best practices
	Was an outside evaluator or second pair of eyes evaluator this year
	Met ALL contractual deadlines for observations and conferences
	Met MOST contractual deadlines for observations and conferences

22. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about teacher evalua	ition?
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a, I am interested in moving to the revised 2009 CSTP.		0		0
b. I like the depth of using only 5-8 CSTP elements per observation cycle.	0	\circ	\circ	\circ
c. I would like to participate in peer feedback on my observation scripts, evaluation ratings and narratives.	0	\circ	\circ	\circ
d. I want to evaluate all elements each cycle.				
e. I need more training at using the rubric and performance indicators.	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
f. I need more training holding "hard conversations".			\bigcirc	
23. The Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) program provieth PAR in SFUSD? Familiar	vides peer si	upport for teac	hers. How fa	miliar are you
Somewhat familiar Not at all familiar				
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26. What was the MOST IMPORTANT reason why you referred the	nat teacher	to PAR? (Check o	nly one.)	
 » I thought the teacher might improve with support. 					
 » The PAR coaches are able to give a level of support that I don 	't have time	to give.			
 » I have seen other teachers improve as a result of PAR participant 	ation.				
» I hoped the objectivity of the PAR coach's evaluation would value.	lidate my ov	wn evaluatio	on.		
» I wanted to remove this teacher from my school, and PAR is th teachers.	e first step	to removino	g underpe	erforming	
» Other (please explain):					
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27. To what extent do you agree with the following statements a in SFUSD?	bout the P	eer Assista	ance and	Review pr	ogram
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	l don't know
a. PAR coaches are effective mentors.	0	\circ	\circ		\bigcirc
b. Teachers can get the support they need through means other han PAR.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc
c. Participation in PAR is associated with teacher dismissal.				\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. Participating in PAR is a good use of a teacher's time.	0			\bigcirc	
e. PAR helps teachers improve their classroom practice.					\bigcirc
. PAR is only useful for removing under-performing teachers.					\bigcirc
g. Having a teacher in PAR is a lot of work for the administrator.					\bigcirc
n. The faculty in this school would be angry if I referred a teacher o PAR.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc
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. Teachers only improve while they are participating in PAR.			\bigcirc		\bigcirc
. Teachers only improve while they are participating in PAR. There is a stigma associated with participating in PAR.	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

Support

SUPPORTS

We are interested in finding out the supports you have for your work.

28. Think about whom you turn to the MOST for help with the following.

	Who is this person?	How do you communicate with this person most of the time?	How satisfied are you with the level of information you get?
a. Improving curriculum or instruction			
b. Hiring, retention, or dismissal of teachers			
c. Policies and regulations			

29. Thinking about the PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT activities you participated in over the last 12 months, how USEFUL did you find the following to improving your effectiveness as a principal?

	Very Useful	Useful	A Little Useful	Not Useful	N/A - Did not participate in this type of PD
Attending conferences					
Visits to other schools designed to improve your own work as principal	0	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
University course(s) related to your role as principal that were part of a formal degree program		\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Attending a training series related to specific aspects of your job as a principal		\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Working AS a mentor/coach to another principal as part of a formal arrangement that is recognized or supported by your school district	0	0	0	\bigcirc	\circ
Participating in an principal network (e.g., a group of principals organized by an outside agency or through the Internet)	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Working WITH a mentor/coach as part of a formal arrangement that is recognized or supported by your school district	0	0	0	\circ	\circ
Attending stand-alone workshops related to specific aspects of your job as principal	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
University course(s) related to your role as principal that were NOT part of a formal degree program	0	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

30. Please describe the degree of support you receive from <u>SFUSD Central Office</u> in the following areas:

	None, but I do not require this support	None, but I would like this support	A little support	Some support	A lot of support
Building a culture of achievement					
Human resource issues (hiring, removing, or training teachers)	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ

Managian ask ask budanta						
Managing school budgets		0	0	0	0	0
Managing school operations						
Fundraising		\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Encouraging parent involvement						
Selecting professional development f	or your staff	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Improving college counseling						
Providing academic and social support	ort for students					
Long-range strategic planning		\bigcirc				
Building a leadership team within you	ır school					\bigcirc
Improving instruction						\bigcirc
Other (please specify):						
district.						
32. What do you consider the stre	engths of this team?					

33. In what areas do you think it is most important for this team to improve?

atisfaction and Future Plans				
34. To what extent are you generally SATISFIED wi	th each of the foll	owing?		
	Very Dissatisfie	ed Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
a. Being a principal	0	0	0	0
b. Being a principal at your current school				
b. Deing a principal at your current school				
c. Being a principal in SFUSD				
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c. Being a principal in SFUSD d. Your performance as a principal at your current school 35. Please think back to when you were a teacher. the following? a. Being a teacher b. Your performance as a teacher 36. How satisfied are you with SFUSD's system for	Very Dissatisfie	ed Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
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37. Please tell us any thoughts you have about Principal evaluation in SFUSD

38. How likely is it that you will do the following at some point in your	FUTURE car	eer?		
	Very Unlikely	Unlikely	Likely	Very Likel
a. Work as a classroom teacher		0	\circ	
b. Work in a school in another role (e.g., curriculum specialist, instructional coach, counselor)	0	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
c. Work in the district office		\bigcirc		\bigcirc
d. Work in education, outside of K-12 schools (e.g., educational entrepeneur, researcher, professor)	0		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
e. Leave education temporarily (e.g., sabbatical, child-rearing)				\bigcirc
f. Pursue a career outside of education				
g. Stay in education but not in SFUSD				\bigcirc
h. Remain a principal until I retire			\bigcirc	\bigcirc
39. If you could work at ANY SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT other than the your top three choices (in order of preference)? First Choice School: Second Choice School:	one you ar	e currently	in, what w	<i>r</i> ould be
Third Choice School: 40. Consider your FIRST choice school (not including your own) and details and the school (not including your own) and details and the school (not including your own) and details and the school (not including your own) and details and the school (not including your own) and details are school (not including your own).	locariba wha	at about the	at school i	s

Human Resources

SFUSD's Human Resources Department

This is the final section of the survey. We are interested in your experiences with the district's hiring and transfer processes.

41.	To what extent do	you agree/disagree	with the following statements?
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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree		Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a. The hiring and transfer process allows me to hire the teachers that create the best possible instructional team for my school.	0	0	0	0	0	0
b.SFUSD Human Resources is helpful to me in staffing my school with high quality teachers.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc

42. Please rate your satisfaction with the following:

	Voluntary Transfers	New (External) Teachers
a. The PROCESS of hiring teachers from the following pools		
b. The TIMELINE of hiring teachers from the following pools		

43. In the past year, has the pool of available NEW HIRES included enough teachers in HIGH NEED SUBJ	JECT
AREAS (Mathematics, Science, Special Education, Bilingual Education)?	

Yes

No

44. Please rate your satisfaction with the level of DISCRETION you have to hire the teachers you want from the following pools.

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N/A
a. Consolidated teachers		\bigcirc	\bigcirc			\bigcirc	
b. Voluntary transfers		\bigcirc					
c. Laid off teachers who have been recalled	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
d. Teachers returning from leave (from another school)	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc
e. External (new) hires							

45. Over the past year, what percentage of your vacancies have been filled by teachers placed by Human Resources (without your discretion)? (Check only one.)							
None	1-20%	21-40%	41-60%	61-80%	81-100%		
46. In the past ye vacancy?	ear, have you ever c	oncealed a known v	acancy or postpon	ed notifying HR of	a known		
Yes							
O No							
47. Is there anyth	ning else you would	like to add?					