



Issaquah School District: Strategic Plan Vision Thought Exchange Report

Board Meeting 3.23.23

Draft vision statement we asked the community to complete in ThoughtExchange

"Issaquah School District students thrive as they engage in meaningful learning that unlocks their passion and potential ..."

Strategic plan vision ThoughtExchange report

- This survey ended on 3/15/23. This report was pulled on 3/16/23.
- It lists a summary of participation, themes, and top thoughts (by rating).

Participation breakdown



308
Participants




167
Thoughts




5,569
Ratings

Participation breakdown

What is your current connection to Issaquah School District?




293
Responses

%		Answer (Multi-select)
1%	(4)	ISD student
43%	(126)	Parent/guardian of student(s) enrolled in ISD
64%	(188)	Staff member
16%	(48)	Community member

Participation breakdown

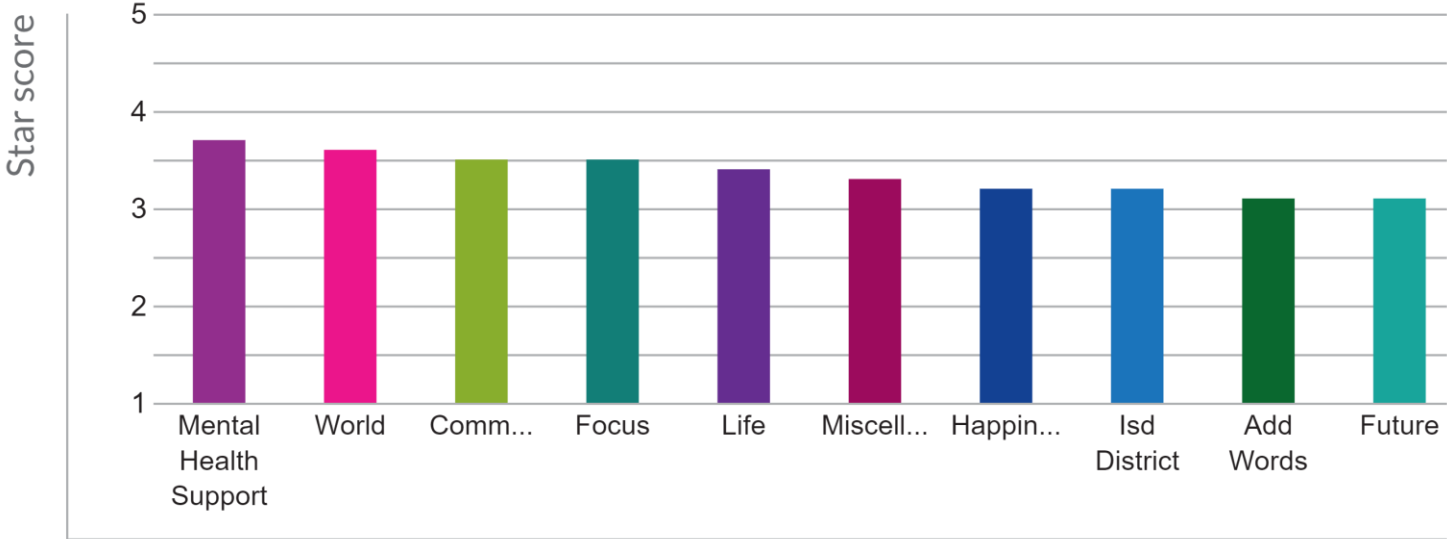
What school does your oldest child attend?

%		Answer
47%	(138)	N/A
2%	(6)	Apollo Elementary School
1%	(3)	Briarwood Elementary School
4%	(11)	Cascade Ridge Elementary School
1%	(4)	Cedar Trails Elementary School
1%	(2)	Challenger Elementary School
2%	(6)	Clark Elementary School
1%	(4)	Cougar Ridge Elementary School
2%	(5)	Creekside Elementary School
0%	(0)	Discovery Elementary School
1%	(2)	Endeavour Elementary School

Word cloud - top rated



Keyword themes by rating



Key thoughts

All students We need to focus in all students, not just high performing

4.0  (25 👤)

Ranked #1 of 167

In an environment that is welcoming, safe, and filled with adults who care. Kids who are loved will perform at a higher level and will want to do well for themselves.

3.9  (62 👤)

Ranked #2 of 167

...while their district focuses on reducing redundancies instead of reducing classroom supports. It doesn't matter how well our vision is worded if we don't put our money where our mouth is. Quit cutting teachers and support staff!

3.9  (60 👤)

Ranked #3 of 167

Mental Health Support

...and supports their personal and mental wellbeing our students deserve more counseling/supports

3.9  (46 )

and when they have appropriate and adequate supports Students can't learn effectively when there are not enough counselors, SPED teachers, or paras to support that learning.

3.8  (61 )

with personal/social, academic and post-secondary supports It is important that our students get well rounded supports, especially mental health

3.7  (52 )

World

Kind, caring and responsible citizens It's not all about academics.

3.8  (59 )

contribute to community/society we need students to be connected to the world around them if we expect them to want to better themselves and the situation of others

3.8  (24 )

Statement doesn't speak to preparing students to become effective, contributing citizens and think critically about the issues which will face them As adults, today's generation of students will face many complex issues and existential threats to the planet. They will need to think critically

3.6  (25 )

Community

...while district staff fosters a community of belonging through positive relationship building. Students who feel they belong are more connected to school and have better academic and behavioral outcomes

3.9  (13 )

"fosters a community of inclusion in which" We really need to stive to be more inclusive of all students (those w/ disabilities, different backgrounds, etc.)

3.7  (61 )

Add something about being part of our ISD community Our community is what makes us great and our students are a critical part and contributing members to our community

3.5  (26 )

Focus

All students We need to focus in all students, not just high performing

4.0  (25 )



Critical thinking and problem solving Developing high level skills to take beyond school years

3.7  (60 )

There should be a focus on building character through fostering curiosity and compassion. Our elem school motto includes the word RIGOR, which means “unnecessary strictness.” I want my kids to become lifelong learners- not robots.

3.7  (60 )

Life

Towards independence To be able to transition to adulthood in whatever capacity it aligns to a child's life. 3.6  (25 )

For the future To show it's for life not just while a child is in our school system 3.6  (24 )

for the future This is all about preparing them to live their lives 3.6  (23 )

Happiness



Happiness



3.2  (24 )



Happiness What is the point if they aren't happy

3.1  (26 )



ISD District

It is time that the upper admin remember that there is no district with out the kids, so it is time to start putting them first. The cuts the district make negatively effect the students and it is time to put them first. 3.5  (51 )



No accountability for the district in this statement. Like this it could almost be re-written as 'Students thrive but only if they choose to engage'. No district should think of itself as not responsible for reaching unengaged students. 3.4  (60 )

Switch mission & Vision It would make more sense if the current ISD mission was switched with the proposed vision statement. 3.3  (24 )



Add Words

Get rid of “thrive. As they” Add at the end: “so that they can achieve personal success and be meaningful contributors to society” The word thrive confuses the mission. It is a hot phrase right now but does not represent a tangible goal. 3.4  (24 )



Finish there. More words makes it not memorable The rest of the sentence is our mission. 3.3  (26 )

End it there. If we add more we step into the quagmire of assuming we know what that family/student values. 3.3  (25 )



Future



Include future It's forward thinking as to where we want students to be when they leave school. 3.6  (24 )



For their future well being We need to add that this is a step to their future citizen life 3.4  (23 )

This whole statement feels like something happening now - not a vision for the future. I am stuck about what to add. 3.1  (24 )

Miscellaneous

In an environment that is welcoming, safe, and filled with adults who care. Kids who are loved will perform at a higher level and will want to do well for themselves. 3.9  (62 )

...while their district focuses on reducing redundancies instead of reducing classroom supports. It doesn't matter how well our vision is worded if we don't put our money where our mouth is. Quit cutting teachers and support staff! 3.9  (60 )

I believe the first word should be ALL. It's public education and isd is currently leaving our special Ed and vulnerable students out of the story. ALL students deserve to learn. 3.8  (60 )

Access to full report

You can access the complete report including themes and all thoughts shared, by clicking on the link below:

- <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/report/02937be45a1b12f48fd19ef5f750c862>