

## COMPARISON FOR 2006 AND 2008 PARENT SURVEYS HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL

### Survey Development

The Quality of Education Committee brought forward the original parent survey administered in June 2006. Dr. Gersen created a draft of a new parent survey using the 2006 survey as a model. The SAU 70 principals met with Marjorie Rose, Dr. Gersen and a consultant, Honor Pastow to edit and condense Dr. Gersen's draft. The integrity of the questions from the 2006 survey was retained, but in some cases, questions were changed slightly.

The new 2008 Parent Survey was brought to the Committee On Instruction (COI) at the high school. COI was not to delete any questions, but was to make the survey more useful to the high school. COI recommended adding two questions about parent involvement in the school and modifying questions one through four under School Learning Environment to make them more useful. The original questions did not allow parents to delineate the answers by department. Asking a parent if their child's teacher has high expectations does not allow them to answer in a way that addresses the many teachers their child has during the day, nor does it give the teachers information that is useful to improving their program. A subcommittee of a teacher and parent edited these four questions so that the responses were broken down by departments. They also added questions five and six under Parent Participation.

### Attached Report

The report attached was created by comparing the results of the 2006 Parent Survey to the 2008 Parent Survey. Joe Bonfiglio created a report for COI summarizing the statements that received the most positive comments and the statements that received fewer positive comments. The new website blog Life And Times At Hanover High, the new report card system, and a variety of teacher and department communications resulted from the report created by Joe Bonfiglio.

### Note

- A rating of agree or strongly agree was considered a positive rating. A rating of disagree or strongly disagree was considered a negative rating.
- The option of 'neither' was available on the 2006 Survey and not available on the 2008 Survey. That may have explained why in some cases the positive results increased, but so did the negative results.
- The overall rating for the school was not included in the 2008 Survey. It will be included in future surveys
- The ratings that were positive in 2006 remained positive in 2008.