

Community Survey for the Strategic Planning Process

Marietta City Schools is beginning a strategic planning process for the purpose of defining the decisions and actions that shape and guide the future direction for the school district over the next several years. The planning process will include targeted and prioritized action steps to move the district forward. One of the most important components to making this a successful effort is community input – before the plan is developed.

This short survey will assist in providing the community's thoughts on public education in our county. This information will be provided to a Strategic Planning Team as they work to develop a blueprint for progress for Marietta City Schools. All survey responses are anonymous.

Thank you for lending your voice to public education in Marietta City Schools!

1 Which one of the following statements best describes you?

- Administrator
- Adult – no children under 18
- Business Owner
- Civic or Government Leader
- Elected Official
- Parent – private/homeschool
- Parent – public school
- Senior Citizen
- Student
- Teacher
- Other, please specify

2 What do you feel **most proud of** when you think about this school system? (Please choose only one 1st choice, one 2nd choice and one 3rd choice. For all others leave blank or check "N/A".)

1	2	3	N/A
First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	

Marietta City's academic program

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Achievement of Marietta City's students			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our athletic program			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marietta City as a good steward of taxpayer funds			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marietta City's facilities			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marietta City's school system staff			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marietta City's music and/or arts program			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- 3** If you feel your choice was not represented for the question above, please list here.

- 4** What do you think are the **top three issues facing students today?** These may be community, family and/or socio-economic issues that are not necessarily the responsibility of the school district. (Please choose only one 1st choice, one 2nd choice and one 3rd choice. For all others leave blank or check "N/A".)

1 First Choice	2 Second Choice	3 Third Choice	N/A
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A changing economy; fewer high paying jobs			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being ready for college or the workplace			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drugs and alcohol			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Higher levels of education being required to find work			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low mathematics and science proficiency			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative peer pressure			
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rapidly changing world; technology is outpacing skills			

1	2	3	
Lack of parental involvement			
1	2	3	

- 5 If you feel your choice was not represented for the question above, please list here.

- 6 As a community, **what do we want our public schools/school district to provide for our students? What would success look like for our schools?** (Please choose **up to five items** from the list below.)

- Highly qualified staff/teachers
- More rigorous, challenging programs
- Technology in the classrooms
- Higher test scores
- Higher graduation rates
- Curriculum that prepares students for the workplace – as a minimum standard
- Excellent extracurricular programs, such as clubs, athletic teams and student organizations
- School choice/alternative learning programs
- A safe and orderly environment
- Other, please specify

- 7 What do you think are the **top three challenges faced by Marietta City Schools?** (Please choose only one 1st choice, one 2nd choice and one 3rd choice. For all others leave blank or check "N/A".)

1 First Choice	2 Second Choice	3 Third Choice	N/A
1	2	3	
Providing challenging instructional programs			
1	2	3	
Recruiting and retaining highly qualified staff			
1	2	3	
Expanding communication and community involvement			
1	2	3	

School funding issues

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Increasing student achievement

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3

Providing a safe orderly environment

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8 If you feel your choice was not represented for the question above, please list here.

9 Any additional comments?

