



**LAKE BLUFF
SCHOOLS**
DISTRICT 65

Illinois 5Essentials Survey Results

Report to the Board of Education
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Senate Bill 7, PERA

- (FROM ISBE) The State Board has long recognized that test scores alone do not provide a full picture of teaching and learning in any one school. Under legislation (Senate Bill 7, PERA), the State Board is now mandated, on a biennial basis, to implement a learning conditions survey that will finally help paint that fuller picture. While this survey may help inform state policy and improvement initiatives, it is primarily intended to help local administrators, such as teachers, principals, and superintendents, identify strengths and weaknesses at the district and school level and better target resources and interventions. Aggregated data from this anonymous survey will also be shared with parents and the general public on school report cards released in the fall.

What is the 5 Essentials Survey?

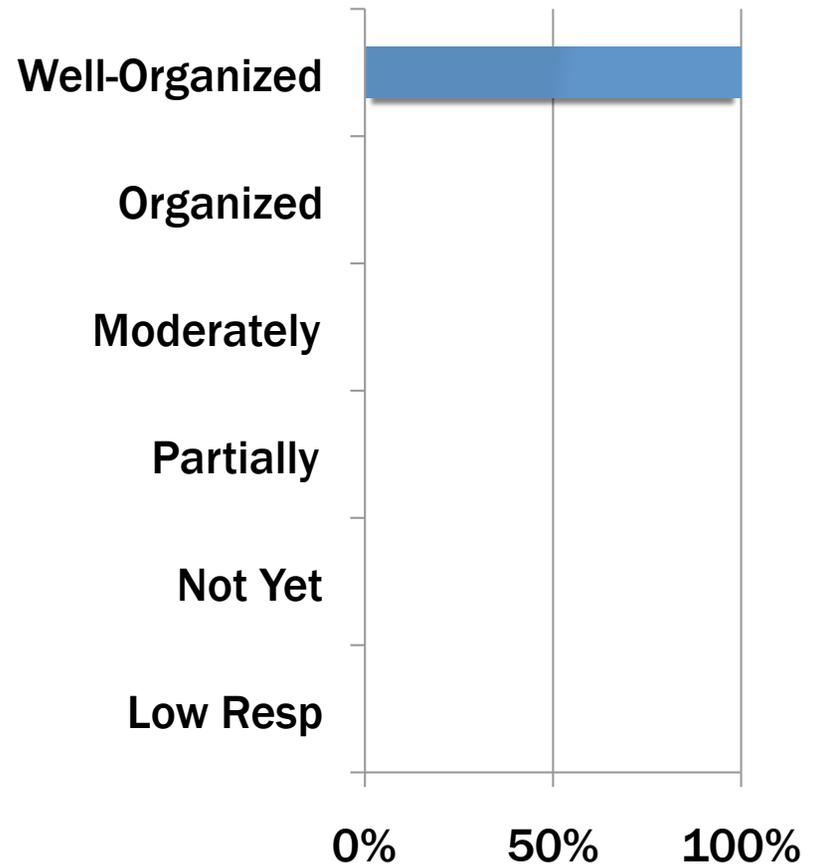
- Researchers at the University of Chicago used 20 years of evidence to define five essential components of organization and climate related to improving schools. These researchers showed that schools strong on these Essentials are likely to improve student learning and attendance year after year. In fact, schools strong on at least 3 out of 5 Essentials are 10 times more likely to improve student learning. It is research-based and normed with schools throughout the state.

History

- 5 Essentials was first administered in the Spring of 2013 to teaching staff, students in grades 6-8 in our District, and was available for parents to take.
- Last summer we reviewed the data and set goals only to find out that the normed group that the state used was CPS and that suburban school districts did not feel that was a correct group to have our norms based upon.
- Lake Bluff 65 did not use the data last year from this survey. We do now have comparison data from last year after the norms were changed and our data from this year reflects that.

5Essentials

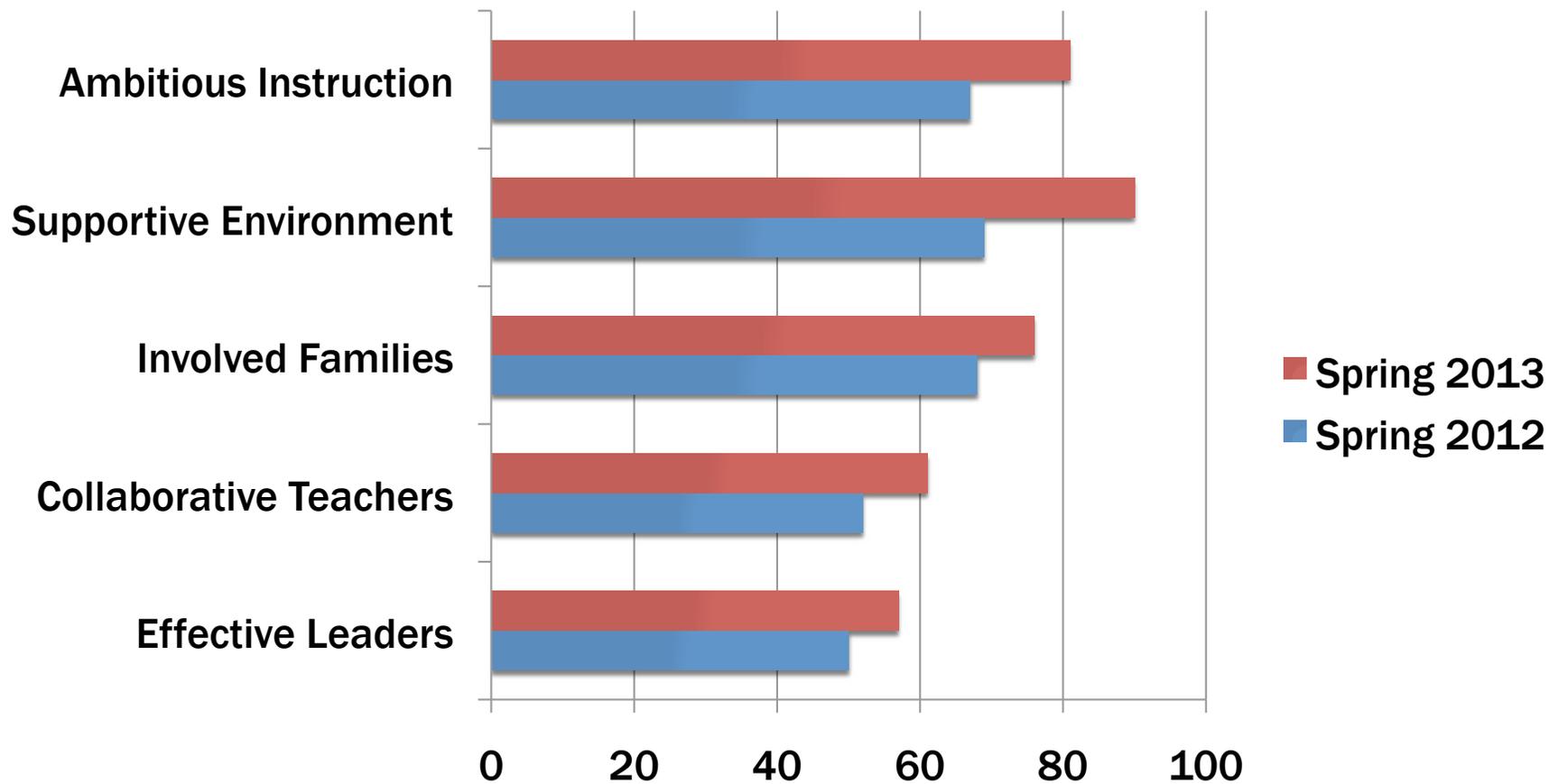
- Overall Results for FY13-14 --Schools in Lake Bluff ESD 65 completed the 5Essentials Surveys in 2014. The results of these surveys indicate that, on average, schools in Lake Bluff ESD 65 are well organized (top level)



5 Essentials

- **Effective Leaders** 50 to 57 (Teacher Influence, Principal Instructional Leadership, Program Coherence, Teacher-Principal Trust)
- **Collaborative Teachers** 52 to 61 (Collective Responsibility, Quality Professional Development, School Commitment, Teacher-Teacher Trust)
- **Involved Families** 68 to 76 (Outreach to Parents, Teacher-Parent Trust, Parent Involvement in School)
- **Supportive Environment** 69 to 90 (Peer Support for Academic Work, Academic Personalism, Academic Press, Safety, Student-Teacher Trust)
- **Ambitious Instruction** 67 to 81 (Course Clarity, English Instruction, Math Instruction, Quality of Student Discussion)

We improved in all 5 Essentials!



Next Steps

- Celebrate!
- Both schools will set 2 goals to work on from 5 Essentials in their buildings.
- The Admin Team will set 2 goals to work on for this year.
- We need to spend time better defining what each of the 5 essential elements is made up of and use common language to discuss it.
- Wait for the state to give us the status on 5Essentials.



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Questions

