

Update with Possible Action on Resolution 2122R-004 Middle School and High School Equity Work Group

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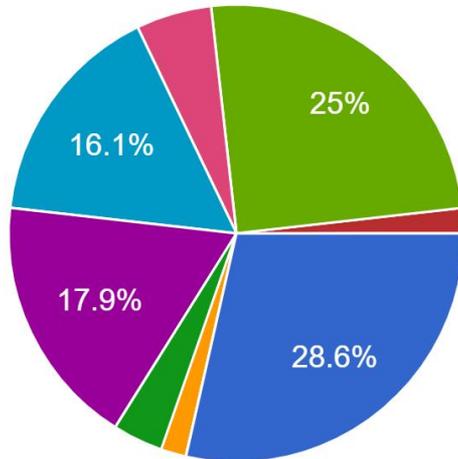
Five Priorities for Success



Work Group

Primary Relationship to Milwaukee Public Schools

56 responses

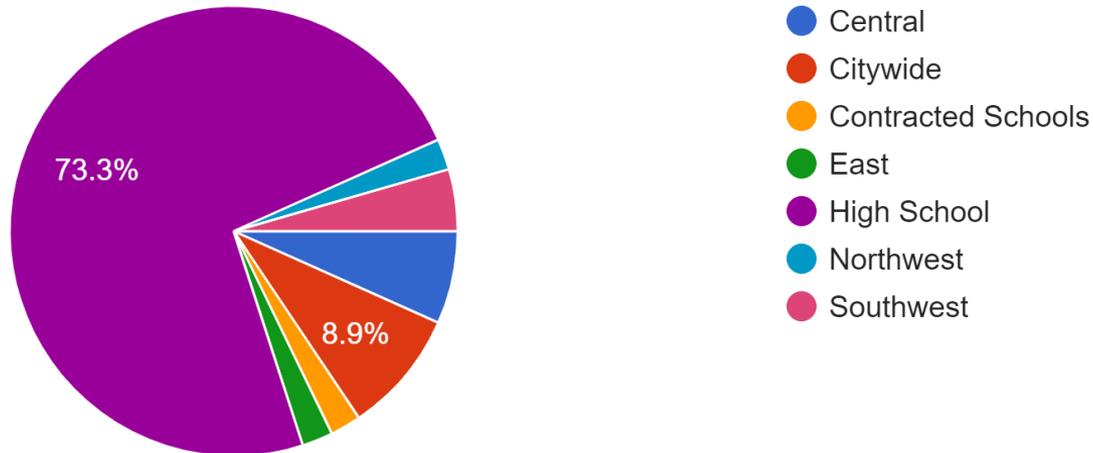


- Administrator (e.g., Central Services, Principal, Assistant Principal)
- Community Member
- MPS Board Member
- MTEA Representative
- Parent
- School Counselor
- Support Staff (e.g., paraprofessional,...)
- Teacher
- SST (School Support Teacher)

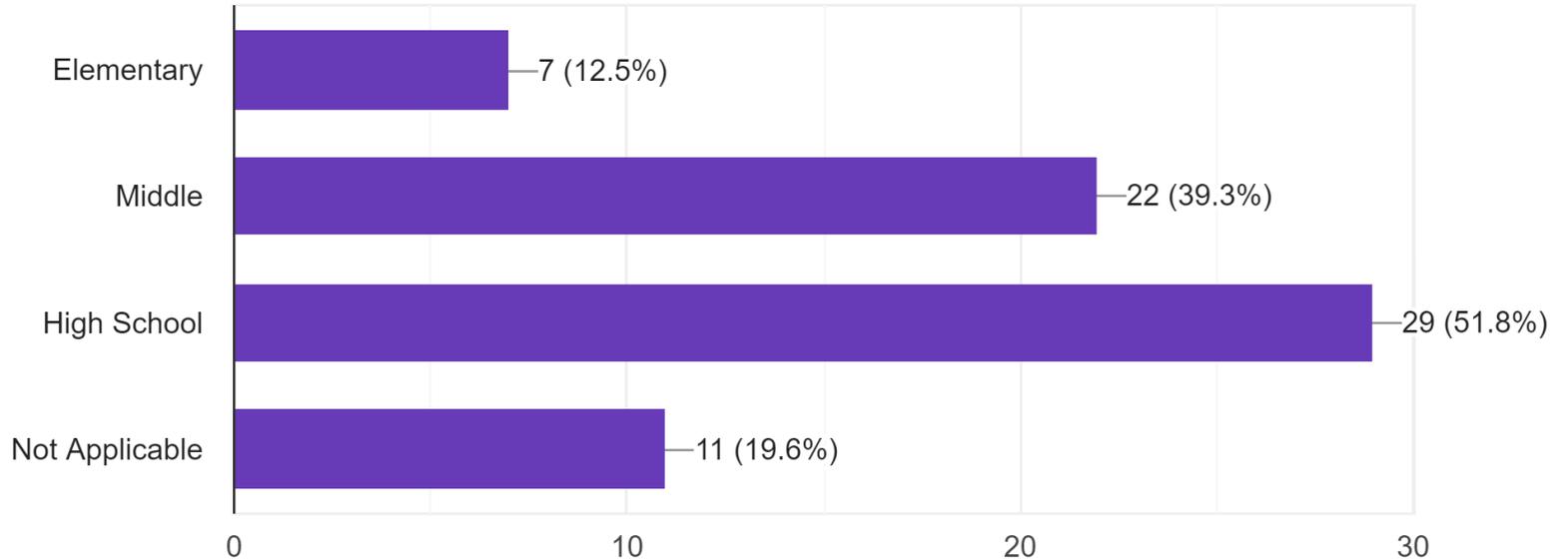
Work Group

Region Affiliation (if applicable). This question only applies to MPS Employees.

45 responses



Grade Band Association



Meetings

The work group met:

- October 27
- November 11
- December 1

All meetings were held virtually and recorded. Members that could not attend on the day of the meeting could watch the recorded session and provide feedback.



Meeting Content

- Explore the history of the early admission process
- Discussed the equity/inequity of the current process and criteria
- Review data
- Feedback from the members on equity/inequity



Key Findings

- Three key areas were identified:
 - The admissions process
 - The select criteria
 - The middle and high school experience

Key Findings

- The process
 - Should be simplified
 - Should be consistently supported at all schools for all students
 - Recommendations need further study to determine unanticipated consequences

Key Findings

- Select criteria
 - The opinions on equity and importance of select criteria varied widely, except the audition for students entering Milwaukee High School of the Arts
 - Many ideas were generated, but all need to be reviewed for equity and unintended consequences

Key Findings

- The middle and high school experience
 - What should all students be able to access during middle school and high school?
 - Academics
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Social emotional supports
 - Transportation

Next Step

- A steering committee has been established to further explore middle and high school equity and the key areas identified by the work group

Thank you.



Dr. Keith P. Posley, *Superintendent*

