Oxford Community Schools
District Climate Survey 2017
Staff Responses

Please note: National norms are not available for these question responses as they are specific to Oxford Schools.
The School Board is a body of 7 elected officials who represent the community while governing the school district. The School Board sets educational goals, hires and evaluates the superintendent, adopts policy related to employment and school operation, adopts the school district budget, and ensures school district accountability to the public.

How familiar are you with the role and responsibilities of the School Board?
Within the past year, have you needed to speak with one or more School Board Members?

- Yes: 13.58%
- No: 86.42%
the School Board Member(s) was/were available to talk to me.
the School Board Member(s) was/were courteous and listened to my concerns.
the School Board Member(s) responded to my concerns in a professional manner, whether or not he or she agreed with me.
felt welcome to attend a school board meeting to address my concern.
Central Office helps all 12 schools in areas like hiring principals and teachers, providing textbooks, food services, school buses, testing, building repairs, budget, and keeping parents and community informed of key issues.

How familiar are you with the ways the Central Office supports all schools in our district?
Within the past year, have you needed to speak to the Superintendent or a member of district staff at Central Office?

- Yes: 66.41%
- No: 33.59%
Please check the department(s) you needed to contact:
I easily found out who to contact.
I made contact with the right Central Office member.
The Central Office member was polite and listened to you.
My ideas were considered and addressed in a professional manner.
How familiar are you with the school district's budget constraints?

- Very familiar: 25.48%
- Somewhat familiar: 50.19%
- Not familiar: 24.33%
Are you aware that...
Oxford Community Schools receives the lowest allowable State Foundation Grant funding ($7511 per pupil) while some school districts receive as much as $12,016?
The current funding level is adequate to meet this community's education needs:
A school district with strong schools is important to me.
Increased funding to ensure quality education is important to me.
I understand that property values depend on the reputation of our schools.
If the Oxford Board of Education were to borrow money for capital expenditures by selling bonds that would not raise your property taxes and would be used only to improve existing facilities, would you vote in favor?

93.53% Yes
6.47% No
Students receive grades of A, B, C, D, or F from their teachers. An “A” means excellent work, “C” is good work, and “F” is poor work. What grade would you give to the school district as a whole for how well we are educating our children?
Oxford Community Schools has continually tried to uphold the following mission: The mission of Oxford Community Schools is to provide an education that challenges all students to achieve their maximum potential in academics, arts, and athletics and prepares them to succeed in a global society.

How would you rate the District's effort to accomplish this mission?
Should the District continue exploring partnering with local colleges and universities to provide educational opportunities for our students?
Do you believe it is beneficial for students to learn a second language in order to be competitive in the job market of the future?
Should the district explore ways to modify the teaching year to spread out (not increase) the school calendar to include the summer months?
Should Oxford Community School district explore ways to modify and/or expand the school day?
Should Oxford Community Schools strive to use technology as an integral component of delivering curriculum?

88.46% Yes
11.54% No
What type of internet access do you have at your home?

- Do not have any home internet access: 1.52%
- Don't know but I do have internet access: 0.00%
- Dial up: 0.38%
- High speed cable/satellite/DSL: 94.68%
- Other (please specify): 3.42%
How strongly do you agree with the following statements?: I am welcome to attend school activities.
How strongly do you agree with the following statements?: I am welcome to use the facilities (library, computers, gym, track, swimming pool) at a school near my home.
How strongly do you agree with the following statements?: I can obtain information about services and activities at a school near my home.

- Strongly Disagree: 4.47%
- Disagree: 4.07%
- Agree: 36.99%
- Strongly Agree: 42.68%
- Don't Know: 11.79%
How strongly do you agree with the following statements?: I feel welcomed when utilizing district buildings through Oxford Parks and Recreation.
Finding information about Oxford Schools-
How often do you use the following?: Television

- Never: 72.37%
- Sometimes: 20.61%
- Usually: 3.95%
- Always: 3.07%
How Often?: Radio

- Never: 81.33%
- Sometimes: 15.11%
- Usually: 2.67%
- Always: 0.89%
How Often?: Newspaper

- Never: 29.02%
- Sometimes: 47.32%
- Usually: 17.86%
- Always: 5.80%
How Often?: Friends/Family

- Never: 9.29%
- Sometimes: 36.28%
- Usually: 37.61%
- Always: 16.81%
How Often?: Child

- Never: 30.88%
- Sometimes: 22.58%
- Usually: 31.34%
- Always: 15.21%
How Often?: School District All-Call System (SchoolMessenger)
How Often?: District Newsletter

- Never: 13.24%
- Sometimes: 36.07%
- Usually: 29.22%
- Always: 21.46%
How Often?: School Newsletter

- Never: 18.87%
- Sometimes: 27.36%
- Usually: 31.13%
- Always: 22.64%
How Often?: Electronic Communication - Facebook, Haiku, Twitter, etc.
How Useful?: Television

- Not Useful: 61.22%
- Somewhat Useful: 23.13%
- Useful: 10.88%
- Very Useful: 4.76%

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How Useful?: Radio

- Not Useful: 74.48%
- Somewhat Useful: 19.31%
- Useful: 4.83%
- Very Useful: 1.38%
How Useful?: Newspaper

- Not Useful: 30.87%
- Somewhat Useful: 32.89%
- Useful: 30.87%
- Very Useful: 5.37%
How Useful?: School District Website

- Not Useful: 3.59%
- Somewhat Useful: 18.56%
- Useful: 40.72%
- Very Useful: 37.13%
How Useful?: Friends/Family

- Not Useful: 7.50%
- Somewhat Useful: 24.38%
- Useful: 46.88%
- Very Useful: 21.25%
How Useful?: Child

- Not Useful: 25.33%
- Somewhat Useful: 22.67%
- Useful: 36.67%
- Very Useful: 15.33%
How Useful?: School District All-Call System (SchoolMessenger)
How Useful?: District Newsletter

- Not Useful: 11.11%
- Somewhat Useful: 28.40%
- Useful: 40.12%
- Very Useful: 20.37%
How Useful?: School Newsletter

- Not Useful: 14.29%
- Somewhat Useful: 23.38%
- Useful: 36.36%
- Very Useful: 25.97%

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How Useful?: Electronic Communication - Facebook, Haiku, Twitter, etc.
Please indicate how many times you have attended each of the following events during the past year.: School Board Meetings
Please indicate how many times you have attended each of the following events during the past year: PTO Meetings.

- 79.08% attended 0 times.
- 16.74% attended 1-2 times.
- 2.09% attended 3-4 times.
- 2.09% attended 5 or more times.
Please indicate how many times you have attended each of the following events during the past year.: School Plays

- 0 times: 39.92%
- 1-2 times: 49.79%
- 3-4 times: 7.00%
- 5 or more times: 3.29%
Please indicate how many times you have attended each of the following events during the past year.: School-Sponsored Art/Music Presentations

- 0 times: 30.42%
- 1-2 times: 51.67%
- 3-4 times: 11.25%
- 5 or more times: 6.67%
Please indicate how many times you have attended each of the following events during the past year.: School-Sponsored Sporting Events
Please indicate how many times you have attended each of the following events during the past year: School Events (Back to School, Parent Conferences, Celebrations, Open House)
Please indicate how many times you have attended each of the following events during the past year.: District or School Committee Meetings

- 0 times: 35.17%
- 1-2 times: 28.81%
- 3-4 times: 14.41%
- 5 or more times: 21.61%
How many children do you have attending school in Oxford Community Schools?

- None: 64.77%
- 1: 14.39%
- 2: 14.77%
- 3: 5.30%
- 4 or more: 0.38%

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The school district does a good job of providing school bus service.
The school district does a good job of providing food services.
The schools are clean and in good condition.
The school year start and end dates are appropriate for this community.
The scheduled holidays are the right ones for this community.
The times that the school day begins and ends are appropriate for this community.