








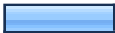




1. My oldest child in the district is in..

		Response Percent	Response Count
High School (9th thru 12th grade)		44.9%	297
Junior High (7th or 8th grade)		18.0%	119
Elementary (K thru 6th grade)		37.2%	246
answered question			662
skipped question			3






2. I feel technology is important in my child(ren)'s education.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		80.1%	530
Agree		19.2%	127
Disagree		0.6%	4
Strongly Disagree		0.0%	0
I don't know		0.2%	1
answered question			662
skipped question			3

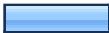





3. I am satisfied with the amount of technology available to my child at school. For more info on what is available in classrooms, visit <http://www.wdmcs.org/district/technology>

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		16.3%	108
Agree		65.3%	432
Disagree		11.2%	74
Strongly Disagree		2.3%	15
I don't know		5.0%	33
answered question			662
skipped question			3






4. My child is encouraged by most teachers to use technology at school.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		19.1%	126
Agree		58.5%	386
Disagree		6.8%	45
Strongly Disagree		0.6%	4
I don't know		15.0%	99
answered question			660
skipped question			5






5. I have a child in 6th thru 12th grade and I am satisfied with how often my child's grades are updated in Infinite Campus.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		15.2%	99
Agree		39.3%	256
Disagree		9.7%	63
Strongly Disagree		3.4%	22
I don't know		1.4%	9
I DO NOT have a child in grades 6th thru 12th, and do NOT have grades available through Campus.		31.0%	202
answered question			651
skipped question			14

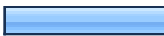




6. I am satisfied with my schools usage of Campus Messenger to send emails to update me on relevant school and classroom information.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		33.6%	222
Agree		56.8%	375
Disagree		4.4%	29
Strongly Disagree		1.7%	11
I don't know		3.5%	23
answered question			660
skipped question			5






7. Most classroom teachers respond to my messages in a timely manner. (When I send an email or voice message to a classroom teacher, I receive a response within 24 hours, with either an answer or at least the status of my question.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		42.0%	277
Agree		45.1%	297
Disagree		4.9%	32
Strongly Disagree		1.7%	11
I don't know - I have never contacted any of my child's teachers		6.4%	42
answered question			659
skipped question			6






8. School administrators respond to my messages in a timely manner. (When I send an email or voice message to an administrator at school, I receive a response within 24 hours, with at least acknowledgement of my question.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		23.9%	157
Agree		30.5%	201
Disagree		5.3%	35
Strongly Disagree		1.8%	12
I don't know - I have never contacted an administrator		38.4%	253
answered question			658
skipped question			7

9. School Board Members respond to my messages in a timely manner. (When I send an email or voice message to a school board member, I receive a response within 24 hours, with either the answer or at least the status of my question.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		4.1%	27
Agree		6.2%	41
Disagree		1.5%	10
Strongly Disagree		0.8%	5
I don't know - I have never contacted a school board member		87.4%	578
answered question			661
skipped question			4

10. I am satisfied with the district's notification system that is used to alert me via telephone of school early dismissals and cancellations.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree		52.3%	346
Agree		40.7%	269
Disagree		1.7%	11
Strongly Disagree		0.9%	6
I don't know		4.4%	29
answered question			661
skipped question			4

11. What technology services are we doing well?

Response
Count

224

answered question

224

skipped question

441

12. What suggestions do you have for improving district technology services?

Response
Count

256

answered question

256

skipped question

409

Q11. What technology services are we doing well?

1	all	Apr 11, 2012 7:39 PM
2	Good use of Windows PCs and mainstream software in the classroom.	Apr 1, 2012 9:01 AM
3	A lot of items are going well but need to be fine tuned as you do.	Mar 8, 2012 1:54 PM
4	School closings.	Mar 8, 2012 8:53 AM
5	I like the frequent interactions with the computers.	Mar 8, 2012 3:54 AM
6	Inf. Campus, Phone calls with updates/changes	Mar 7, 2012 10:13 PM
7	I just love the weekly missing assignments. I forward this to my son's phone that has his email.	Mar 6, 2012 4:25 PM
8	I like the elementary level infinite campus and the district's notification system.	Mar 6, 2012 8:16 AM
9	I like Edmodo. My son needs to learn how to turn stuff into a computer based server, as will likely be needed for applying for jobs when the time comes.	Mar 5, 2012 10:16 AM
10	The advancements that you have made in the 4 yrs between my youngest and oldest student are great. Wish they all had been available then.	Mar 4, 2012 4:48 PM
11	Campus Messenger. Infinite Campus is a good tool but it is not used consistently and often not updated in a timely manner. I like the new late assignments alert.	Mar 3, 2012 9:13 PM
12	Literacy software, where younger children are on the computer weekly.	Mar 3, 2012 3:56 PM
13	Students being able to access their drives from home - really a nice tool!	Mar 3, 2012 10:43 AM
14	Parent notification of absences, bldg issues, the new notices for VHS students of "missing assignments"	Mar 2, 2012 11:10 PM
15	The wdc's district website is great.	Mar 2, 2012 8:29 PM
16	The alerts for school closings and announcements work well.	Mar 2, 2012 6:28 PM
17	Love getting the emails. That's the most help for me as a parent. The emails with missing assignments is really a help. Thank you for sending those.	Mar 2, 2012 5:06 PM
18	Infinite campus in general.	Mar 2, 2012 3:02 PM
19	Use of technology in the classroom.	Mar 2, 2012 1:39 PM
20	All.	Mar 1, 2012 5:17 PM
21	All by what I can tell.	Mar 1, 2012 5:16 PM
22	telephone alert of school early dismiss and canceled school.... receive emails through teachers	Feb 29, 2012 11:38 PM
23	I like the Infinite campus app for the iPhone	Feb 29, 2012 10:43 PM
24	First of all - GREAT JOB pulling the district info into the tech age!!! Would like to	Feb 29, 2012 9:13 PM

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	see the school web pages do a better job of staying up to date on current and upcoming events.	
25	notifications, campus messenger,	Feb 29, 2012 5:39 PM
26	I like that flyers are electronic now. It prevents issues with them getting lost. I think the emphasis on teaching students how to use technology is very adequate.	Feb 29, 2012 3:53 PM
27	Announcements, Listing the lunches and lunch money on the infinite campus is helpful.	Feb 29, 2012 12:58 PM
28	iPads in the elementary classrooms...students don't realize they are learning. A great equalizer. Teachers and staff are beginning to embrace the social media.	Feb 29, 2012 9:11 AM
29	infinite campus works well. I'm also pleased that I can communicate with a teacher thru email, archaic as that may sound.	Feb 29, 2012 12:32 AM
30	Campus Messenger	Feb 28, 2012 9:26 PM
31	district's notification system is great!	Feb 28, 2012 5:49 PM
32	I was thrilled to find out my son's kindergarten class was receiving 3 ipads! I would love to see them using them more in the classroom. I also love the idea of using the laptops in the classrooms!	Feb 28, 2012 5:36 PM
33	That the schools are using computers properly to the extent that they can, although the computer themselves are outdated.	Feb 28, 2012 4:50 PM
34	I love Infinite Campus!	Feb 28, 2012 4:03 PM
35	I think most teacher's use the "S" drive, but I would like to know how to access it as well as my student.	Feb 28, 2012 3:32 PM
36	Web sites, communications via email, and other back-office stuff is fine.	Feb 28, 2012 3:17 PM
37	The iPads are fabulous. Would be nice to see more of that. If the training could be rolled out faster.	Feb 28, 2012 2:58 PM
38	infinite campus is awesome	Feb 28, 2012 1:48 PM
39	I really like Infinite Campus being able to check grades and lunch accounts (what food is purchased). Daily school messages are helpful -- I especially like how VSW puts a BOLD heading for each announcement as it makes it easy to find the areas that apply to my child only.	Feb 28, 2012 1:14 PM
40	Pc lab, pc-based learning in classroom to learn reinforce reading/math skills	Feb 28, 2012 1:12 PM
41	messenger	Feb 28, 2012 11:58 AM
42	Infinite campus, keeping parents updated via emails or text messages. I think you offer the high school students a lot of opportunity to see there assignment and where they stand in a class via s drive.	Feb 28, 2012 11:57 AM

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43	I like the fact that we can be sent information electronically about anow days or attendance	Feb 28, 2012 11:41 AM
44	Alerts	Feb 28, 2012 10:51 AM
45	notifications	Feb 28, 2012 10:47 AM
46	I like the Edmodo website for the kids, as well as the websites associated with the math program that can help the kids with their math homework.	Feb 28, 2012 10:39 AM
47	Use of technology is inconsistent between grade levels. Some teachers are really involved in technology and others are not. That is understandable but the discrepancy is pretty big.	Feb 28, 2012 10:34 AM
48	I HIGHLY enjoy the ability to schedule PT conferences online! That has been a blessing!	Feb 28, 2012 10:27 AM
49	Adding iPads into the classrooms!	Feb 28, 2012 9:19 AM
50	Email and telephone alerts are very helpful.	Feb 28, 2012 8:51 AM
51	Classroom equipment and adding the iPads. Also the School Lunch Pay online system.	Feb 28, 2012 8:00 AM
52	Email elerts	Feb 28, 2012 4:12 AM
53	All	Feb 28, 2012 12:13 AM
54	Infinite Campus	Feb 27, 2012 11:48 PM
55	district messages	Feb 27, 2012 11:24 PM
56	My elder son LOVES the I-Pad in his classroom. Both of my sons love the FastMath program being used at school.	Feb 27, 2012 10:47 PM
57	Phone auto-notices. Newly added missing assignment feature.	Feb 27, 2012 10:27 PM
58	Email seems to work well.	Feb 27, 2012 10:23 PM
59	I like Campus Portal, I like the iPad App. I like getting emails daily from Indian Hills, and I like their sense of humor.	Feb 27, 2012 10:14 PM
60	Messenger	Feb 27, 2012 9:48 PM
61	Health dept and transportation notifications	Feb 27, 2012 9:43 PM
62	update related to inclement weathers	Feb 27, 2012 9:22 PM
63	Email alerts.	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 PM
64	notifications and newsletters	Feb 27, 2012 9:00 PM
65	I think our district is really trying to stay current with current technology and make this assessible to students. Not all teachers are up to date on the possible uses	Feb 27, 2012 8:34 PM

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	of technology in their classrooms and might benefit from additional teacher training.	
66	updates daily from WDSM schools. I know all activities however I wonder why my son does not receive the same email. I have to write everything down for him.	Feb 27, 2012 8:14 PM
67	Really like infinite campus and daily announcements. Appreciate a personal drive on the school server.	Feb 27, 2012 8:06 PM
68	ALL	Feb 27, 2012 7:39 PM
69	S drive from home is faster	Feb 27, 2012 7:31 PM
70	availability of wi-fi, infinite campus, phone messages, backpack, messenger updates and valley news via email daily plus IH is always nice to stay on top of what is current.	Feb 27, 2012 7:00 PM
71	Love that you teaching them to type!	Feb 27, 2012 6:34 PM
72	I believe you have some technology available but it is not enough for a classroom to utilize for a lengthy period of time. Teachers are not trained on how to integrate the technology into the instruction. They use the technology as an information gathering tool and not to enhance learning.	Feb 27, 2012 6:30 PM
73	calling notification works well,	Feb 27, 2012 6:19 PM
74	Computer skills	Feb 27, 2012 6:01 PM
75	I do like having the app on my phone but the updates are confusing without total possible points listed on test or assignment updates.	Feb 27, 2012 5:25 PM
76	I am very pleased with the communication I receive from both Valley High School and Indian Hills Junior High - I was concerned that when my children reached the secondary level it would be more difficult to keep up the communication, but that has not been the case at all.	Feb 27, 2012 5:24 PM
77	Everything to my knowledge.	Feb 27, 2012 5:11 PM
78	Fine. I do however have concerns that our technology is not always fair to all the kids. As a parent of 4 it is hard to provide up to date technology and computer programs all the time.	Feb 27, 2012 5:00 PM
79	I like the email from teachers telling plans for the coming week, etc., but is there a reason all grades cannot have access to infinite campus?	Feb 27, 2012 4:58 PM
80	I-Pod apps	Feb 27, 2012 4:53 PM
81	Campus Messenger	Feb 27, 2012 4:18 PM
82	The email notifications supply a quick link to important topics at school.	Feb 27, 2012 4:10 PM
83	Infinite campus works pretty well, but there are some features, like the "to do" list, which are rarely accurate. That list should give you access to everything	Feb 27, 2012 3:45 PM

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your child has missing or incomplete form every class, all at once. Instead, it is just a mess with a long list of stuff that never seems to be accurate or useable.

84	emailing, compuer system	Feb 27, 2012 3:27 PM
85	communication	Feb 27, 2012 3:25 PM
86	I like the grading system	Feb 27, 2012 3:24 PM
87	All services	Feb 27, 2012 3:20 PM
88	Nice use of email to stay in touch with teachers	Feb 27, 2012 3:09 PM
89	All of the outlets mentioned in this survey are done well. I also really appreciate the twitter feed and Facebook pages.	Feb 27, 2012 3:04 PM
90	OMG! Virtual backpack, great idea! IC iPad app, great! Got email & phone call when his bus was late, awesome! BOTH dad & I get email (thank you!)	Feb 27, 2012 2:44 PM
91	Communication is excellent - teachers seem to be using campus messenger more and more.	Feb 27, 2012 2:43 PM
92	Messaging, E-mails, alerts and use of on line programs to see downloadable information is very helpfull as outlook to see information sent other wise not being able to open.	Feb 27, 2012 2:37 PM
93	Infinite Campus is a very good solution. The ability to pay fees for meals etc. is also very effective and efficient.	Feb 27, 2012 2:22 PM
94	Portal is very nicely designed...End user friendly for the most part.	Feb 27, 2012 2:19 PM
95	Infinite Campus is awesome - lots of good information updated regularly.	Feb 27, 2012 2:06 PM
96	Campus messenger.	Feb 27, 2012 2:01 PM
97	Love PaySchools!	Feb 27, 2012 1:51 PM
98	The "VPN" solution for students the save work is a good idea so they can have access to the files in/out of school	Feb 27, 2012 1:35 PM
99	I believe that this area is fairly new and growing rapidly and I think the district is doing a good job in trying to keep up and now getting ahead of all the technology out there.	Feb 27, 2012 1:32 PM
100	None	Feb 27, 2012 1:31 PM
101	I believe that for the most part Valley is using technology well, I am disappointed with the continued notification of my children being absent from a class, when in fact I have called the school or they have had a note, this is often teachers not being aware or maybe the office not making the teachers aware and all is does is make for more confussion. Also they have been counted absent with they are at a school aponsered event, again lack of communication.	Feb 27, 2012 1:18 PM
102	All technology services are proper and have a lot of fuctionality, however the	Feb 27, 2012 1:05 PM

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	teachers do not consistently use the technology tools provided.	
103	like automatic notifications	Feb 27, 2012 12:57 PM
104	I do like having the ability to look at the grades during the year.	Feb 27, 2012 12:56 PM
105	general availability of resources to my son	Feb 27, 2012 12:53 PM
106	I think WDMCS is doing well on the technology front. Infinite Campus. Digital Backpack and daily communication with us as parents all seems to be going good.	Feb 27, 2012 12:45 PM
107	Use of Computers in Class Rooms and Presentation	Feb 27, 2012 12:43 PM
108	I like infinite campus!	Feb 27, 2012 12:36 PM
109	Email notifications.	Feb 27, 2012 12:26 PM
110	email	Feb 27, 2012 12:12 PM
111	Daily news and special notices. Also, Infinite Campus.	Feb 27, 2012 12:06 PM
112	I like the things that are being sent using technology from the district-- Tech updates, Informer, etc.	Feb 27, 2012 12:03 PM
113	early dismissals, absences, tardies.	Feb 27, 2012 12:02 PM
114	Infinite Campus.	Feb 27, 2012 11:57 AM
115	The useage of the e-mail system for contact with teachers and school pages is done well.	Feb 27, 2012 11:53 AM
116	Email communication, less paperwork to bring home.	Feb 27, 2012 11:50 AM
117	Great job overall!	Feb 27, 2012 11:48 AM
118	For some notifications I find the telephone messages not to be nearly as effective as emails. In this day and age I will always see an email before I might notice a phone call. But I am pleased and think the technology services are generally handled very well.	Feb 27, 2012 11:42 AM
119	My son who is in 1st grade taught me how to use my new iPhone because he uses iPads at school! I love that he is excited about technology.	Feb 27, 2012 11:33 AM
120	Daily announcement emails (9th grade), weekly assignment/to do emails (6th grade), love the virtual backpack (threw most of the handouts away anyway)	Feb 27, 2012 11:32 AM
121	infinite campus is great if teachers would update it	Feb 27, 2012 11:31 AM
122	Good on all aspects in my opinion.	Feb 27, 2012 11:30 AM
123	email and infinite campus	Feb 27, 2012 11:24 AM
124	Off campus access to school servers via VPN	Feb 27, 2012 11:11 AM

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125	It's there...however in a very limited capacity.	Feb 27, 2012 11:04 AM
126	Wonderful that kids have access to share drives from home to do homework. I like that kids can track their grades easily. I've seen more use of i-pads, internet, and multi-media tools in the Elementary school that I think is great!	Feb 27, 2012 11:00 AM
127	All of them	Feb 27, 2012 10:54 AM
128	This year I have seen several great uses of technology - Virtual Backpack, WDMCS Bog, FB pages for schools/district, and WDMCS Newsletter (really appreciated the articles written by Dr. Ansingh and those that pertain to giving me information on parenting and how I can support my child's education). I appreciate that more information is being "pushed" to me and not some where for me to find.	Feb 27, 2012 10:54 AM
129	We appreciate all the technologies that are available to us in keeping us abreast of our kid's educational progress.	Feb 27, 2012 10:47 AM
130	Grades and emails	Feb 27, 2012 10:40 AM
131	providing the app...it is great...would also like one of the features of the app on infinite campus too where all the current grades are listed on one page.	Feb 27, 2012 10:36 AM
132	infinite campus nutrition site payments, weather notification.	Feb 27, 2012 10:30 AM
133	I like saving paper with Virtual Backpack, and I prefer signing up online for Parent/Teacher conferences to coming in to the building to sign a form. Also the cancellation alerts have been working great.	Feb 27, 2012 10:28 AM
134	Phone / email notices	Feb 27, 2012 10:27 AM
135	I think the teachers do a great job with returning emails in a timely manner. They also do well with notifying parents about classroom illness and school information through email.	Feb 27, 2012 10:26 AM
136	My oldest graduated a few years ago, and I love the improvements since he has left. Particularly with your communications directly with parents. Tech is a huge part of getting our kids ready for the real world, so having direct contact with you is fantastic.	Feb 27, 2012 10:23 AM
137	I love the infinite campus app...great addition. Sometimes however, it seems to not be as up to date as the website?	Feb 27, 2012 10:21 AM
138	Implementing android or ipad tablet.	Feb 27, 2012 10:19 AM
139	all	Feb 27, 2012 10:15 AM
140	Campus Parent portal is a great tool.	Feb 27, 2012 10:15 AM
141	I love the intimate campus. I am on it almost every day or when I get a notification. I use the apple ap and the web site. Great job in allowing parents to stay plugged in to what their kids are doing. It helps!	Feb 27, 2012 10:06 AM
142	The emails are great b/c that is how I find out what I need about events...the kids	Feb 27, 2012 10:03 AM

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	are not very good at bringing home their papers.	
143	Services being provided are great.	Feb 27, 2012 10:02 AM
144	daily messages; infinite campas overall; new report card summaries;	Feb 27, 2012 10:02 AM
145	E-mail alerts of weather and activities groing on	Feb 27, 2012 10:01 AM
146	Notification System, Teacher-Parent Conference	Feb 27, 2012 9:59 AM
147	Happy	Feb 27, 2012 9:55 AM
148	I like the early notification system of automatic phone calls.	Feb 27, 2012 9:53 AM
149	Infinite Campus	Feb 27, 2012 9:52 AM
150	I like Infinite Campus and the level of communication I have with the program access.	Feb 27, 2012 9:50 AM
151	Infinite Campus	Feb 27, 2012 9:46 AM
152	Technology is leveraged really well in my son's 4th grade classroom. His teacher sends tweets about studying for upcoming tests, sample work completed in the classroom and even videos. They have started using Prezi as a visual tool for enhancing learning and my child is teaching me about this new tool! Wow!	Feb 27, 2012 9:44 AM
153	Lots available. My 5th grader is better at powerpoint than me. Love the use of Wiki stuff at Jordan Creek too.	Feb 27, 2012 9:44 AM
154	Campus Messenger	Feb 27, 2012 9:41 AM
155	Teaching kids about on line safety. Keep talking about that it is as important as stranger danger on the playground. They are playing on line games and using lpads as early as 4th grade.	Feb 27, 2012 9:40 AM
156	Appreciate notifications, daily news, etc. on my email. Also enjoy the campus portal.	Feb 27, 2012 9:39 AM
157	We're new to the district and Westridge, but it sounds like basic business technology used for communication (email; website information, notifications and updates) between parents and the school is working well. I like the district and school website. I also like that school handbook, newsletters, and flyers are posted online. There's a lot of information I can access without contacting the school itself, which, between the secretaries and main principal aren't helpful.	Feb 27, 2012 9:36 AM
158	late and missing homework service	Feb 27, 2012 9:36 AM
159	I do think you are continually striving to bring ease to the users and stay abreast of needed updating. Thank you.	Feb 27, 2012 9:35 AM
160	I like Infinite Campus, Campus Messenger, and Virtual Backpack. Also, I like the training of teachers and giving them 3 I-pads in the clasroom.	Feb 27, 2012 9:31 AM
161	the use of electronic messaaging	Feb 27, 2012 9:31 AM

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162	emails and campus messenger- work well. Virtual backpack is not being used. maybe others look at it- but not our family.	Feb 27, 2012 9:30 AM
163	Reporting about students. Orwellian monitoring of students movements and severe punishment at slightest misstep. Numerous families seeing their child's lives detrementally altered without attempting to understand complete situation.	Feb 27, 2012 9:30 AM
164	The payment system for adding money to my kids' lunches is easy to use and fast. I wish we had that when I was a kid!	Feb 27, 2012 9:29 AM
165	telephone of early dismissals and cancellations the missing homework e-mail notification that you are working to implement -- I think that it is going to be an awesome communication tool between parent and teacher. I also like the lunch account system - very user friendly	Feb 27, 2012 9:28 AM
166	Continued improvement - Keep it up!	Feb 27, 2012 9:27 AM
167	Communication	Feb 27, 2012 9:27 AM
168	I love Campus Portal and the West Des Moines Messenger.	Feb 27, 2012 9:26 AM
169	I am very pleased with the iPads being used in the classrooms for learning. The email notices and newsletters are a huge savings to the environment (I know how much paper is saved because I used to distribute all the paper notices to the teacher mailboxes!). The best example of technology use I know of is Mrs. Deb Vail at Fairmeadows Elementary. She is very informative with her classroom blog and also videos of the kids learning - giving us a glimpse at our kids learning environment and making them feel proud.	Feb 27, 2012 9:24 AM
170	campus mess., apps for infinite campus	Feb 27, 2012 9:24 AM
171	All	Feb 27, 2012 9:19 AM
172	daily and periodic emails are great for communicating and I like when the teachers start using that as well to save paper for the District	Feb 27, 2012 9:18 AM
173	smart music you-tube videos in science and biology making students make power point presentations	Feb 27, 2012 9:18 AM
174	Generally, I think technology is done well in our district.	Feb 27, 2012 9:17 AM
175	The best thing is the ability to communicate to parents what the child hears as announcements :)	Feb 27, 2012 9:13 AM
176	Notification and online students' homework upload	Feb 27, 2012 9:11 AM
177	Introducing the latest in technology to classrooms such as iPads.	Feb 27, 2012 9:10 AM
178	There seems to be access to basic productivity applications.	Feb 27, 2012 9:09 AM
179	NOTIFICATIONS MOST GRADE BOOKS ARE TIMELY BUT ONE CLASS I AM NEVER QUITE SURE WHERE HIS GRADE STANDS. I BELIEVE THIS IS DUE TO OTHER ISSUES BEYOND CONTROL AND THAT THE TEACHER UPDATES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.	Feb 27, 2012 9:07 AM

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180	most services are well preformed	Feb 27, 2012 9:07 AM
181	The email and cell phone service for school dismissals works well.	Feb 27, 2012 9:07 AM
182	I appreciate the process, however waiting up to two weeks or more to get a grade in is pretty much pointless.	Feb 27, 2012 9:05 AM
183	I have been impressed with the ability for me to interact with my child and teacher while deployed with the Army. I was able to conduct 2 parent teacher conferences and talk to the class via video while deployed in Afghanistan. This is extremely important to our family since I am gone for several months throughout the year.	Feb 27, 2012 9:04 AM
184	notifications of school closings- excellent. like the missing assignment notification as well. Paying for lunches on line - excellent and easy!	Feb 27, 2012 9:04 AM
185	I haven't seen too much of a positive in the technology arena. The website does have some good info on it, but it is rather arduous to find that information sometimes.	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 AM
186	E-mail. Infinite campus. District school newsletter.	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 AM
187	My kids seem to have ample time to use computers at school and the teachers seem to do a nice job integrating technology into their classrooms. Some of the websites that the kids go to after school are NOT educational though.	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 AM
188	All are fine. I wish we could email back the global ones sent out that say do not respond	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 AM
189	Infinite Campus, Campus Messenger	Feb 27, 2012 9:02 AM
190	More access	Feb 27, 2012 9:00 AM
191	Notification system and emails.	Feb 27, 2012 9:00 AM
192	Infinite campus, Virtual backpack, late assignments, emails etc.	Feb 27, 2012 8:59 AM
193	Infinite campus	Feb 27, 2012 8:59 AM
194	Find Infinite Campus very beneficial.	Feb 27, 2012 8:57 AM
195	Using technology to learn and research.	Feb 27, 2012 8:55 AM
196	It's good when the teachers have their own websites and post assignments, etc.	Feb 27, 2012 8:55 AM
197	Very well done overall - usage of school board mtg blog and Twitter; good usage of notification system, daily email from Stilwell	Feb 27, 2012 8:54 AM
198	Inf. campus, alerts,	Feb 27, 2012 8:51 AM
199	None	Feb 27, 2012 8:47 AM
200	iPads are being used well in some classrooms. I like how the district has incorporated facebook at the elementary level. I also like Virtual backpack.	Feb 27, 2012 8:46 AM

Q11. What technology services are we doing well?

201	I think the district does a great job of communicating with parents on a general level.	Feb 27, 2012 8:45 AM
202	I feel as though the teachers do a great job having students use computers in the classroom.	Feb 27, 2012 8:38 AM
203	I greatly appreciate the availability of Infinite Campus, as well as the email updates. I am very impressed by the school's overall use of technology to keep parents informed and provide an easy, fast channel of communication.	Feb 27, 2012 8:37 AM
204	Love the mobile campus portal app! Having the children use technology to upload assignments is fantastic!	Feb 27, 2012 8:28 AM
205	great communication back to parents	Feb 27, 2012 8:27 AM
206	e-mail	Feb 27, 2012 8:27 AM
207	Infinite campus, on-line scores , scheduling parent teacher appointments, school alerts.	Feb 27, 2012 8:20 AM
208	COMPUTERS, CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY	Feb 27, 2012 8:18 AM
209	Strong communication	Feb 27, 2012 8:18 AM
210	website,e-mails and call notifications	Feb 27, 2012 8:16 AM
211	The tools offered in the classroom are great introductions to word, excel and simple navigation on search engines.	Feb 27, 2012 8:12 AM
212	I love the Campus Portal to keep abreast as to how my students are doing - I also think that the district is an 8/10 on alerts.	Feb 27, 2012 8:12 AM
213	Overall, and given funding limitations inherent to a public school district I think it's being done well.	Feb 27, 2012 8:09 AM
214	no idea	Feb 27, 2012 8:03 AM
215	very good - all of them	Feb 27, 2012 8:03 AM
216	kids working on s drives	Feb 27, 2012 8:03 AM
217	I like infinite campus as a tool to review how my child is doing.	Feb 27, 2012 7:58 AM
218	Infinite campus, notifications, email though campus messenger	Feb 27, 2012 7:55 AM
219	The daily emails are great.	Feb 27, 2012 7:51 AM
220	Notification.	Feb 27, 2012 7:48 AM
221	Messenger is wonderful but seems under used at times. District notification is working well.	Feb 27, 2012 7:44 AM
222	back office.	Feb 27, 2012 7:44 AM

Q11. What technology services are we doing well?

223	telephone	Feb 27, 2012 7:43 AM
224	all	Feb 27, 2012 7:41 AM

Q12. What suggestions do you have for improving district technology services?

1	make sure all parents get the districts notification system messages because i dont get anything	Apr 11, 2012 7:39 PM
2	Integrate Macintosh computers and especially iPads. Tablets have huge education potential and the iPad is far and away the best in class. Please adopt them sooner than later.	Apr 1, 2012 9:01 AM
3	Get rid of social media problems/issues at all schools: it's making kid's addicted to it, not education. Therefore, have technology "block" a lot more websites, etc. that they should not be in. Two, make computer grades like the gradebook in such like: has it been turned in, still waiting to be graded, the items you already have, etc. due to there are many times a parent does not know why so many missing assignments, grades not posted, etc. due to delays, etc. Thanks,	Mar 8, 2012 1:54 PM
4	What would be nice is for teachers to have grades update and have assignments available online. Like when u view a check online for banking. It would be nice to be able to click on the assignment and view it. Most of the time the assignments of test r not returned. If they were returned in a timely man or they could be used for studying for chapter test for finals.	Mar 8, 2012 8:53 AM
5	I-Pads :), more prompt responses to e-mails of information, I rarely will look at the website but will try to read all e-mails so for me attatchments work better for me then links as to what is going on in the community and such. Thanks!	Mar 8, 2012 3:54 AM
6	computers (at least 1) in each classroom availabe for student use, AT options	Mar 7, 2012 10:13 PM
7	Safer security, closer monitoring of student usage.	Mar 7, 2012 12:10 PM
8	I don't find much on intermurals at high school. I'd love to see more of that in the notifications and other school sports of when to sign up. Also, if we could add kids emails to receive the announcements. My daughter is in high school and doesn't stop to look at monitors.	Mar 6, 2012 4:25 PM
9	Get the high school teachers using infinite campus, so that it can be a tool for both the student and the parents. If grades are not updated or in some cases they have their own unique system of grading that does not fit with infinite campus, this does not help parents or students.	Mar 6, 2012 8:16 AM
10	My son is at Clive Elementary. The communication via email is nonexistent and an ongoing frustration with me. It is very difficult to know what is going on at Clive - no email messaging from Campus Messenger and the website is very outdated. The school's PTO tries to supplement with its own email list and FaceBook - which is helpful - but does not replace hearing from the school's admin.	Mar 3, 2012 9:13 PM
11	As technology evolves, continuing to add elements in the classroom are important.	Mar 3, 2012 3:56 PM
12	Keep up the good work. Encourage teachers to use it more often.	Mar 3, 2012 10:43 AM
13	Some of the VHS teachers still resist the use of tech, while others embrace it. My students need to be fully vetted in the use of technology to be able to thrive in today's college environment. My children take their laptops to school, but not	Mar 2, 2012 11:10 PM

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all teachers allow the use of computers in the classroom. My daughter has had difficulty during the 2 instances she has had to print a last minute document in the VHS media center.

14	The webpage(s) are difficult to use	Mar 2, 2012 10:33 PM
15	My daughters complain that computers they are using often malfunction which limits the time they have in school to work on assignments that the teacher has allowed time for.	Mar 2, 2012 6:28 PM
16	I am satisfied with the times updated but wish if grades started dropping that they would contact us by email or phone personally. Sometimes I am not able to check in as much as I like and being updated with an email would be beneficial to correct it before they can get any worse. I apologize if this does not fall into this category but wanted to give you a suggestion.	Mar 2, 2012 5:06 PM
17	Can you find a way to take out the ? that appear in the wrong places in some of the e-mail messages?	Mar 2, 2012 1:39 PM
18	Keep up the good work.	Mar 1, 2012 5:17 PM
19	None.	Mar 1, 2012 5:16 PM
20	My child sometimes cannot access the S drive at VSW, and we cannot access the documents saved in Publisher at home because we have a Mac and don't own that program. It'd help if all the documents were in a format we could access from a PC or Mac. Thanks.	Mar 1, 2012 1:40 PM
21	The weekly emails have some repeated content and the line spacing is bad, most of the time it all runs together. I would suggest different formatting	Feb 29, 2012 10:43 PM
22	I think it is great to have technology access for the kids at school, but with it should come education about tech dos and don'ts, computer viruses, cyber bullying and manners when communicating in a tech world. It is hard for us to teach that.	Feb 29, 2012 9:13 PM
23	When contacting a teacher, principal, nurse, guidance counselor, etc. for the first time it seems there are always spam filter issues. Can this be improved?	Feb 29, 2012 8:11 PM
24	if possible, improve PC-literacy from early age, exposing children to spreadsheet and word type software as part of their math / literacy education.	Feb 29, 2012 1:42 PM
25	If the teachers or administrators have not responded to an e-mail in 24 hours give them an automatic alert on their e-mail when they open it up.	Feb 29, 2012 12:58 PM
26	Install cell phone jamming technologies in the schools to eliminate that constant distraction in the classrooms. We have got to gain back control of our classrooms for the intended purpose. I am very dissatisfied with what is going on school on this issue. Cellphones have absolutely no place in the classrooms or hallways of our schools.	Feb 29, 2012 11:42 AM
27	Education regarding technology and bullying in elementary? - Laptops for all high school and/or junior high students? - Additional summer training for those teachers who are resistant to technology (Technology Academy)? - Website(s)	Feb 29, 2012 9:11 AM

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	could be more dynamic and updated more often to reflect what is going on in the district. - Fundraising for specifically technology for the district?	
28	send text message instead of phone calls. for the most part... good job!	Feb 29, 2012 12:32 AM
29	Fix Campus Portal to make getting around quicker. Having to click schedule everytime is annoying. As is deleting messages and having to go back to the main screen and entering new messages everytime. It's burdensome	Feb 28, 2012 10:52 PM
30	My children are so accustomed to using handheld devices and tablets as learning tools, but I notice these types of devices are not available in the elementary buildings. It makes me wonder if future purchases will include these types of technology tools?	Feb 28, 2012 10:36 PM
31	Often I get an automated message from a teacher - but they do not tell me who they are or what subject they are teaching. With multiple kids in school it's not easy to know which Math or Science or whatever teacher this is - and to which kid it pertains. Also, including an email for reply would very much help. Since the automated messaging does not allow a reply it's frustrating to go digging for the teacher's email address online. Just put the name, subject, school, and contact info at the bottom of every email as many of us in the business world do in our email signatures.	Feb 28, 2012 10:21 PM
32	I would like children to have access to there work at home. If they are working on an assignment which requires them to work on at school they should have access to that assignment or the "drive" if they log on from home.	Feb 28, 2012 5:50 PM
33	Actually, it would be nice to have teacher's give lesson plans WITHOUT the use of technology. Don't make them have to look up all assignments online. Just give them an assignment straight out the old fashioned way - some are going techno overkill and doing everything EXCLUSIVELY online when that is really not necessary..	Feb 28, 2012 5:49 PM
34	Continue to use more technology at young ages and train the teachers of what they can educate parents to do at home.	Feb 28, 2012 5:36 PM
35	I know my child's classroom has Ipods and I pads that are used for learning; however, I am not sure all classrooms in her grade level have the same. I think it is important for all classes (at least within the same grade level) to have access to the same technology and use the technology in the same ways.	Feb 28, 2012 5:13 PM
36	The district should be moving towards technologies that the students will be using in the future. Such examples as touch screens, tablets, i-Pads.	Feb 28, 2012 4:50 PM
37	I think WDM school district is doing a great job with technology services!	Feb 28, 2012 4:03 PM
38	I think the technology we have is used, I believe we need more technology in the school to keep up.	Feb 28, 2012 3:32 PM
39	Before moving to Iowa my daughter's classroom had 6 computers in it, which allowed lots of routine tasks (research for a paper) to be done using the web. I'm not sure if WDM has enough resources to prioritize, but such ubiquitous use of computers is where things are heading	Feb 28, 2012 3:17 PM

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40	I would like to see each elementary school teacher have their own page on the WDMCS website to update parents on activities, lessons, tests, projects, volunteer opportunities, etc.	Feb 28, 2012 2:58 PM
41	we have had some mistakes notifying us of our child being absent when they weren't; caused great panic	Feb 28, 2012 1:48 PM
42	No suggestions at this time.	Feb 28, 2012 1:14 PM
43	Teach kids and parents suggested rules for using technology safely and so that it does not decrease family relationships; teach parents how to use the same technology?; when teaching new technology, include possible 'down' sides of it; if you suggest purchasing iPads, Paz include information about pros/cons to help decisions? (get app of everyday math not website); provide list of online educational websites? (games? Safe games?). If questions, Debbie Schultz 868-8512. Additional info/suggestions from school are always welcome in backpacks! :) Thanks.	Feb 28, 2012 1:12 PM
44	sometimes my kids complain the format in the computers are not the same as at home. Can't print off things completed at home. I think you should have a survey on the foreign languages at the school. INCONSISTENT instructors! Also, languages at VSW/VHS should not consume more of a student's time than the core classes. Languages should have an A and B track - like math. An A student should be able to receive an A in the language they are taking, etc. SO many students graduate from Valley and their only poor grades are in language. Please look at the statistics on this...	Feb 28, 2012 11:58 AM
45	So much is done with technology what about the kids who don't have access to computers, laptops etc.? We have a lot of issues getting our technology at home to work with the technology at school. I wish there was a more uniform way of doing things when it comes to working on assignments at school and at home.	Feb 28, 2012 11:57 AM
46	The attendance resolution should be able to be handled electronically instead of calling into the office and leaving a voicemail. Why can't we acknowledge this electronically. Also, I wish there was an easier way to clear up attendance issues in general. As a parent, we are trying to get to the bottom of the issues and our child always has a different story and every once in a great while, our child is right. If you are going to send out these notifications, tell us what period/class was missed and where we can go to get the proper resolution.	Feb 28, 2012 11:41 AM
47	I receive missing assignment notifications when my child was home ill from school. Very annoying. Per policy, they are not missing assignments when excused absence from school, until they return and have 2 days to complete	Feb 28, 2012 10:51 AM
48	The more technology the better. I think it is important to focus on what kids' lives will be like when they finish high school and they need to be prepared to take advantage of the technology available to them.	Feb 28, 2012 10:39 AM
49	I have a daughter at VSW and Fairmeadows. DAILY, I receive a minimum of 3-5 emails from West Des Moines Schools. It's TOO much! I have stopped reading them and end up missing important info. I have info overload on announcements...BUT I need to be in the know...I don't know how you can make it better. I'm sure there are other parents like me who have so many that they	Feb 28, 2012 10:27 AM

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	only read them sporadically now and end up missing important info. I do have a challenge for you regarding virtual backpack: I NEVER open it-forget all about it! WDM Girls softball this year said they were DOWN around 200 girls for enrolling in grade-school level because they couldn't get the info in parents HANDS. You are in a rough situation: save the planet & inform parents with the right amount of info. I wish I had the answer.	
50	Not able to contact respective teacher by email who has sent the email..... no cancellation this year so do not assess early dismissal.	Feb 28, 2012 9:34 AM
51	with the volume of emails sent I don't have time to read them all and they are not always relevant to me and seem to be information that one could gain if they were truly interested. I think important messages may be missed by some...thinking a particular message is more junk mail from the school and simply deleting it...	Feb 28, 2012 9:32 AM
52	Switch to Apple	Feb 28, 2012 9:19 AM
53	UPDATE GRADES DAILY!!	Feb 28, 2012 9:14 AM
54	Kids West website. It's okay, better than nothing, but it seems to have plenty of room for improvement. Confusing to determine all of the rules of what weeks we have to pay or not for a holding spots. The Kid's West site needs a better weekly/monthly chart to show what's paid or not. Maybe even a reminder notification option when payments are due and missed. thanks.	Feb 28, 2012 8:00 AM
55	None	Feb 28, 2012 12:13 AM
56	teach students more about how to treat each other with social media.	Feb 27, 2012 11:48 PM
57	Staff needs to update infinite campus on a regular basis and they need to use the correct due dates. The staff should also return phone calls and emails. We have had a few staff members who have never returned either.	Feb 27, 2012 10:53 PM
58	Call parent when student is skipping class or being disrespectful.	Feb 27, 2012 10:48 PM
59	Possibly work towards single sign on type environment where possibly a parent can access infinite campus, pay for lunches, check on the students work sites (moodle type), etc. Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback. Brenda Copley	Feb 27, 2012 10:27 PM
60	the tech people can not exercise control over the network when they want to	Feb 27, 2012 10:25 PM
61	As an IT Professional for many years I think that there should be more guidance and pilot project before unleashing relatively technically unskilled teachers on new technology projects such as schoolbookings.net . The Website did not work well and the teachers will ill prepared for handling technology problems. It using this new way of scheduling conferences should have gone through a pilot phase before using it throughout a school. Teachers should have also been trained on how to resolve problems when parents could not access the website and/or their technology had issues.	Feb 27, 2012 10:23 PM
62	I would like to report my child's absence by email or through an electronic	Feb 27, 2012 10:22 PM

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	reporting format rather than leaving a voicemail which often does not get reported only requiring me to call back a second time.	
63	It would be great to be able to delete multiple messages on Campus Portal, or at least not have it bounce back to the home page after each action taken. Really irritating.	Feb 27, 2012 10:14 PM
64	iPads to use	Feb 27, 2012 9:48 PM
65	Daily announcements need to occur day before, not after classes are underway for a couple hours.	Feb 27, 2012 9:43 PM
66	So far I am fully satisfied	Feb 27, 2012 9:22 PM
67	On bad weather days when school is in session, I'd like to be informed about school being open instead of only when a snow day is declared.	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 PM
68	advanced assignments	Feb 27, 2012 9:00 PM
69	I would like to see due dates of all assignments on Infinite campus so I can monitor my child's work and progress. Too often we receive a late/missing assignment notice when it is too late!	Feb 27, 2012 8:51 PM
70	Purchase of more iPads, smart boards installed in classrooms, and offering more opportunities for students to learn and utilize technology on a daily basis. I would even be interested in students being offered the opportunity to possibly take 1 course online each semester at the high school level as a junior or senior. I think online courses is something the district needs to explore.	Feb 27, 2012 8:34 PM
71	can't think of anything . I do like paperless communication.	Feb 27, 2012 8:14 PM
72	Stronger encouragement to students to utilize the tools available for study - We were not aware of most of these tools until this year (Sr). If there was some way that parents could be notified of on-line reviews etc. so that they could encourage its use that would be nice. one other frustration....notification of late assignments but it is due to teacher not entering grades instead of assignment actually being late. This has made it so that we do not rely on the system. On line books would be nice so that the student does not have to carry multiple heavy books back and forth to school.	Feb 27, 2012 8:06 PM
73	condensing the daily volume	Feb 27, 2012 7:39 PM
74	VERY SLOW LOG ON AT SCHOOL	Feb 27, 2012 7:31 PM
75	I wish it was possible to delete "messages" on infinite campus easier.	Feb 27, 2012 7:27 PM
76	Don't know at this time	Feb 27, 2012 7:00 PM
77	More time on the computers needed.	Feb 27, 2012 6:34 PM
78	Teacher training is needed at assist teachers with instructional practices that revolve around 21st century technologies.	Feb 27, 2012 6:30 PM
79	I'd like to see usage of ebooks incorporated into the classroom that also can be	Feb 27, 2012 6:24 PM

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	used at home.	
80	wish teachers would make comments on I.C. instead of it being a total surprise during conferences. ! teacher didn't update online grades from Nov 17 to late Feb-this would be unacceptable at my job	Feb 27, 2012 6:19 PM
81	Do better on the items I disagreed on above	Feb 27, 2012 6:15 PM
82	Virtual backpack needs to come out more frequently and communicated to the parents more effectively.	Feb 27, 2012 6:12 PM
83	allowing the kids to use their notepad computers in class	Feb 27, 2012 6:02 PM
84	Love the Infinite Campus iPad app! I just wish it would load faster.	Feb 27, 2012 5:35 PM
85	Crossing fingers we don't have to use yet this year, but texting early dismissals would be great. (May have this but haven't used in a while.) Virtual backpack isn't very helpful. Either go back to flyers or promote this more. Community group feedback is that attendance is down for things publicized in this manner.	Feb 27, 2012 5:25 PM
86	The hardest one - keep adding more equipment so that when a student needs to use a computer or iPad, it's available.	Feb 27, 2012 5:24 PM
87	Perhaps a better way to look at grades. I have to click schedule then click each class and back to the schedule to change classes when I just want to look at current grades. Maybe have a grade summary then click each class for details about assignments and test results.	Feb 27, 2012 5:21 PM
88	More, clear, parent and student instruction for the use of infinite campus. I would love to be able to see what my kids' assignments will be for the day/week, but either the teachers aren't posting the information or if it is available, it isn't easy to get to. We do appreciate all of your efforts to get information to us. Thank you!	Feb 27, 2012 5:12 PM
89	Would like to see the newsletters, etc. only be available via the web vs. paper - go green and save some costs.	Feb 27, 2012 4:58 PM
90	In regards to the Indian Hills message system - very hard to read/understand some times. Also, it is talking about the day prior, but says "today". It would be nice to get an email update from the teachers on what is going on in the classroom. As you can imagine, communication from our 8th grader is limited, so it would be good to know what they are working on, what projects/tests are on the calendar, etc.	Feb 27, 2012 4:30 PM
91	None	Feb 27, 2012 4:18 PM
92	Enable saving to the "H" and "S" drive from home. It says the file is saved, but it isn't. I would also like to again request that the Campus Portal say Infinite Campus on the district page. Why are two terms used for the same thing?	Feb 27, 2012 4:16 PM
93	I do not think the lower grades offer enough or provide enough computer access.	Feb 27, 2012 4:10 PM
94	See above. Also, the teachers seldom, if ever, use the comment section. It might be nice if they did from time to time, particularly as a tool to motivate or give positive or encouraging feedback.	Feb 27, 2012 3:45 PM

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95	none	Feb 27, 2012 3:27 PM
96	Making sure all teachers have a full understanding of infinite campus and all of the components to the grade book to use it to its fullest potential.	Feb 27, 2012 3:25 PM
97	would like classroom webpage to check for updates on homework, what students are studying and upcoming classroom events. My child is elementary age	Feb 27, 2012 3:09 PM
98	I have a first grade student and a three year old who are iOS natives. I really hope that by the time they are in secondary school they aren't lugging 40lb backpacks that are full of outdated textbooks. I really encourage the district to plan now for delivering curriculum through personal and mobile devices. Thanks for all you do.	Feb 27, 2012 3:04 PM
99	S drive & h drive. He had to do work at home on h drive. Can access it in read only format on our computer. Difficult to access & find stuff on s drive. Not sure if we are the problem there or what. Maybe just not clearly labeled? Only one teacher does not respond very timely.	Feb 27, 2012 2:44 PM
100	to be able to open childs class assignment, curriculum on line to see what they have when they can't explain it or make you understand what they want.	Feb 27, 2012 2:37 PM
101	I think the districts ITS department does a good job of supporting the system and trying to keep it user friendly while still being leading edge.	Feb 27, 2012 2:22 PM
102	I am not a big fan of the mail. I wish it was more setup up like a web mail client. Missing homework should be an easier report to find if not a link right off the main menu..	Feb 27, 2012 2:19 PM
103	An infinite campus i-pad ap?	Feb 27, 2012 2:06 PM
104	Need upgraded computers.	Feb 27, 2012 2:06 PM
105	I think the district's notification system could be improved. Seems like it has been inconsistent....where my wife has gotten the message & I didn't, or vice versa, when I know both cell numbers are on file. Could you email those or text? THat might be better....just a thought.	Feb 27, 2012 2:01 PM
106	In a perfect world, there would be an online account for each child for miscellaneous fees such as field trips, yearbooks, carnival tickets, dance tickets, etc. I would also like to pay book fees online.	Feb 27, 2012 1:51 PM
107	Some areas of the district it may be difficult for some students to have access to technology outside of school, if some sort of "remote" access solution could be used from the public library or like public access location.	Feb 27, 2012 1:35 PM
108	Make the teachers use it daily or at the very minimum weekly.	Feb 27, 2012 1:31 PM
109	More computer experiences at school. My son at Indain hills needs keyboarding and basic computer informtion like how to make a power point etc...	Feb 27, 2012 1:25 PM
110	My suggestions are to stop using technology for everything, There seems to be no human touch. I understand that it is the best way to communicate to the	Feb 27, 2012 1:18 PM

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masses, but it is also assuming that all parents use technology the same. And as far as the grade posting on Infinite Campus and late assignment notifications, it is totally taking away the teachers part, who tells the student they are flunking a course or that they have a missed assignment, is this left up to infinite campus or the parents to notify their student, where are the teachers, again where is the hands on approach. Technology is wonderful, but not when it replaces the human touch!!!!

111	Achieve a 1-week in advance standard for teachers filling in Infinite Campus classroom scheduling of upcoming assignments and tests. Achieve a +1-day standard for teachers filling in assignment grades.	Feb 27, 2012 1:05 PM
112	If it was possible to have a "quick glance" at all the current grades per student, that would be wonderful! it would alleviate having to go from student to class, class, class, student, class, class, class, etc. Please get Windows 7. Laptops.	Feb 27, 2012 12:57 PM
113	When we make updates to our phone or email account to the school for contact purposes, they never seem to get it right. There seems to be multiple lists for contact information and only 1 or 2 are being updated.	Feb 27, 2012 12:53 PM
114	More explanation for those of us that don't even know what certain tech services are, let alone use them for example Edmodo. Neither child or parent knew how to use it.	Feb 27, 2012 12:46 PM
115	As a person who works in the technology arena and have supplied technologies to school districts similar to WDMCS I would like to see the use of an eforms type solution instead of paperwork being sent home with students then brought back by the student to the school. This would help eliminate some of the districts use of paper. Thus saving time, money and administration of the information. We have software that could be of assistance in that arena. I can be reached at kjones@infomaxoffice.com Thank You for your interest in my opinion as a parent of 2 kids in the WDMCS.	Feb 27, 2012 12:45 PM
116	1. More use of Power Points and Graphics to encourage Childrens in various domains of the social sciences. 2. Graphics must include general activities from English Social Studies, History, Science. with motion and time etc. 3. Encourage childrens from third grades to use Power point in classrooms. 4. Use of Touchpads to some extent. 5. Do Not Allow social networks in School(Elementary, middle, high school level).	Feb 27, 2012 12:43 PM
117	None at this time	Feb 27, 2012 12:36 PM
118	More forms that we can complete online. For example, the registration process should be handled all online in terms of completing the forms.	Feb 27, 2012 12:26 PM
119	Seeing how the technological curve is going, somehow getting Tablets into the classroom environment to help those without one at home.	Feb 27, 2012 12:08 PM
120	Increased use of technology in the registration process.	Feb 27, 2012 12:06 PM
121	Our school doesn't use technology effectively. I feel like we should be getting a weekly newsletter including info about assemblies, special events, pta minutes,	Feb 27, 2012 12:03 PM

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etc. Our communication from Western Hills is sporadic and repetitive-- NOT informative and helpful or welcoming to parents.

122	Some teachers seem to be lagging in updating infinite campus. Could you encourage teachers to make more of an effort to do this.	Feb 27, 2012 12:03 PM
123	informing parents on district cuts, including cuts on the VHS building project.	Feb 27, 2012 12:02 PM
124	I would like to see more iPads in the schools available for students who have difficulty writing. The infusion is so limited for my son and an iPad would more beneficial to him in writing notes and emailing assignments to teachers.	Feb 27, 2012 11:57 AM
125	We need electronic smart boards in every elementary classroom k-6 so the teachers can use the web to improve student comprehension of concepts. Students should learn to create power point presentations and use camcorders from 3rd grade up if they are to be competent in the new work force. These are tools many other schools with less funding already have, we need technology to be the priority it is in the real world or attending a West Des Moines school holds these kids back.	Feb 27, 2012 11:53 AM
126	I have had two teachers claim that they did not get my emails and perhaps they went to their spam folders. Why some teachers get them and others do not is a mystery to me and may be something to look into. (If indeed that has been the case)	Feb 27, 2012 11:48 AM
127	It is hard to search for pertinent information if you don't know the exact web address of a site that has important information about my child's activities. For instance, if the coach has a separate website, and you type in that sport in your search engine, you will never get to the information you need. Same with Band, Athletic Boosters and Drama Boosters...link should be there on the WDMCS website to all information from coach/Booster Club. Also, Coaches and Booster clubs should have to get all clothing purchases from the same source for discounts and it should be available on WDMCS website.	Feb 27, 2012 11:42 AM
128	I don't have as much knowledge of this aspect of the school but I am always surprised at how little use there seems to be of technology in the classroom setting. I would think the district should strive to have a ipad on every desk and never again purchase a textbook. I think the notifications and grade tracking are done well but I don't think the use of technology for educating kids is coming close to utilizing the technology available today.	Feb 27, 2012 11:42 AM
129	iPads...	Feb 27, 2012 11:32 AM
130	see # 12	Feb 27, 2012 11:31 AM
131	I like that teachers are having more access to I-pads in their classrooms, of course more would always be great.	Feb 27, 2012 11:30 AM
132	As the parent of a Westridge student, getting a handle on where information/communication comes from is challenging. Email, campus messenger, newsletters, websites, PTA (to say nothing about the backpack communication).	Feb 27, 2012 11:21 AM

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| 133 | <p>Virtual classroom access when students cannot attend class. I know this is a big political jump but we should be using technologies like GoTo meeting & WebEx. Something to look to apply in the future since they will be using these in the workforce.</p> | Feb 27, 2012 11:11 AM |
| 134 | <p>Investment. My sons, their friends and virtually any house you go to is more technically capable than the school itself. It's not a secret, the societal demands of technologies is only increasing. I visit my sons' classrooms often, and the computers there are antiquated, at best, slow and not applicable to real world applications. Our use of technology in WDM schools does not adequately prepare the students for advancement or even placement. It is very clear that the investment made in school technology isn't made with a roadmap, it's made at a point in time, it's good for a couple of years and then fades until it becomes a boat anchor. After such, the cycle of proposals, approvals and such begins and by the time any decisions are made the technology is outdated. 90% of the kids carry more technology in their phones than is represented in the classroom. That's a sad statement for any community's educational system and even worse of your own child is immersed in it. My only suggestion is investment...subsidize the investment by fees to the users and show what their fees are going toward. Transparency in the process will make the process become much more palatable.</p> | Feb 27, 2012 11:04 AM |
| 135 | <p>I LOVE the idea of virtual backpack, but people are not getting it. I think efforts to note it in the school board minutes helps, but I'm still finding parents who don't know about it. I wish I had a better suggestion for you. Maybe teaching kids how to get there so they can teach their parents? Wonder if someone could come up with a 'game' like 'School Website Hero'. We've used something like that with the new MS office tools to give people a fun way to learn how to use them. Sounds like a good tech class project.</p> | Feb 27, 2012 11:00 AM |
| 136 | <p>Since i am using payschool page very often, iwould sugegest if there is a link on the main page, maybe under Nutrition link to payschool page... thanks</p> | Feb 27, 2012 10:54 AM |
| 137 | <p>I would like to see VHS send out Campus Messenger notices that are specific to parent and what parents want and need to know - not just student announcements. Information like "finals week" schedules, report card availability, etc.. would be great to know as a parent. I did appreciate that there was more information provided this year via Campus Messenger than in the past - like detailed information on Parent Teacher Conferences. More information related to learning and not just extra curricular activities would be appreciated! I would like to see more education on how parents should best use Infinite Campus and "Missing Assignments" technology to positively support their children's learning. I also think that teachers and administrators should be given more training on these technologies - including seeing what parents see when they go on or receive emails. There still seems to be a disconnect between "teacher use of Infinite Campus" and "parent us of Infinite Campus". Even at the most basic level of knowing how the system looks and operates for each side. Also, how should our students be using Infinite Campus to support their own learning? Also note that Infinite Campus does not allow families engagement in their children's education since it only reports what has already happened, so it allows family reaction to education. To engage families would need to know what their children will be learning next - an understanding of curriculum and benchmarks.</p> | Feb 27, 2012 10:54 AM |

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138	None, at this time.	Feb 27, 2012 10:47 AM
139	It is inconsistent. The notification process does not always work. I have called school several time and for some reason it keeps getting turned off for me to receive notifications.	Feb 27, 2012 10:41 AM
140	There are too many duplicate emails with the same information.	Feb 27, 2012 10:40 AM
141	making sure the email on file for our family is never put in a spam file when an email is sent to a teacher...in other words any email listed on the parent info sheet at registration is placed on the valid email contact list so emails from parents are received to all wdmcs email addresses. Would like school board members to have a wdmcs email address as well and have it linked to whatever email account the board members used. I have this feature through my college....the email address is different yet it is delivered through my yahoo email account.	Feb 27, 2012 10:36 AM
142	reminding parents edmodo is necessary to finding childs homework and projects	Feb 27, 2012 10:35 AM
143	Your notification phone system is great, but am very disappointed that you believe it is so elite that you do not register the district with Iowa Alert or other agencies so that I can receive an instant email from the newstations or other sources. Your system is NOT foolproof and I do not receive timely emails notifying me of school closures.	Feb 27, 2012 10:33 AM
144	There should be a better way to coordinate all the notifications we get via email and FB	Feb 27, 2012 10:30 AM
145	Keep focused on technology as it grows.	Feb 27, 2012 10:30 AM
146	The use of hte emergency phone message for the warning about students using facebook was an inappropriate use. It was not a critical message. When parents see a 633 call, they take it and this message would have been more appropriate as an email.	Feb 27, 2012 10:29 AM
147	Can't think if anything. I wish the kids watched less movies during class time, since THAT kind of technology IS available at home and the kids get enough of that as it is.	Feb 27, 2012 10:28 AM
148	Regarding use of technology in the classroom. Currently, students are allowed to bring an ereading device into the classroom but not allowed to bring an iPod with downloaded books. An update to this technology policy should be made, especially since many ereading devices have the same gaming/texting capacities.	Feb 27, 2012 10:27 AM
149	It would be nice to provide the classrooms with more iPads and current technology.	Feb 27, 2012 10:26 AM
150	I'd like to see a less clunky iPhone app and iPad or other tablet used for text books and such.	Feb 27, 2012 10:23 AM
151	One of the biggest issues with grades/assignments in Infinite Campus for us, are things that are marked "missing" but may not be. I would really love to see a	Feb 27, 2012 10:20 AM

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method to mark it "turned in", but not yet graded. Perhaps placing a barcode each paper and barcode scanners in each classroom, so that the teacher (or even students themselves!) could scan the barcode when they turn it in, which would then automatically update the assignment to "Turned In" on Infinite Campus. That way, we as parents could focus on other things, rather than wonder if it is truly "missing" or not.

152	Implementing more android or ipad tablet.	Feb 27, 2012 10:19 AM
153	none	Feb 27, 2012 10:15 AM
154	I have always felt things are hard to find on the website.	Feb 27, 2012 10:13 AM
155	Keep pushing the envelope. Tablets replacing written planners. E text books on the tablet.	Feb 27, 2012 10:06 AM
156	N/A	Feb 27, 2012 10:03 AM
157	It would be interesting to have a social-media type place where you would see parent's questions and the responses.	Feb 27, 2012 10:02 AM
158	should not have to go in to each subject individually to get actual work, grades, marks.	Feb 27, 2012 10:02 AM
159	Have teachers respond to email questions!!! Its as simple as that... 2-5 days response is acceptable!!! Also, have teachers enter grades, test scores immediately...1-5 weeks delay on Infinite Campus is also.. unacceptable - we need to have immediate feedback!!!	Feb 27, 2012 10:02 AM
160	Text implementation	Feb 27, 2012 10:01 AM
161	I received the daily message by e-mail. It would be great if the message section on Infinite Campus had a "Delete All" function to delete all message that have been previously read w/out having to open each one in order to delete it. Thanks	Feb 27, 2012 9:56 AM
162	I think you need to educate the parents more... a note home without any follow up is a note lost and parents who never log in to the system...	Feb 27, 2012 9:55 AM
163	I suggest having students and/or teachers provide daily updates. The students copy their planner notes that the teachers write on the board each day which is great, but I think the teachers should copy/transfer these notes somewhere online to view.	Feb 27, 2012 9:53 AM
164	None at this time	Feb 27, 2012 9:52 AM
165	Using technology more for instruction, not just typing papers.	Feb 27, 2012 9:50 AM
166	More Autodesk products	Feb 27, 2012 9:50 AM
167	There seems to be a disconnect between Infinite Campus and actual grades. In addition, it does not appear that completion of missing assignments are timely reported.	Feb 27, 2012 9:49 AM

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168	The teachers are using the system. We seem to get a lot of duplicate messages.	Feb 27, 2012 9:47 AM
169	I wish the computer lab was like a specials class (PE, Music, Media, etc) and the little ones (K-2) went a little more regularly. I think but am not sure of how early proper fingering for keyboards is taught- don't want them to develop bad habits. Wish my student could access their saved work from home via the internet vs having to put things on a jump drive.	Feb 27, 2012 9:44 AM
170	The campus messenger emails are annoying and redundant -- stop including info that has already been sent to me in a previous email (e.g., a group's pancake fundraiser, info about the winners of team/individual sports); I don't need to receive that information TWO or MORE times. It would be nice to be told these things ONCE in an email, then have it be posted by subject at the bottom of the email so I can click on a link to that info if I want to view the details again. As for reminders about events about to expire (e.g., "last day to order merchandise to support XYZ's group is tomorrow," or "Don't forget to pre-order your tickets for the upcoming play . . ."), those extra reminders are welcomed and helpful. Overall, the manner in which things are posted in the Campus Messenger is very outdated.	Feb 27, 2012 9:41 AM
171	It should be an expectation that EVERY teacher update infinite campus in a timely manner. No exceptions.	Feb 27, 2012 9:41 AM
172	So far so good, but I don't like what I hear from parents and people who like the cutesy forms of technology. From what my child is learning in the tech lab, it's appropriate for her grade level. Web videos in the classroom can enhance learning. Please keep in mind that this generation of students (K-12) is different from their parents and administrators. The trend in schools currently is to waste time and play with technology tools because parents and teachers miss the point of providing education while playing. For example, PowerPoint is not a skill - creating bullet points at the 3rd grade level isn't a skill, however, true communication skills should be emphasized in school (writing full sentences, constructing Venn diagrams in PowerPoint, etc.). With the PTA pushing tablet and app uses, I hope you will consult educators and Human Computer Interaction/tech usability experts before implementing anything silly or following "fads". Emphasize education and learning. Kids are clearly losing the ability to think and really problem solve (especially with the presence of the Everyday Math program here in WDM). Kids aren't even required to know math facts here before 4th grade - it's appalling, but a different issue. Maybe you can implement apps for math facts and the basics if you have parents and principals who can't enforce the value of such things. Please stay focused and provide value when implementing new technology. You can consult researchers like Jacob Nielsen (useit.com) and other technology experts before wasting your money. Good luck.	Feb 27, 2012 9:36 AM
173	make the campus messenger messages either/or so I don't have a full inbox when visiting infinite campus AND my personal email inbox. deliver to one or the other, not both. get the electronic registrar ASAP.	Feb 27, 2012 9:36 AM
174	As the saying goes...garbage in, garbage out. That being said, in light of my comments above, there might need to be a minimum set of "human standards" established to try ensure that teachers too are held accountable for using this technology such that the information (assignments, grades, etc) is timely and	Feb 27, 2012 9:35 AM

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	reliable.	
175	We are always called/emailed when our son at Valley HS has an excused absence and has provided a note to the office. Why are notes even asked for if they are ignored EVERY time and we have to contact the office after the fact anyway? This is a terrible problem with the office and is extremely inconvenient for the parents.	Feb 27, 2012 9:33 AM
176	Would prefer to receive text messages on my cell phone for early dismissals/cancellations. Voice mails can take 24 hours to get to me; text messages 10 minutes.	Feb 27, 2012 9:32 AM
177	Need more access to I-pads in the homeroom classrooms and for use with ESL and pre-K students. If classrooms have limited use of I-pads please send classroom aps home so students can play/learn at home.	Feb 27, 2012 9:31 AM
178	Change Virtual backpack. more tablets in the classrooms. 1 to 1?	Feb 27, 2012 9:30 AM
179	Inspire students with cutting edge technology and limit class sizes to 20 students. Study after study shows benefits Encourage student involvement and contribution, Quit alienating individuallity and creativeness by rote memorization. Quit alienating males in the classroom. Quit hiring large arrogant bullying administrators such as your new Valley and Valley-South principals who are clearly out to make a "name" for themselves and do not care about all of the students. Take the current hyper-conservative board and replace them with people who truly care about the students. The trend in this and many other American cities is to gravitate toward more and tighter regulation in the schools and less human enlightenment. Your students are bored stupid by the repetition. They are not encouraged to think for themselves. They are instead forced into a culture of group-think.	Feb 27, 2012 9:30 AM
180	The KidsWest scheduler needs an upgrade. It doesn't seem to keep my password, the system can tell if I'm paying four weeks in advance but I still have to enter a password (?), and it's hard to make changes/navigate in general.	Feb 27, 2012 9:29 AM
181	none at this time...I am sure will have more as my children progress through the district.	Feb 27, 2012 9:28 AM
182	Integrating tablets.	Feb 27, 2012 9:27 AM
183	More use of tablets in the classroom	Feb 27, 2012 9:27 AM
184	I would like to see my student actually have to use windows programs more, like Excel, Powerpoint..I do not feel he gets many projects that require him to use these tools.	Feb 27, 2012 9:26 AM
185	I think you are doing such an amazing job!	Feb 27, 2012 9:24 AM
186	More enc for the teachers to find online sources of learning and then send the links to the parents so we can enc our children to use them	Feb 27, 2012 9:24 AM
187	More tests to make sure system is working properly.	Feb 27, 2012 9:21 AM
188	Keeping communicating	Feb 27, 2012 9:19 AM

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189	more computers available in the elementary schools	Feb 27, 2012 9:18 AM
190	don't know I'd like the kids to learn how to use library resources too. They only research on-line.	Feb 27, 2012 9:18 AM
191	One area for improvement is a lack on pcs at the high school. Lots of what is done requires a internet accessible pcs and not everyone has that at home. Not sure if it feasible given our size, but school issued laptops would be great! The one area I feel needs changing is the phone ringing at 6:00 AM to let us know there is no school. Most check the tv if weather is bad and there is no need to wake an entire house for information people are more than capable of getting on thier own.	Feb 27, 2012 9:17 AM
192	The portal doesn't always reflect grades correctly if the teacher hasn't posted the grade yet but the points are included in the calculation.	Feb 27, 2012 9:15 AM
193	Elementary buildings need smartboard, grade communication tool similar to 6-12, and ipads in classrooms (the current process is going way to slow), ipads are easy to use and I can't believe it takes this long to train the teachers to use them.	Feb 27, 2012 9:14 AM
194	I can't wait for the "late" or "missing" notification--whoever thought of that obviously has been on this side of the fence and that will be wonderful!!	Feb 27, 2012 9:13 AM
195	more use of iPads and laptops in education	Feb 27, 2012 9:13 AM
196	Post at-a-glance grades. Busy parents should have the option to preview the grades/missing assignments and then link out to get the details.	Feb 27, 2012 9:12 AM
197	Parents need a way to see teacher's lesson plans. Mrs. Mack at Valley Southwoods told me that I could access that info on the S drive. After much consulting between the V. Southwoods office lady and the technology dept I still couldn't access what I needed. My daughter finally showed me what I wanted to see through her S drive but parents should be able to access this info also. We have a right to know what is being taught to our children.	Feb 27, 2012 9:11 AM
198	Making textbooks available online (i.e eliminate physical textbooks). Allocate an iPad for every student for in-class use for textbooks. Mostly Paperless homework.	Feb 27, 2012 9:11 AM
199	The only teacher who has ever NOT responded to my e-mail has been Mr. Borness the Social Studies teacher at Indian Hill. I am very disappointed with that.	Feb 27, 2012 9:10 AM
200	Difficult to understand why so many teachers in primary grades refuse to incorporate technology offerings into their classrooms, such as iPads or new innovative ways to incorporate lessons using technology. There needs to be a minimum requirement, with training provided for the teachers, for all teachers to use technology in their classroom so certain classrooms aren't disadvantaged due to the specific teacher they have. Another suggestion is the need to increase numbers of PCs, iPads, etc. or time in the computer lab available to each classroom - needs to be increased to keep up with technology. Most subjects could benefit from increased technology integration.	Feb 27, 2012 9:10 AM

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201	Focus less on _training_ for application use, and more on _educating_ about the technology fundamentals. I don't like seeing so much focus on "PowerPoint" and "iPad". Just as kids learn arithmetic and not just use of calculators, they should learn file systems and some command line tools, not _just_ whiz-bang GUIs. A foundation should be laid of the fundamentals of computer architecture. I am disappointed that kids are taught to treat "technology" as an appliance and not a tool they can shape and control. Why, after 50+ years of computing are the kids not taught one little bit of computer science or programming? I wrote BASIC programs in 4th grade, and at least the computers the schools had included a BASIC interpreter. Today's iPads/laptops/PCs probably don't have a programming language installed by default. Almost every STEM based career will include some programming, and 4th-8th grade is an ideal time to get started, in my opinion.	Feb 27, 2012 9:09 AM
202	make assignments that are requested to be done electronically Mac compatible. my child was docked points because the teacher could not open the assignment and she could not find anyone in the school that could help her open the project that was done on an Apple computer. Either tell the students to use Windows only or have the ability to read an Apple format. I love the Campus Portal and look at it almost every day. When we get notified that a grade has been posted it would be nice to have that flagged some how so you can easily tell which grade has been added. This would be helpful since grades are not always posted chronologically. This is a very minor issue but I know it would help me. Thanks, Pete Olberding DDS	Feb 27, 2012 9:07 AM
203	You need to rework the daily email messages. On most days, I receive 3-8 messages from the schools, and most of the content is repeated from the prior days' messages. Valley Vibes is especially bad at repeating the same content for days if not weeks. Because there is so much repetition, and because we receive so many separate repetitive messages, the messages tend to blur together and get ignored, even when there's new content amid the repeats. I recommend sending a weekly message for the items you've been repeating, and daily messages only when the urgency warrants it.	Feb 27, 2012 9:07 AM
204	Keep up the good work - Thank you!	Feb 27, 2012 9:06 AM
205	Teachers should make it a part of their everyday schedules, then it would not feel like such a burden.	Feb 27, 2012 9:05 AM
206	Believe MS SharePoint would be a great technology for the district to look into.	Feb 27, 2012 9:04 AM
207	an electronic planner that parents can access for assignments.	Feb 27, 2012 9:04 AM
208	I think that the integration of ever changing technology in the classroom is a vital part of the future of education. I think that as a whole, the school system needs to start looking into tablet technology for the classrooms to help assist in furthering a students education experience(Especially in the K-5 area). I know that from a home perspective, the use of a tablet to assist in my child's spelling, reading and mathematics has really helped them focus their attention on the learning task at hand.	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 AM
209	Not sure. Most services adequate, but difficult to list in this forum. Maybe form a focus group of parents to glean ideas and suggestions for better performance in	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 AM

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210	Make the online system for Kids West payments MUCH simpler! Finding what you need in the historical data is very difficult. I pay by paper form just because the online system is NOT user-friendly.	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 AM
211	I wish we could email back the ones that say do not reply.	Feb 27, 2012 9:03 AM
212	Websites throughout district not user friendly. Hard to find things without searching. Not arranged how parents think.	Feb 27, 2012 9:02 AM
213	More computers should be available for students. Also, perhaps some library time to use computers. I don't believe my student has been to the library at all this year.	Feb 27, 2012 9:00 AM
214	The technology is there...it is up to the teacher's to use infinite campus properly!!!!	Feb 27, 2012 9:00 AM
215	Not sure.	Feb 27, 2012 8:59 AM
216	I have no suggestions	Feb 27, 2012 8:59 AM
217	Stop calling my house at 5:30 am for school closures!! Or give us an opt-out. LOVE the notification system to my cell phone, but don't want the entire house woke up to tell us we can sleep in! I've basically changed our phone numbers at all of the schools so that my home phone isn't even listed anymore.	Feb 27, 2012 8:57 AM
218	Technology services are fine. Encourage teachers to post assignment scores in a timely manner. Otherwise of no learning benefit to student.	Feb 27, 2012 8:57 AM
219	Teach the kids who to appropriately "disconnect" and how to be wise relevant technology users rather than "consumers". Also teach in importance of face to face conversations, body language, critical thinking, innovation and problem solving wether or not it is with using technology! -- ie "communication goes well beyond information sharing."	Feb 27, 2012 8:56 AM
220	Use of technology for grades is often not current and confusing, especially at the grade school (K-6) level.	Feb 27, 2012 8:55 AM
221	None	Feb 27, 2012 8:55 AM
222	Continue the same	Feb 27, 2012 8:54 AM
223	I cannot tell you how many different times I fill out the same basic contact information for each child each school year. And yet, there is no way for me to opt in or opt out of being in a school directory. One building requires the parent group to solicit (on yet another form) families' information and prints a directory with phone numbers and email addresses and street addresses. The other building's staff produces a directory but only has phone numbers and street addresses. Each directory seems to come out late November. In short, given all the information that is collected, it would be nice if the district could help families connect with one another. The stronger the sense of community, the stronger the schools.	Feb 27, 2012 8:53 AM

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224	I think the technology piece is fine. The communication content or lack of communication is very frustrating especially when the technology vehicle is in place. I.e. the registration process could easily be done on-line.	Feb 27, 2012 8:53 AM
225	Signing up for classes - need to bring parents in on this sooner - less than a week is not enough time. This happens most and repeatedly at VSW.	Feb 27, 2012 8:51 AM
226	I think it would be ultimately better if ALL assignments, worksheets, etc, were on infinite campus, etc, so that if a child is home sick, they can still do the work from home.	Feb 27, 2012 8:51 AM
227	Be more organize and do your job	Feb 27, 2012 8:47 AM
228	I would like to be able to see online school lunch data without having to email someone to get a report. Payschools shows payment info, but not usage data.	Feb 27, 2012 8:46 AM
229	SEnding out the weekly notice as to missing assignments is great, but teachers need to be updating there records as to which assignments have been turned in and which ones are still out standing.	Feb 27, 2012 8:45 AM
230	better and more computers for students at school, especially those in computer graphics classes	Feb 27, 2012 8:27 AM
231	texting alerts	Feb 27, 2012 8:27 AM
232	Get android app.	Feb 27, 2012 8:24 AM
233	I understand the cost-savings of the virtual backpack but it's out of sight, out of mind and I rarely think to go online to read the info. When we received paper info, I was much more informed. I would prefer paper copies but if that's not possible, then an email rather than the virtual backpack would be better for me.	Feb 27, 2012 8:23 AM
234	I would like to see Mr. Myers (orchestra) do a better job of communicating to parents. Most times he doesn't communicate an activity until the week of the event. If my child knows sooner than that, they don't always remember to tell me.	Feb 27, 2012 8:21 AM
235	On-line school (or ..audio of video recordings of classes) for children who cannot attend school during enclement weather or when a child is very sick and has to stay at home for several days. School lessons and homework can continues inspite of a student's inability to be at school. Parents' have/must take the onus to ensure that assignments are complete.	Feb 27, 2012 8:20 AM
236	MORE SMARTBOARDS, TEXT MSG NOTIFICATIONS FOR EARLY OUT AND WEATHER EVENTS	Feb 27, 2012 8:18 AM
237	More exposure to Apple computer products as they are more and more being used for businesses today.	Feb 27, 2012 8:18 AM
238	Make the websites easier to use--they're cluttered and it's hard to find information.	Feb 27, 2012 8:16 AM
239	ensure calendar is updated	Feb 27, 2012 8:16 AM

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240	Stop using the virtual backpack...I really think the elimination of paper handouts for community are really damaging the numbers of community programs such basketball, softball, baseball.	Feb 27, 2012 8:12 AM
241	Have administrators follow up on their teacher usage of Campus Portal, pick a teacher and follow for a semester or half a semester, rotate through without the teacher knowing which day or week you are checking and then you will know which ones use it on a daily basis and which only use it once a month or once or twice a semester.	Feb 27, 2012 8:12 AM
242	Able to mass delete notifications in Infinite Campus instead of individually. They are duplicative of the emails we receive.	Feb 27, 2012 8:09 AM
243	Each Student should have an iPad or Laptop for day to day use in the classroom.	Feb 27, 2012 8:05 AM
244	no idea	Feb 27, 2012 8:03 AM
245	making computers compatible with pcs not just macs	Feb 27, 2012 8:03 AM
246	Please find a way to allow me to delete more than one message at a time. It is not a good use of my time to have to sit and delete each individual message. I like receiving the information on meals, but I do not have time to open each one every week. If that is available at this time, then provide guidance on how you can delete more than one email. There are only a few teachers that utilize the assignments piece and some teachers are not as timely with posting grades, etc. which is a challenge if you are trying to stay on top of things and encourage your child at home.	Feb 27, 2012 7:58 AM
247	Each teacher needs a website that contains things like field trip permission slips, spelling lists, test dates, study guides, etc.	Feb 27, 2012 7:55 AM
248	More access to color printers.	Feb 27, 2012 7:51 AM
249	I don't think this falls under what you're asking in this survey but I'd like to see keyboarding taught to all students (didn't it used to be?) + computer science (programming, graphic design) introduced at a much earlier level and offered up to advanced levels. This is where the jobs are for graduates; if students are introduced to the concepts young and in a fun way, perhaps they'd be more likely to pursue comp sci or comp engineering as a career.	Feb 27, 2012 7:48 AM
250	Make the policy equitable within the schools where we don't have one classroom with additional technology in use and others, within the same grade level, without the technology in use. Also, have a concentrated effort with incorporating technology in to some of the 'specials' classrooms, like English Language Learners, Special Ed, and Reading Resource. Alternative learning methods may help improve child development in these areas.	Feb 27, 2012 7:48 AM
251	Provide laptops for students to use. Also, improve the lunch program by providing the cost of food purchased by students on the electronic report	Feb 27, 2012 7:45 AM
252	More technology needs to be available at the Junior High level. My child had more available through elementary school and then went back to the dark ages	Feb 27, 2012 7:44 AM

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in Junior High. Seems that it should be the opposite of this!

253	ebooks for the library. Each student should have a portal with a dropbox for homework, assignments, shows quiz results grades as a way to communicate with parents.	Feb 27, 2012 7:44 AM
254	systems are improved and schools doing the best they can.	Feb 27, 2012 7:41 AM
255	I have a fourth grader with a kindle fire. It would be great to be able to check books out from the school library on that or a similar device. It would also be wonderful to be able to download text books, etc. Their backpacks are heavy! I guess I would like all their work or much of it to be done on a tablet.	Feb 27, 2012 7:40 AM
256	There are way way too many campus messenger emails that go out. As a working parent, I would rather have one bigger email once a day than 10 throughout the day.	Feb 27, 2012 7:40 AM