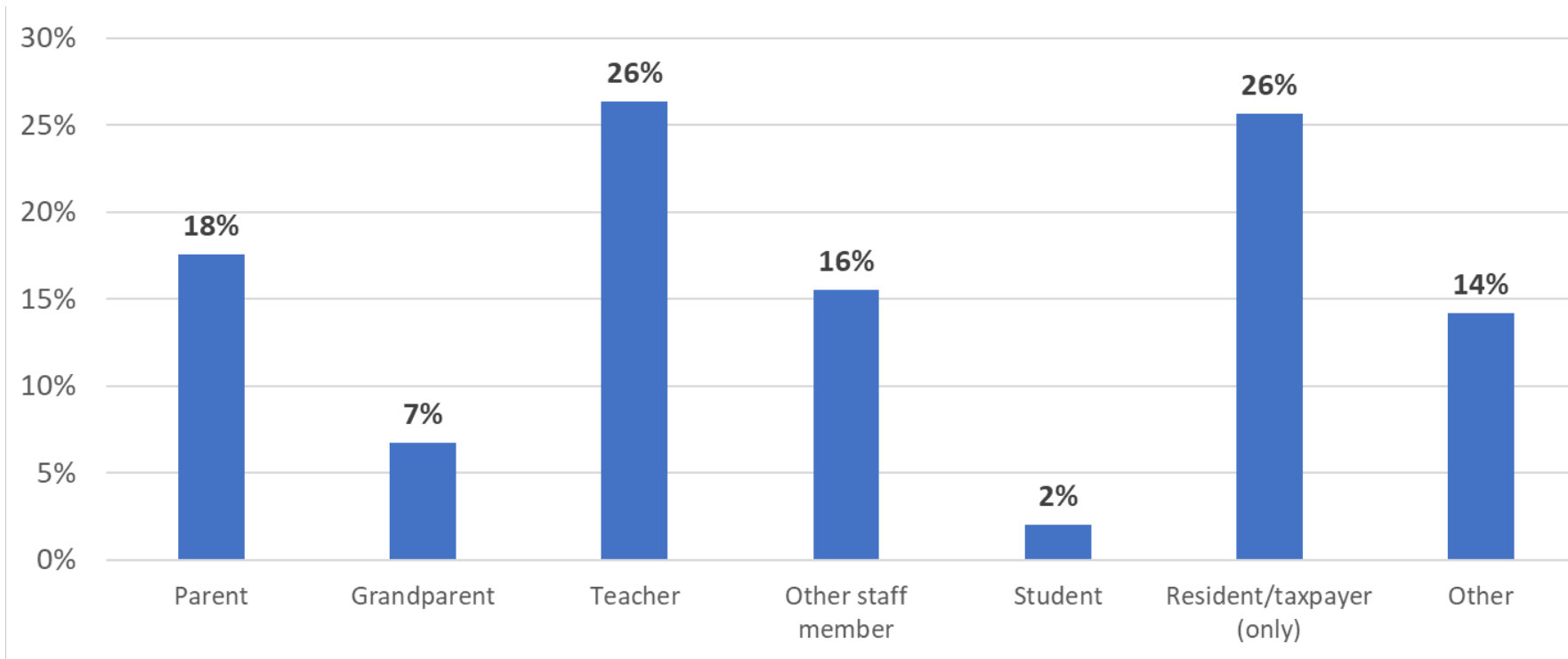


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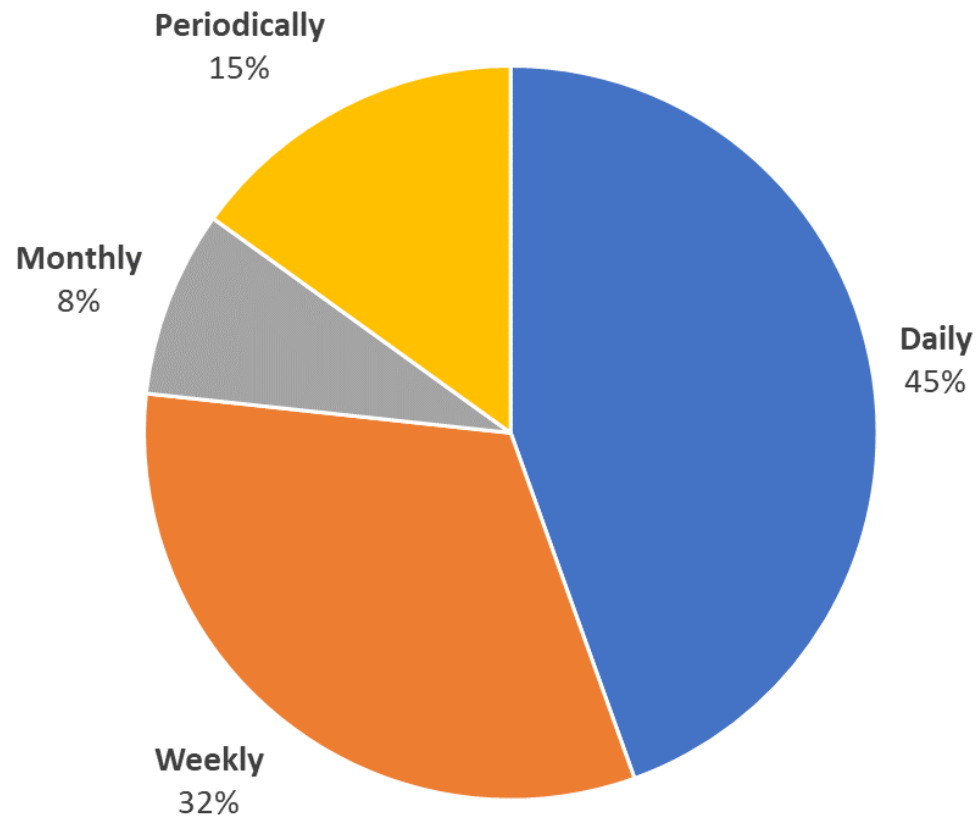
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Which best describes your connection to Gary Community Schools?



How frequently do you keep up-to-date with what's going on with the school corporation?



What does Gary Community Schools do well?

- ▶ Feeding students
- ▶ Connecting with parents
- ▶ Concern for student welfare, safety
- ▶ Caring and dedicated teachers and staff
- ▶ Positive environment
- ▶ Fiscal management
- ▶ Educational materials
- ▶ Technology upgrades
- ▶ Theatre Guild
- ▶ Sports improving
- ▶ Help students who need additional support
- ▶ Increase salaries
- ▶ Keep community informed
- ▶ Prepare students for the real world
- ▶ Bethune Pre-K
- ▶ Put kids first
- ▶ School improvements
- ▶ Re-building curriculum
- ▶ Sending out messages through different channels

In what areas could Gary Community Schools improve?

- ▶ Facilities
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Increasing enrollment
- ▶ Timely information
- ▶ Give community a voice
- ▶ Cleanliness
- ▶ Cafeteria food variety
- ▶ Uniform policy on student discipline
- ▶ Support teachers
- ▶ More extra-curricular activities
- ▶ Security
- ▶ Smaller class sizes
- ▶ Bus service
- ▶ More support staff
- ▶ Academic achievement
- ▶ Teacher development, training
- ▶ Collaboration
- ▶ Parent engagement
- ▶ Consistency in programming
- ▶ Hands-on learning
- ▶ Heating and cooling
- ▶ Conflict resolution
- ▶ Bring back life skills class
- ▶ More rigorous curriculum
- ▶ Communicate with alumni
- ▶ Get rid of vacant buildings
- ▶ Livestream board meetings
- ▶ Utilize career center
- ▶ Reduce politics
- ▶ More field trips
- ▶ Technology

Academics will be a focus going forward. What supports would you most like students to receive to advance their academic achievement?

- ▶ Preparation for job training, trades
- ▶ Internships
- ▶ STEM
- ▶ Chemicals, equipment for science labs
- ▶ Tutoring for those struggling
- ▶ Experiential learning activities
- ▶ Saturday school (voluntary)
- ▶ Phonics
- ▶ Qualified teachers/aides
- ▶ Critical thinking skills
- ▶ Speaking and writing
- ▶ School newspapers
- ▶ Books that look like them
- ▶ Development and coding
- ▶ Literacy/reading
- ▶ The arts
- ▶ Improve special education
- ▶ Mentoring
- ▶ Field trips
- ▶ Behavior support
- ▶ Counseling and social work services
- ▶ Book clubs
- ▶ Outside speakers
- ▶ High ability programs
- ▶ Add African-American studies
- ▶ Parent education/assistance
- ▶ Involve state universities
- ▶ Indiana Black Academic Excellence Plan
- ▶ Summer school/camp
- ▶ More African American, male teachers
- ▶ Training in economics
- ▶ Alternative learning for disruptive students
- ▶ Robotics

What do you think should be the most important priority for Gary Community Schools over the next two years?

- ▶ Academics, academics, academics
- ▶ Collaboration
- ▶ Regain trust of parents who have sent kids to charters
- ▶ Student support
- ▶ Make sure students ready for the next grade level
- ▶ Local school board
- ▶ School climate and culture
- ▶ Curriculum
- ▶ Graduation rate
- ▶ School psychologists, SEL
- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Safety, discipline
- ▶ Transparency
- ▶ Transition
- ▶ Student engagement
- ▶ Parental involvement
- ▶ Preparing and equipping teachers
- ▶ High school course offerings
- ▶ Respect for teachers
- ▶ Extra-curricular options
- ▶ Building maintenance
- ▶ Maintain balanced budget
- ▶ Increase expectations
- ▶ Access to sports and arts

How would you measure success for the school corporation over the next two years?

- ▶ Stabilize enrollment
- ▶ Growth across all grade levels
- ▶ Decreased behavior incidents, suspension rates
- ▶ Stability
- ▶ Students on grade level
- ▶ Safe learning environment
- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Graduation rate (dropout rate)
- ▶ Respect for others
- ▶ Implement transition plan
- ▶ Continued fiscal health
- ▶ Parent satisfaction
- ▶ Parent engagement
- ▶ Student participation
- ▶ Diploma type
- ▶ Lexile scores
- ▶ College/career readiness
- ▶ Teacher appreciation/morale
- ▶ Turnover of school leadership
- ▶ Improved facilities
- ▶ 3rd grade reading proficiency
- ▶ Standardized tests
- ▶ Updated technology

If you have a question you would like to MGT answer at this forum, please list it below.

- ▶ What will keep the Schools from sliding back to financial emergency when the locally elected board gets control back?
- ▶ Why are students that aren't performing at their grade level not retained and moved on to the next grade level?
- ▶ How will MGT measure academic improvement?
- ▶ How many students will graduate in 2022 and with what type of diploma?
- ▶ What is the literacy plan?
- ▶ What are the Board's top 3 priorities and what resources are you putting behind them to advance them?
- ▶ What happened to the High Ability program?
- ▶ The citizens of Gary voted for a referendum We cleared our debt; why is it hard to let the citizens that control of our district?
- ▶ What have they done this year to improve the school's communication, attendance rate, parent involvement, and school culture?
- ▶ How will you improve academics when academics have decreased during previous years?
- ▶ Do we have arts back in the school? Are foreign languages being offered? When will the pool open?
- ▶ Will there be after school activity and sports/drama/clubs?
- ▶ What is your vision for the school corporation?
- ▶ When will trainings be offered in support of return to local control? Has MGT ensured the community understands the steps needed to take to ensure local control is attainable?
- ▶ What is the plan for eliminating the numerous transportation issues that the district faces?
- ▶ What will the structure be beginning June 2024? Will it be a board and what is in place to ensure we won't be back in the same position? What will the checks and balances be between administration and everyone else?
- ▶ What steps will be taken to address the learning gaps of students and what curriculum will be used to support this?
- ▶ What is in place for measures of discipline in schools?