

### **Parent Needs Assessment Focus Group**

When considering your child, how satisfied are you with their growth in school?

- Very satisfied
- Best school in Lowell

What has been successful for your child for academic achievement?

- Letterland is something she comes home extremely excited about and can go through all the letters, characters, and sounds
- Seen great growth in Math, ELA, and Writing
- Using the CUBES strategy in Math helps organize their thoughts
- Students like ST Math more than using the workbooks and want to do it at home
- Seeing improvements in their writing and grammar as they have moved from 1st to 2nd grade

What has been successful for your child outside of academics?

- Noticing a lot of SEL strategies being used at home and practicing the skills taught at school
- All of the Specials have been great and kids talk about them everyday
- The 21st Century Program is great for the parents and students who access it. Students really like the gym days

In your opinion what could be improved to increase your child's level of success?

- More push for students who are accelerated
- Advanced students could use more supports to push further and make things more challenging
- There are parts of the day where higher achieving students are put into groups reading chapter books in 2nd grade but does not seem to happen everywhere
- Send more work home, especially writing so parents can see how their students are doing

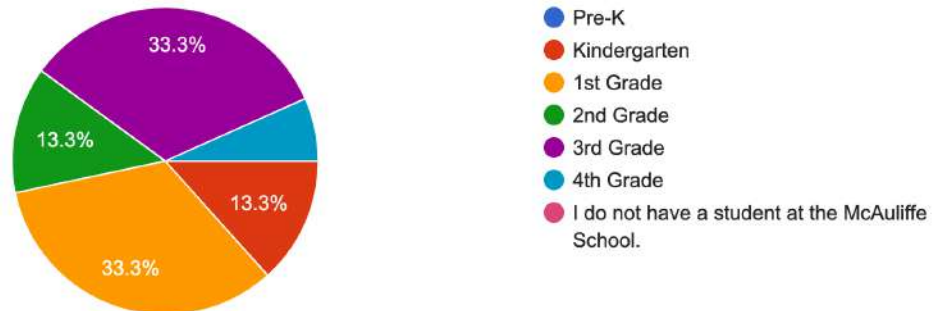
What ideas do you have to provide more support to McAuliffe students?

- As much support for classrooms as possible
- More translators for families who speak other languages especially Portuguese

## Parent Survey Results

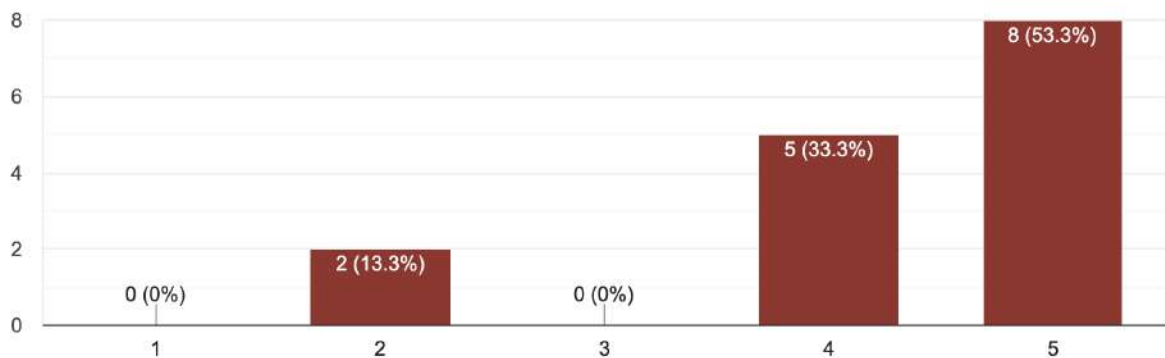
What grade is your student in at the McAuliffe School?

15 responses



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What has been successful for your child?

- Reading
- Learning to read
- they know how to read now but thats about it.
- ILL group to help her boost her reading skills helped a lot after all the COVID disruptions. I know her class is also currently doing Heggerty for reading/phonics, which has also really helped her reading and especially confidence in trying to sound out words.
- She also really loves the 21st Century Program.
- learning how to comprehend reading skills
- Reading
- Getting along with students and staff

- Great teaching
- He's talking a lot more and doing a good job learning how to read. He's also excited to learn more.
- I love that the McAuliffe focuses on the whole child including character development. To me this is most important. I appreciate that Nadine is learning to be honest, work hard and be goal centered. If she has learned those things she is she can learn her whole life.
- Reading and asking for help
- Supportive environment, chances to be a leader, chances to learn to win or lose in a healthy way, stress reduction techniques (Mrs. Cayer integrates into class.) McAuliffe has the BEST teachers and both my kids have benefitted greatly from
- Being there. The extra curricular are also wonderful and the outside school events help create the McAuliffe community. So glad there was a fall festival this year!
- In person learning

What could be done to improve your child's level of success?

- I did not get to meet with my child's teacher this year. She was out for a while and now that she is back I've heard nothing about parent-teacher chats
- the teacher could actually communicate with us why our kids are regressing in subjects. the school had a meeting about how we as parents need to help but yet there hasnt been consistent communication at all that was promised. We are already looking at other schools because we feel the school is failing our kids. they have regressed in knowledge of areas that we know they know. the report card comes in as they are barely meeting levels yet no comments on what is going on in the classroom or how for us can help support. its been frustrating and ive lost a lot of respect for the school.
- Reading groups
- Programs/initiatives to boost writing & confidence in writing.
- I believe he would benefit of haveing one on one attention with reading/ writing due to being a bit behind considering kindergarden was basically full remote
- Make classroom time more fun
- More small group and instruction by level
- Learn how to read more and her math
- Nothing, you are perfect.
- More one on one but understandable that we are in a pandemic. Teachers are doing what they can.
- I wish the gaggle therapy hadn't ended so suddenly.
- Remote learning when kids become exposed to Covid

What ideas do you have to provide more support to McAuliffe Students?

- More opportunity to see what my child day is like in the classroom
- there needs to be better communication between the parents and teachers. i feel this teacher just doesnt care that the kids are suffering.
- Do your best,give it your all
- As for the weather being extremely cold some mornings/ days I do feel that it is necessary that children should be able to have those days remotely. It would be more logical then missing a day, when it is completely unbearable to be outside.
- Due to the covid restrictions, and what not, I believe the children are definitely over due for field trips!
- Make class time fun and hqve more fieldtrips
- Translators, more social emotional learning amidst the pandemic
- I appreciate the help and support Nadine receives at McAuliffe.
- I knew to reach out to the social worker, Mrs. Moulton, when we needed some help to support our child around our divorce, but I think not everyone knows there is a social worker they can reach out to for help.
- Remote learning when kids are sick or become exposed to Covid.