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2026 Student Climate & Mindset Survey

Presentation Purpose

- Review districtwide Student Climate & Mindset Survey results
- Celebrate areas of growth across KPBSD
- Identify opportunities for continued improvement
- Support administrators in using survey data to guide school improvement efforts

Executive Summary

- 1,881 completed responses collected across grades 3–12
- All six districtwide scales increased from 2025 to 2026
- Strongest gains were seen in School Climate, Instructional Depth, and Wellness
- Grades 3–5 showed growth across every scale

Districtwide Highlights

- Students feeling safe at school increased from 78% to 83%
- Adults treating students with respect increased from 77% to 80%
- Peer intervention during bullying increased from 47% to 57%
- Instructional Depth improved across all categories

Community & Connectedness

- 83% of students report they care about their school
- 90% care about their community
- Students reporting principals ask for ideas increased from 58% to 63%
- Students encouraged to do their best increased to 86%

School Climate

- 83% of students feel safe at school
- 80% say school is welcoming
- Respect from adults increased districtwide
- Positive peer interactions improved

Social-Emotional Learning

- Respect for differing opinions increased from 80% to 84%
- Students remaining calm under stress increased from 59% to 64%
- Teamwork and ethical decision-making remained strong

Student Mindset

- 89% believe they will graduate high school
- 85% report having goals for the future
- Secondary students showed slight declines in motivation indicators

Instructional Depth

- Students reported stronger critical thinking opportunities
- Growth in problem-solving and independent learning
- Increased opportunities to compare multiple solutions

Wellness

- Wellness increased districtwide from 3.70 to 3.86
- Elementary Wellness showed the strongest growth
- Students reported increased opportunities for physical activity

Grades 3–5 Highlights

- All six scales increased
- 88% feel safe at school
- Strong gains in self-regulation and collaboration

Grades 6–12 Highlights

- Positive gains in School Climate and Connectedness
- Student Mindset decreased slightly
- Opportunities remain to strengthen engagement and future confidence

Recommended Next Steps

1

Review

- Review school-level data with leadership teams

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Celebrate

- Celebrate successes with staff and families

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Identify

- Identify focused improvement priorities

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Embed

- Embed findings into school improvement planning

Closing Thoughts

- Student voice matters
- Positive school culture impacts achievement
- Leadership shapes school climate and culture

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to KPBSD students.