Your opinion is valuable to us! Please help us to improve public engagement at the CBE by filling in the survey. We will ask you about your satisfaction with past experiences, effective communication and engagement methods, topics that are important to you and how you would like to be consulted on decisions that affect you. Your input will help us to develop a new system-wide approach to public engagement. This new approach will allow us to do a better job of listening to and understanding people's views on decisions that affect them.

The survey will take 10-15 minutes, depending on the length of your answers. All information provided in this survey will be kept confidential and shared in an anonymous way. This survey will be open until Dec. 11, 2015.

* Choose the categories that apply to you (choose all that apply):

☐ Parent/guardian of current CBE student(s)

☐ Parent/guardian of former CBE student(s)

☐ Parent/guardian of a student in another school district/board

☐ Parent/guardian of a child not yet in the education system

☐ Member of the public

☐ CBE Student

☐ Former CBE student

Throughout this survey, please complete only the questions you have the knowledge and experience to answer. If a question is not relevant to you, please feel free to skip it.

What grade are you currently in?

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How well informed are you about CBE decisions (system and school level) that affect your education?

○ Very informed

○ Informed

○ Uninformed

○ Very uninformed

○ I don't know

Where do you get information about CBE decisions (system and school level) that affect your education?

☐ Parents

☐ Teacher

☐ School Administration (e.g., principal, assistant principal)

☐ The CBE

☐ Other (please specify)

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How interested are you in sharing your ideas and feedback to the CBE on topics that affect your education?

○ Very interested

○ Interested

○ Uninterested

○ Very uninterested

○ I don't know

Based on your personal experiences, to what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about your past and current experiences as a CBE student:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
I have had opportunities to share my thoughts on decisions that affect my education.	○	○	○	○	○	○
When I receive information on topics related to my education, it is easy to understand.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I can easily find additional information on topics that affect my education.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I have been able to provide input on the best way for me to share my thoughts and ideas.	○	○	○	○	○	○
After sharing my thoughts and opinions, I was shown how my input was used in making the decision.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I am encouraged to take part in sharing my thoughts and feedback on decisions that affect my education.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I feel like my voice has been heard when I share my thoughts and feedback.	○	○	○	○	○	○

On what topics have you been asked to share your thoughts and feedback in the past? Select all that apply.

- [ ] Transportation services (routes, ride times, travel distances etc.)
- [ ] School and learning program changes
- [ ] CBE budget
- [ ] School calendar (e.g., first & last days of school, timing of PD days)
- [ ] Class organization/configuration
- [ ] Course offerings
- [ ] Fees for services
- [ ] Where fundraising dollars are spent at your school
- [ ] Goal setting

What other topics have you been asked to provide your opinions and feedback on?

On what topics would you like to share your thoughts and feedback?

What have been the most effective ways you have been asked to share your opinions and feedback?

What have been the least effective ways you have been asked to share your opinions and feedback?

What are the best ways to get students to participate in sharing their ideas?

Are you a current CBE employee?

○ Yes

○ No

If you have a child (or children) attending CBE schools, please indicate the grade(s) that your child or children are in. Please us **K** for Kindergarten and numbers 1 - 12 for each grade.

Child 1 [   ]

Child 2 [   ]

Child 3 [   ]

Child 4 [   ]

Child 5 [   ]

Child 6 [   ]

Child 7 [   ]

Child 8 [   ]

Child 9 [   ]

Child 10 [   ]

What is the primary language spoken in your home?

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Other (please specify)

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Have you or your family been affected by CBE decisions in the past?

○ Yes

○ No

○ I don't know

Please rate your overall experience with decisions on these topics.

	Very positive	Positive	Negative	Very negative	Don't know	Not applicable
Student learning	○	○	○	○	○	○
Fees for services	○	○	○	○	○	○
Transportation services (routes, ride times, travel distances etc.)	○	○	○	○	○	○
School construction or renovations	○	○	○	○	○	○
School and program changes	○	○	○	○	○	○
School and program closures	○	○	○	○	○	○
CBE budget	○	○	○	○	○	○
School calendar (e.g., first & last days of school, timing of PD days)	○	○	○	○	○	○
School development planning	○	○	○	○	○	○
Class organization/configuration	○	○	○	○	○	○
Course offerings	○	○	○	○	○	○
Where fundraising dollars are spent at your school	○	○	○	○	○	○

Please indicate your satisfaction with each type of engagement, based on your past experiences:

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know	Not applicable
School council meetings	○	○	○	○	○	○
Open houses to feature schools and learning programs	○	○	○	○	○	○
Open houses on system topics (e.g. new schools)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Online parent surveys	○	○	○	○	○	○
Thoughtstream/Thoughtexchange (online engagement software)	○	○	○	○	○	○
In-person CBE meetings, focus groups or discussions (system-wide initiatives affecting multiple schools)	○	○	○	○	○	○
In-person meetings, focus groups or discussions at schools	○	○	○	○	○	○
Council of School Councils meetings (regular meetings of school council chairs and other school council members across CBE)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Standing committee/advisory group meetings	○	○	○	○	○	○

Other (please specify)

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Based on your overall experience, to what extent do you agree with each of the following statements (Please note: the decisions mentioned below could be school-specific decisions or decisions at a system-wide level):

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
I have had adequate opportunities to share my thoughts on decisions that affect my family.	○	○	○	○	○	○
Information I have received on topics affecting my family is easy to understand.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I have had adequate notice to plan for any changes that may result from decisions made.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I have been able to easily find additional information on topics that affect my family.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I have been able to provide input on the best way for me to share my thoughts and ideas.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I had the information I needed to participate/share my ideas in a meaningful way.	○	○	○	○	○	○
After sharing my thoughts and feedback, I was shown how my contributions were used in making the decision.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I was encouraged to take part in sharing my thoughts and feedback on decisions that affect my family.	○	○	○	○	○	○
I clearly understood all of the factors considered in the decision-making process.	○	○	○	○	○	○
The CBE gathers the input (thoughts and ideas) needed to make good decisions for students.	○	○	○	○	○	○

Based on your personal experiences, what have been the most effective ways the CBE has asked for ideas and feedback from parents and the public on system or school-specific topics? Please list the factors (timeliness, clear communication etc.) that made them effective?

Based on your past experiences, what could the CBE do to improve how it gathers thoughts, ideas and feedback on decisions that affect you?

How interested are you in sharing your thoughts and ideas on the following topics? This includes participation at the school level and at a system-wide level.

	Very interested	Interested	Slightly interested	Not interested at all	Don't know	Not applicable
Fees for services	○	○	○	○	○	○
Transportation services (routes, ride times, travel distances etc.)	○	○	○	○	○	○
New school construction	○	○	○	○	○	○
School and learning program changes	○	○	○	○	○	○
CBE budget	○	○	○	○	○	○
School calendar (e.g., first & last days of school, timing of PD days)	○	○	○	○	○	○
School development planning	○	○	○	○	○	○
Class organization/configuration	○	○	○	○	○	○
Course offerings	○	○	○	○	○	○

On what other topics would you like to share your thoughts?

On this page and the next, please choose the two best communication and engagement methods for sharing your thoughts and ideas/learning about each topic.

	First Choice	Second Choice
Fees for services		
Transportation services (routes, ride times, travel distances etc.)		
New school construction		
School and learning program changes		
CBE budget		

Please choose the two best communication and engagement methods for sharing your thoughts and ideas/learning about each topic.

	First Choice	Second Choice
School calendar (e.g., first & last days of school, timing of PD days)		
School development planning		
Class organization/configuration		
Course Offerings		

Are there any other ways that you would like to provide input to the CBE that were not included in the list from the previous question?

Is there anything else we have not asked about that you would like to tell us?

Would you be interested in providing more input on public engagement to the CBE?

○ Yes

○ No

Please provide your name, phone number and email address so we can contact you about future opportunities to provide input on this topic.

Your contact information will be kept separately from your individual survey responses.

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey.

Your contributions are important to us and will help us in developing a new system-wide approach to public engagement. A summary of what we heard will be shared in January or February 2016. There will also be additional opportunities to provide feedback at that time. We will update our website with more information as it becomes available and send it directly to people on our circulation list.

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