

2010 Parent Survey

There has been a lot of public / media discussion lately about the need to improve our nation's schools. What is your idea of a quality school system?

Answered Question: 533

Skipped Question: 199

Number	Response Text
1	A quality school system is a well rounded academic environment mixed with the right amount of extra curricular activities and sport team opportunities.
2	One that focuses on the individual academic, social, and recreational needs of its youth. One that is value based and facilitates good citizenship between its students and teachers. A quality school system works collaboratively with parents, teachers, and students to achieve the best environment for learning.
3	Focus on what kids need to function in the world.
4	I think it starts with better funding from the state. The burden cannot always be on the taxpayers because it does get expensive. I like the idea of online books instead of text books and then the parents always have access and children cannot use the excuse of "I forgot my book." School lunches could be discounted based on how many children you have in the school system. I have three kids and I mix it between packing and buying but it gets expensive.
5	That it is extremely important our kids are our future
6	One that supports gifted and struggling students. High rate of success in college. Preparation for the life lessons, jobs and college etc.
7	I believe we have it now, and can only improve. Again, as I stated in the previous question, a more active awareness of bullying from pre-school through high school. I strongly suggest using the Middle School as a model and work from there. Kids should NEVER be afraid to go to school. There needs to be intervention, and the children and parents need to be accountable for negative actions. I think the program falls by the wayside in high school, and I don't think it is stressed enough in the primary or intermediate levels. If children and parents know the rules and the expectations early on, it would be helpful. The information, media, presentation needs to be current and possibly changed yearly to reflect issues that are current.
8	The kid should know everything at every level. A more advanced kid should be given additional work in the classroom. These 10 pound books are overkill. In the Middle School and in the High School, the kids 'need' to carry their whole locker with them. The school(s) should have been built up several stories, instead of spreading the footprint out so far. Too, I expect my school system to expect the students to speak their native tongue properly. To hear even the smart kids saying 'Bob and me went to the store' is a reflection of the lack of willingness on the teaching staff's part to correct them. There is improper English usage in the next question !
9	A quality school system provides the students with the education they need to be successful in life. This not only means teaching the student the state curriculum, but also providing them with opportunities in extra-curricular activities.
10	One where the students and teachers and parents have an open line of communication, one where the schools are helping the students be the best they can be.
11	Teaching children about cultural differences, technology, problem solving and tolerance.Independent living skills and giving children the resources to compete in today's society.
12	Good curriculum, able to meet the different learnings of all of the student without sacrificing one need over another. Providing education challenges to those student who need it, assisting children with learning needs, and all the students along the continuum of skills and learning ability.
13	Ideally a quality school system would be run by the community - parents - teachers - staff and NOT the government.
14	One where all children are given the opportunity to learn on a level playing field.
15	Highly qualified teachers that recognize potential and let a student live up to or achieve his/her utmost potential and keep the student challenged.
16	A safe environment that offers classes for all levels of childrens
17	The one we have! However, I certainly agree that not all schools are as well-off as ours. A quality school system must create a nurturing, safe, creative learning environment for our kids. Good school systems also try to get parents involved/interested.

18	A successful school system is one that prepares it's students for the future, whether or not the child intends to pursue any additional formal education. □ "Education in the broadest sense is any act or experience that has a formative effect on the mind, character or physical ability of an individual"
19	Well rounded programs, empahsizing not just the "grade" but the education and being well rounded with extra-curricular activites. In the grand scheme of life, the grades are not as important as what each child has learned, and been involved in.□ Get rid of crappy teachers. Why must they be protected? Let parents, maybe even students have a say in their evaluations.
20	I believe the quality of the schools is excellent.
21	focuses on student achievement NOT on the monetary cost
22	Exceptional rankings, lots of academic and extracurricular activities, good physical buildings (accessibility, up-to-date technology, secure environment), enforced dress code and zero tolerance for drinking/drugs and bullying. Nutritional lunches, mentoring, tutoring, excellent library. AP and college prep courses in high school. Faculty with graduate degrees and commitment to a quality education.
23	I want my children to motivated by their teachers and school administrators, all students need to receive one on one attenention to meet their needs (gifted, speach, learing disabilities, etc.). Small class sizes with quality teachers is crucial to a good school system. Adequate facilities to house and teach the communities' children is also an important factor in the a good school district.
24	A quality school system produces graduates ready to take on the world and be successful. This means acedemically, socially, and ready for either higher education, or a career.
25	A system where parents and teachers work together to ensure that their child/children are receiving a quality education.
26	A caring environment where students are given all the resources they need to be successful. Providing the students with excellent teachers, administrators, facilties, extra-curricular activites so they can be as well rounded as possible.
27	I am happy with the scool system.
28	Students consistently score high on achivement tests/college entrance tests□ High graduation rate□ High percentage of students going to college
29	Olmsted Falls Schools
30	Our system, with the exception of the middle school defines excellence.
31	Great education. Communication. Individual help with students struggling.
32	A school system that not only provides a good solid education but at the upper levels provides a "complete" experience of school. Clubs, sport teams, music and theater all need to be present in the district for our children to get the full benefit of the school district.
33	To prepare the students to be able to get good jobs in today's global economy.
34	Current text books. New information about topics and subjects we already know. (history, english, poetry, music, etc.) Most importantly SAFETY and RESPECT of others.
35	safe□ high grad. rate□ high test scores and value added.....pass AYP□ engaging the whole child....not just a focus on test, test, test□ extra curriculars offered for anyone□ healthy school lunch□ time for kids to relax□ time for kids to get individual or small group assistance
36	A quality school system includes both quality staff and quality facilities. I think that our high school students are missing out with our antiquated high school.
37	Stress math and related fields of study. Advance math is key to the future. Lower the student to teacher ratio, i.e. more teachers.

38	I really feel that Olmsted Falls is above average as far as a quality school system. I think the teachers are above average and give special attention to each student. The fact that a teacher is willing to be there for a student before, during and after school to help them with a problem is so wonderful.
39	We have one. There is opportunity for all levels of ability and learning. We have teachers who care and are engaged and I think that is the difference.
40	Kids are taught to take pride in trying their hardest! Kids are prepared well for college/trade! Environment is safe and well-ordered! Mutual respect between students and staff
41	What's the core value of school? I'd like to see my kids able to utilize what they learn in real life. My son learned how to balance check book with school bucks was terrific when he was in the Falls Lenox but it seems nothing practical like that has been part of his classwork since? You need to make sure that when we send our sons and daughters to an education facility, you educate them - how to respect/love God and his/her country; understanding the founding principles of this nation and be proud of it. Cherish their families and establish meaningful friendship. Respect their teachers and authority - we spend way too much time worrying about kids don't have the "extras" yet they do not grow up to be respectful or even how to spell and be a contributor to the society. The quality can be achieved when our core value is served.
42	Focus on academics. The basics need to be mastered the rest is fluff.
43	Quality teachers challenging students. Thinking outside the box. Teaching kids to be more independent thinkers and not so concerned about PC issues
44	Olmsted Falls Schools. The way they are run, the communication, the accountability of the management team, etc.
45	A quality school district is one that can prepare children for the future..It is a district that can plan ahead and anticipate the needs of the children and the district. I want my child to leave OF and be able to go to a college where the college registrar office is like "Wow, you went to OF, what a great school!" or be looking for a job and get the job because of OF education. Quality means being able to balance education and give the child other opportunities to learn also from sports to clubs to extra classes.
46	One that sets high standards for itself and doesn't have to be dragged along by the government's constantly changing initiatives.
47	A quality school system means that the children are academically prepared for the future. That the students are treated as individuals and taught on their level of learning. Another aspect of a quality school system is the student-teacher ratio, the lower the ratio the more individual attention each student receives.
48	A quality school system is a district that hires highly qualified teachers that use research-based strategies and techniques within his or her classroom. The quality district creates accountability within the building and district instead of accountability through a state official, with no educational background, who has no idea how a quality school system should look. The quality school also creates many opportunities for the parents and guardians of the students to get into the school to inform them of what is going on and to keep positive relationships with them.
49	A quality school system is one which creates a positive learning environment at all costs. Schools are there for the kids and I feel that more often than not grown-up agendas rule.
50	teaching in a way that promotes real learning, critical thinkers and people who love to learn. This requires a lot more than "teaching to the test" or memorizing facts. I think that having staff that does not constantly turn over is incredibly important. A good school system has lots of parental involvement and support and creates a team to guide and educate the child.
51	My family transferred here from Amherst schools last year, and Amherst is a great school system. I have been fortunate to be involved in great school systems, and Olmsted Falls is every bit as good as Amherst schools.
52	Small student-to-teacher ratio 15-1. Safe no-bullying environments. Inclusive approach to music and sports participation. Broad town-gown relationship between the OFSD and the city and township.
53	A school system that has quality teachers, involved parents, a quality curriculum that includes high school students to attend college classes for credit, and communication with the happening of the schools, good or bad, with letters, call, or emails to parents.

54	One that has a reasonable class size. One that doesn't solely rely on levies for support. One that compensates its staff by performance. One that is not top-heavy in administrators. One that offers physical education on a weekly basis. One that picks up my child at a bus stop close to our home.
55	Expenses in check. Teachers that are not just in it for themselves but are truly concerned about the education and welfare of the child(ren). I hear too many instances where the teacher has tenure and because of labor unions, they can't be fired and they could be the worst teacher in the world! Teachers need to get performance reviews each year. Less reliance on state funding and figure out how best to fund the schools.
56	Olmsted Falls School District is an excellent model that could be used. My idea of a quality school system is being met through the Olmsted Falls School District.
57	small class sizes, progressive curriculum focused on developing creativity/intelligence (not test taking ability), well trained and supported teachers with the resources they need
58	Hold teachers accountable for performance and find ways to encourage more parent involvement in the schools other than boosters for the football team.
59	Being a teacher, I understand that some of the perception regarding our nation's schools is misconceived. I teach in a district similar to Olmsted Falls, and I think we, just like Olmsted Falls, are offering many programs and staying up to date with teaching strategies/technologies that can only improve student learning and will produce students that can be globally competitive. I am sure there are districts in dire need of help, but I wish the media could focus on the great things happening at many school districts as opposed to the negative things.
60	My idea is that the discussions does not include OF. I am satisfied with the quality.
61	A school system that adequately prepares its students for the challenges they face in the world (getting a job / preparing for college / getting along with others). Is there any other measure?!?!?!
62	A school system that has a high percentage of high school graduates who go on to college. Children who can read well and are proficient in the basics--reading, writing, and arithmetic. A school system with many opportunities for extra curricular activities.
63	partnership between admin, teachers, parents. continuous quality education.
64	Olmsted Falls schools.
65	Preparing children for college. Meeting the needs of not just the high and low students, but really giving attention to those average ones too!
66	we are,
67	I believe our school system is already top-notch, but I always wished we had more buildings for the lower grades. I don't think our kids ever felt they attended a "neighborhood" school where they knew everyone. Each year they felt like a new student because they never knew anybody in their classroom. It was tough for them to keep friendships for more than a year.
68	quality of school not only depends on curriculum , but also their ability to stand high nationally and locally- to have their representation in sports and education at each class level.
69	My idea of a quality school system is the education should always be #1, and also that the cafeteria should not be so restricted to non healthy food. I think there is to many fatty foods on the menu, an the only thing to drink at lunch is milk. They don't offer and juice or water. I think that there should be a preschool so education for olmsted can start young.
70	one that provides a safe learning environment while encouraging learning and exploration of ideas in a way that teaches the students to have a life long thirst for knowledge
71	I know teachers that teach in Cleveland Public Schools, OF *is* a quality school system.
72	Olmsted Falls
73	It's all about the teachers and staff - A quality school system is one that has the funding and ability to hire the right people and the ability to allow them to do the jobs they were hired to do. And there also must be the ability to terminate teachers/staff who are not performing.
74	A quality school system begins with a well rounded, educated staff. Our teachers truly care about the education our children are receiving, among the fact that they are well taken care of and treated as individuals. I see the kids in our schools, they are happy when in school, that's important to parents. Our rating in Olmsted Falls is impeccable, and that is my idea of a quality school system.
75	Less focus on state and national testing. We're losing sight of what's important.

76	A school system dedicated to the child's continuous development. A focus dedicated to reading at an early level which fosters the individual's success as they progress. Cooperation between the school and the family which supports the child's development and education.
77	One that offers a strong curriculum, has extracurricular programs for the kids to help them become more well-rounded, strong teachers.
78	Constant communication with the parents such as blog, newsletter, etc. Being on the forefront of technology so the students are prepared for college. Keeping class sizes at a reasonable level.
79	One where the student's are educated in a safe environment. One where they get a well rounded approach to education where issues are explored from multiple viewpoints. One that leverages technology to make kids ready for society. A school district that partners with local corporations to expose kids to greater career options and provides good counseling to those who are making decisions for college.
80	A system that offers children all the education and services needed to learn and grow up into adults. While also maintaining an open communication policy with the parents.
81	1. Well prepared teachers that are rewarded on merit not seniority. NO tenure. 2. Enforced rules for student behavior. 3. Enough honors classes for all that desire them and do the work. 4. College level classes offered for college credit at the high school for those college bound seniors. 5. Stronger requirement for math and science. 6. NO subs that just babysit and collect their pay. 7. Smaller classes with more hands on, field trips, and real life experience 8. Far more writing assignments in every class, not just LA.
82	More parent involvement, tutoring opportunities and more information for families on present curriculum.
83	One that combines academic, sports and real-world experience into every school day.
84	A quality school system is one where children can learn and maintain that knowledge for their futures. This process needs to take place in a wide variety of ways to instill retention. Everyone within the school system needs to work as a team in order to achieve this goal. We want to graduate students that have fulfilled their full potential from kindergarten through 12th grade and are ready to face their futures.
85	a district that offers good/necessary programs, hires qualified professionals to teach our children, continually assesses the programs they have in place as well as the needs of the community. a district that can offer small class sizes to effectively teach all children and offer support programs for those children who are gifted or have special needs.
86	One that doesn't teach to the achievement tests, that provides an environment to expand children's minds, is up to date on what the children today need to learn, provide extracurricular activities to allow children to experience more than just classrooms, provide side tracks for those children interested in topics that others may not be
87	A system where children are challenged and encouraged to excel. A system that provides a safe place to learn.
88	I went to an alternative High School in New York. The staff, and instructors made the experience enjoyable and we actually learned from it. this was a public school, my parents did not have to pay "extra fees" for anything other than field trips, which was paid for the week before the trip.
89	That is a loaded question. Educating the young is very difficult in 2010. I do believe Olmsted is doing a great job at doing so. Being technological up to date is important but to also getting the student to think outside the box is what is needed. I don't like having to see schools teach to the OGT....It limits the child and the creative teacher.
90	A school system that provides the knowledge needed by students to be successful at college, in the work force, etc. A quality school system will also adapt its classes and offerings to meet needs of current students, for example, increasing the use of technology in the classes.

91	A quality school system is one in which children learn how to learn...that prepares them for the real-work experience of working in team, having access to information and knowing how to make the best use of those two assets. It is my hope that our education system will move away from rote memorization and teaching-to-the test and promote more collaborative experiences that draw on the strengths of the individual student. Every child has a preferred learning style and the question that schools need to answer is how can we teach children how to learn in a language that all can understand.
92	Quality teachers, smaller classrooms and better communication between the teachers and parents.
93	OLMSTED FALLS!
94	That the faculty and staff be united in making school a positive learning place. Keeping the lines of communication open among faculty and parents. Seeing the principal among the classrooms and students.
95	A system that educates the whole student. A quality system has programs in place that address the needs of all students. A quality school system does all this while keeping their students safe and realizing that each student has a different level of success.
96	olmsted falls
97	involved parents and teachers, diverse and challenging curriculum, opportunities for growth geared toward a student's abilities, decisions made that benefit the students as a whole, rather than certain individuals
98	Children prepared to take all college courses and the basic skills necessary to enter the work world
99	A system in which students (and their parents) are held accountable for their choices and learning as well as the administration/ faculty for decisions they make.
100	I believe we have a quality school system, and I believe the federal government should stay out of our local schools.
101	The reason I moved to Olmsted Falls was for the schools. I have three children currently in the system and one more to follow and I have been nothing but impressed by the quality of the education. When I was younger I went to private grade school and high school because public schools were not that great. I do not feel that is true in Olmsted Falls.
102	not sure
103	a safe place where a child can be educated by the best teachers and enjoy a multitude of innocent, engaging, and fun activities
104	Olmsted Falls Schools! We chose to live in this community because of the school district. It is the ONE thing that drew us to this town.
105	Great academic scores on state tests.[] Bussing for all children.[] Great sport teams.[] Great music program.[] Great special education services.[] (Olmsted Falls does all this!)
106	Clean, well organized. Efficient and properly maintained structures and grounds. Qualified, motivated teachers. Having the required resources, human and otherwise to make the most of each day,[] challenging the children to engage and flourish.
107	One in which the teachers, administrators, and staff are well trained and "experts" in their fields. One in which each student's potential for learning is maximized. One in which students are seen as individual learners - not just lumped into a large group (their class) and expected to float along with teachers teaching to the "middle" of the group. I have to say we are very happy with our daughter being taught this year in her first grade classroom. Her teacher is doing a wonderful job of individualizing the student's work to help them maximize their potential.
108	Providing the education my children need to succeed in the world outside Olmsted Falls; prepare them for college and the world beyond
109	outcomes
110	One in which no child is left behind.

	A quality school system embraces change. The school must be willing to individualize the programs and learning for the children. There is always so much talk about change and what is better, but it is difficult for individuals to embrace it and follow through with it.¶
111	The teachers have to be caring and compassionate. I was just at a dinner with Mrs. Delisle, the state superintendent, and she was saying how children do not remember teachers who assigned papers etc., but those who cared and were there for them. Quality school systems need teachers like that, who go the extra mile to create relationships with their students.
112	smaller class sizes¶ individual attention¶ high level of education among faculty¶ fostering ability to think critically (not just an achievement test-based curriculum)¶ exposure to many ideas and theories
113	Olmsted Falls Schools
114	See Chicago school district where a love of children comes before the staff's education level - that seems like an amazing foundation for building a quality school system.
115	A school system that understands the importance of education in our children's future as well as the importance of non-school life (after school activities and family time) and recognizes that these two parts of a child's life go hand in hand.
116	place where children can ASK GOOD QUESTIONS and pursue the answers. not just give the teacher back the answer they want them to memorize.
117	clean, safe learning environment
118	Schools are expected to follow state standards and teachers should then be held accountable to plan and teach accordingly. However, as each student is different, accommodations should be available to all types of learners. Students should feel safe and be given the respect they need to develop a healthy self-esteem with their relationships with adults and peers - without allowing them to act inappropriately toward others. Students should be able to engage in a variety of learning methods - visual, kinesthetic, technological, etc. to allow for different learning styles academic expectations.
119	Get rid of the OGTs. Go back to teaching so the children can succeed. That a test score is not all that they are about. Training them to take a test for 12 years is not my idea of learning.¶ Again a parent of IEP child who went to before school, after school and special groups since 5th grade thru 10th to pass this OGT, I have 3 others that went to school here and were high achieving students, 2 getting scholarships to tech colleges in their field of choice via Polaris programs. One child was 35th in class another was 69th at OFHS, so I do have experience in both regular children and special needs. I saw no purpose when you called them Prof, tests or OGTs. I feel my children learned less in school than I did. I graduated from Olmsted Falls. We actually learned more useful knowledge in the past than my children have today.¶ Lets get back to better subject choices.
120	It is mainly the inner city and poor rural district that really need improvement. The majority of the suburban schools do a good to excellent job.
121	A quality school district prepares students for life, not just the OAAs and OGTs. In life we are rarely asked to sit for 2.5 hours to complete a test that determines our competence. In the working world we have to collaborate, work as teams, and problem solve in a way that can not always be reflected on a "test". I would like to see a more open curriculum that involves projects that integrate the subject areas and require students to work together.
122	A system that helps all kids that want to learn. The parents and the schools need to work together to help challenge kids to be better.

	With so much attention on improving the quality of education, with thousands of millions spent each year to remedy the situation, why do education failures persist? ¶ There is an answer. Quite simply, these efforts have been directed at solving the wrong problems. ¶ ¶ At the root of educational failures lies a fundamental problem that has been almost universally overlooked: Students have never been taught how to learn. ¶ ¶ Children are thrown into their school years and basic subjects without ever first being taught how to go about learning those subjects. As they grow older they are confronted by more and more complex areas of study, still without ever having acquired the skills with which to assimilate information, evaluate its relative importance and put it to use. ¶ This has been the vital missing ingredient that has hampered all fields of study. It handicaps both children in school and adults in life. ¶ Thus, many students find education a trying and difficult process. They never master the ability to rapidly
123	Informing parents is the key...communication!¶ Tutors offered to help students during school or before/after hours
124	A focus on academics with other options for students, like art, music, and sports
125	A school that can attract top teachers in the area, that provides discipline and a safe learning environment.
126	Quality College Prep Classes.
127	Lots of parent, teacher and child involvement.... it takes 3 !!¶ A quality school system is one that has respect for each other... teachers to students, students to staff, parents to teachers, teachers to parents, administration to staff, etc.etc.. Working together as a team for what's best for each child and not being against each other.¶
128	A school system that allows a child to exceed in a strong academic subject without having to excel in every subject across the board. In other words, if a child is great at math, but a poor reader, foster an academic schedule that doesn't stop the child from growing in leaps and bounds in math. If a child wants to become a great writer, let's help him/her to achieve those advanced skills without holding him/her back if that same child is poor at science and math. Let's not have all or nothing Advanced Classes. In the real world, most of us aren't good at everything so why do we have a school system that doesn't follow suit.
129	involved parents are the key
130	teacher accountability, safe environment, learning opportunities, good music and art departments
131	One that prepares students for the outside world!
132	I think educators and state/national government need re-evaluate the current system of how schools are funded and come up with a solution.
133	High Tech and up to date curriculim. Parents need to be involved in order to make education work. Kids should have a longer year. Too much of a break over summer. They should attend all year round with more breaks but shorter. ¶ I also think art, music, gym should remain year round and daily in a childs education. If school was offered year round we could have these subjects along with the academics. The child would retain more of what they learn.
134	Equitable, Rigorous, 21st century learning, Skills being taught to help students become excellent future leaders. A school where questioning and inquiry learning takes place whenever appropriate. A school that changes quickly to meet the needs of the students. Class sizes that are below 25. That should supersede extra curricular activities.
135	A quality school system takes care of ALL students needs, from the most academic child to the lowest. It supports parents and produces young adults that will become productive members of society.
136	One that has the ability to attract & retain the best teachers while maximizing its resources.
137	Support to students with special needs and frequent communication with teachers.

138	Caring teachers with the bones to push our kids and involved parents. Who commit with time, not lip service.
139	I feel our district exemplifies a quality school system
140	I think we have it, but it costs lots of money to maintain it. The levy system stinks and we need to figure out an alternative to school funding.
141	One that provides the classes needed to excel and one that is not dependant on property taxes.
142	A school that meets all the students needs. Provides a safe place to learn and encourages over achieving
143	Our schools reflect quality schools. Our schools are remarkable and we have the teachers, staff, administration and super intendent to thank. They all work so hard to do what is best for our children.
144	<p>Seems like there is no such thing as a free education anymore. Schools need to be funded somehow but property taxes burden some communities more than others. Also, with new housing construction creating new students but with a one year delay of property tax payments to the school creates another burden.¶</p> <p>A quality school system has quality, well paid teachers and students with parents that support their education. Also, teachers should be promoted and fired based on performance, not tenure.¶</p> <p>Some states offer free college tuition for good grades - what an incredible incentive!¶</p> <p>A quality school system prepares students either for college or trade school.</p>
145	Olmsted Falls has the greatest school system!
146	My idea of a quality school system is one with lots of different opportunities. Dedicated teachers who are well trained and well monitored is of utmost importance. The children should be prepared to enter college and be successful.
147	One where the kids learn to the best of their ability in a safe environment.
148	One that properly prepares students for college, trade school, and the general work force.
149	<p>Where all students are afforded the same opportunities and get the chance to utilize the latest technology no matter where the school is located. ¶</p> <p>Students are not grouped according to age, but rather ability level.</p>
150	A district that looks at the whole child and promotes and celebrates diversity not only in curriculum but in real life practices.
151	Well, a loaded question. A place that is safe, that my child feels she can learn, opportunities to learn more.
152	Excellent communication, plenty of teachers to accommodate the students, adequate homework *but not too much*, compassionate leaders, excellent curriculum.
153	flexible programming that allows for differentiation that meets the needs of the various learning styles
154	Get rid of the ineffective teachers, the ones that are just coasting. Reward the ones that challenge the students.
155	Better teacher student ratio
156	Olmsted Falls Board of Education
157	one like olmsted falls well not perfect. Still better then most.
158	Olmsted Falls schools meets my idea of a quality school system
159	I think the Olmsted Falls Schools are really good as they are. I would like Latin back as an elective.
160	prepare for future
161	<p>Quality education with newer text books and technology¶</p> <p>Safety at school¶</p> <p>No violence, bullying and drug free environment are important</p>
162	<p>we have a good quality school system, I am just tired of levies being used as leverage toward the students.</p> <p>Threats about loss of busing....It got so old...I had numerous calls in one single day about the levy...it was terrible.... and both of my phones received calls on the levy... it was overdone. You got me mad....</p>
163	I am certainly not qualified to answer this as so many factors go into the legal and financial aspects of running the district. I would like to ensure that all teachers and staff are kept in place and that in the future more teachers can be added.

	Excellent teachers; small classroom size; participation of parents in the education of their children and assistance to do so if needed. An excellent curriculum that offers both required courses and other courses that would be of interest and helpful to students. A safe learning environment where students are not fearful of coming to school for fear of being bullied. Safe from external threats. Knowing that they have someone/somewhere to go if they feel threatened and someone will be there to help. The school system should provide an education for students at a level that will provide them with an education to enable them to be successful in this competitive world market we live in. Provide a variety of activities such as sports, art, music, academic and social groups to provide additional learning, enjoyment and competitive outlet for students.
164	exactly what OF offers
166	We need to focus on teacher/student ratio more so than technology. "Smart Boards" do not teach!
167	ONE THAT PROVIDES THE EDUCATION AND LIFE SKILLS FOR STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN THE CURRENT WORLD. PREPARING THEM FOR THE CURRENT AND FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY (CAREERS).
168	Effective.
169	Where my child gets the best education possible and has teh chance to participate in extra cirricular activities. Where the teachers are involved with their students instead of a "this is only a job" attitude
170	kids first-their needs not politics
171	I feel that Olmsted Falls is a quality school system. I think it is fantastic that parents have been sent this survey and it says a lot about how much the board and administration care about the system. The problems I mentioned previously are the only major issues I have with the system.
172	Accommodation of different learning styles.□ Fresh, creative ways of teaching to keep students engaged.□ Variety of activities for student and parent involvement.□ Safe, clean environment.
173	To me, a quality school system is a safe place to learn. There are minimal disruptions in the classroom, halls, and other areas from out-of-control kids. A quality school system prepares the kids for the "real world" they will be living in...not just academically, but also in learning how to get along with others, and even in learning that sometimes life is just not fair all the time.
174	One that has top-notch teachers and plenty of opportunity for extra-curricular activities as well as advanced placement classes.
175	Putting kids needs first; investing in technology that will give them the best possible experience; nurturing and supportive staff providing a challenging curriculum
176	Small Classes□ Feeling of community and ability for children to develop relationships year after year.□ Teachers who are supported by administration, and love their students/jobs.
177	A place where children are nurtured, are safe, where they can be themselves. School should provide opportunities for children to learn to their maximum potential, even if it's not the norm or if it is an inconvenience to teachers. Perhaps individual online learning lessons to reinforce what's being covered at school or to go deeper into a topic if a student has mastered what is being taught in the classroom. A quality school system offers enrichment programs in the areas of not only athletics, but also arts, music, etc.
178	I think we have a quality system. We need to be more education led and less test driven.
179	you are an ides of a quality school system. i want our kids to have a quality education but also have a "childhood". i am not in favor of a longer day, or more homework. you have a good balance of it now. □ I do think that it is very important to stress & encourage the importance of a college education□ □ One concern that I do have is the fact that our falls-lenox child (and the high school children) have to get up so early for the bus. It is difficult for them to get enough sleep at night. .
180	A system that prepares college bound students for college and working bound students with a skill or trade.
181	The Olmsted Falls School System
182	A quality school system needs to have tough effective rules. Be at the top and stay there.

183	If every school was like Olmsted Falls, I don't think there would be a need. I think the only area needing improvement would be open and continuous dialog to stop all forms of bullying; be it on school property or off. My son has Asperger's and was teased mercilessly at his former school. I want to be CLEAR we have not had that issue at Olmsted Falls. I feel bullying would be less frequent if more students were educated and made aware of the impact teasing and bullying has on its victims. Teaching the kids along with zero tolerance would not only stop this from happening; it would also lead to student ambassadors who would no doubt stand up to the bullies.
184	First, one in which there are administrators with vested interest in the school system, much more than monetarily. Secondly, where teachers love what they do and are given the tools needed to help them accomplish their jobs. Third, where parents are involved as much as possible with the school system and their children's education. Also, where the community, as a whole, cares about the schools and the future of the children in that system. None of these are easily achieved, but when all are you have an excellent school system.
185	The Olmsted Falls School stand as a benchmark for other school systems to measure up to. So many of the teachers are alumni, there is a real sense of community. They are the cohesive factor for our "Neighborhoods" which I am proud to say Olmsted Falls can still claim to have.
186	One that not only has quality teachers in place and helps them improve, but has plans to not only maintain all school but REPLACE ones that no longer function properly - like the high school. Also a board that listens to the parents and their concerns.
187	I would love to see character education classes at all grade levels. I've witnessed many children - even in first grade - who need to learn how to be kind to one another.
188	One hat goes the extra effort to help out the students when they need assistance with scholl work
189	learning more then what is on all the standardized testing and keeping the children involved
190	our schools are excellent.....I don't think this pertains to us
191	That the kids are excelling in the classroom, that they like to go to school and are learning. I think also the teachers have to love what they do, if they are just there and thinking this is just a "job", and not an opportunity to mold a child for later in life, then I don't think the child will get anything out of it. I think everyone from the child, teacher, everyone in the school to the parents have to work as one unit with each child.
192	A quality school system is one that has more than adequate staffing. That the needs of every child are being met.
193	A safe, clean, positive learning environment. Providing a solid education and the tools and skills needed to continue be successful in the classroom and beyond. Support of healthy living choices--wellness, physical fitness, healthy eating. Fostering appropriate social interaction--respect for others, intolerance for bullying.
194	The children need to learn the basics , some kids are being "promoted" to the next grade but not Passing the grade.That is wrong! There are students in 9th grade who don't know there multiplications & division fact proficiently.
195	Well, Olmsted Falls is a good example.
196	A Quality School System means that a students needs get met.
197	i honestly believe teachers are the key to kids sucess and that that they should be payed on their preformance. length of service has no baring on their ability
198	Teachers can make or break a system. If you don't have good teachers then the system will suffer.
199	One that keeps the best interest of the students to be intelligent, contructive members of society.
200	Olmsted Falls Schools both the academics, the extra-curricular programs and the food service program.
201	Top 5% performance in core subjects. Top performance on college entrance exams. Diverse educational opportunities with relevance to real life. Opportunites to participate in athletics and other activities which enhance the school experience and keep kids engaged. A school that is safe and supports discipline.
202	Great teachers who can distinguish the median regarding teaching and understanding the students, especially at the teen level.
203	Very educated teachers, safe schools, cut down on the school fee's. if the fee's don't improve i might as well send my kids to private schools!!!!
204	exposes kids to variety of ways to learn and new ideas, teaches kids in a fun and interactive way that makes them excited to learn, connected to the community, parents involved

205	Less money spent on non-essentials. Keep to the basics, and teach our children what they need to know to survive as they get out in the world on their own.
206	A quality school system fosters any/all techniques to enhance and strengthen a sense of teamwork between the school and the home. The goal of course being student success.
207	We are not the school systems the media is talking about, I feel their concerns are the inner city schools not the schools that rank "Excellent and higher" each school year. We are not this countries example of schools that need improvement, we are the example of what other schools should be like!
208	maybe making the foreign language a yearly course in middle school then a wheel class to help better prepare them for highschool and college
209	Go back to basics, not so much emphasis on "teaching for the tests". THe entire second half of third grade is a non-stop focus on the OAT. To the point where children are more aware of the tips for test taking, than they are of basic curriculum topics for third grade. Sometimes I feel like my children are only smart on test taking skills, not on general knowledge. Even the ones who are straight "A" students.
210	As long as we keep up with the tecnolgy we are fine. We do need to find a better way of funding schools and parents need to be the advocate for the children.
211	Quality education with state of the art teaching techniques based on data, up to date computer equipment available to all students, well-maintained buildings, a work environment where teachers and staff feel valued and appreciated and heard.
212	One that focuses on improving the learning of all our students and not whether they passed the test. Improvement is the key
213	Producing well-rounded, confident, respectful, hard working students.
214	A quality school system is like a good parent. They have a budget and a limited time frame to do as much as they can to prepare a child for the outside world. They try to teach them about many things while simultaneously nurturing their individual development and providing for their specific needs.
215	A district that offers a variety of college prep classes, continues extra support for children that have IEPs and the at risk children, offers a variety of extra curricular sports and activities and has a caring, supportive and dedicated staff.
216	I think OF does a great job, but again, some of the staff of the high school has to be better checked. Other than that, OF is awsome. The size of the classrooms could be a bit smaller.
217	I think we have for the most part a quality school system. We have the technology in place (our smart boards, access to good computer systems, etc) for our students to learn properly and many dedicated professionals to make sure our students excel. We have a great PTA and parents who choose to be involved. We have schools that are new, clean and big enough for our population, and we have teams of teachers who work in learning communities for the benefit of our kids each year they are in the system. Also our kids are given many extra opportunities for interests, creativity, sports and learning that they may not have elsewhere.
218	One that prepares students to thrive socially, intellectually, and globally. Academics are very important, but book smart does not always translate to success in the real world. Students need to be taught how to learn as much or more than specific content. Teach them how to use resources wisely, to find information they need, to interact with others to achieve their goals.
219	A lot of choice regarding electives, holding the students accountable - not passing them through the system, and holding teachers accountable.
220	a school that is not funded by the tax payers.
221	I believe a quality school system is one who considers the needs of the students. Their health, welfare and need for a quality education is first and foremost in the administrators agenda. How a child is brought through the schools from k-12 shapes them as adults and basically determines what they are going to do with their life. If they do not excel in their school years they will not excel as adults.
222	Quality teachers and programs in place. More appetizing foods for the kids to choose from.
223	A quality school system includes classes that will prepare our students for college and the working world. The teachers would all teach the same material for the grade level but have flexibility to present it differently based on their students. A good relationship between the teacher, parents, and students is also very important. Having an involved and caring administration is also key to a quality school system.

224	Excellent Academics Good Test Scores Small Class Sizes
225	A school system that actually cares about their students and does not see them as numbers. A school system that educates children about everyday life.
226	High scores. Respected among Ohio schools
227	One that not only teaches our kids, but cares about them.
228	That my children are being educated in a quality manner and reaching the metrics that the state provides. They are also being challenged to reach their fullest potential academically.
229	Having Teachers and Administration that really care about it's students. Teachers who put a positive spin on learning which in turn makes the student want to be there.
230	A place where the students can feel safe so they can learn. Different teaching styles work for different students, I like the fact that the counselors are willing to work with students and parents. I also believe that when students are treated fair by teachers and administration the parents support the staff more.
231	Children able to perform well and advance to higher degrees of education
232	Good teachers, safe environment, teachers caring about the students - I know some kids need support in school because they don't get it at home
233	Reading. Writing. Arithmetic. Phonics. Grammar. American History and ideals. Fine Arts. Athletics. Discipline. Respect.
234	A quality school system will help every child prepare for a college education
235	High academic achievement, offering the best education to the full range of students(all special needs), and a same environment.
236	good teachers with lots of support, including extra teachers in classrooms
237	quality educators and classes that are not overcrowded
238	Excellent teachers. Programs for students that need extra help. Students are actually learning and not just what they need to pass achievement tests. Teachers who do not enjoy their jobs and are not efficient teachers should not still be teaching. Small classroom sizes, so teachers can give more attention to students who need it.
239	A school system that has high standards and takes the time to make sure each child is getting what they need.
240	A school that has a great sense of community and stresses family involvement. A school that sets the bar high in terms of academic standards and has everyone on board to achieve those standards.
241	Ours!!!
242	Availability of a quality education K-12 where you are not afraid to go to school. Where bullying is taken seriously and corrected. Where you show growth each year and teachers care and work with recognizing kids who need help. Where there is a way to keep kids interested without always having to go by standards. Just because a child doesn't test well doesn't mean he might not need more challenging things to do. Where if homework is giving it should be graded and not just used to keep kids busy. If a child gets the concept give them something to move on with while you are making sure everyone else is getting the concept. A child shouldn't be getting bored waiting for the rest of the class to catch up. Having the internet and so many things out there should be easy to get resources for this.
243	Once again, high standards of learning, I also believe that it is first and foremost, the responsibility of the PARENT(S) to assist their children along the educational journey. It ALL starts in the home.
244	One where learning is first & foremost. It's a shame (but a fact of life) that money has to be in the forefront a lot of the time. I think the budgets need to be balanced, stay balanced & the focus needs to be on teaching.
245	Small classes, quality instruction, safe environment, quality services for special needs students and support for teachers who teach these children.
246	Awareness of changing world and what people will need to know to live in it Change in funding means in Ohio

247	GOOD FAMILY = GOOD SCHOOL SYSTEM. Politicians and the media need to just stop asking how schools are going to improve. Until they fix the family structure in the low ranking systems they will never improve. Money does not get your homework done on time. It doesn't help you study and it doesn't teach a child that hard work is the only way to become a successful student. Teachers can't do this. This is the PARENT'S job! Look at the high ranking schools and the number of TWO parent homes vs. the low ranking schools and the number of one or no parent homes. The two go hand in hand.
248	We haven't really changed our education system in 100+ years. It is time to look at the ACTUAL future needs of the job market, and start adjusting the system to better prepare students for the future. Our system promotes a "General Education" atmosphere, and has no options for students to really "Major" in any field at OFHS. Polaris "trade School" is becoming quite obsolete in today's world and the future. There is a clear and present need to change the overall system of teacher evaluation and retention. OFCS actually has the teacher evaluation process dictated in their union contract. The evaluation of teachers should be the responsibility of the BOE and Dr. Hoadley, period. Bad teachers should be fired, and great teachers should be rewarded. The current system does neither. There is a lack of freedom in the teaching model. Teachers are force fed a curriculum, and teach it one year, then repeat the next. There is little latitude for gifted teachers, and OFCS has plenty, to really expand and excell their teaching style. This and ONLY this ability would truly separate the great teachers from the mediocre, and poor teachers. Why force teachers to obtain a Master's degree, and then stifle them with forced
249	Discontinue the many test. If a child is not learning in the class room they should only have to pass the SAT for college, not to graduate from high school.
250	A school that prepares you for college and also teaches you the basics for every day life
251	Cutting edge technology, challenged students, differentiated instruction, HAPPY STUDENTS who enjoy learning, and happy, excited teachers.
252	A quality school system allows an individual student to excel, at his/her gifts, in addition to providing the necessary tools to grow academically and socially. Our teachers need to be supported by parents and families, and families need to be involved in their children's lives. Community action helps with overall costs for events, activities, etc. when people step up and volunteer. A superior counselling staff is critical, as children need to have emotional support from a reliable source other than family sometimes. Children have artistic gifts as well as academic gifts so the focus has to include those on a deeper level, especially due to the fact that, those may be the factors that decide which colleges may be more accessible to a student down the road.
253	98 % graduation rate offering a variety of courses preparing students for post-graduation careers
254	The most important thing is not to forget the students..We also need remember teachers are a rare breed they are the ones who help prepare our children for the world.
255	A school system that meets the needs of all students, has high expectations and challenges the students.
256	better way for schools to be funded!
257	Low teacher to student ratio, good teachers and quality programs
258	High graduation rate, high # of graduates going on to 4 yr schools.
259	A quality school system provides every student the support to learn to the best of their ability and expects its students and parents to perform to the best of their abilities.
260	I have read a few books lately and actually saw a little 5 minute story on the news one morning about Finnish schools. There is a big de-emphasis on testing and pushing the youngest kids so hard. I think a quality school system/education is hard to measure when you don't look at a hard "test" where kids have to perform and fill in bubbles to answer questions. I think it's more abstract - where kids are not as stressed about school and the environment is relaxed and fun so that they can learn and not feel pressured.
261	education and smaller classrooms
262	Low cost and a good education.
263	One that focuses on the needs of the students. One that focuses on giving credit to the teachers who have made this district what it is today. One that has excellent leaders in charge.

264	A school with a strong academic program to include music and arts appreciation. Also, a school that is very diverse with appreciation and exposure to multiple ethnicities, languages and the arts.
265	A place where all students feel safe and have opportunities to learn.
266	teachers that are creative, educated and truly care about the students
267	One where the teachers are supported by the school system AND the parents (OUR SYSTEM!)
268	Teachers being teachers and being able to adapt today's economy
269	Dedicated teachers that engage the children
270	Provide a quality education and offer students opportunities where they can apply themselves and succeed if they choose to do so. Give them the tools to succeed in a post secondary education world.
271	A quality school system is what Olmsted Falls Schools is. Though there should always be improvement going on in the schools.
272	One that provides great education and makes that the focus. Cut or charge parents for any programs not directly related to the goals of education, career, or college planning.
273	My idea is of a quality school system is the community. The community support is important for quality schools.
274	Teachers, parents, administrators and students all working together for the betterment of the district.
275	The children are in a safe and positive learning environment. The quality of education is high and the children receive the education needed to prepare them for college/adulthood. That the education provided in our school system is highly rated and the children receive individual help as needed to provide a great education for all of the children.
276	A school district that is capable of meeting the needs of the students through great teachers and programs. These districts need to be able to meet the needs of the students with a variety of tools (academics, athletics, diversity). They also have to have communication with the parents and the parents, in turn, have to be involved with the children and education system.
277	A system where there is no need to install metal detectors... where children feel safe going to school and don't dread wondering what is going to happen today
278	Great teachers. Opportunities for kids to try music, art, sports.
279	Our teachers are outstanding. The only qualities we lack are the funds to achieve higher goals and purchase much needed classroom and music equipment.
280	In a perfect world, a quality school puts the latest and greatest technology into practical application to teach the students real life hands on experiences with IT software / hardware.
281	Good variety of classes, both for the educationally challenged and for the star performers, (which I think we have with Polaris etc. counted in) , dedicated and smart teachers, sports teams, clubs, band, etc. Well rounded, but always with the emphasis on academics and getting kids to stay in school and graduate.
282	A quality school has dedicated teachers, administrators who support the staff in those buildings, and parent involvement. Schools can only do so much. Parents need to be accountable, too.
283	I believe a quality school system is one that can educate ALL children. Children learn differently. What works for one, may not work for another. Understanding how to get through to each child using different methods is vital. Educated, compassionate, teachers are the key.
284	Low teacher to student ratio. Quality education. The kids leave the school with knowledge that they can apply to their futures.
285	Diversity in courses looking at the global market, diversity of after school activities, designed for working parents to allow their children to participate.
286	more about the kids and less on teachers money
287	Refer to #2
288	One that expects the students to cooperate, respect their teachers, and be responsible for their learning. Also a school that keeps the kids safe - not allowing fights to occur.
289	Keeping parents / educators / kids / administration connected and communicating. Strong teachers to see a child's strengths and build on those. Watchful of bad situations to keep the kids safe and unharmed (bullying either from students or from home).
290	A quality school system is that produces students that are ready for college or to enter the workplace. I feel that a well rounded education is important and that schools offer a variety of choices to get students involved.

291	A quality school systems offers quality educational program for children, along with quality extracurricular activities. A quality school system is key to a quality community.
292	good education to ensure our children are prepared for college and life.
293	number of students going on to become college grads, well rounded and challenging curriculum, balance of academics, sports, arts and music.
294	produce students that know how to think
295	A quality school system, in my opinion, is one that not only focuses on the students but the teachers as well. I think keeping teachers up to date on current education practices, educating them on classroom management and having mentors to help newer teacher would help to improve how children learn. When teachers are informed and trained the children will benefit. I also think training teachers in identifying different learning disabilities/deficits would help children to get the help they need early on. I also think that a school system that has parent involvement is key. If a parent does not value a child's education and support the child's education then the student will probably not be successful no matter how good the school system is.
296	Great education for all students, transportation, security, teachers that care. Not letting any student fall through the cracks.
297	what we have right here!
298	I'd give it high marks.
299	I'm probably not the candidate you would like to hear from, as I believe government mandates and the Federal government have completely ruined the nation's school systems. I believe "quality" schools stem from the community and parental involvement. Only the community members should be allowed to develop, implement, and restructure policies, programs, and benchmarks that impact our children.
300	Personally, the schools have done a great job. I do feel that the students have a lot of pressure on them. I do not agree on the concept of a mandatory all day kindergarten. Even though I no longer have a child in kindergarten I feel that for some five year old children that being at school all day is just too long. I do understand that many of our young students attend a daycare; however, all day in a classroom setting is very tiring for little ones. I feel socialization is still very important and children need that at an early age!
301	Good scores on College Prep exams and high % of students going on to college afte high school High graduation rate Keeping the students involved and interested in learning
302	High test scores, very high graduation rate, teachers/administrators who are very communicative. Easy for the parents to get involved on different levels.
303	needs of individual students are addressed as well as needs of student body as a whole located in safe neighborhoods inspires involvement from parents/volunteers
304	Teachers that are willing to continue to prepare themselves and help the students by making the feel comfortable in a safe environment where learning is the #1 priority.
305	My idea of a quality school system is one with high quality teachers and a wide variety of educational programs.
306	My idea of a quality school system is one in which children get more 1 on 1 time with their teachers.
307	School system where the money and the community are used to provide the children with a better education. It's not about the buildings or the materials etc, it's about how the children are taught and the way in which they taught. There needs to be more emphasis on the education of the children rather than the condition of the schools in district and the people who work within it. IT seems that a good school system realizes as a community that teaching/learning is not just done within the school building and it takes active parents and community members to help with the process.
308	one that is academically competitive with the rest of the world
309	Good teachers, great curriculum, lots of activities.
310	Do not cater to the lowest denominator. Stretch your goals.
311	A school district that graduates competent, mature adults, who are ready for the workplace, college or military. Not everyone has to be an A student to be successful, there are many other attributes to a success story. Statistics can be skewed any way you want them to read, so media reports on success have to be read with that in mind.

312	Having the high best educated teachers, high quality advanced education system, and best support from teachers and parents.
313	You can have a great school district but if you have absent parents, it'll only improve to a level. Attentive, passionate teachers! Extracurriculars!
314	Keeping Art and Music! Available tutoring! Field trips! Keeping the standards challenging, avoid over testing though, not all children test well.
315	Our students need to be competitive in today's world. We need to offer students the education, technology and resources to achieve this.
316	Up-to-date technology! Excellent teachers! Involved parents! Partnership with community! Small class sizes
317	I really like what we have built over the years at Olmsted Falls. We need to prepare our children to compete with a world market, not just the U.S. market for jobs. We need a safe place where our kids can learn, feel confident in their abilities and build on their strengths.
318	Quality teachers. Good programing. Expecting our students to excel and to have 100% backing from the parents.
319	Fair, compassionate, teachers that strive for excellence in themselves and their students.
320	A school that prepares kids for life. They should learn to be organized and understand finances. Getting an A in math does not mean they understand why they should balance a checkbook or what happens if they borrow more money than they can pay back and the interest builds up. Remedial help for kids who need it and advanced classes in assorted subjects for kids who excel- to get as much out of each student as possible.
321	A school system that offers children the opportunity to explore their interests, develop their strengths and challenge their minds, both in the classroom and through extracurricular activities.
322	A system that provides the best possible diverse education. Not so much focused on the greatest, newest equipment, but the greatest basic education.
323	keeping kids safe in the learning environment. kids that need extra help, that the school gives it to them. having teachers that like their jobs so they are able to do their job.
324	a school system that runs efficiently and does not rely solely on the homeowners taxes. I school system where I feel the teachers truly care about their students.
325	let students take their books home to prepare for upcoming classes. it is a great to give a syllabus for students. Also have them read and prepare for their classes. Extra credit question before the class start
326	Highly qualified teachers who are motivated to instill the love of learning in students. Teachers that not only teach the curriculum, but also care about individual students and take an interest in each child's dreams. Parents and community members work together to support the school.
327	providing education to children to ready them for life.
328	A school system that focus on the needs of children as individuals. Inspire children who are less advantaged and not give up on them
329	Encourages parent involvement through communication, employs top-notch educators and holds them accountable, provide continuous teacher training, keeps facilities clean, safe, and up to date
330	I believe that quality public schools should be available to every child in the US. Not just those living in "nice" neighborhoods. If our government and society made education a priority, ideally the funding issues would be fixed so that no matter where a child came from, they could get on a bus everyday for a chance at a better life.
331	Qualified, accessible staff. Latest technology available to students. Most effective/new teaching methods used by teachers. Administration open to answering parents' questions.
332	Great teachers. Many class/course options. Quality test scores.
333	Preparing our children to compete in a global, high tech economy of the future. Also a focus on a full, well rounded education with continued exposure to art, music, gym.

334	well, we've got very good teachers, but perhaps we could make sure our children are learning the real history of this country and the government.... more openness to challenge the current scientific and economic stories being told in our media
335	a system that puts the children first
336	community involvement
337	OF and many other school systems are high quality. I think the media discussions center more on inner city schools.
338	That not every child is the same that the teachers are skilled to where they will recognize children that may need extra help and make sure that child(ren) get the help they need to prevent them from falling behind.
339	A quality school system offers a great education and has dedicated teachers and administrators. They also offer plenty of after school activities to give students opportunities for college scholarships.
340	needs of all students are met
341	* meeting the needs of all learners * a place where all children can succeed * my child's individualized learning (social, emotional, academic and physical) is priority
342	very high graduation rates, high test scores/GPA's, high admittance to college or secondary education
343	safe school system so parents wont have to worry when there kids in school
344	One that offers a lot to the students. That the kids learn a lot and become better students and adults for it. They learn how to be ready for life.
345	The outcome of students ready to be positive contributors in society, able to adapt to a changing world with the ability to think for themselves should be #1.
346	I'm very happy with the schools are they are now being run.
347	My idea of a quality school system is actually we currently have now. Although I am not a qualified individual to really say one way or the other.... Actually I could say one thing.... A way to improve costs would help everyone!!!!
348	A school that has sufficient funds to operate and offer the latest technologies to students.
349	Where each child has an equal chance to learn. In order for the nation's schools to improve you need parents who are willing to be involved and supportive, and I feel like the Olmsted community does have very involved families.
350	Listening and helping the students where they are at. Don't "pass them on" to the next grade without making sure they know what needs to be known in the grade they are in. Quit teaching to the standardized testing.
351	safe learning environment, without distractions from unruly students. Education that both develops a good base of knowledge, how to think and without mindless homework
352	A system that is effective in directing as much of its budget into the classroom as possible while offering a variety of advanced academic programs and extracurricular activities for students.
353	Mimic other countries' programs.. Children don't spend nearly as much time in schools in other countries but they have more effective programs and better scores. Enforce consistency. Here is one example... have students stay with the same teacher and classmates for K-3rd grade. This will help a teacher develop a student in areas that need improvement and reduce the evaluation time of a student at the beginning of every school year. I am a product of such a system. In the program I attended, children were mixed every 4 years. This helped teachers get to know the students very well and helped children form friendships. It creates consistency and stability and children thrive better when those factors are set as a foundation.
354	Schools that are well rounded. Schools that challenge our children academically, offer a variety of clubs, small class sizes.
355	A system where my children learn more than textbook skills, but real life application. Communication is taught as well as conflict resolution. Real life skills in addition to the necessary building blocks. Where kids have the opportunity to participate in activities they choose according to their hobbies and interests. Well rounded curriculum- including music, art and physical education, weekly. Teachers that care about their students and have system wide support.

	<p>STate tests are important, but when schools concentrate only on those tests, it misses the point. ¶ I thing OF does a decent job at teaching the students with enthusiasm and creativity to make sure they are ready. ¶</p> <p>High quality teachers who really love their job and children. Engaged and enthusiastic. Creative and not stale. I see that.¶</p> <p>Principals who are visible and communicate on a regular basis. ¶</p> <p>When children are happy and performing well, that is a sign that you are doing something right! My children love school, for the most part. ¶</p> <p>Good communication.¶</p> <p>Community involvement¶</p> <p>Well-rounded programming that addresses developmental differences, cognitive abilities and individual programming to help those who need it most. ¶</p> <p>Contageous school spirit. Shows a positive, motivational environment. Pride in the schools and in teh students.</p>
356	<p>A quality school system is one where students, parents, and teachers work together to maximize the potential of the student.</p>
358	I am pleased with our school district--a quality school system is exactly what we have!!!
359	<p>a school where the funding is not riding on the backs of the taxpayers and where the classroom sizes are never greater than 18-20.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>science olympiad that starts in 4th and remains in place throughout all years through high school</p>
360	<p>Well paid teachers working in a motivating enviroment where professional development is encouraged and rewarded¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>Additional staff to help/challenge both those below and ABOVE the norm (those not in the gifted program)¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>Parents who are involved and helping the teachers in the class room and at home</p>
361	More state funding and less state mandating
362	A quality school system puts every child's education first. Children should be well rounded in ALL subject areas, not just the basics. It is important that children are able to learn and that teachers do not just teach. Quality involves that a child can spell, write, speak and effectively convey their thoughts and feelings.
363	<p>A school system that upholds traditional values. A couple that come to my mind are integrity and modesty. ¶</p> <p>A school that employs qualified teachers who love what they do...they are the most effective teachers.¶</p> <p>A school that encourages involvement of parents as much as possible. ¶</p> <p>A system that uses its funds wisely. ¶</p> <p>A school that creates a learning atmosphere where the kids are safe, physically and emotionally. ¶</p> <p>A system that offers extracurricular activities where the children can develop talents and learn the value of hard work and dedication outside of the classroom.¶</p> <p>A system that keeps up with today's technology.</p>
364	We have a quality school system. It is important for our educators to be happy with their compensation and their job so they can provide a positive education for our children and care on how our children are doing and help them if they are in need.
365	The teacher to student ratio is low. Have the proper classes to prepare the kids for life.
366	High test scores, music and art programs, special needs programs
367	stop using the "standards" as a basis to teach children. encourage learning through fun, exciting, and creative means. this ridiculous drive to pass the tests and make lesson plans primarily based on the standards is fear driven by the districts and teachers. that is a horrible means and drive for the way children should be taught. also, in ohio the unconstitutional school levy system needs to stop. the supreme court ruled it unconstitutional. it is completely unfair that my children receive a superior education b/c of my tax dollars and a child down the road in a district that can't pass a levy gets a mediocre education. all children should be encouraged to learn and strive for success in a positive and meaningful environment.

368	A quality school system is well rounded. It offers options to students at all levels (not just the "state mandated ones"). Although a college degree is the ultimate goal for HS, they must realize that everyone is not going to fit into a "cookie cutter" mold of the perfect student.
369	High standards of education , striving for and having pride in the school systems high marks. A full allotment of extra curricular activities, (ie.. sports, music, etc...)
370	Academics programs, and safety. A place that the student will remember with good moments. Not so much homework, as to overwhelm the student, also.
371	One in which parents, teachers, and administrators work together to challenge students and hold them accountable for their learning.
372	I feel that there has to be an open line of communication between parents and teachers. It really is a community effort that will ensure the success of a system.
373	Again, greater accountability. It shouldn't be a given that once a teacher enters a school system, they will retire there as long as they don't assault or molest a child, regardless of their behavior or performance. ☺ Quality school systems promote teachers who excell, address problems and view their work as a SERVICE to the community, which it is. As any other service industry, their goal should be to serve their target population in the best way they can.
374	to provide a quality education
375	Strong curriculum. Strong community involvement. Kids, teachers, administrators, and parents taking pride in the school system.
376	I feel that kids need to be ready for college, so if there would be any needs for updating their education, without taking away some of the fun things(music,sports, vacation time) which the kids look forward to every day, I would support that.
377	Ratio of teacher to student ratio is not too large, high graduation rates and test scores, community and parent support.
378	I think keeping the children involved in learning, offer programs for children who have a difficult time with their studies, and having a caring staff.
379	i feel as a alumni and a parent of the last 20years or so that Olmsted has always a high quality of education
380	My idea is that school has to maintain excellent academic rating and nice environment.
381	One that not only concentrates on test scores but also looks at the students as individuals and allows for children to be children not robots, one that uses safety as a primary concern and one that has outstanding teachers who truly care about students.
382	A controlled safe environment where my kids can feel comfortable to communicate with staff and peers. A place to learn and not feel pressured.
383	Good teachers. Smaller class numbers. Students having access to core academics as well as electives. Administration that supports the teachers. Money put into schools where needed. Why does administration make that much more than teachers?
384	An educated, imaginative board and teachers. The board and teachers need to have fresh and fun ideas on how to teach the children but also be able to relate to them. They need to care about their jobs and not just show up for a paycheck. The board and teachers need to have the ability to think outside the box to handle every situation and have the patience to work with co-workers, the children, but also the parents. ☺ Ultimately, the teachers and board determine the quality of a school system,
385	Basics in reading, writing and math, computer skills, choices in extracurriculars, sports, academic, non-academic etc. When counseling students about after graduation, college or trade - offer up information on both, help the student understand all that is out there.☺ Offer healthy food choices.
386	A system where the vast majority of students are performing at or above state/nationwide standards
387	The current theme where everyone wins doesn't sit well with me. The grading scale in 1-3rd grades is a great example of this. Beginning/Developing/Secure. How soft is that. If my kid is bad at something let me know, and don't sugar coat it with a P/C grading system. O/S/N/U at least gave feedback to the parents with what the kids need to improve on.

388	Excellent teachers who know and love their subject material. A science teacher who knows and loves science will inspire and educate students. Whether or not there is a smart board in the classroom the teacher makes the difference.
389	The improvement of the nation's schools is an important matter. However, I think the fiscal health of the schools and the community's ability to maintain programs and services is equally important. Schools must be willing to embrace new ideas and break away from old paradigms. I think the staggered start and end times for high school students is an excellent use of our physical resources and helps to eliminate crowding. How can our school district reach out to surrounding school districts and community resources to maximize staffing, make use of available technology and support existing programs or add new course offerings to high school students?
390	Offers classes that will allow my children to learn and to prepare them for college and life in general.
391	One where the parents are involved, but how to you force them? Without parental involvement in homework and even helping at school, our country will have a hard time turning around. I also see the inability to discipline children and parents that don't side with teachers as an issue.
392	I hate the idea of year round school with additional breaks throughout the year. I don't believe this to be a realistic option for this part of the country. Plus, during summer months I spend time with my daughter, her cousins & extended family that live throughout the country - If the same schedule is not kept for all kids everywhere, this would not be possible. I believe all education is not taught in the classroom & that taking time away from family (when there is so little remaining) would be detrimental to all. I would prefer an extended school day (where all "homework" is completed at school).
393	A system that works as a team with the student and parents to provide a solid education that will lead to competitive opportunities for further education and careers. It is one thing to be at the top of your class, but if you can't keep up with the level of education at college it means nothing.
394	Smaller classes and being able to realize the different learning styles of the students and having teachers of all kinds that are able to teach children accordingly so the end result is the same for all or most of the students.
395	that all can be provided for the students
396	Variety, structure, high standards, (meeting the competitiveness of the rest of the world in history, grammar, math & science), & high morals. All of which will sculpt our students into great contributors to society.
397	unity
398	I believe eaach level should adequately prepare the student for the next level both academically, and socially with balanced extracurriculars.
399	qualified educators strong administration adequate faciliites low student to teacher ratio good communication with parents
400	Meeting every students needs and having them perform to the best of their ability academically. Supporting and encouraging a wide range of after school activities and clubs to broaden students knowledge.
401	A school that treats its teachers well so that they create a great learning environment for our kids.
402	involved teachers - good parent communication - children that look forward to going
403	More emphasis on education. I know sports, life skills, etc are important, but we send our kids to school to learn math, science, reading... I can teach the other things at home. Maybe less of them during the week?
404	keeping up to standards and Olmsted Falls is above that with every classroom
405	One that holds all accountable: teachers,students,administration and parents.
406	updated, clean, safe, good ratings,
407	One that is built on community organization and determination and put those valuable resources into the hands of professional educators and support staff to empower the students.

408	A quality school system will, early on, keep education simple and stick to the basics. First through third graders don't need to learn about civil rights. They need to learn how to spell "civil rights" first. Then, with the basics firmly established, the students can better read and learn about all subjects. A quality school system will use meritocracy to differentiate the good teachers from the bad ones, and reward and promote the good ones, and fire the bad ones. Also, a quality school system will differentiate the honors students who are college bound as they get older, and will not group the smart kids with the not so smart kids in the hopes their habits will rub-off. Instead, a quality school system will challenge the smart kids even more to develop their strengths even further. Further, a quality school system will focus on learning, and not dictate my kids' diet. That's my responsibility as a parent. There's nothing inherently evil about plain white hot dog buns, and for heavens sake, there is nothing more American than Idaho potato based tater tots. A quality school system
409	I would place Olmsted Falls as the model of a quality school system. I believe this system works because the citizen/parents are very involved in their children's education and extracurricular activities. This is not true for all school districts. I know of other close by districts where less than 10% of parents attend conferences. I also believe that the educators, staff, and administration believe in this district and their mission. I have never felt that they were here to just pick up a paycheck.
410	A well-rounded system that holds students to expectations for behavior and dress, stays current with technology and curriculum, employs quality teachers, and has good extra-curricular programming with lots of staff support.
411	My idea for a quality school system is to have high standards for students, parents and educators. I don't feel that everything is based on a standardized test that will create the fate of the child. I feel that children should learn at many levels of Blooms Taxonomy. I feel that as a society we need to realize that all student's will not fit in the same mold. That doesn't mean that standards shouldn't be met. I feel that strong discipline and consistency are major keys to success. There needs to be a strong communication system among students, parents, and staff. I feel that parents need to step- up to the plate and take more responsibility and accountability for their children. Teacher's are only part of the piece for success. As a nation parents need to be teaching their children discipline and appropriate social skills. So much time is taken away from academics in schools because parents are not doing their jobs as parents at home. You may have the best teacher that is right on track with curriculum, classroom management and wonderful at motivating students,
412	OFSS is what I consider a "quality school system" All the programs offered, the Staff, all of it.
413	I think Falls Lenox is doing a good job.
414	One that has the ability to recognize the needs of the students and facilitate their learning. From the brightest, to the most challenged. Small class size and a variety of elective courses to allow older students to discover their niche. For the younger students, a variety of "open" as well as traditional class rooms to meet the needs of the individual.
415	students receive quality education and exposure to a wide variety of career options
416	I don't think OF falls needs to change based on that.
417	One where there exists a good student to teacher ratio and not bending and folding to be so politically correct that information we learned is now "taboo" or not politically or religiously correct. I think it is okay to have a Christmas concert. If a few don't want to attend so be it. Go to a private school. I do not believe it should be a requirement to change courses due to someone's feelings or beliefs possibly being dinged. It is okay to talk about evolution for instance..
418	One that adjusts to the kids needs. I know this is a stretch but, children should advance when they have mastered something not have to wait for the rest of the class.
419	A school system which prepares a variety of students for future success in life, whatever that may be for that individual.
420	Strong, innovative teachers. Emphasis on life experiences not just book learning.
421	Using the most current method of teaching that has been a proven method.
422	challenging curriculum at lowest possible cost
423	It begins with the community, knowing the needs of the families and having the sources from government assistance programs, scholarships. Staying on a strict budget without taking advantage of underbudget for that year and allow for rollover for unexpected necessary projects to keep our children safe, & educated in classrooms, keeping the Teacher/student ratio below state maximum allowed. keeping up with the field maintenance of all sports .
424	A system which grows all students each year, not just those who need to reach "the level" at which they are supposed to be at by the end of the year.

425	ONE THAT PROVIDES INTERESTING EDUCATION, THAT KEEPS KIDS INTERESTED IN LEARNING.
426	a school that has a high graduation level who has students that are achieving grades c and above a school that prepares the students with classes for life after graduation, whether college or work with related courses a school that uses the technology of today
427	A quality school system has a strong academic return, kids going to college and good state status. Offerings for community outreach and togetherness. It does not have to be religious in nature, just caring for our community and those that live it.
428	A balance of good education and community involvement. A quality school system is one, in my opinion, that leans more towards a classical education system.
429	A school which provides safety, emphasis on reading, writing (not necessary creative), math, science. I feel that music, sports are extra activities that are not necessary for a quality education. As a parent who has paid for my sons music classes since the age of 3 years old I have no issues with continuing to do so. I want my sons to be able to have strong basic skills. I would like to see an emphasis on public speaking and less on computer skills. I would like to see more emphasis on math (without the use of calculators for basic math) and science with application so students are not just memorizing for test and then forgetting the information. As a nursing instructor at the college level students have no memory of what they learned in public school in biology or chemistry, this needs to be emphasized if we are to compete as a nation. Also, smaller classroom size would provide a benefit for learning.
430	Fokus more on basic education. Secondary programs and sports should come second and not take time from basic necessary education. This programs and sports can be done privately for who would like to do and not spend public money for these.
431	I like the idea of value-added. I think a school should be well-rounded offering languages (in lower grade levels), core curriculum and specials (art, gym, music).
432	Schools that prepare our children for their future.
433	one where students are actually learning something. involved teachers and parents
434	my children receiving a great education and help to move on to the next phase of their life
435	High graduation rate and giving kids the necessary skills to interact with adult in the real world. So many kids struggle with this area because of all the electronics in their life.
436	High levels of accountability, quality teachers with a commitment to continuing their own educational skills. It is important that the children know that they matter and that they have the attention needed to assess problems before they become bigger problems. The first years of a child's educational experience often dictate their attitude toward school and education for the rest of their lives. This is where the foundation must be formed.
437	Quality education, low class size, many extracurriculars (sports, drama, band, photo club etc), remedial help for those who need it, parent support
438	A place where each child comes first and education is just secondary.
439	An above average education, teachers give respect to the children that respect them, well maintained schools.
440	A school that stresses not just test scores and flaunts its state ratings, but a school that molds and nurtures the whole student; a school where diversity - in academics, athletics and other skills - are celebrated. All children need to be tended to - not just the upper echelon and the troublemakers. All too often the average student is being lost in the shuffle.
441	A system that is actually supported by state and federal government money
442	Well-rounded education with low student to teacher ratios
443	One that uses it finances wisely and not wasteful. One that focuses on education and not reaching into "social agendas" One that has good home and school communication and parental participation in the process of education.
444	A school system that provides a well rounded education to all students through various class offerings, specials, extracurriculars and athletics.

445	Meeting the needs of the community, then continue to raise the standard. State or Federal "standards" should only serve as a "minimum". Having a strong and appropriate teacher evaluation and accountability system in place with performance based pay increases, and eliminating the non-performers regardless of years of service.
446	It really doesn't get much better than Olmsted Falls for the reasons: 1. Cost per student far lower than large school districts 2. Moderate size of senior residents and trailer development 3. Lack of State/ Federal Supported funding achieving school districts
447	Get the community involved - invite them to parks to hear the band play and raise money. Stop paying administrators 6 figure salaries - money does not always buy quality leadership. Put the money towards the top 3 priorities.
448	Ours, but it also takes the community to support them. Not all systems have the dedicated employees and parents that it takes to provide this.
449	I think when the funding system changes our schools will change for the better. Better funding means better facilities, better supplies, and better teachers. I doubt the general public will ever believe that school boards don't waste money. The media certainly does not help that. Until people are not required to keep passing levies and fund schools with their money they will continue to complain.
450	Contact with teachers, use of modern technology.
451	That the students graduating have learned the basic skill they need to succeed in the real world and have been properly prepared for college.. if that is the path they have taken while in high school.
452	I believe the quality of the school is wonderful especially being my children are doing so well in school.
453	Students need to be given the tools to learn while helping the parents provide the reinforcement at home. A quality school system needs to find ways to not only educate during the school day, but also educate what needs to be done at home
454	I think a school system that truly cares about the childrens educations and there future is a quality school system. When a teacher shows the child that they want to see them exceed and do well in school, I think that helps the child want to learn and continue to do better. I think most of the Olmsted Falls Teachers and faculty does this very well.
455	A school system which recognizes the uniqueness of each student. In the ever changing field of education, it is imperative that a school system does everything possible to keep up with these changes and accomodate their students needs. I realize what a challenge this must be, but it is the society we live in. Other areas that I believe are important are keeping the teacher to student ratio low, which will allow teachers to better serve the various needs of students. Also, especially as the students age, they need to be presented with a variety of educational opportunities to prepare them for the future. For example, at the high school level post-secondary opportunities or a variety of AP courses. At the same time it is important to have programs in place for at-risk students or those who don't plan to pursue a college education. They may be in the minority in our district, but these students still exist. These are just a few examples. I am sure there are many programs that can be introduced at the early ages to cultivate student interest.
456	A system that has data to support the learning that is occurring within the district a system that has opportunities for those who are above grade-level and those who are below grade-level. a safe school a school that communicates well with the families
457	One that prepares my child for the real world. Helping them to be the best academically, socially and spiritually. Also, one which helps them to become critical thinkers that are confident in themselves, culturally diverse, and have positive attitudes.
458	Clean, safe schools with a good group of quality teachers.

459	Unfortunately, I am not in the business of qualifying the standards of a school system. But, the first thing that would come to mind is "Higher Education", which would include being above and beyond the standards of other neighboring systems.
460	We already have one! High expectations and a committed staff are essential. I believe we already have that!
461	Dedicated & energetic teachers with access to technology & new ideas
462	Small Class sizes. Enough teachers to support the class size. Students should be challenged and advanced classes should be offered in the Middle School. I appreciate the Gifted Program, however, I believe the students would benefit more if they were placed in a higher or gifted level class, rather than just completing an Independent Study project.
463	Preparation for college
464	One that is in touch with their pupils , One that keeps current on all that is available for the children and one that doesn't allow employees to sit back on their laurels.
465	Outstanding teachers that expect quality work of their students! Curriculum that is challenging for students at all levels! Choices...in classes, extra-curricular, scheduling...
466	A quality school system needs to be funded without always having to go to the voters for a levy. Levies fail and our children suffer due to this. Education should always be a top priority for the schools. Our children also need to feel safe and have buildings that are safe and not run down. Teachers should be well educated and assurance made that no harm comes to our children by them. The focus should not just always be on sports but on other areas as well such as music etc. Too many times our music program does well in a contest etc but you don't hear about that as much as you do a sports team winning. Not to have overcrowding. We need superintendents who focus on the schools, education and the students and not money all the time.
467	Where the kids are able to learn and want to learn.
468	Olmsted Falls is my idea of a quality school system.
469	Olmsted Falls
470	small class sizes
471	A school system that meets the needs of all students in all areas.
472	Necessary materials, handle each child & situation individually.
473	Core curriculum of math, science, language arts, and social studies, as well as music, foreign language, and gym classes at early grades, and a wide variety of AP and/or IB classes at the high school level.
474	I think ours is fine.
475	on that keeps up with the standards and doesn't let any kid be left behind
476	Get rid of all extra activities or make them pay to play. They are eating up money that is needed in other places
477	The ability to produce students that are taught to think and solve problems. Not produce who are great at memorization and regurgitation of facts.
478	High academic standards with enough advanced course offerings for those students that need them to compete for college admissions and balanced offerings in general studies so that students who do not wish to pursue a college education can graduate and continue on to a trade school or enter the work force and be able to manage with basic reading and finance skills.
479	Where children can work at different paces and given the attention they need to improve scholastically.
480	One that prepares students for higher education as well as social situations (textbook and life learning are a balance) as opposed to teaching to standardized tests. A quality school system contains energetic, eager, passionate teachers who don't use the same lesson plans every year for 35 years and who have the resources and student/teacher ratios available to them to maximize learning and engagement.
481	I think we have it.
482	Adequate teacher/student ratios and quality materials and facilities.
483	A school in which my children are not only getting a good education but in which their progress is being monitored to allow the best education for each child.
484	EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, NEEDED SUPPLIES, WELL ROUNDED COURSE AVAILABILITY AND ORGANIZED ATHLETICS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

485	A quality school system understands that students don't learn at the same pace or in the same way and are more than the sum of their test scores. A quality school system offers opportunities for learning and participation outside the classroom. A quality school system requires and respects professionalism in their staff, finds ways to develop and incentivize them.
486	A safe school where my child feels welcome and is able to learn and grow into a great adult.
487	One that is safe, takes no crap but is reasonable. Where everything is split between the students and parents. The teachers have a responsibility but how much is debatable.
488	Teachers who work with the parents and students to achieve the best.
489	high emphasize on academics and extra circular activities
490	all students know the basics (reading, writing, math) and are encouraged to do more in education - tech school, college, anything! exposure to global issues and cultures - that's the future.
491	Class sizes not to exceed 25! Qualified Teachers! Providing bus transportation to students over a mile from school K-12th grade. Variety of athletic programs! Variety of music programs including orchestra, which Olmsted Falls does not ahve but should!!
492	A school system preparing kids for future successes. Laying a foundation which will enable them to succeed later on in life.
493	I think lots of exposure to new programs and learning styles is real good for the kids. I also think that bullying is a HUGE problem that needs to be stopped the minute it starts. And a welcoming environment for new parents is important. There are some secretaries in the middle school that are real crabs. Why? I realize that is a small issue but for a new parent or child in the school system it makes a big difference.
494	Offering the most in classes and college prep
495	A system that produces well rounded kids. Academics are very important, but so are all the extra curriculars. The system also needs to be able to address the needs of all its students from the high achievers to the ones that struggle. It is also very important that those kids in the middle do not get lost in the process. these kids are many times the ones that get over looked because they are not at the top of their class or at the bottom where it seems the most attention is given.
496	Educaiton and the willingness to see students excell, not the no child left behind. When I went to school and I failed I got left behind, it's a learning process
497	One that teaches the students to achieve not teaches to the test
498	Where children are taught what is necessary for their level with extra help when needed.
499	On the physical health subject, I believe the lunches and physical activity my kids get at these schools is better than their previous schools.
500	A system that has demonstrated through testing (ACT,SAT and other tests), college enrollment, extra curricular activities (Power of the Pen, Science Olympiad, Debates, CSI contests, sports, theater, and music) a commitment by students, teachers, and parents to a well rounded achieving child.
501	teaching the students what they will need to be successful in the real world. Providing them with the necessary skills. Providing variety.
502	A system where the students are challenged and worked hard. The rest of the world seems to set higher standards for their students and they meet them! They are forced to excel by nature of what is expected of them. We need to set higher standards and then do all that we can to SHOW the students how to excel. A quality school system is one that always keeps the students long term career goals in the forefront of planning, not their short term sports or extracurricular goals.
503	One that treats all as equals, provides equally for all, prepares students for the "real" world in as many aspects as possible! Encourages growth and provides opportunities for those "outside' the normal paths of learning. Not every child will learn in the exact same way every day. We must provide successful alternatives for those that do not fit in with "traditional" educational processes.
504	Knowledgeable and well-educated teachers; a variety of courses offered to the students that promote develop; approachable staff; mutual effort of parents and teachers to collaborate in the education of the children

505	A school that listens to all parents and children. Not just the ones in your cliques. I wonder where these children are getting their ideas from? You can't solve problems by looking the other way or acting like there is not happening in your school. Why does everyone wait for the tragedy to hit before they take the action that is needed to prevent them? Your school rallies and words of protecting our children don't mean a thing if you are not going to enforce the protection you tell are children is there for them.
506	high rating in achievement tests student-teacher ratio
507	one that provides the best quality education.
508	disversity between education and extracurricular activities
509	A place where the whole community gets involved.
510	I believe OF has done an outstanding job in the area of academics, which is important. A relationship piece is missing.
511	Superior education Activities Teachers that have the time and ability to connect with students and their families.
512	A quality school system educates the entire child, providing experiences that encourage growth and maturity in all aspects of the human person.
513	The first thing would be all day kindergarten. Eliminate busing for the HS level, this would be a cost cutting move because a majority of the student do not ride the bus, except for Polaris that would be the exception to the rule.
514	100% graduation rate, smaller class size for better communication in class, vocational classes for students to learn.
515	A safe place where each child feels empowered to learn to the best of his/her ability, where academics are valued at least as much as athletics, and where the arts can flourish as well
516	I think the most important indicator of a quality of a school system is the ability of its graduates to communicate well, both in writing and speaking.
517	The use of technology along with a strong foundation in the basics such as math, reading, writing, P.E. ETC... The involvement of the community as a whole and continuing to offer a morally sound education not influenced by trends but set in old fashion american values, like recognizing christmas, easter etc.. Having a high quality staff and administration that listens.
518	Education is the most important goal.
519	We've had 14 years experience with a non-chartered private school where the parents are expected to contribute in many ways. Service time made up part of the tuition where parents literally cleaned, painted etc. Unfortunately, in todays society, many people have the assumption/expectation that it is the schools job to do it all. We feel we need to work with what finances we have and ask for more parental involvment. There will be parents that balk at the extra work, time etc. but then again, it would be for the benefit of our children. At the other school, this was the norm and parents/students knew of the "responsibilities" beforehand. Olm. Falls spends 2.5 times more per student than at the private school. I'm sure there is much we do not see/understand, but in todays economy we need to explore every option.
520	I would like to see opportunities for enrolling my kids in optional educational programs within the school system. A series of optional programs could be used to develop pilot classes. After a pilot class program becomes more popular it could be considered as a standard program. I think the vareity of classes could be modeled much more like a university course catalog. With a university coursework method students could be enrolled in courses
521	allow for students in each grade level to have a diverse number of experiences based on their own advancement... sometimes the kids get locked into learning levels based on age but actually have quite different levels of development, some "ahead" and some "behind"
522	Where Teachers and Administrators are a positive reinforcement role model outside the home and are engaged in interaction on a adult level with the heartbeat of the class. Being prepared!
523	A quality school system prepared children to be successful in life. This includes a well rounded education that emphasizes critical thinking, socialization skills and an atmosphere that allows children to discover and reinforce their particular talents.
524	I think I am in it.

525	My child gets the help she needs, to pass the state tests. Also, that she is not brushed over and left behind, in the hast busy world, I see them in now. My child is prepared for the real world, and is also taught other things, such as citizenship, and variety of subjects.
526	I truly feel OFCS is offering an outstanding education despite their large class sizes.
527	An honest administration. You can have all the degrees in the world, but if you do not have integrity, you're worthless. Please do not strong arm the tax payers. Although it did not affect me, I had heartache for all the parents that suffered during the busing situation. Perhaps it would be better to pass small levies, then to panic when we need money. Smaller levies in shorter time periods would be more effective because large amounts have a tendency to scare people.
528	I don't really know what truly makes a quality school system. I think that depends on a number of things. I think getting parents together to have forums regarding issues at the school such as bullying would be helpful. I think it would be helpful to have both students and parents participate in these types of forums.
529	The OFCS could be a model of a quality school system or atleast one to build off of. High quality education is being given to students in an organized, supportive manner at a very reasonable cost/student rate in comparison across the state! No Child Left Behind is NOT a reasonable solution, but things do need to be improved as far as graduation rates and achievement to be able to survive in the current work force...
530	good choses. not all kids fit into one mold.
531	Again, Morals, Values, Respect
532	Where the parents, teachers and administration all work together to achieve the common goal of educating our children to succeed in college or in the work place. To ensure our children are taught how to succeed in this age of new technology. To never lose sight of the absolute necessary basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. To ensure all children are all given the same opportunities to achieve.
533	A school system that embraces the diversity of its students.