



Dear RCS Families,

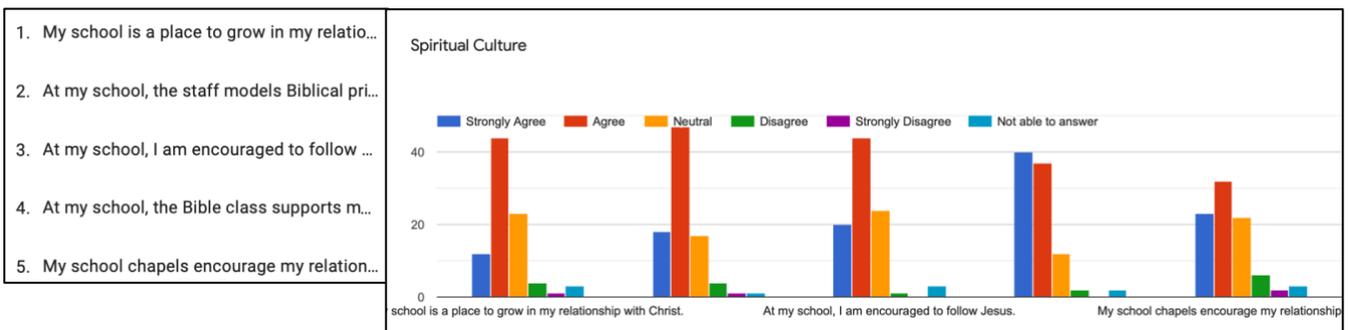
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Hello, and thank you for choosing Rainier Christian Schools. On behalf of our educational ministry team, I look forward to celebrating the power and promise of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Jesus' resurrection exemplifies God's truth bubbling up with real hope and healing. Living our lives connected to the same resurrection power is the promise of living by faith, Eph.1:18-20. It is a stance framed by God's vision, care, and eternal nature.

At RCS, our vision statement contains an important aim, "To be a ministry of excellence." Gathering feedback from students, staff, and parents helps us monitor progress along that vein and make informed decisions. In February, students, staff, and parents responded to climate surveys. The results from students and parents are shown below.

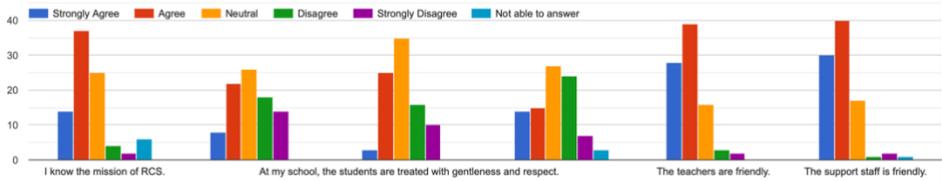
**Student Survey Results, N = 85, grades 6-12.**

Key questions: Spiritual Culture, Purpose and Culture, Instructional Culture, Teaching and Learning, Learning Supports, and My School



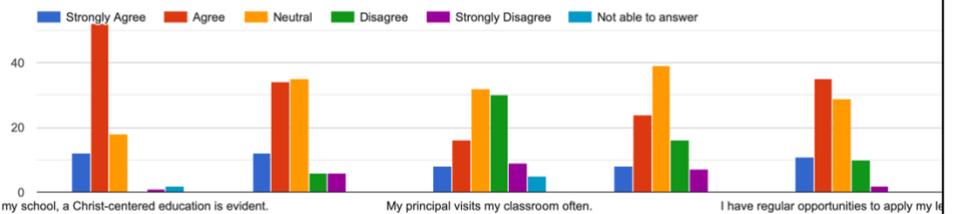
1. I know the mission of RCS.
2. At my school, the students are treated eq...
3. At my school, the students are treated wit...
4. Bullying or Cyberbullying is a problem at ...
5. The teachers are friendly.
6. The support staff is friendly.

Purpose and Culture



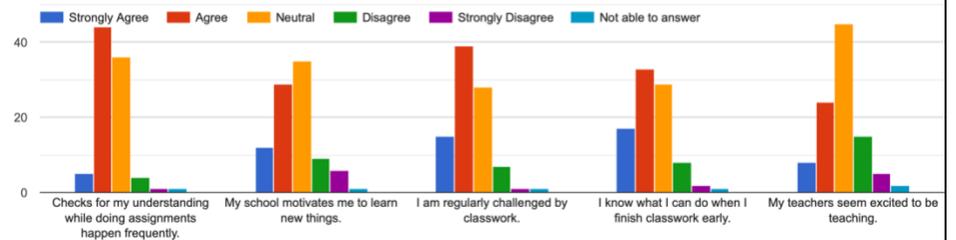
1. At my school, a Christ-centered educatio...
2. At my school, a high-quality education is ...
3. My principal visits my classroom often.
4. The majority of assignments are relevant ...
5. I have regular opportunities to apply my l...

Instruction and Culture



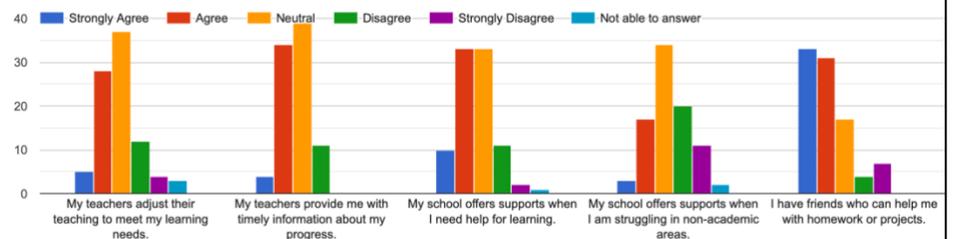
1. Checks for my understanding while doing...
2. My school motivates me to learn new thi...
3. I am regularly challenged by classwork.
4. I know what I can do when I finish classw...
5. My teachers seem excited to be teaching.

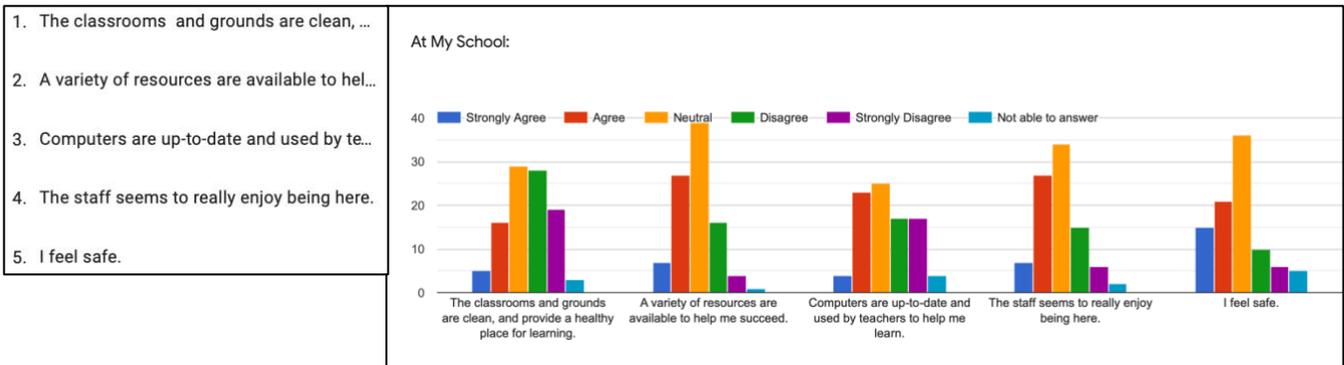
Teaching and Learning



1. My teachers adjust their teaching to meet...
2. My teachers provide me with timely infor...
3. My school offers supports when I need h...
4. My school offers supports when I am str...
5. I have friends who can help me with hom...

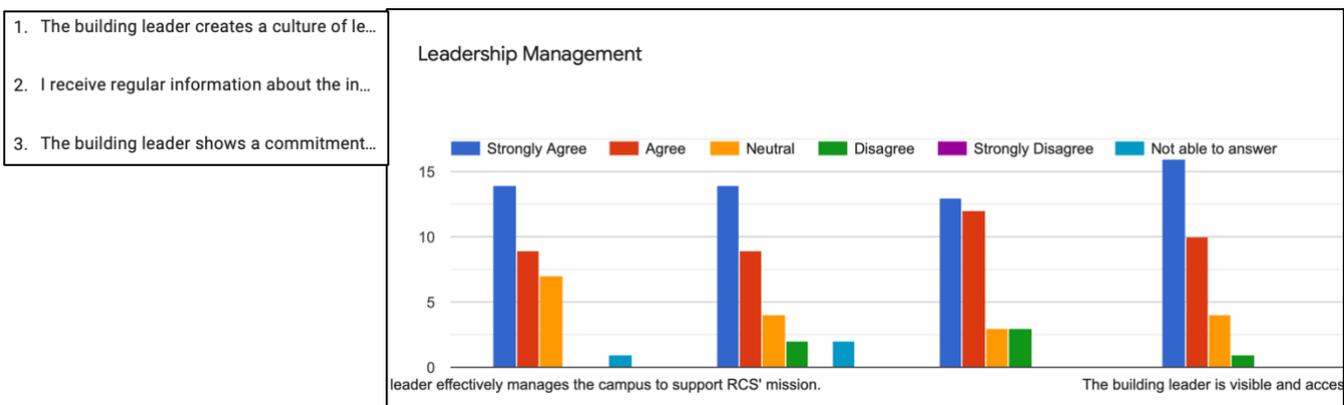
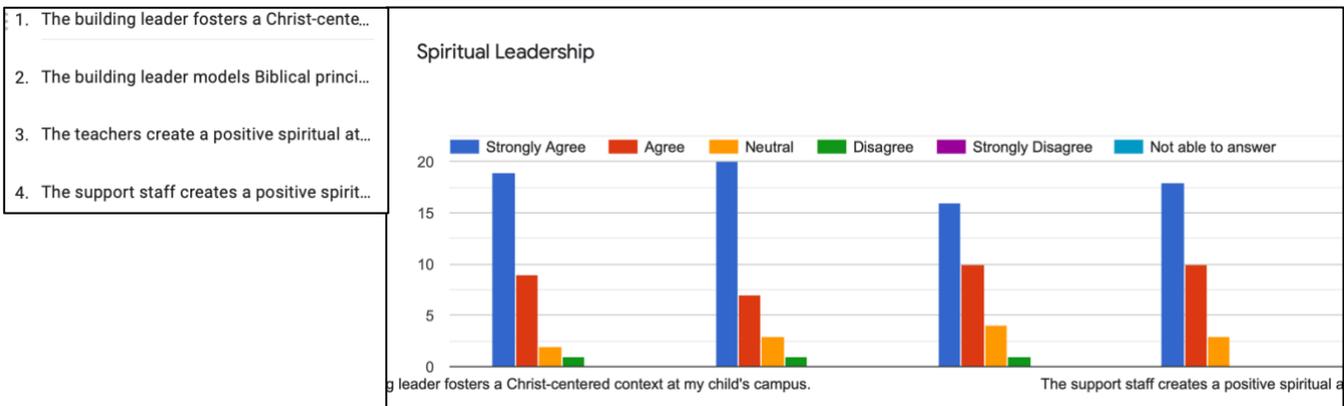
Learning Supports



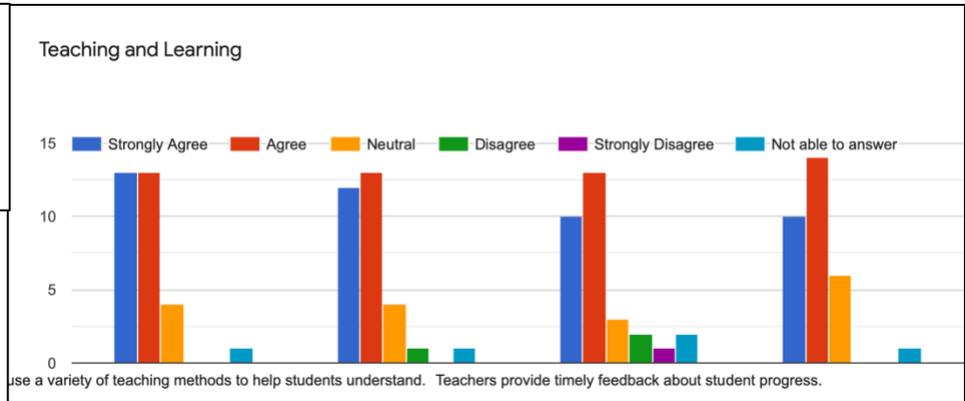


### Parent Survey Results N = 31

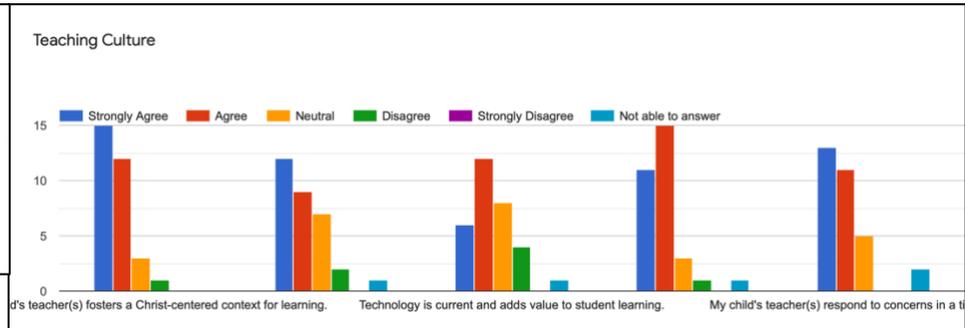
Key questions: Spiritual Leadership, Leadership Management, Teaching and Learning, Teaching Culture, Campus Environment, President, and RCS Board of Directors.



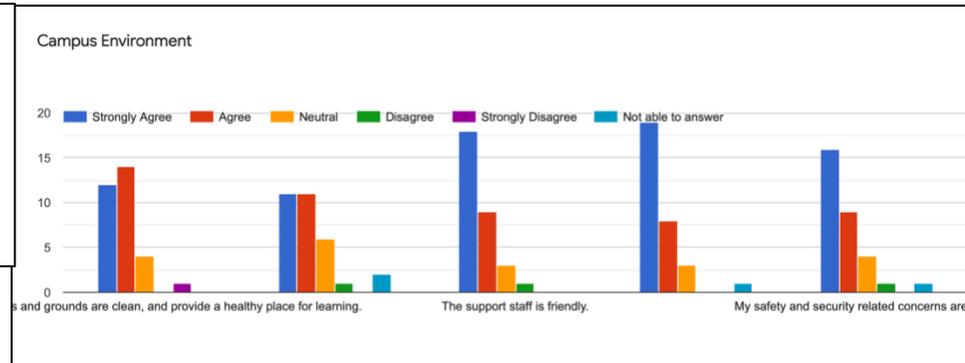
1. Teachers use a variety of teaching metho...
2. Teachers adjust instruction to meet the n...
3. Teachers provide timely feedback about ...
4. Teachers innovate and collaborate aroun...



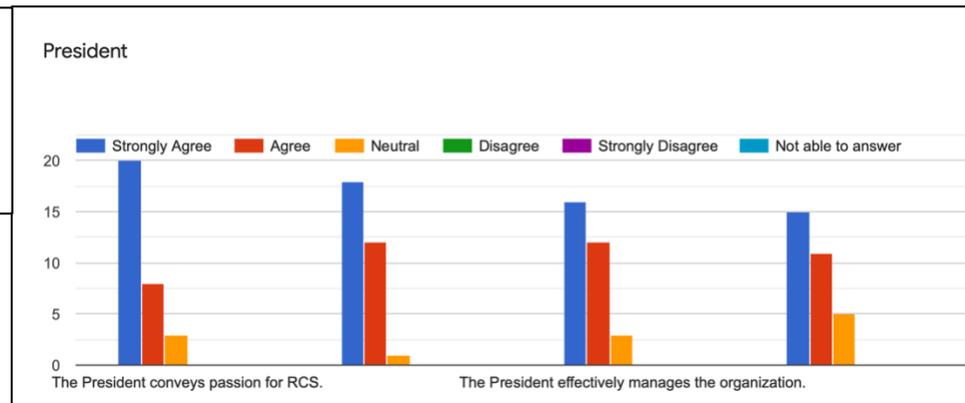
1. My child's teacher(s) fosters a Christ-cen...
2. My child's teacher(s) use best practices f...
3. Technology is current and adds value to s...
4. My child's teacher(s) provide challengi...
5. My child's teacher(s) respond to concern...

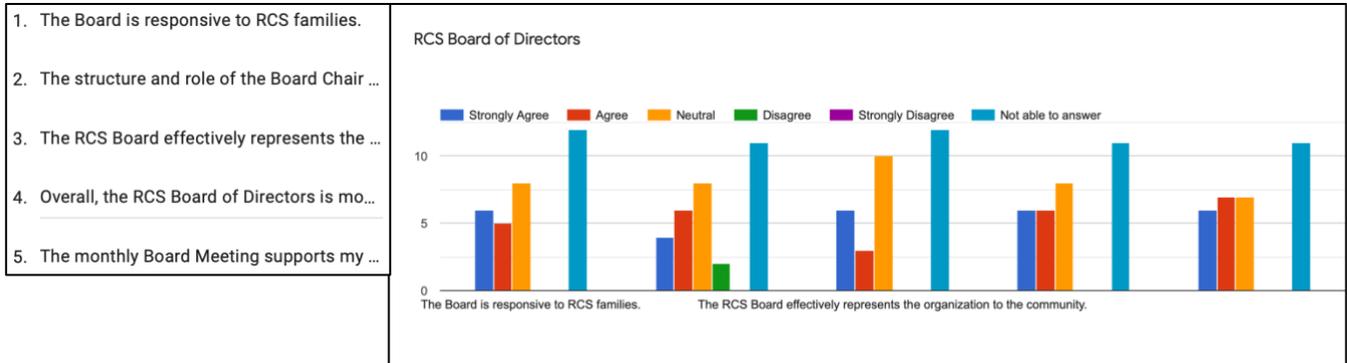


1. The buildings and grounds are clean, and ...
2. A variety of resources are available to hel...
3. The support staff is friendly.
4. The support staff responds to concerns i...
5. My safety and security related concerns ...



1. The President conveys passion for RCS.
2. The President regularly communicates wi...
3. The President effectively manages the or...
4. Overall, the President is leading the organ...





There are a number of encouraging data points as well as areas to focus attention. Thank you to all who took the time to participate in the surveys. The next step is to develop an action plan with priorities for each campus. From there, expect the principals to share the details in their newsletters.

**A return of dumbphones?**

"Dumbphones are continuing to enjoy a revival. Google searches for them jumped by 89% between 2018 and 2021, according to a report by software firm SEMrush. These are basic handsets with very limited functionality compared to an iPhone. You can typically only make and receive calls and SMS text messages. And, if you are lucky - listen to radio and take very basic photos, but definitely not connect to the internet or apps."

In a March 21, 2022, [BBC news article](#), several factors explain the rise of dumbphones:

- Price point considerably lower than smartphone
- Smartphones are controlling too much of life
- To limit social media, clickbait, and anxiety-inducing, infinite feeds
- A desire to return to simpler times

As a school administrator, smartphones for elementary, middle school, and high-school students create headaches. One reason is students who are cyber-bullied never get away. The social impact follows them back through the schoolhouse doors. When I

was a kid, being home created a buffer from the stuff that happened during the day. If not monitored, smartphones never allow a student to break away, and the effects are non-trivial. I encourage parents to thoughtfully consider the potential social-emotional toll, monitor their kids' chat rooms and other feeds, and entertain the idea of a dumbphone. From the evidence I collected involving smartphone-enabled incidents, parents may be unpleasantly surprised by the content swirl.

### **Booster Club News**

Marcus Johnson, athletic director, and the RCS Booster Club are excited about a new idea to replace the Firework's Stand fundraiser. The Mustang Gallop 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 21. The run/walk is held on-site at our MS/HS campus at Black Diamond Camps. If you have any questions or feel inspired to help, please get in touch with [marcus.johnson@rainierchristian.org](mailto:marcus.johnson@rainierchristian.org). Go Mustangs!!



In closing, may Christ's victory over death and all the implications of the Easter message be felt in a powerfully fresh way. Thank you again for choosing Rainier Christian Schools.

My best,

*Bruce Kelly*

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president, Rainier Christian Schools

