

From the desk of Superintendent Michelle Jensen

“Survey says”...For those of us old enough to remember, those words were symbolic in an era of watching host Richard Dawson on the Family Feud game show. While we will never see our community survey information displayed in such grand fashion for people to guess...it is equally exciting to look at the feedback received from our community.

On April 3, Bill Foster of School Perceptions presented the results of the survey and shared some of his thoughts on the data. His first observation was that Deerfield had good survey participation similar to percentages we see in voters going to the polls during elections. With an approximate 25% response, our survey was completed by a wide variety of age groups, parents and non-parents. Another significant observation was that a higher than typical response was seen from community members over 65 years of age which means that our older citizens are taking an active part in sharing their thoughts on the future of our schools.

While there are many details in the survey, the overall responses have provided the CAC, School Board and Administrative team some good direction to continue with our work. We will be looking at each of the themes that Bill Foster identified to address the ideas, suggestions and concerns brought forth by community members. Please look for additional articles and mailings related to the themes and the work of the CAC group.

I would like to encourage community members to take some time to view the survey findings by visiting the school district website at www.deerfield.k12.wi.us. There is a link to the survey on the homepage and another link can be found on the CAC information page. The April 3 presentation was also filmed by WDEE and shown on the cable channel. Citizens wishing to see this presentation may purchase a copy of the DVD from the village hall.