

## **Kentfield Youth Truth Survey 2017-2018**

### **About Our Survey Partner, YouthTruth**

YouthTruth is a San Francisco-based nationally recognized student and stakeholder survey provider used in hundreds of schools and districts across the country, surveying hundreds of thousands of students. Since 2008, YouthTruth has surveyed over 700,000 students across 38 states and four countries. Their surveys have been rigorously tested for validity and reliability are grounded by the research about what matters most in creating high performing schools with strong climate and culture.

Hundreds of California schools and a growing number of other Bay Area and Marin County districts are working with YouthTruth to gather actionable feedback. Other districts in our county include the Novato Unified School District, Shoreline Unified School District, and Sausalito-Marín City School District. To read YouthTruth's survey design and methodology, please visit <http://www.youthtruthsurvey.org/resources/#research>.

### **About our Survey Themes and Administration Timing**

Kentfield's anonymous and confidential surveys were administered from March 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> and we heard from the following stakeholder groups:

#### **Students**

We asked all eligible students in grades 3-8 for their feedback about their school overall with questions related to school climate, academic rigor, relationships with teachers and peers (including bullying), and culture. We heard over 700 student voices through that effort.

- Our elementary survey was customized with additional questions related to project-based learning and school safety.
- Our middle school survey was customized with additional questions based on nutrition and exercise, drugs and alcohol, emotional and mental health, school safety, and student voice and leadership.

#### **Parents and Guardians**

We also engaged our parent/guardian community across themes of school culture, engagement and empowerment, relationships, communication and feedback, and school safety. Over 200 responses were collected.

#### **School Staff**

We asked all instructional and support staff for their feedback on feelings of engagement, empowerment, culture, communication, relationships, professional development, and support. Nearly 60 staff members responded to the staff survey.