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Sex	Age Range	Party	Parent	Region	Response
F	18-34	D	N	East	Brush secondary is a new campus as of 2020. there are more clubs/opportunities for the students. more technology available
M	18-34	D	N	East	Fewer behavioral write-ups each year, better test scores each year, and improving school culture.
F	55-64	D	N	East	They still care
F	55-64	D	N	East	They are providing a curriculum that is a good start to giving students what they need to be successful as adults. But they still have room to grow.
F	55-64	D	N	East	We cannot get young vibrant people to come to the area due to poor ratings
F	55-64	D	N	East	They are trying to educate students
F	55-64	D	N	East	Good outcomes
F	65+	D	N	East	Small rural district with great teacher student ratio and focus on the important things
F	65+	D	N	East	They are not banning books (so far).
F	65+	D	N	East	We haa as be people in our school who are dedicated to our students - from our custodian to our superintendent
F	65+	D	N	East	Good Superintendent, board that is invested. The Hope Center and the alternative school are very important to provide options for success
F	65+	D	N	East	3 children and I grandchild educated, not without some glaring problems but they all received a somewhat adequate education and are all employed
F	65+	D	N	East	The community seems dedicated to their education and experience of it.
F	65+	D	N	East	Learning to read and write does a lot!
F	65+	D	N	East	More hopeful than anything. Have no kids in school. Hopefully we are not being overtaken by those who want to ban books, deny history or ban inclusion or public health recommendations.
F	65+	D	N	East	Feed back from local students says things are going well
M	65+	D	N	East	Colorado schools are egalitarian and inclusive.
M	65+	D	N	East	Attempting to aligning education with real working world. Reaching out to parents, citizens, industry. Caring teachers and adm.
F	55-64	N	N	East	I don't have school aged children, but the children I've met so far have been respectful and intelligent. I'm assuming part of that attitude comes from our educational system.
M	18-34	R	N	East	Every is happy that sends there kids here

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M	45-54	R	N	East	My school district is headed in the right direction because we are concentrating on reading, math and English. We are constantly having things passed down from the state to where we have to meet. Woke credentials. Not only are many of these scientifically wrong. It is not a school districts responsibility to be teaching children some of the things we are asked to teach School should be able to pick their curriculum and their beliefs and then let parents choose if they want to send their students to that school not have to meet what the state and other officials think it is proper if we want schools to be successful we have to put the family back into the picture .
F	55-64	R	N	East	They observe state standards and prepare our kids properly
F	55-64	R	N	East	New school Protect children
F	55-64	R	N	East	They started a new program called Capturing Kids Heart. It seems to help children how to show empathy, courage, responsibility and soforth.
F	55-64	R	N	East	My neighbors with children in school seem very happy with the school system.
M	55-64	R	N	East	Our school district at least is not adding gender issues, and all of the left wing agenda issues.
U	55-64	R	N	East	Conservative values, Christian beliefs
F	65+	R	N	East	I live in Elbert, CO. School personal in this area are conservative and believe in parents and family values not woke agenda. Throwing money at schools is not a solution. The ethics and standards of the teachers is the key to a good education.
F	65+	R	N	East	They check text books not swayed by the woke agenda being pushed on them
F	65+	R	N	East	New superintendent
F	65+	R	N	East	They teach love of country; they reject liberal policies that promote sex change, abortion, LGBTQ agenda, sexual conditioning and belief that parents have the right to know
F	65+	R	N	East	The children I meet in the neighborhood are polite, and excited and proud of their school.
F	65+	R	N	East	The school seems well balanced, still holds schoolevents, field trips, after school activities, and special classes for those who fall behind.
F	65+	R	N	East	Conservative school board and welcome parents and residents to ALL school meetings.
F	65+	R	N	East	I keep up with meetings with staff and principals in our school districts
M	65+	R	N	East	The board/faculty remain a fairly conservative group.
M	65+	R	N	East	Haven't gone totally woke yet even though they are trying to figure out how to let boys use girls bathrooms
M	65+	R	N	East	Values are still enforced
M	65+	R	N	East	Recent policy decisions/ changes
F	18-34	U	N	East	The school is working on what students need.

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F	18-34	U	N	East	Opted in to the free lunch program. Applied for and got approved for a k-6 fresh fruits and veggies program to encourage healthy choices. Hired a new position "dean of students" for 7-12 grades, to aide student development. Wide range of internships for eligible students. Small community lends to closer, more individualized curriculums tailored to students strengths
M	18-34	U	N	East	I think they do alright for the cards they're dealt.
M	18-34	U	N	East	Elbert built a new school recently, it is much bigger than the old one.
F	35-44	U	N	East	We have a good leader
F	35-44	U	N	East	Trying to hire more teachers to create smaller class sizes. Focusing on quality instruction and intervention
F	35-44	U	N	East	We show up every day no matter how we are treated and are sling our best with very little.
M	35-44	U	N	East	It's a tiny district. It's as responsive as it can be.
F	45-54	U	N	East	Most teachers feel strongly about exposing the students to environments and atmospheres that they might not otherwise experience. We are a very rural community with a very small school and very sheltered population. With such a small number of students, the teachers are able to push the individual potential.
F	45-54	U	N	East	They're not bowing to the GOP, they're not trying to force religion back into schools, they're not trying to ban books that most parents haven't read. They're maintaining the separation of church and state.
F	55-64	U	N	East	I live in a small rural district. Quality staff and best practices are a priority in the classroom. Administration is responsive and works hard for both staff, parents, and students.
F	55-64	U	N	East	The teachers and teaching is great, but I think the money could be spent a little better. All though as a school district they doing great!
M	55-64	U	N	East	I'm in a very small town. I don't hear talk of any extreme or dividing topics regarding the school. I occasionally hear of such topics regarding the schools in the nearest bigger town.
M	55-64	U	N	East	Without additional resources, they seem to be doing the best they can.
F	65+	U	N	East	I live in a rural community and believe the schools are educating students well.
F	65+	U	N	East	It's a small school and it doesn't buy into the woke agenda
F	65+	U	N	East	Good leadership
M	65+	U	N	East	In rural areas schools are doing the best they can with what is available to them.
M	65+	U	N	East	Students are learning but I think there are teachers who do not have the skills needed and the admin does not have the skills needed to help!

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M	65+	U	N	East	There was a recall for several board members. Waiting to see the results.
F	18-34	D	Y	East	The administration is taking a stand on bullying, finally.
F	35-44	D	Y	East	The teachers are great!
F	35-44	D	Y	East	My kids have shown improvement in reading and they brought band back
F	35-44	D	Y	East	New school, use solar energy, trying to improve
F	35-44	D	Y	East	Our test scores are going up and new sports are being added
F	45-54	D	Y	East	We have teachers who care
M	45-54	D	Y	East	Adding new programs and building new school
M	45-54	N	Y	East	The superintendent and the leadership do an excellent job of putting kids first!
U	18-34	O	Y	East	I live in an area where teachers attend pushing sex change ideology on kids, focusing on reading writing and arithmetics.
F	35-44	O	Y	East	They're building an addition to expand on technical skills. I also feel like they're doing a good job with my kiddo, who has special needs.
M	55-64	O	Y	East	Because we are in a conservative district and believe in core values.
M	18-34	R	Y	East	They are not putting political views in our children's head. And they are not doing the whole transgender movement thing.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	The superintendent does well at pushing for improvements
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Our school is a smaller district in a rural area and we have kind, caring teachers who create a great learning environment with the little funding that they receive.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Big Sandy emphasizes on job placement and college education during senior year, helping students self realization and life goals
F	35-44	R	Y	East	They are transparent and wise. They do not have an agenda.
M	35-44	R	Y	East	The thought of a new school and stadium
M	35-44	R	Y	East	Better teacher retention,
F	45-54	R	Y	East	The students seem to like and do we'll all the way to graduation They have sports and extra curricular activities to offer the kids and it is important to have things the kids like on top of education.
F	45-54	R	Y	East	We have small rural schools that care about the future of their communities.
M	45-54	R	Y	East	Capable and caring staff at our school, just not enough of them.
M	45-54	R	Y	East	Good leadership at the district level! That helps combat the supreme level of the aps school board!
F	55-64	R	Y	East	Good administrator- good school board- teachers who love to teach- NON WOKE

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F	65+	R	Y	East	I am only speaking about Holly School but I have a special needs grandson in Holly school and I am very impressed with his education. I attend school events. I think our school is awesome
M	65+	R	Y	East	They keep the children busy, with sports and other activities
F	35-44	U	Y	East	I think they are trying. My biggest concern is the lack of efficient resources and education for children with special needs, especially kids with hearing/or vision differences. I think everyone should know ASL rather than creating a segregated and unequal environment for the deaf and hard of hearing.
F	45-54	U	Y	East	By looking at graduation rates, post grad college placement, career choices
F	45-54	U	Y	East	Strong leadership
F	55-64	U	Y	East	This is a conservative area and the schools believe more in education than following the far left liberal views. My children received a pretty good education
F	18-34	D	N	El Paso/St	Increased food programs and after school care options
M	18-34	D	N	El Paso/St	In general, I would say CO kids are well educated. Pay teachers more!
M	18-34	D	N	El Paso/St	Given the financial constraints the public's schools may have, they are trying the best to provide the children excellent quality education
F	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	As schools begin to personalize systems and structures to adapt to the changing needs of students, we can ensure equity. I think some initiatives are being implemented. However, to ensure access, relevance and transferability of learning to real life we must push for more personalization and transformative approaches.
F	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	Positive feedback from parents teachers
F	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	There is room for improvement, of course, but hiring more teachers, making classrooms smaller, and sharing curriculum with parents is the best way to go. We don't need right wing politics, or politicians deciding for us...Educational experts only...
F	55-64	D	N	El Paso/St	Not sure
F	55-64	D	N	El Paso/St	Their job is incredibly difficult. They've done a great job with my kids.
F	55-64	D	N	El Paso/St	Most schools are looking into to increase security measures for the staff and students. Money is being put into extra curriculum programs.
F	55-64	D	N	El Paso/St	Teaching subjects for the future to better our students
F	55-64	D	N	El Paso/St	High test scores
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Teachers are doing the best they can. However

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F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Teachers in general are dedicated and hard-working. The pressure from some board members related to banning certain materials is an unnecessary strain on our teachers & administrators. I believe the schools are trying hard to overcome the problems caused by the pandemic.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Because the teachers are great the children love to go to school .I am talking about grade scool
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	They are increasing the test scores after covid. Making vocational education available to more students.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Not sure
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Don't have school age children so I don't know enough about the local school systems.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	I haven't heard any complaints from parents.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Children are succeeding and enjoying school.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Teachers
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	These people care about education and want to do the best for their students.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Teachers are short staffed and underfunded, but they show up and doing their best to educate the children with limited resources
M	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Kids are learning
U	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	I live in a district where funding are alloted.
M	18-34	N	N	El Paso/St	Politicians that I don't trust are currently attacking teachers and public school policies, trying to undermine their work in the name of culture wars. I have reason to believe the opposite of what those people say
F	18-34	R	N	El Paso/St	The teachers care enough to teach the kids the skills needed. The district, however, has chosen curriculums that are poor and inefficient. Teachers are having to spend extra time outside of the work day in order to change the curriculum to meet the needs of the students despite being told to follow the curriculum page for page. When teachers tried following the scope and sequence as expected, scores dropped. Since teachers have started making adaptations of their own, scores have improved.
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	2 of my granddaughters got great educations here!
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	I don't have a child in school, but the ones I do know personally are being well educated.
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Offering them appropriate curriculum.
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso/St	Our schools in pueblo are all slowly becoming college prep organizations. This is what runs the world lets put more love into.
F	35-44	U	N	El Paso/St	.
M	45-54	U	N	El Paso/St	Because I have no particular reasons to believe they are not.

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F	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	I think schools try to keep up with technology and teaching our kids. I recently learned that high schools in Colorado Springs will be banning cell phones which I think is a huge step in the right direction.
F	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	I work in a local district and have been an educator for 22 years.
M	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	They are currently teaching history accurately versus what is happening in states such as Florida and not bending to the extreme right wing agenda.
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	Leadership in most of the districts are able to work well with school boards and invite public input, with a few exceptions.
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	Substance over rumor.
M	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	The ones I know of seem to be sticking to the basics. Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and staying away from social B.S..
U	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	They're NOT pushing the woke agenda, they're not castrating our boys, they're not giving girls masectomies, they're burning homosexual porn and PROTECTING our children. They're teaching math, English, and science and not trans fairy tales
F	18-34	D	Y	El Paso/St	Not should
F	35-44	D	Y	El Paso/St	They are trying to do what is right for the children, but they are massively underfunded for the size of the district and every time a piece of legislation that could help, it gets votes down because noone wants to pay pennies on the dollar to actually support the education of the district's children
F	35-44	D	Y	El Paso/St	They got rid of science, which I am sad about, but are teaching more of history and other cultures, which I see as important as well
M	35-44	D	Y	El Paso/St	Well judging by reviews of the schools 10 years ago and how they are now it's definitely in the right direction. Obviously still a long way to go but the teachers here are dedicated and students really get behind them. Great teachers, great students with proper funding can make an entire area thrive.
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	Our district has been accredited with distinction for 15 straight years. the only challenge is the republican party who thinks board seats are a proving ground for conservative points anthetical to public education
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	The teachers care about the students and their education
M	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	They are making a positive difference for students.

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M	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	Went to the open house this year and met my son's teachers. Caring professionals that were excited to have kids to teach. The school has enacted a strict no phone policy to combat inattentiveness and bullying. Principle told parents to not let kids skip school if they have a runny nose, only if they are really sick (which I appreciate). She gave us an update on how our school has improved it's scores by grade and gave everyone her personal number. They don't have the money to fix the HVAC system so some classes are freezing but most are hot.
M	55-64	D	Y	El Paso/St	They are building schools and replacing the old ones
M	55-64	D	Y	El Paso/St	The school my son attend district three, is doing a great job in daily or weekly communication. Any concerns that I have are addressed immediately.
M	55-64	D	Y	El Paso/St	Watching my grandchildren and their friends, and helping with homework in the evenings, I see them moving forward just slowly.
F	65+	D	Y	El Paso/St	No comment
M	35-44	O	Y	El Paso/St	They're not bowing down to moms for liberty, and are still ranking well.
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	Enrollment is up
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	I have two concerns that I would like to address. 1. Athletes 2. Transportation Athletes swear more than adults. The coaches are standing by these kids while they are swearing loudly. I cringe when I see this happening. If coaches cannot curtail the participants behavior, then those students should be disciplined and dismissed from the team. Transportation. I am a working parent and my son is not of the legal age to drive. When he does reaches the age of 16 years old, I mostly likely will not have him drive himself to school. Moving forward, students who participate in sports should have transportation home. There are students who would love to participate in sports, but they fail to participate due to lack of transportation. Please incorporate after school transportation into your budget, and let's provide transportation for the student athletes.
M	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	Teaching everyone that needs
M	55-64	R	Y	El Paso/St	They have the ideas, but no funding to make the school system stronger. A stronger school system, higher test scores and less drop outs. Bring back prayer and reciting I Pledge Alliegence. If there are children who don't want to say the pledge, they can step out in the hall. Bring back civic classes, shop class, and wood working.
F	18-34	U	Y	El Paso/St	They seem proactive
F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	Happy kids, high grad rates, good test scores
F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	Students are given homework and challenged
F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	Currently test scores are high and show growth of all students.

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M	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	My kids are doing fine
M	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	Dedicated educators and core beliefs around student needs, learning growth, career development, and putting students first has our schools on the right track.
F	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	We are focusing on mental wellness which is a huge co tributes to academic performance and character development.
F	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	Dedicated teachers and staff show up to support students everyday despite challenges. Most of them care about students a great deal.
U	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	No comment
F	55-64	U	Y	El Paso/St	Strong PTO,BACC and DACC
M	55-64	U	Y	El Paso/St	Concerned over ideologues imposing their white Christian agenda on an increasing diverse populous. Classrooms should be inclusive.
M	55-64	U	Y	El Paso/St	Idk some kids get educated other kids get bullied like my grandson and nobody learns from that
F	18-34	D	N	Metro	They are expanding options for students to graduate and learn trades while still in school
F	18-34	D	N	Metro	Increasing test scores in elementary over last 3-5 years
F	18-34	D	N	Metro	Not sure
F	35-44	D	N	Metro	I assume Denver's curriculum is well established and focused on giving a good, broad education to students.
M	35-44	D	N	Metro	Many schools are performing as expected
U	35-44	D	N	Metro	Colorado is generally a progressive state so it's probably doing a good job. So long as you keep out nationalistic conservative nut jobs and pay teachers a living wage.
F	45-54	D	N	Metro	My son attended Wheatridge High School and graduated last year, I was impressed with the school and loved his teachers.
F	45-54	D	N	Metro	I think for me that school need to really make sure the students are safe and are learning and if need more help then get them personal tutor that can help them more.because do not not any students leave behind because they may not learn as fast as other students do.
F	45-54	D	N	Metro	District initiatives, student achievement measures
F	45-54	D	N	Metro	Districts are following the state standards which have been progressively updated especially in terms of history.
F	55-64	D	N	Metro	Following the same curriculum as years past. Banning phones in the classroom. Supporting all students, LGBTQT etc. Having all inclusive after school clubs pertaining to all students needs and wants.
M	55-64	D	N	Metro	With increasing channleges in the classroom they are doing the best they can and they are doing it with fewer resources due to the rate of inflation and increased cost of operation.

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M	55-64	D	N	Metro	Good enough
M	55-64	D	N	Metro	Jeffco schools have always done pretty well with what they're given, but could always use more.
F	65+	D	N	Metro	Students seem to graduate and go on.
F	65+	D	N	Metro	Best practice policy
F	65+	D	N	Metro	For the good of society
F	65+	D	N	Metro	I don't have kids - so I have to guess their following their mission statement
F	65+	D	N	Metro	There is a good balance of intellectual and living skills content.
F	65+	D	N	Metro	BVSD has more resources than most districts in the state and it really makes a difference in being able to pay teachers better than in most districts, which helps with retention. Also, the district is committed to inclusive and honest education, not restricting what students can read in the basis of ideology.
F	65+	D	N	Metro	My daughter got a good exucation and now my grands are too. CCSD
F	65+	D	N	Metro	They need more \$\$, more teachers. Higher pay for teachers. Update technology for teaching. Smaller student #s in classes.
F	65+	D	N	Metro	The students seem pleased
M	65+	D	N	Metro	Haven't heard otherwise
F	55-64	R	N	Metro	As long as teachers are able to teach and not just to the state standards and national standard tests, they are doing OK. However, I find that most teachers are pushed to teach only what's going to be on the test, so the students scores are higher. That I do not agree with.
F	65+	R	N	Metro	Na
M	18-34	U	N	Metro	I guess I don't really know what the public schools are doing, but I am hopeful they are making the right choices. I think teachers in general do not have the freedom to do the job they should be. Too much liability , outside pressure, etc. There is also not enough diversity
M	18-34	U	N	Metro	Education in general is in the right direction.
F	35-44	U	N	Metro	The 27J school district has great leadership. They are trying to provide opportunities for careers that require more training but not necessarily a bachelors degree as well as making sure their college bound students are prepared and set up success as they continue on through higher education
F	35-44	U	N	Metro	I think they are trying to get the schools to go in the right direction but they don't have the monies and resources for that
M	45-54	U	N	Metro	Cherry Creek school district is one of the best in the state. They stay out of politics like they should

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F	55-64	U	N	Metro	Teacher pay continues to rise and is competitive amongst all districts Unionization is available to help us voice our concerns and be aware of issues in education School closures are happening so resources can be used more equitably and financially efficient Charter schools are being made accountable Deans are being moved to leadership positions Many Students are returning to school and want to be here
F	55-64	U	N	Metro	Affluent town, successful graduates
F	55-64	U	N	Metro	They are focused on teaching to the state standards.
U	55-64	U	N	Metro	Middle class families intolerant of nonsense.
F	65+	U	N	Metro	As a former teacher, I tend to trust public education faculty
F	65+	U	N	Metro	Kids are getting basics
M	65+	U	N	Metro	That's my impression from news articles and talking with my daughter who is a principal
M	65+	U	N	Metro	Graduates seem ready for college.
M	65+	U	N	Metro	No data
M	65+	U	N	Metro	Move on.
F	18-34	D	Y	Metro	N/A
F	35-44	D	Y	Metro	I think public schools are headed in the right direction because they asking students to think and be open minded by providing them many view points and asking students to make educated decisions.
F	35-44	D	Y	Metro	Everyone seems to care about the students and teachers
M	35-44	D	Y	Metro	Teaching science and technology, also critical theory. Plus they are sensitive and protective of all social classes. Especially LGBTQ+ pupils.
F	45-54	D	Y	Metro	Littleton schools has recently opened a new campus that has career readiness pathways for students. I think this prepares them well for a variety of paths that may or may not include college.
F	45-54	D	Y	Metro	My child is doing very well and is learning a lot
F	55-64	D	Y	Metro	With the limited resources available for public schools, they are doing there best to keep students safe and secure and ensure a healthy environment
F	45-54	N	Y	Metro	Active participant
F	35-44	R	Y	Metro	They seem to value education and the respect of everyone that walks through the door.
F	35-44	R	Y	Metro	Ddd
F	45-54	R	Y	Metro	No explanation
M	55-64	R	Y	Metro	Increasing graduation rates Expansion of CTE opportunities at the high schools with the opening of a CTE Center at all three comprehensive high schools

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F	18-34	U	Y	Metro	They have great classes for students to take advantage of like... robotics and doing web design as well as learning different languages in Middle school great job jeffco county
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	#NAME?
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	I'm a graduate from the district and have done well, and it seems to be a similar quality
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	No opinion at this time
M	35-44	U	Y	Metro	My daughter's school has been going thru remodeling and has increased its number of athletic fields.
F	45-54	U	Y	Metro	We seem to be making improvements, as evidenced by my own childrens success. Also, this is in the shadow of Covid so we have a lot of hurdles and set backs.
M	45-54	U	Y	Metro	No right wing crazy people on school board
M	45-54	U	Y	Metro	I'm talking about Douglas County, School's and our schools are safe our kids are well educated and we stay out of the political BS that's going on in most school districts. We're losing teachers because we're under funded but that is not the school districts problem. So many school districts have more money to pay teachers because their residence pass bonds in Douglas. County can't seem to get one past so our school district suffers because the state takes money away because our tax revenue is so high.. I think teacher pay should be the same across the board for all the districts in the metro area whether the state has the supplement it or not. Too many good teachers are going elsewhere for better pay. We have excellent test scores. Excellent teachers, very few behavioral issues and teachers leave the district in tears because they have to go somewhere that pays more money.
F	55-64	U	Y	Metro	I think they are going Somewhat in the right direct - because they are trying initiatives, but are very underfunded. You need to pay teachers more, and have more teachers.
F	55-64	U	Y	Metro	Kids in my district are doing well. Teachers and schools are doing well with what they have. Could do better with more. Kids are our future and deserve our support
M	18-34	D	N	Mtn	Good leadership, nice facilities
M	18-34	D	N	Mtn	They are making some effort to improve special needs support. There needs to be more but at least it's better than nothing at all.
F	55-64	D	N	Mtn	Strong leadership. Good teachers.
F	55-64	D	N	Mtn	Teacher pay has been increased so we are more likely to keep good teachers
M	55-64	D	N	Mtn	Great teachers
M	55-64	D	N	Mtn	Our local school district has moved to standards-based grading which I think is better than the arbitrary a through F type grading. I also feel that they manage their money very well
F	65+	D	N	Mtn	Reports I read seem positive.

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F	65+	D	N	Mtn	Local newspapers do good reporting on school projects, etc.
F	65+	D	N	Mtn	I don't hear of any problems
F	65+	D	N	Mtn	Our. Board and administrators take our location and unique needs seriously. They create programs that allow students to use their personal strengths to their best advantage.
M	65+	D	N	Mtn	The basics and college prep are being done well. Too many kids are graduating from high school and college without the skills to get a minimum wage job and are frustrated when no one will hire them as executives. We need to bring back shop classes so they can get a craft job earning more than minimum wage until they get that executive job. We need education in basic life skills like running a household, basic home repairs, personal finances, retirement investing, etc.
M	65+	D	N	Mtn	Good open minded teachers
F	45-54	O	N	Mtn	In eagle county the cost of living is increasing exponentially. Families are trying hard to keep up , however the areas that are in great need are in education, after school care, tutoring etc. the working people are being pushed out.
M	65+	R	N	Mtn	Student test scores are improving
M	65+	R	N	Mtn	Dedicated and committed
M	35-44	U	N	Mtn	They have a higher % of parents that positively impact their students' motivation and drive. The districts that struggle typically have more students with unmet needs at home.
M	35-44	U	N	Mtn	The school themselves are doing great, but the CDE's don't give kids enough time to explore. "Science of reading" destroys passion for reading. One size does not fit all.
F	45-54	U	N	Mtn	Consolidating campuses, Buting new curriculum when necessary. Spending wisely. Teaching with a reading/writing focus
F	55-64	U	N	Mtn	Jeffco thrives 25 district initiatives address standards based education, social emotional learning and equity and inclusion
F	55-64	U	N	Mtn	I read that the new daycare was teaching the kids about environmental things. I think that is important.
M	55-64	U	N	Mtn	Some really good people there, but not enough pay, not enough good teachers. Let's face it - the pay sucks.
M	55-64	U	N	Mtn	Ex teacher
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	Dedicated staff, many back from retirement who care about the whole child.
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	My grandson just graduated in Salida last spring and had 16 credits towards vollege

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F	65+	U	N	Mtn	Meeting the needs of all children from the challenged to the at risk to the gifted. The curriculum is challenging and honest to the realities of today. Teachers and administrators are well trained and coached to continue to grow and improve.
M	65+	U	N	Mtn	They are doing a very good job of providing our kids a complete education and not bowing to the minority of parents who wish to limit the teaching of controversial subjects
M	65+	U	N	Mtn	I do not hear otherwise
F	35-44	D	Y	Mtn	Teacher retention and pay is the biggest issue. the school district is building and has approved construction of deed restricted and or affordable housing for school staff locally. Teacher pay in our state is embarrassing considering the cost of living.
F	35-44	D	Y	Mtn	Creating inclusive and challenging environments
F	45-54	D	Y	Mtn	We have high scores, great teachers and a great leadership team.
F	35-44	O	Y	Mtn	PCDS1 is great in itself, the teacher and staff and curriculum are fantastic. The problem is the district needs the money to match a BEST grant so they can fix the issues with deer creek. My son goes to the lowest rated structurally school in the state. Local residents refuse to vote for the taxes to build a safe school for the kids. Can't the state do something? So I'm not going to bad mouth the teacher and school staff here because what's going wrong is outside their control. Money is also another reason the kids are only going to school 4 days a week and getting 86 less lesson hours this year. That's how poor the county is that the kids don't go to school on Fridays and when they do attend, it's in a building that's supposedly too unsafe for them to be in. So it's headed in the wrong direction in that sense but that's not their faults at the school district.
F	35-44	R	Y	Mtn	Prioritizing CTE and thinking through alternative future placement goals.
F	35-44	U	Y	Mtn	Seems to prepare kids for the future in some helpful and productive ways. I appreciate concurrent enrollment with our local junior college.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	They are working on improving scores and grades, but are still low so still have a long way to go.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Because they are able to do a lot with what they have, which isn't much.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	They are teaching an unbiased content to students and teaching students to be open-minded and to be good citizens
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Our particular school is very well rounded, offering music, art, PE, and STEM. They are involved in the community and encourage and strong foundation in reading. Students are actively encouraged to belong to and utilize the public library.
M	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Everything is good
M	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Kids can read.
F	55-64	U	Y	Mtn	Focusing on character building, critical thinking skills, and mental health issues.

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F	18-34	D	N	N Metro	Diverse subjects, good resources for academic help, lots of extracurricular options
F	18-34	D	N	N Metro	Laptop availability since the pandemic however resources to access reliable wifi ID still scarce.
F	18-34	D	N	N Metro	More inclusive conversation and language is being used in classrooms. Teachers are always looking for ways to improve.
F	18-34	D	N	N Metro	New adoptions for literacy curriculum, advocacy for teacher wages, benefits to support post pandemic challenges
M	18-34	D	N	N Metro	Improved focus on mental health and whole student education. Increasing autonomy and self advocacy power for students.
M	35-44	D	N	N Metro	I don't have children in school I'm just assuming that it's going well
F	45-54	D	N	N Metro	The middle school we attend has a tremendous amount of activities. I don't believe my younger child has as many resources in the elementary school but he's doing well. I do believe the Odyssey of the Mind program could use some funding.
F	45-54	D	N	N Metro	I think St Vrain is good at looking at both individual schools and students and the whole district.
F	55-64	D	N	N Metro	They haven't banned any books as far as I know.
F	55-64	D	N	N Metro	We have a great board of education.
M	55-64	D	N	N Metro	They get good rating.
M	55-64	D	N	N Metro	Because the leadership is generally normal people, not trumppers.
M	55-64	D	N	N Metro	Based on my experiences with my kids, I've found the Boulder Valley and St.Vrain Valley school districts to be full of smart hard working people at every level
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	Okay
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	I have only encountered very dedicated teachers who try their hardest with students.
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	I don't know
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	Good graduation numbers
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	Progressive, inclusive, caring
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	Lyons has a strong sense of community and stays in touch with residents. It is a wholesome community.
M	65+	D	N	N Metro	My grandchildren are in our public school system and I volunteer quite often in the classroom. I believe that I know quite well what is happening and it is very good.
M	65+	D	N	N Metro	Because I don't think they are going in the wrong direction. No book censorship, for example
M	65+	D	N	N Metro	Students are scoring well on assessments n seem to be emotionally stable n happy
M	65+	D	N	N Metro	Local opinion

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F	35-44	R	N	N Metro	The educators work tirelessly to ensure that students experience a high-quality education and adapt to meet each learner's needs. The problem lies with administrators in district, state, and federal levels.
F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	Progressive in that they are always trying to be on the cutting edge to help all students with their futures.
M	55-64	R	N	N Metro	Local growth is HUGE. Local voters just approved a bond for more schools to meet what appears to be gigantic demand
F	65+	R	N	N Metro	Proficiency test results are good and social issues don't seem to be a problem.
M	18-34	U	N	N Metro	Our educators do the absolute most to ensure good outcomes for their students. Even with extremely limited resources, they still manage to provide a good education. With adequate resources, Colorado could have some of the best public schools in the nation .
M	18-34	U	N	N Metro	The schools are not the issue with colorados school system. We are choosing to pay teachers less and less so all the best teachers are moving out of state
F	35-44	U	N	N Metro	Many of my friends work in my school district and I believe they and many of their colleagues are working very hard to provide the best possible education for their students.
F	35-44	U	N	N Metro	They teach all the right things and not just what people want to hear.
F	35-44	U	N	N Metro	Thompson SD teachers just won a much needed raise, but it's not enough to keep up inflation or live in Loveland. Despite parent bullying, underfunding, and difficult workloads, we have dedicated, incredible educators showing up to inspire and teach our students. Things are going in the right direction because of our teachers.
M	55-64	U	N	N Metro	As long as they can keep weird politics out of the equation
M	55-64	U	N	N Metro	Some are teaching technical skills.
F	65+	U	N	N Metro	Boulder Valley school district have resources to have their students succeed. And they pay their teachers as one of the highest paying school districts in CO so they can attract the best teachers. Every school district should competitively pay their teachers.
F	65+	U	N	N Metro	Mostly keep track of students individual needs but not always unless parents bring some discrepancies to their attention
F	65+	U	N	N Metro	Believe in the integrity of the parents and school board to lead in the right direction. Good people allow good results for kids
F	65+	U	N	N Metro	Our District is very innovative and offers students a variety of paths to learn
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	Given the resources, they are doing the best they can. With additional resources they could develop and execute a vision to improve student learning and professional development
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	Scores improving.

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M	65+	U	N	N Metro	High percent graduation
F	18-34	D	Y	N Metro	My daughter has only been in pre-K for a couple of weeks, but so far we love her school, teacher and para in the class!
F	35-44	D	Y	N Metro	The teachers are dedicated and care about the students.
F	35-44	D	Y	N Metro	Emphasis on providing tech skills to kids
F	35-44	D	Y	N Metro	They doin great job n teaching kids n Makin sure kids are safe
M	35-44	D	Y	N Metro	Have a student there.
F	45-54	D	Y	N Metro	Supplies for students
M	45-54	D	Y	N Metro	My daughter is enrolled and it seems to be a good education.
F	55-64	D	Y	N Metro	Schools are trying to help those students that need mental health and try to accommodate for the educational process
F	55-64	D	Y	N Metro	Mental health issues looking for resources
F	65+	D	Y	N Metro	My grandchildren are learning basics and classical education as well as good scientific principles that make them want to learn more outside of school
F	65+	D	Y	N Metro	Students seem happy and optimistic about their future
F	18-34	O	Y	N Metro	They are using curriculum that is very well needed
F	35-44	O	Y	N Metro	My children are learning.
M	35-44	O	Y	N Metro	Because
F	18-34	R	Y	N Metro	I am a teacher in a local school district. We are headed in the right direction, but there are not near enough resources to properly provide all students with the necessary education. Covid setbacks need to be addressed and state testing needs to be altered.
M	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	New schools built

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F	55-64	R	Y	N Metro	Heading in the right direction on teaching kids to accept everyone as different. And teaching about bullying. But, I do feel girl bullying does need some major attention as well as teaching these kids how to communicate with each other. As well as show these kids how to communicate affectively and ineffectively with each other so that can see, hear and understand the difference. Also teach these kids about non-verbal communication so the know their body language and facial expressions can be interpreted by others. Third needs to be taught each and every year because communication keep changing with age and year. Also, I think, kids need to learn how to communicate without eyes or ears. Or what it would be like to communicate in a wheelchair or of a different race or culture. We need to teach these kids healthy communication skills because they are learning from their parents and parents don't always know how to communicate. Parents are, unknowingly, are showing their kids unhealthy, unproductive, and bully ways to communicate. So they need to be thought too but the kids need to learn their is a difference in how we communicate. Mental Health, another big one, could be integrated in these lesson because we also need to be taught how to communicate with ourselves. I think, hope, we are heading in that direction. I think mental education (ME) needs to be taught like physical education (PE) starting at pre-k to 12th grade. As well as a communication classes.
F	65+	R	Y	N Metro	Focuses on education; like reading, writing, math, science and true history.
U	65+	R	Y	N Metro	Have more than one option for track learning
F	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	I like our district, they have kept politics and sex out of elementary school is which should happen.
F	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	More progressive policies (free Pre-K, school lunches for all)
F	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	School improvements School provided meals
F	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	My child goes to a charter school part of the public school district. Speaking regarding the charter school. They still use some traditional teachings like cursive and Latin and I believe that they do prepare children to go from one grade to another. Have not been under public schools for 4 years. I can't speak on behalf of the public school
M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Student performance, facility conditions, and the overall engagement of the district.
M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	They seem to focus on students progression safety and wellness. Teachers and staff received a small increase in salary.
M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	We have had no problem yet.
F	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	My children are doing well I'm school and learning what they ought to learn.
M	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	My child enjoys going to school and I hear good things from other parents as well.

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M	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	Inclusiveness, graduation options, refusal to cowtow to the Christofascists trying to undermine public education.
M	55-64	U	Y	N Metro	I trust the Educational professionals.
M	65+	U	Y	N Metro	A feeling
F	18-34	D	N	SW	I went to public school in Durango and had a great experience
F	18-34	D	N	SW	They're not banning books or teaching religion over education, so I think that's a good sign.
F	18-34	D	N	SW	Honestly not sure, but I live near several well populated schools in my area. Did a career day at one school and the students appeared excited and interested.
M	18-34	D	N	SW	I think the teachers and staff are very passionate about what they do, the only problem is that my area has a culture of stupidity and ignorance and the entire American public education system simply exists to make children more docile and conformative by crushing their spirit.
M	18-34	D	N	SW	We have a lot of young people moving here that are progressive and serious about schooling. The need for more serious education is growing rapidly.
F	45-54	D	N	SW	Scholarship programs available.
F	55-64	D	N	SW	Student achievement is high in our district
F	55-64	D	N	SW	Our teacher work hard. The spend countless hours planning and preparing good effective lessons and activities.
M	55-64	D	N	SW	My kids were there and I believe their education was great. I also believed in the stay in class but masked plan.
M	55-64	D	N	SW	They are not banning books or marginalizing groups of children
F	65+	D	N	SW	Good standards
F	65+	D	N	SW	Progressive, inclusive, and diverse programs are offered.
F	65+	D	N	SW	Because we have good teachers, promote logical thinking, creativity, and wide reading. But mostly because right wing crazies haven't succeeded in taking over
F	65+	D	N	SW	Seems like good programs.
F	65+	D	N	SW	They are involved in their community.
F	65+	D	N	SW	Because most of the teachers work hard and have their students learning upmost in those efforts.
F	65+	D	N	SW	They're doing the best job they can considering resources, or lack there of. These days a teacher has to be very dedicated to do the job required.
F	65+	D	N	SW	As much as is possible, the schools try to meet the needs of all of their students.
F	65+	D	N	SW	I believe it's important to tell the truth. Be it about history, science or sexuality(this topic after 6th grade).

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M	65+	D	N	SW	I will always lean toward public educators doing their best
M	65+	D	N	SW	Members are local people who do not have a political agenda and they are doing the best they can. They were willing to step up and offer their time.
M	65+	D	N	SW	They provide a solid foundation in the basic subject areas.
M	65+	D	N	SW	I know the school administrators, their policies and practices, and I support them.
F	18-34	N	N	SW	Good schools and good education good resources
F	55-64	O	N	SW	To take a survey and lump all the schools together is not realistic many do have programs and many are doing pretty good. I do not believe in the focus on testing...
M	55-64	O	N	SW	I think our schools need better after school programs. We also need to increase our funding for the arts and sports programs.
F	18-34	R	N	SW	School districts are working hard to adjust to state standards and teaching students the right curriculum to prepare them for the workforce.
F	55-64	R	N	SW	Focused on education and what is best for the students. Do not get into CRT or any issues like that.
M	65+	R	N	SW	The best damn school district in our county. Their test scores prove it. And the success rate of their students in their career choices lends credence to the education they received
M	65+	R	N	SW	They have family values unlike many big cities
M	65+	R	N	SW	No problem
M	65+	R	N	SW	Sorry don't live in Colorado anymore
M	65+	R	N	SW	In general however to take the easy path and not fight the good battle.
M	18-34	U	N	SW	I believe that they are allowing our students to learn skills that they can use in the real world.
M	18-34	U	N	SW	They are encouraging multiple pathways post graduation such as college and the trades.
M	18-34	U	N	SW	Local parents have a generally positive opinion of the work the educators and administrators are doing
U	35-44	U	N	SW	The local schools lack funding, but seem to be doing their best to educate students with fact based curricula and real skills needed for their lives after graduation.
F	45-54	U	N	SW	Good leadership. Local community cares about its teachers and students
F	45-54	U	N	SW	Keeping up the good fight from a fascist takeover I hope
M	45-54	U	N	SW	The state guidelines and usual data to track implementation of needs and necessities.
U	45-54	U	N	SW	Colorado is ranked relatively high compared to the national average.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	Improving test scores. Teacher moral is good. Students like school.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	Because they are adopting modern methods of teaching and learning and allowing for choice in our town with fabulous charter schools.

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F	55-64	U	N	SW	I am a veteran teacher on MTSS, Leadership, and RTI teams in our small rural district and I see the MTSS framework being implemented effectively . I do not believe this question can be answered affirmatively for the District in which I live (Montezuma-Cortez RE 9). Their school board has been making questionable, possibly illegal decisions based on their hateful political agenda, and to the detriment of the students.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	The kids get the teaching they need
M	55-64	U	N	SW	Balanced curriculum, the school board is not as political as many boards are, etc.
M	55-64	U	N	SW	We have a very respectable graduation rate comparatively.
F	65+	U	N	SW	I pay attention.
F	65+	U	N	SW	My children did well there.
F	65+	U	N	SW	Not sure
F	65+	U	N	SW	Because my boys went there
F	65+	U	N	SW	I think the teachers work hard. The previous superintendent spent a huge amount of money for a curriculum that she had financial interest in. The curriculum wasn't that different from what they had. She left after maybe 2 or 3 years in the position to return to San Luis Valley to work for this company. A teacher I know (4th grade) had over 30 pupils but there were no funds for teacher's aides b/c of money spent on a curriculum that was not too different from what they had. Decisions get made from above that work against the teachers.
F	65+	U	N	SW	No book bans, history is taught whether it is good or bad,
F	65+	U	N	SW	There seems to be some good programs for our kids and my area has a low controversial influence. Hopefully the detractors stay out of our area schools
F	65+	U	N	SW	Not all of the teenage students can't speak English proficiently.
M	65+	U	N	SW	Mostly rational, caring hard-working admin and teachers.
M	65+	U	N	SW	Here our local school is small and personal.
M	65+	U	N	SW	Student success after high school seems very good usually
M	65+	U	N	SW	Students and parents are proud of their school
M	65+	U	N	SW	The students and testing point that way
M	65+	U	N	SW	Good scores. Flexible techniques.
M	65+	U	N	SW	Good leaders and teachers. Books are NOT banned here.
M	65+	U	N	SW	My daughter' success at two elite colleges.
M	18-34	D	Y	SW	The Upper Rio Grande school districts test scores and ratings have been improving. The district has new leadership who care about the area and intend to stay, and staff turnover rates have decreased.

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F	35-44	D	Y	SW	Our school district had some of the best test scores in the entire state.
M	35-44	D	Y	SW	Inclusive and caring
M	35-44	D	Y	SW	Reviewed the test results from my sons school which show the schools improvement to provide the proper education and students grades. It was very informative and helpful to see where they were at what they have improved in.
M	35-44	D	Y	SW	Everything seems good right now. No Maga freaks yet that I can tell
M	35-44	D	Y	SW	The principle at my kids elementary school seems good. The super attendant is bad
F	55-64	D	Y	SW	Leaders and teachers are committed
F	55-64	D	Y	SW	They encourage students to look and plan for the future. Continuing education is encouraged. However, trades are not as encouraged as I believe they should be
F	55-64	D	Y	SW	They currently offer a variety of programs that meet the needs of a variety of learners. They are building a new trade tech cedar the high school.
F	18-34	N	Y	SW	Great schools
M	35-44	O	Y	SW	Our local schools have made incredible growth onstage assessments. They have worked tirelessly to educate our students and their families. They deserved the raise they got this year as well as the 4-day school week. The schools involve the community in many areas and work together with all stakeholders to increase student achievement.
F	45-54	O	Y	SW	They seem to be steering clear of the library freedom moms movement and that is a good thing ! I do not want my child exposed to anything that the liberty freedom moms are protesting
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	They have a strategic plan in place and are constantly trying to improve the schools.
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	Education and safety come first. Most teachers seem to really care about the students.
M	35-44	R	Y	SW	They are not left leaning or political
M	35-44	R	Y	SW	The schools in my area have very good, smart caring people who work in all aspects of our school district. To me the problems we have with our schools lies with the state and federal governments
F	18-34	U	Y	SW	They are making effort to educate the students effectively but money is always a concern and some of the ineffective teachers need to move on. But it's hard to find and keep valuable teachers when there is not enough money to pay them
F	18-34	U	Y	SW	Our schools are run by locals who are dialed into the community, and because of that we don't have as much ideological influence as most places have now. I would not have kids in the local schools if there was as much ideological capture as in other places.
F	18-34	U	Y	SW	I like most of the leadership in our district
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	School rating/ranking improving

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F	35-44	U	Y	SW	I think they try their best to make sure kids get a good education
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	Elementary school has approved and those students will go through the other schools which should make the whole system better. Made progress with low income students and they're doing great in our elementary school.
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	The intentions are high but we are very remote and staff resources are very low
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	They prioritize meeting students where they are. They have updated programs based on new understanding of childhood development
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	Closing the achievement gap, seeking funds for innovative programs, investment in teacher training and retention
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	The teachers are caring, they do things to get parents involved
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	Their test scores show that they're a performance district . And the students seem to be successful after they graduate. Alamosa turns out high school grads with an associates degree in hand and the district sets them up to succeed
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	Addressing SEL concerns, adding common curriculum across schools.
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	They are adapting to new situations
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	I dont ever hear about any frivolous spending and the atrernative school does a really good job at working witht the difficult kids.
F	45-54	U	Y	SW	There are options for students who do not benefit from traditional education model.
F	45-54	U	Y	SW	Our district administration, staff and community have made our students education a priority in our community. Even with the negative factor still having negative financial impact to our budget we have rolled with the financial punches we keep getting from the state and federal levels.
M	45-54	U	Y	SW	Focus on student learning and support the educators as professionals
M	45-54	U	Y	SW	They have small class sizes and offer a curriculum that seems enriching to wide array of personality types
M	45-54	U	Y	SW	Dedicated administrators and teachers/staff. But our superintendent is lazy and uninspiring. And our board reflects that. The idea of school boards is the most optimistic idea ever created. Because these people typically have no idea what goes on in schools.
F	55-64	U	Y	SW	I like the education my child has received. She will graduate this May.
M	55-64	U	Y	SW	Good school administrators and teachers
F	65+	U	Y	SW	Dedicated to student needs. Not political favor
F	18-34	D	N	West	Test scores and prepares them for college especially if they take college classes
F	18-34	D	N	West	The youth are able to empathize and advocate for groups that haven't been able to be advocated for

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F	18-34	D	N	West	I think teachers are doing the best they can with very limited resources, help, and pay.
					Our school districts allow students to form their opinions based on their knowledge. The teachers are there for the students when they need help even if it involves giving their unpaid free time. There are programs for students with learning disabilities, disabilities, and non-English speakers. The teachers and administrators want to provide a strong education for the students.
M	18-34	D	N	West	
U	18-34	D	N	West	Unsure
					They finally got rid of is it two or three terrible high school principals in Steamboat. It is likely because they were maintaining a somewhat corrupt and greedy superintendent. Now that he's gone, we hope for better things. During that time. Those principles drove a number of very good teachers out of the county. That's disheartening. I would think if you have one bad principal, you would be quite careful in your hiring practices of the next one, and some of the people you should ask to be in the interviews are your veteran teachers not newcomers who just moved here, or managed to get a seat on the school board. My worry is that we have poor leadership, and more school than one. Because we had poor leadership at the very top. When teachers do a good job, the school board has to lead the way in being grateful and showing that gratitude then parents will follow suit.
F	35-44	D	N	West	
F	45-54	D	N	West	I live in a decent district. The question is too general to address all districts equally.
					Educators and administrators work hard to put forth a strong academic program while dealing with overwhelming social issues
F	55-64	D	N	West	
F	55-64	D	N	West	No news to the contrary.
F	55-64	D	N	West	It's Aspen School district. Very affluent community with high education standards. District offers teacher housing.
					First off, I am a former teacher of 27 years. I taught in denver.i have lived in gunnison for the past 7 years. Gunnison schools support teachers, do a great job educating the population and did perhaps the best job in the country keeping schools open during covid
F	65+	D	N	West	I know some young students who are doing well. Also we know some girls aduates who are excellent. I don't have church ldren in the schools however. I have friends who are teachers
F	65+	D	N	West	Student knowledge
					Because they respond to requests from parents and administrators. We live in a very vocal community, people voice their concerns, newspaper covers both sides of issues with editorials and letters.
F	65+	D	N	West	Teachers don't get the pay they deserve in this state!
F	65+	D	N	West	Students are learning and showing enthusiasm for school

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F	65+	D	N	West	More inclusive regarding hispanis students.
F	65+	D	N	West	Friend's children who have graduated from schools in the area appear to be doing well in young adulthood.
F	65+	D	N	West	Graduates get into post-grad higher Ed programs. State Education System provides some guidance. I would like to see additional guidance, to help prevent negative religious & political influences.
F	65+	D	N	West	My children got good educations in the aspen school district. The main reason more funding is needed is so that teachers can be well paid and then be able to afford housing here
F	65+	D	N	West	So far they have reasonable people on the school board. The religious right has been thwarted, to date
F	65+	D	N	West	Student performance seems to be improving.
F	65+	D	N	West	Providing high level classes for college prep across the demographic spectrum and across the curriculum.
M	65+	D	N	West	They teach too much tech and not enough gardening, health, sewing and not fowling their nest (the Earth).
M	65+	D	N	West	I am familiar with the teachers and students and feel they are doing the best they can.
M	65+	D	N	West	Parent involvement is high. good teachers
M	65+	D	N	West	No complaints from families or students. Student activities are well supported in our town.
M	35-44	R	N	West	I think having programs to help students with education as well as helping them figure out what they want to do after school, wether it be finding a job going to college or going to a tech school is very important to students.
F	55-64	R	N	West	Providing education
F	55-64	R	N	West	They are trying
F	65+	R	N	West	They sre notadopting the woke system
F	65+	R	N	West	Focus is on education, not on current fads. Generally conservative.
F	65+	R	N	West	The numbers of students graduating, succeeding and entering universities and colleges or entering the workforce in technical and career building choices. The diversity of ethnic backgrounds throughout the school district seems to work well as far as acceptance and cooperation. Exceptions exist in all areas but hopefully dealt with wisely, consistently and considerately. Parents should have input and be complicit in all aspects of their children's education as long as they are knowledgeable and respectful and not simply judgmental and accusatory.

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F	65+	R	N	West	They seem to cover the necessary subjects. Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies (Geography) , Shop and Home Ec.
M	65+	R	N	West	Using common sense. Not following the woke crowd
M	65+	R	N	West	Outcome
M	65+	R	N	West	Conservative majority school board.
M	65+	R	N	West	Nice buildings pleasant teachers children liking school
F	18-34	U	N	West	I believe that there are excellent teachers in our public school system that are doing their best with the resources available. I think that in order to really succeed they should be paid more adequately to avoid needing second or third jobs so that they can focus their attention solely on the education they are providing.
F	35-44	U	N	West	There is currently more work being done around engagement, innovative teaching practices, and equity.
F	35-44	U	N	West	We're a small district and therefore it's easy to see/ monitor the progress.
F	35-44	U	N	West	Unsure
F	45-54	U	N	West	We just opened a new school and the PTA is doing well with funding.
F	45-54	U	N	West	Our children are getting extra support from the community in order for them to succeed.
F	45-54	U	N	West	We have dedicated teachers
F	55-64	U	N	West	Solely because of the dedication of the teachers. I fear without financial support they are burnt out and living financially stressed.
F	55-64	U	N	West	They are not buying into the current gender nonsense
F	55-64	U	N	West	History of my child's teachers while educated there.
F	55-64	U	N	West	MCS D teachers and staff put students first and genuinely care about the academic, emotional and personal successes and growth of their students.
M	55-64	U	N	West	Our school is Accredited with Distinction.
F	65+	U	N	West	I worked in our local school district, and I observed and worked with many caring, knowledgeable teachers and staff. Our school district is on the cutting edge in education.
F	65+	U	N	West	The teachers returned to in person teaching early on in the pandemic. The school district is not talking prioritizing transgender students. They seem to be focusing on educating.
F	65+	U	N	West	More outdoor Ed and sci-math- robotics.
F	65+	U	N	West	I support the public school system
F	65+	U	N	West	Better teachers & better funding
F	65+	U	N	West	Statewide test scores

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M	65+	U	N	West	I have to say the questions you're asking so far are vague. You don't even know if who your asking has any contact with the school such has a student there. How does anybody with out that contact know anything about the teachers. My opinion is that we has a society in Colorado don't support are schools financially or thru are actions. So how they keep moving in the right direction is solely by the teachers and administrators and the small percentage of volunteers that give three times the effort.
M	65+	U	N	West	The teachers I know do not complain much except for inadequate funding, and extreme right wing people trying to run the scjool.
M	65+	U	N	West	The children of our area seem well adjusted and very positive.
M	65+	U	N	West	Small district, but doing what's possible.
M	65+	U	N	West	Balanced curriculum, inclusive environment.
M	65+	U	N	West	Parents I Speak to believe The Routt County School System is Positive.
M	65+	U	N	West	Recognizing individuals and their special needs.
U	65+	U	N	West	I know they can always do better, but generally they are using funds as they are intended.
M	18-34	D	Y	West	We're better off than many states, can always improve
F	35-44	D	Y	West	I have two children in public school and am mostly happy with their education.
F	35-44	D	Y	West	I think they are doing the best they can with what they have. With the nation wide teacher shortage I don't know that they will continue to be able to provide children with a high level of education. They need to be paid better!
F	35-44	D	Y	West	Pride in the school and the caring teachers and administrators
M	35-44	D	Y	West	The teachers in my community are incredibly committed, the community supports teachers -- including teacher retention -- and our schools are state of the art.
F	45-54	D	Y	West	Our town typically has a positive vibe, however it has gotten way too expensive for middle class residents to live here (ie teachers and nurses, etc). Teachers I believe should be paid far more and should have at least a masters degree. It is virtually impossible to live in this community on their wages.
F	45-54	D	Y	West	The majority of students have good outcomes currently. Teachers and staff are hard-working and reliable.
F	45-54	D	Y	West	Committee staff, principals and parents in our community. Communication is good and very open.
F	45-54	D	Y	West	This coming election will be very important. We need people in the school board who are local and care about our values and education.

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F	45-54	D	Y	West	We need to offer higher pay to para teachers (special education). More tutors to assist kids in their learning.
M	45-54	D	Y	West	Because we have had a progressive school board that allows teachers to do their job, and they do it pretty well. We have a district administration who generally tries to support teachers and students. And because we *don't* have a loud minority of parents who believe false talking points about schools, and then try to fuck things up.
M	55-64	D	Y	West	Teachers are not over work by too much planning in writing. Teachers are highly educated people who care about our youth!
F	55-64	N	Y	West	The teachers are open about what they are teaching and listen to comments and suggestions
F	18-34	O	Y	West	They think of the children and what resources they need
M	45-54	O	Y	West	Funding and parents who care
F	65+	O	Y	West	The let the parents get involved in decisions
F	18-34	R	Y	West	They are not pushing transgender ideation on my young children. None of my children have been influenced by anyone at school to be part of the LGBT or BLM movement.
F	35-44	R	Y	West	Convective learning
F	35-44	R	Y	West	Our school district offers a variety of public education experience for example online curriculum, hybrid learning environment and outdoor learning center
M	35-44	R	Y	West	Expanding opportunities for future career development found in large cities but in a small community.
F	45-54	R	Y	West	We have a good superintendent and teachers
F	45-54	R	Y	West	They are actually teaching my child things he need to know including but not limited to true historical facts
F	55-64	R	Y	West	They are doing the best they can. Unqualified teachers are a big part of the problem. This is due to low pay, horrible benefits, pathetic student behavior and class size that is too large!
F	65+	R	Y	West	The outcome has been very positive so far But very good teachers have left
F	18-34	U	Y	West	I said they probably are in a lot of ways, but I think they miss the boat by going to school 5 days a week instead of 4 days. They are less productive because the kids are so tired. If they had fridays off the kids would be more engaged and excited to learn.
F	18-34	U	Y	West	Students are getting a good education in a safe environment. Also teachers in our area are not pushing a specific agenda.
F	35-44	U	Y	West	They care about the future.
F	35-44	U	Y	West	Progressive, inclusivity, developmental imperatives, humans in training, etc. nfsis in paonia is excelling at this.

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F	35-44	U	Y	West	Transparent, data-driven decision making, improving over time. Trying to address Special Ed.
					I see them trying to make things better. They simply need more money. With all of the money entertainers make there should be provincials made for our education system. Just tie said provincials into the ridiculously high contracts our pro athletes are getting and it will fix the problem.
M	35-44	U	Y	West	
M	35-44	U	Y	West	Building GJHS.
M	35-44	U	Y	West	We are in a small rural district SOROCO and here the focus is on money (keeping teachers). We don't have a lot of the front range problems.
U	35-44	U	Y	West	Free lunches for starters
F	45-54	U	Y	West	My student has a good school career
F	45-54	U	Y	West	My child who is in public school is getting the specific attention needed for developmental delays
F	45-54	U	Y	West	Our school board does well to use the resources they have, especially for a small district. they have done some amazing things and could do more.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	They are transparent about what they teach our kids
M	45-54	U	Y	West	Excellent teaching philosophy and approach
M	45-54	U	Y	West	Moffat County has been 1000X better of an experience for our kids than we had in Adams County. Smaller class sizes, a conservative/traditional-minded culture that maintains parents rights to advocate for their children, and small town community that looks out for each other.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	I am a teacher and parent of a student.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	Our child's education is progressing well. The teachers are very knowledgeable and have our child's best interests in mind.
F	55-64	U	Y	West	The Glenwood Springs high school just Inc. health clinics in the school so that more children have easy access to healthcare. There are constant efforts to increase AP classes for students; and the Carbondale school district works very hard for all of their children to graduate fluently bilingual.
F	65+	U	Y	West	Semi do. Our kids are so different now. Technology is taken over the world and our kids are living it. They will take over the school system and arrange it with their own thoughts and it will all be changed. So many don't stay interested in certain things that they next to graduate my yet they have to pass it. We need to be better intertwining to keep them interested.