

LDS Summary Report – Online Surveys
October 6, 2009

Background: During the month of September 2009, parents, staff and board members of Lippman Day School were invited to complete a short online survey through the resource of Survey Monkey. The purpose of the survey was to elicit perceptions and see where there were points of common thinking around the future curriculum, culture, values, enrichment activities and name of the school. The survey was not meant to be scientific; it was a quick, efficient and easy way to get opinions from the stakeholders of the school that will guide the transition of the school in ways that reinforce and strengthen the curriculum and learning experience for students and will attract a broader student population.

Response Rates:

- Parents: 55 surveys completed out of a total of 82 invited to participate by email: **67 percent**
- Staff: 12 surveys completed out of a total of 18 invited to participate by email: **67 percent**
- Board: 4 completed out of a total of 14 invited to participate by email: **29 percent**. However, it should be noted that six members of the board are also parents and they were asked NOT to complete the survey a second time.

Key Findings:

1. Please rate how important each of these values should be to Lippman Day School in the future:

	Rating Average (0-5)		
	Parent	Staff	Board
Respect and openness to other religious and cultural traditions (Kavod)	4.33	4.67	4.25
Transforming the world into a more ethical and human place (Tikkun Olam)	4.48	4.75	4.50
Continuing the Jewish story and tradition (L'dor V'dor)	4.19	4.17	4.75
An inquisitive mind and life-long learning (Limud/Love of Learning)	4.89	4.92	4.75
Caring for others in a personal way (Gemilut Hesed/Kindness)	4.56	4.83	4.75
Giving to others (Tzedekah)	4.51	4.58	4.67
Common human decency (Derekh Eretz)	4.78	4.92	4.50
Strong connections to the people, land and state of Israel, and Jews around the world (peoplehood)	3.80	4.00	4.75
A Lippman school community with strong connections to the greater Akron community (Kehillah)	3.94	4.33	3.75

2. Please rate how important each of these subjects pertaining to Judaic studies/Hebrew language should be to Lippman Day School in the future.

	Rating Average (0-5)		
	Parent	Staff	Board
Hebrew Language	4.08	4.00	4.50
World Jewish history	4.11	3.75	3.75
American Jewish history	3.91	4.00	3.50
Prayer	3.50	3.58	4.00
Bible	3.94	4.25	4.25
Jewish literature	3.48	3.75	4.25
Israel and Zionism	3.59	3.91	3.75
Jewish holidays and life-cycle	4.28	4.08	4.50
Holocaust	4.13	4.25	4.25

3. Please rate how important each of the following after-school enrichment activities should be for Lippman Day School in the future.

	Rating Average (0-5)		
	Parent	Staff	Board
Arts activities	3.94	4.00	4.00
Sports and recreational activities	4.08	4.25	3.25
Community service activities	3.91	4.17	3.75
Computer technology	4.40	4.33	4.50
Foreign language classes	3.94	4.00	3.50
Comparative religions	3.19	3.42	3.75
Speech and communication	4.25	4.08	4.50
Reading skills activities	4.30	4.42	4.75
Math and science activities	4.57	4.58	4.50

4. Please rate how important the following skills are for any student to thrive in a global society and economy.

	Rating Average (0-5)		
	Parent	Staff	Board
Technology	4.72	4.92	4.50
Writing	4.87	4.92	4.75
Speaking and presenting	4.75	4.67	4.50
Team building and group facilitation	4.48	4.75	3.25
Working with individuals from diverse cultures	4.06	4.42	3.50
Financial literacy	4.17	4.27	3.25
Critical thinking/problem-solving	4.92	4.92	5.00
Second language	4.15	4.17	3.25

5. Please rate the importance of the following second languages that Lippman Day School should consider teaching in the future.

	Rating Average (0-5)		
	Parent	Staff	Board
Chinese	2.91	3.64	2.50
Spanish	4.21	4.17	2.75
French	2.53	3.09	2.00
Russian	2.09	2.73	1.67
Arabic	2.19	3.27	2.00
German	2.17	2.64	1.67
Hebrew	4.19	4.50	4.67

6. Please rank the following names that have been suggested for the future Lippman Day School.

	Rating Average (0-5)		
	Parent	Staff	Board
Lippman Global Academy	3.34	3.33	2.50
Lippman International School	2.85	1.44	1.75
Lippman Community Day School	4.18	3.67	4.75
Lippman 21 st Century Academy	2.36	3.00	3.25
Lippman Academy for 21 st Century Learning	2.65	3.56	2.75

Comments:

What is "International" or "Global" about the school? Why not just "Lippman Primary/Elementary School"?

The Lippman Academy of Academic Excellence

I actually hate the last three. They sound like Charter school names and will cheapen the Lippman legacy. I hope that is not the direction.

Lippman Day School or Lippman Academy (6)

Lippman Academy for Technology and International Studies

Lippman Academy of World Studies

21st Century Lippman or Lippman- A School for Tomorrow

Lippman Jewish Day School (2)

Lippman International Day School

Lippman Global Preparatory School, (secondary tag line) - An Academy for 21st century learning

Keep the name the same. It is shameful to be afraid of our heritage!!!

Lippman Cultural Day School

LDS - A Global Academy / A 21st Century School