Park Ridge - Niles School District 64 Superintendent Search Survey



1. Please indicate all which apply to you:

	Response Percent	Response Count
l live in Park Ridge - Niles School District 64.	75.3%	585
My children attend schools in Park Rldge - Niles School District 64.	57.5%	447
My children attended a Park Ridge - Niles School District 64 school.	26.5%	206
am a student in Park Ridge - Niles School District 64.	1.2%	9
I represent a current non-child household.	5.1%	40
l volunteer in Park Ridge - Niles School District 64.	14.0%	109
I am retired.	1.2%	9
I hold an elected political office.	0.5%	4
I am employed by Park Ridge - Niles School District 64.	35.1%	273
I am not employed by Park Ridge - Niles School District 64.	33.2%	258
I am a member of the Board of Education for Park Ridge - Niles School District 64.	0.5%	4
	answered question	777
	skipped question	0

2. If you are employed by Park Ridge - Niles School District 64, please specify your position:

	Response Percent	Response Count
School Teacher	71.6%	194
Administrator	3.7%	10
Other certified staff	12.2%	33
Support staff (includes secretary, instructional assistant, custodian, bus driver, food service, maintenance)	13.7%	37
	Other (please specify)	17
	answered question	27
	skipped question	506

3. Select from the list below the three most significant strengths of the district:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Supportive community	24.9%	192
Excellent teachers and staff	65.0%	501
Size of district	6.7%	52
Location of district	12.6%	97
Available resources	29.2%	225
Good school facilities	17.1%	132
Supportive parents	27.5%	212
Reputation of district	34.2%	264
Financial management	5.1%	39
Technology	12.1%	93
Effective leadership	7.9%	61
Curriculum	14.5%	112
Educational options and programs	24.4%	188
Academic achievement	28.0%	216
Culture in district	6.0%	46
Facilities	3.4%	26
	answered question	771
	skipped question	•

4. Select from the list below the three most important skills you would like to see in a superintendent:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Communication skills	65.0%	501
Instructional skills	16.9%	130
Managerial skills	32.3%	249
Financial skills	29.7%	229
Organizational skills	16.9%	130
Leadership skills	80.3%	61
Interpersonal skills	32.6%	25
Public relations skills	10.5%	8
School board relations skills	18.9%	146
	answered question	77
	skipped question	

5. Select from the list below the three most important characteristics you would like a superintendent to exhibit:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Commitment to the community	19.9%	15
Enthusiasm	9.4%	7
Integrity / trust	45.4%	35
Good decision-maker / problem solver	49.7%	38
Innovation	14.2%	11
Team builder	17.7%	13
Change agent	5.7%	4
Risk taker	1.8%	1
Negotiator	3.6%	2
Peacemaker	1.4%	1
Visionary	22.1%	17
Collaborator	15.1%	11
Motivator	12.4%	ę
Sense of humor	3.6%	2
Active listener	10.6%	8
Dynamic/personable	6.1%	4
Genuine	8.9%	6
Advocator	6.7%	5
Child-centered	38.1%	29
Critical thinker	11.2%	8
Accessibility / visibility	6.3%	4

Delegator	9	0.6%	5
Articulate		3.5%	27
		answered question	775
		skipped question	2

6. For each of the items below, indicate whether you believe the item is either extremely important, important, or not important in the new superintendent:

	extremely important	important	not important	Rating Count
Doctorate degree	21.4% (161)	49.6% (374)	29.0% (219)	754
Experience as a superintendent with a proven record of success	51.8% (398)	40.0% (307)	8.2% (63)	768
Experience as a superintendent in a district of similar size	29.3% (225)	48.1% (369)	22.6% (173)	767
Experience as an assistant superintendent	17.9% (137)	57.4% (439)	24.7% (189)	765
Experience as a district level administrator	32.6% (248)	51.8% (394)	15.6% (119)	761
Experience as a principal	42.4% (323)	47.4% (361)	10.1% (77)	761
Experience as a classroom teacher	58.1% (446)	34.4% (264)	7.6% (58)	768
Experience in finance	33.3% (254)	55.6% (424)	11.1% (85)	763
Experience in personnel	40.5% (308)	51.1% (388)	8.4% (64)	760
Experience in instruction	48.0% (367)	44.2% (338)	7.7% (59)	764
Experience in facility construction and management	14.6% (112)	53.2% (407)	32.2% (246)	765
Experience with technology	32.1% (246)	53.3% (409)	14.6% (112)	767
Experience in a multi-cultural environment	13.0% (99)	50.2% (382)	36.8% (280)	761
Experience in strategic planning	45.4% (349)	46.6% (358)	7.9% (61)	768
Experience in the Midwest	12.3% (94)	34.8% (267)	52.9% (406)	767

answered question	on 772
skipped question	on 5

7. What do you consider to be the three most important issues or concerns facing the district in the next five years?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Community relations	17.7%	137
Curticulum	52.3%	405
Enrollment growth	12.0%	93
Enrollment decline	1.7%	13
Facilities	28.7%	222
Funding	46.1%	357
Educational options and programs	39.8%	308
Instruction	32.6%	252
Personnei	27.1%	210
Technology	41.2%	319
	answered question	774
	skipped question	3