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Partnership Teacher US/South Africa Survey

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1. Where are you currently an educator?






2. Gender



3. What is your current age in years?



4. How many years of public school teaching and/or administrative experience do you have?




		Respos Total
One year experience.		0
Two-three years of experience.		0
Four-nine years of experience.		15
Ten-fourteen years of experience.		6
More than fifteen years.		12
Total Respondents		

5. Public schools play an important role in teaching patriotism.

		Respos Total
Strongly Disagree		0
Disagree		9
Agree		20
Strongly Agree		3
Total Respondents		




(skipped this question)

6. If you selected agree or strongly agree to question 5 above, in your opinion, overall how well do public teach patriotism?

		Respos Total
Very Poorly		1
Poorly		11
Well		13
Very Well		0
Total Respondents		

(skipped this question)

7. Public schools play an important role in teaching students the knowledge and skills to be successful after school.





		Respos Total
Strongly Disagree		0
Disagree		1
Agree		20
Strongly Agree		11
Total Respondents		

(skipped this question)



8. If you selected agree or strongly agree to question 7 above, in your opinion, overall how well do public teach students the knowledge and skills to be successful after high school?

		Respos Total
Very Poorly		0
Poorly		13
Well		15
Very Well		3
Total Respondents		
(skipped this question)		








9. Public schools play an important role in preparing students with the knowledge and skills to actively pa democratic society.

		Respos Total
Strongly Disagree		1
Disagree		2
Agree		21
Strongly Agree		8
Total Respondents		
(skipped this question)		

10. If you selected agree or strongly agree to question 9 above, in your opinion, overall how well do publ prepare students with the knowledge and skills to actively participate in a democratic society?










		Respos Total
Very Poorly		0
Poorly		9
Well		21
Very Well		1
Total Respondents		
(skipped this question)		

11. Top issues facing the world

		Respos Total
Poverty/inequities between haves and have nots		25
Health care disparities		12
HIV/Aids		3
Food supplies		7
Global climate change		14
Terrorism/conflict/war		19
Other, please specify view		5
Total Respondents		

(skipped this question)


12. Top issues facing either South African or American society

		Respos Total
Health care		20
Public education		11
Immigration		8
National security		11
Unemployment		5
Global climate change		9
Gap between rich and poor		16
Prejudice and racism		7
Other, please specify view		3

Total Respondents

(skipped this question)

13. Top issues facing public schools in your country











		Respos Total
High school completion		6
Testing and accountability		17
Student motivation		25
Family involvement		21
School reform/smaller high schools		4
Academic standards for students		5
National curriculum		0
Diversity and integration of schools		0
Teacher/administrator shortage		5
Equitable per pupil funding		7
Achievement gaps		15
Other, please specify view		5

Total Respondents

(skipped this question)

14. Top issues











		Respos Total
Teacher pay		25

Incentives to teach in high need schools		5
Political pressure		2
Teacher input in central decision making		14
Administrative support for teachers		8
Planning time during school day		5
Technology and other resources		7
Professional development		2
Class size		15
Student behavior		22
Other, please specify view		5

Total Respondents

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15. Top issues teacher ed in your country

		Respos Total
Quality and diversity of candidates		12
Ensuring candidates are prepared for the first year		19
Diversity of placement sites for field experiences/internships		2
Partnership support for first-year teachers		11
Political pressure on schools of education		4
Payment for interns during internship		10
Recognition for teachers who host interns and field experience students		5
Year-long internship opportunities		11
Lateral entry (teachers holding a degree but no pedagogy courses)		5
Other, please specify view		3

Total Respondents

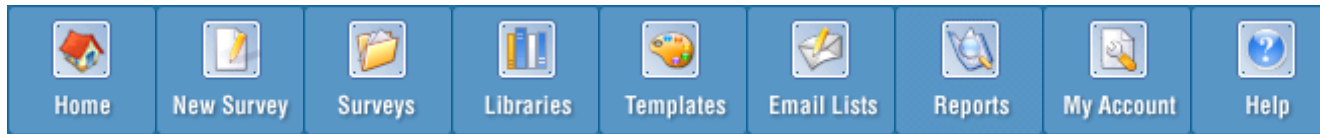
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16. Questions

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16. Questions

1. How are South African and American schools similar and different?
2. Not sure
3. What is the general level of motivation for students in your school?
4. Approx. what percentage of high school age youth in South Africa enroll in high school? And then what percentage of those who enroll (at some time during eligible age) finish? Is education free for all school age children throughout the country?
5. How can teachers become a VITAL and SUSTAINED (as opposed to random) part of the decision making process in education, beginning at the local level and continuing to legal reforms?
6. Specifically, what are we doing differently that has caused the United States to drop in testing (math and science) when compared to other countries?
7. Why can't we remove violent students, repeat offenders from our high schools? They don't want to learn so or behave appropriately so why force them to come to school?
8. What are teacher pay/benefits like in South Africa?
9. How and when will educational reform make learning meaningful and relevant to the real world for students?
Too much effort and money is put into standardized testing. Students in North Carolina will complete 54 standardized tests if they attend a North Carolina public school from kindergarten until graduation. That is insane! Politicians in our state feel that they are doing the right thing for schools by implementing more testing instead of fixing the problem. Students do not need to be tested more and teachers should not be held accountable if the students do not do well. Too many extraneous circumstances play a role in student performance on standardized exams. If a student is not well fed, has good health and dental care, and has a decent night's sleep, how can he think clearly to perform well on an exam? It is the community that should be held accountable for student performance on exams. Teachers are professionals and do what is expected of them during the day with their students; but, we are only part of the solution. The community must accept responsibility for the high or low performance of schools and stop blaming the teachers. We can only do so much with the child that is sent to us each day.
11. What are the similarities in the ways that poverty impacts schools in South Africa and the United States?
12. If the education of our youth truly is our number one priority, then why are there some many discrepancies between what children need and what children are actually receiving in order to be

prepared for the real world?

13. What can be done about the apathy of students toward education in today's society?
14. If students have motivation to excel in school.
15. How will we ever compensate for the lack of support at home that many of our students face?
16. How is classroom discipline dealt with? How do you train new teachers?
17. Hmm...none. I'm just interested in all of it b/c I know very little about the topic.
18. n/a

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