



## Ithaca City School District Goals and Priorities Survey Executive Summary



### Survey Overview

In April 2016, ICSD conducted a survey to gather stakeholder perspectives regarding progress made on district goals and priorities. The annual Goals and Priorities Survey focused on key areas, including **school and community relationships, interest in classes, relationships with teachers, rigor and relevance of curriculum, and impact of digital learning on student outcomes.**

### Survey Participation

1,552 people participated in the survey including 611 students in grades 6 through 12. The student response rate increased significantly from previous years (238 responses in 2014) (108 responses in 2013).

### Survey Highlights

#### Students

- 66% of students responding said they collaborate more with their classmates as a result of having technology tools available in school
- 59% said they collaborate online with their classmates daily or weekly
- 61% said they have more choice in how they learn because of available technology
- 68% said they publish their schoolwork online daily or weekly
- Students' positive responses about challenging schoolwork, teacher expectations, and rigorous coursework have continued to increase since 2013
- 89% reported they have a very positive relationship with at least one teacher
- 75% would recommend their school to a friend - an increase from 68% in 2013

#### Parents and Community Members

- 71% of respondents said access to iPads, Chromebooks, and digital resources enhances student learning
- 60% said those technology resources increase overall student engagement
- 66% said access to technology resources allows students to work at their own pace
- Participants most often get information about ICSD from their child, via email, or on the district website
- 57% said ICSD gives them meaningful opportunities to be heard
- 64% said they are informed about school issues and decisions that affect them
- Respondents said information from ICSD is meaningful (76%), timely (70%), and clear (76%)

#### Areas of Improvement

The Goals and Priorities Survey results help identify areas of refinement. As a result of the 2016 survey, ICSD is working to

- increase parent engagement
- continuously improve internal and external communications
- earn a more favorable response to "My teachers understand how I learn best." While the low marks to this survey item may be a result of the impact of interdisciplinary work, ICSD intends to earn more favorable responses.