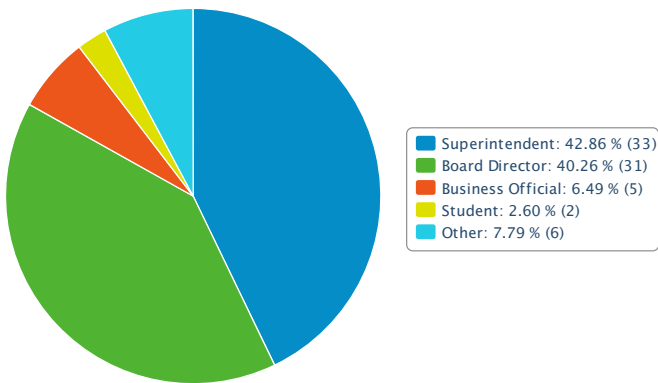


# 2020 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE AND DAY ON THE HILL

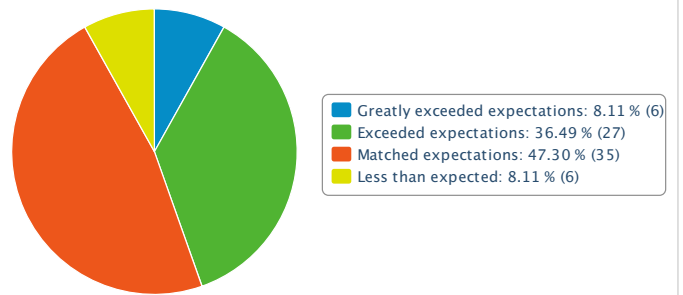
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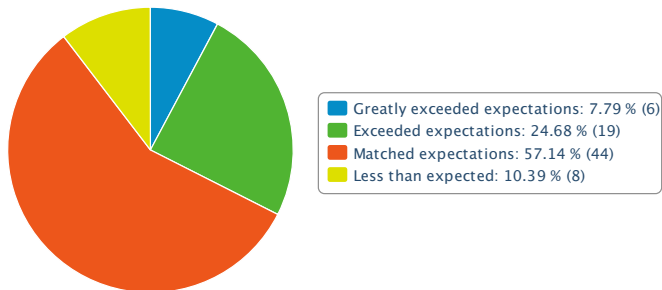
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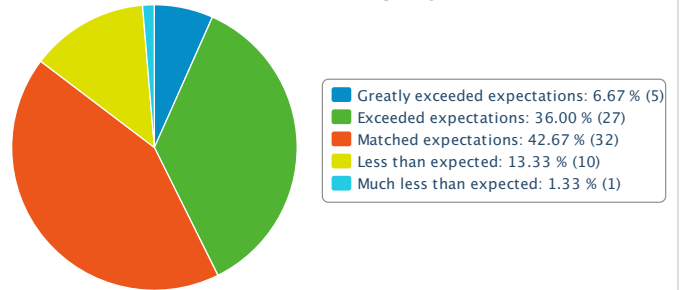
## 3. Please rate the extent to which advocacy for students and leadership have been met.



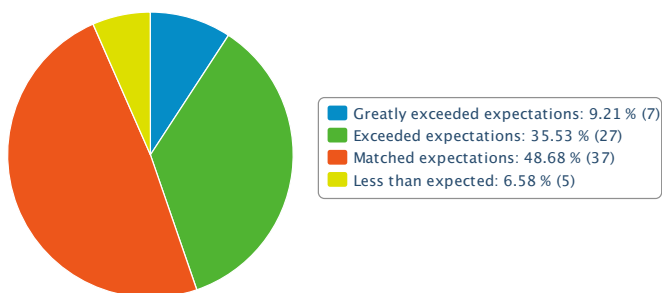
## 1. Please rate the extent to which the conference objectives have been met.



## 4. Please rate the extent to which the conference provided the opportunity for you to reflect on next steps or implementation of the learning in your practice.



## 2. Please rate the relevance and quality of the conference.



| What is your position?        | 5. Please share your suggestions for improving the conference if repeated.  |
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| Board Director                | Not as good in past years .<br>would like to hear from schools and there problems   |
| Board Director                | Please set an earlier date for this conference (at least in non-budget years) so we can have more influence over bills we'd like to see advance out of the House and Senate education committees.   |
| Board Director                | Thanks!   |
| Board Director                | The WSSDA team and other organizers did a great job. Our advocacy papers were well presented (some legislators did accept them, after all). The timing for hike the hill was unfortunate, coming after committee cutoff.  |
| Board Director                | Would love to see the conference be a little more engaging for the audience. The sit and listen is a little challenging for those of us in the audience. There are ways to engage an audience so that it is not such a LONG day of listening.   |
| Board Director                | Continue the most excellent work, thank you!  |
| Board Director                | Keep up the great work you do !!  |
| Board Director                | The "Day on the Hill" was a waste of time. Not one item districts need to help with the "blow-back" of the McCleary decision was in play this year. Focusing on the prototypical funding model was not very inspiring. We will do better with our representatives at home during non session time leading up to next year. Very disappointing.  |
| Board Director                | It seemed like typical political talk on Sunday. We need, we want, we need, we have to... no solutions to the underlying problems.<br><br>Monday seemed disorganized just because of the tight schedules.   |
| Board Director                | Non alcohol reception option for students board members   |
| Board Director                | More time for questions and answers. Less time for DA caucuses as it only took minutes to schedule our appointments.  |
| Board Director                | There was really no time for reflection, or even session closure, due to the back to back sessions and panels. Perhaps an additional 15 minutes at the end of the sessions, specifically for reflection, would be helpful.  |
| Board Director                | As a first time participant I have no suggestions, and the conference was well worth my time. I wish the legislative district meeting to plan our approach on the hill was better attended but everything went rather well and the experience was rewarding in respect to being hear, and supported. in many cases we were preaching to the choir but even those in opposition were engaging and open to hear solutions.  |
| Board Director                | Donner was great! Day was successful!   |
| Board Director                | I truly appreciated Reykdal's perspective and attention to answering questions. The Governor's proxy and Senator Wellman's responses did not have the same level of attention. Many times, their responses were off topic.  |
| Business Official             | Please have the Community College turn the heat on next year  |
| Business Official             | Appreciate Senator Lisa Wellman's session.  |
| Other: Intern                 | Sitting and getting is always a difficult task.   |
| Other: Legislative Consultant | Have the same number of Sunday afternoon events, allowing each presentation sufficient time to present and the audience to interact. I've been coming to this conference for about 35 years, as a program director, superintendent and now consultant. This conference allowed sufficient time for the presenters on Sunday afternoon. Please continue doing this. Thanks.  |
| Other                         | Random thoughts:<br><br>1. Is It possible to star the conference earlier? I expect it begins at noon to give folks time to fly over from other parts of the state, but even 1/2 might be helpful on the tail end.<br><br>2. Possibly begin the reception earlier (even if the conference start time is noon). Many folks wanted to attend the reception but were interested in a full meal at another place or needed to settle into the accommodations. It might not work but if they reception had been from 5:45 to 6:45 we might have had more attendees. |

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| Other          | It would have been interesting to have more than one legislator on the panel.  |
| Superintendent | Too much sitting in tight spaces. Time with legislators was a waste. We had a total of 15 minutes, 12 of us and two representatives. But that took 9 hours of our time including waiting, walking, parking, and flying. Several of the speakers had their facts wrong. Questions from participants were either irrelevant or not focused or rambling comments.   |
| Superintendent | Better organization around meeting representatives, especially the morning breakfast with reps. Otherwise things were great.   |
| Superintendent | Thank you.   |
| Superintendent | Would be great to have a larger selection of legislative representatives and if the Governor was there.<br>Wonder about a Monday/Tuesday conference?   |
| Superintendent | I think the conference should be turned upside down. Have local meeting planning time first. Then move to large group to hear about top issues that we can actually hope to have an impact upon. Chris is fine to hear from, as is the governor's office but isn't useful on Monday and is a bit pie in the sky. Senator Wellman said a lot of nothing, I could say more, but will leave it at that. I know that she means well. The prototypical school model information was interesting, and good for us to know/mention, but we spent way too much time on it considering the bill isn't getting a true hearing. You spent too much time talking at us and not letting us process what we are hearing. Stop the sit-and-get model. We need movement, processing and connecting time. I said it matched expectations because it is what always happens. That does not mean it was particularly helpful. Also, consider revamping the Hot Topics handouts to be more eye-catching/tell a story in pictures not words. Although that might be irrelevant since no one would accept our them, as predicted! Sorry I'm so negative. It just doesn't change; and we continue to hear how school directors do not speak up enough. Maybe it is time to try a different model. |
| Superintendent | As a first time participant, I really did not know what to expect. I found it very helpful and was able to do some forward thinking for my district. I don't know what I'd fix, but I liked what you did.  |
| Superintendent | Needed visuals to go with the Maddy Thompson's narrative<br>State Superintendent visuals were hard to reading the back of the theater<br>Nice job by the panel!-   |
| Superintendent | I would like to have a school board or two present next year on their advocacy efforts and how they connect with their legislators and what outcomes they have noticed due to their efforts. It is always nice to hear what other districts are doing in the area of connecting with legislators, showcasing their school district and the impact, if any, this has had on student achievement, culture and climate, measurable results, etc. I know they do this at the WSSDA conference, but a focus on board advocacy would be appropriate for this conference.   |
| Superintendent | I appreciate that the association puts forth some much effort to make this successful.   |
| Superintendent | The Governor's aide was abysmal and provided very little value to the experience. It would have been helpful to hear from more than one senator. WASA and WSSDA leadership did a great job, but we didn't hear information that isn't already available or shared through another venue.   |
| Superintendent | Messaging was very clear and well organized.   |
| Superintendent | The Q and A during the opening general session isn't helpful. Could questions for speakers be done in a panel session?   |
| Superintendent | Thanks for providing an agenda of great speakers!  |
| Superintendent | Nice job, enthusiasm for K-12 is organized and continues.  |