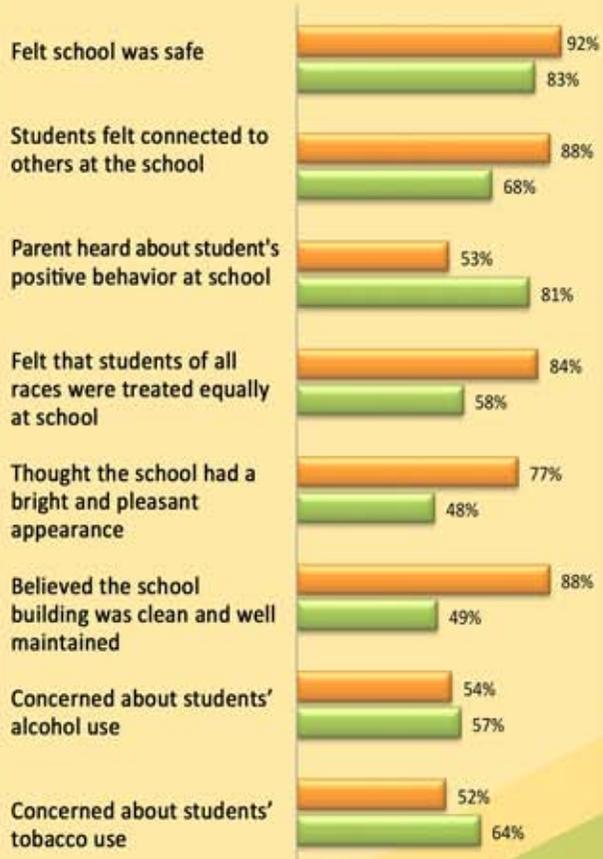
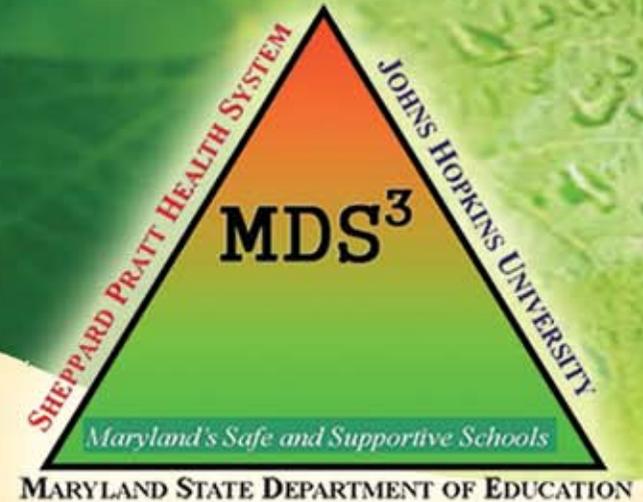


## MDS<sup>3</sup> 2011 Parent and Student Survey Responses

Parent Student



\*Data comes from 52 MD high schools participating in the MDS<sup>3</sup> project, 22,389 students and 2,063 parents.



# Maryland Safe and Supportive Schools (MDS<sup>3</sup>) Project



## MDS<sup>3</sup> School Climate Survey

Students, staff, and parents at your child's school are asked to complete a web based climate survey. The on-line survey will collect information about students', staff members', and parents' perceptions of school climate. The survey is anonymous and voluntary.

The survey takes approximately 20 minutes for staff and students to complete and 10 minutes for parents to complete. Parents and staff have the option of completing the survey on any computer and at any time that is convenient for them, but students must complete the survey from a school computer.

The MDS<sup>3</sup> School Climate Survey will be administered annually each spring (spring 2012, spring 2013, and spring 2014).

## How Can You Access the School Climate Survey?

Between March 1st and May 15th of 2012, the MDS<sup>3</sup> School Climate Survey will be available for use.

Parents can go to the following website to complete the survey:

<http://survey.pagequest.net>

Parents, once you access the website you will be asked to enter a password. Each school is given passwords specific to parents and students. Your school will distribute these passwords when the survey is open for use.

### What is MDS<sup>3</sup>?

MDS<sup>3</sup> is an initiative to measure and improve school climate in high schools across Maryland. It is funded through a grant awarded to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and is being implemented by MSDE, Johns Hopkins University and Sheppard Pratt Health System.

### What is School Climate?

It relates to the school environment, student engagement, and school safety.

### How is school climate assessed?

School climate is assessed by the MDS<sup>3</sup> School Climate Survey, MDS<sup>3</sup> Site Visits, the School Wide Evaluation Tool, and the Individual Student Systems Evaluation Tool (SET/ISSET).

