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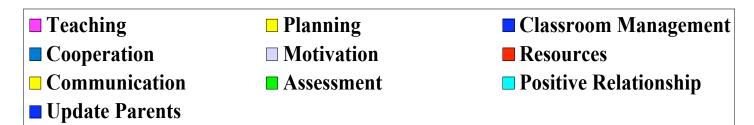
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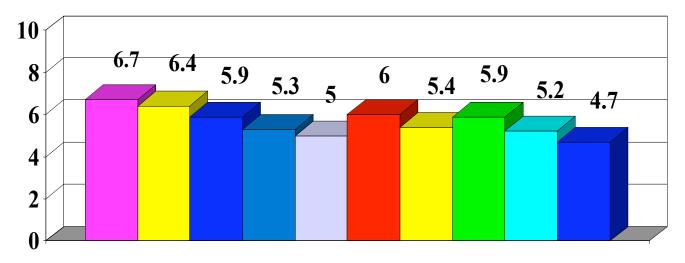
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Key Activities

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Teaching	6.73
Planning	6.37
Classroom Management	5.87
Cooperation	5.28
Motivation	5.02
Resources	5.96
Communication	5.42
Assessment	5.92
Positive Relationships	5.24
Update Parents	4.65

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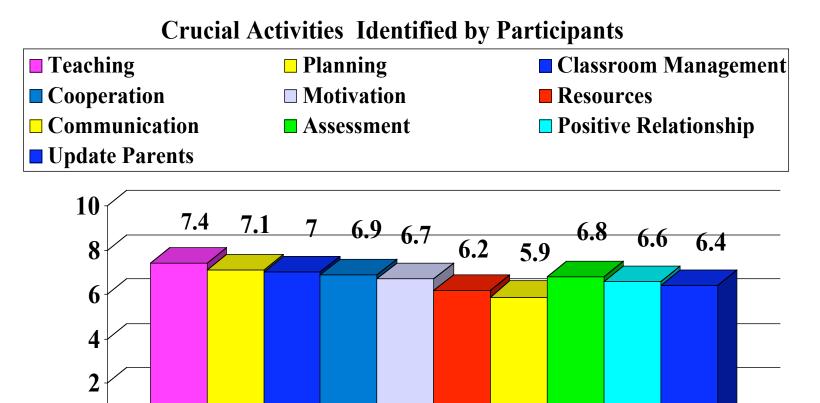




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Key Activities	
Teaching	7.42
Planning	7.10
Classroom Management	7.02
Cooperation	6.94
Motivation	6.73
Resources	6.15
Communication	5.92
Assessment	6.79
Positive Relationships	6.55
Update Parents	6.44

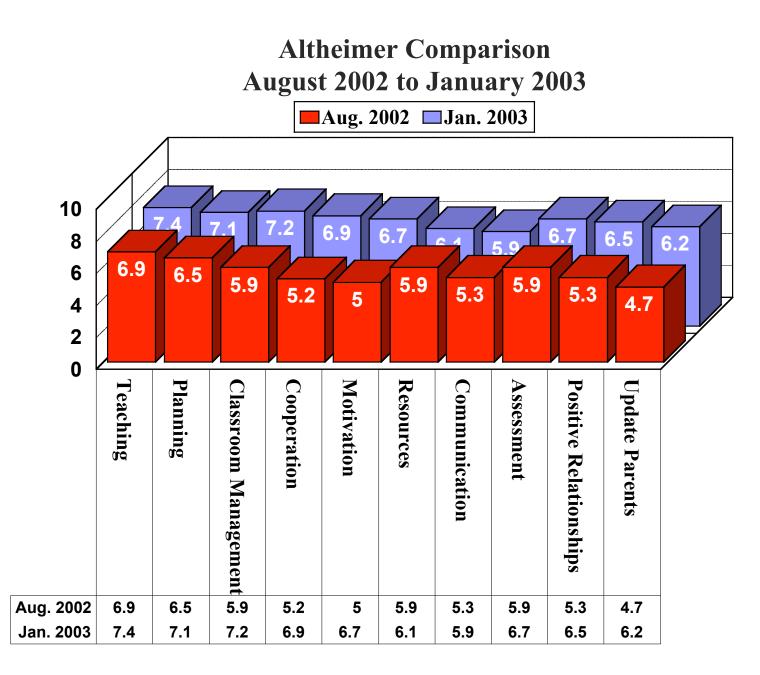
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Comparison of Altheimer Unified School District ratings between August 2002 and January 2003

/	January	August
Key Activities	2003	2002
Teaching	7.42	6.92
Planning	7.10	6.53
Classroom Management	7.02	5.92
Cooperation	6.94	5.29
Motivation	6.73	5.08
Resources	6.15	5.98
Communication	5.92	5.33
Assessment	6.79	5.94
Positive Relationships	6.55	5.33
Update Parents	6.44	4.74

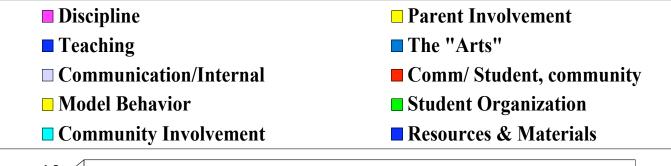


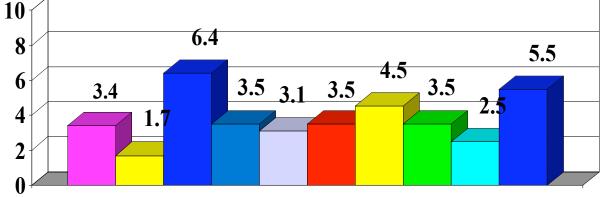
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Key Activities	
Teaching	6.3
Model Behavior	4.5
Resources and Materials	4.0
The "Arts"	3.5
Communication (students, teachers & community)	3.5
Student Organization	3.4
Discipline	3.3
Communication (internal)	3.1
Community Involvement	2.5
Parent Involvement	1.6

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Crucial Activities Identified by Participants



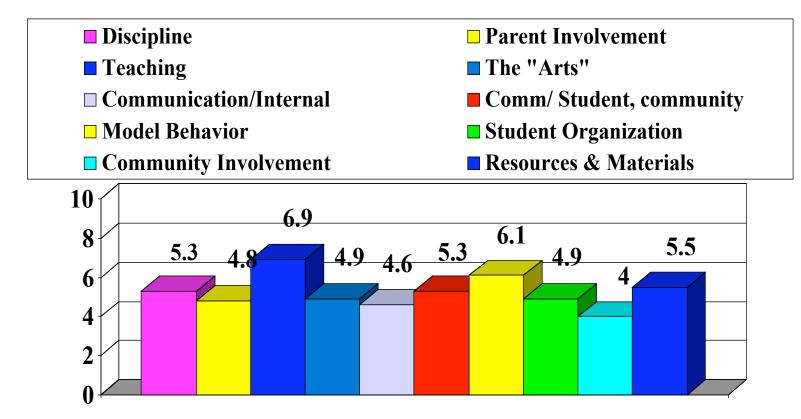


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Key Activities	
Discipline	5.29
Parent Involvement	4.83
Teaching	6.90
The Arts	4.85
Communication (internal)	4.61
Communication (student, teachers & community	5.27
Model Behavior	6.12
Student Organizer	4.85
Community Involvement	4.07
Resources & Material	5.51

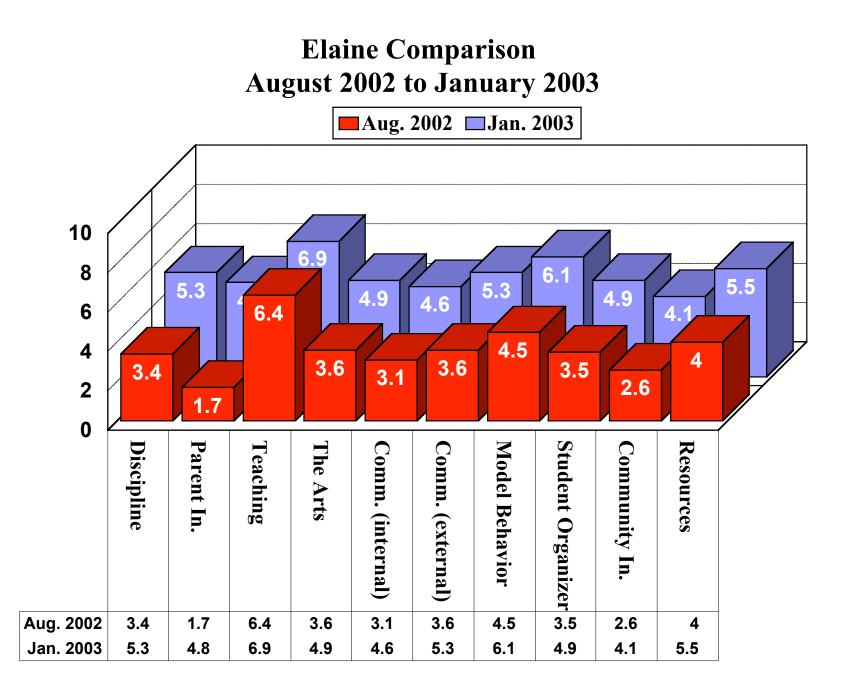
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Crucial Activities Identified by Participants



Comparison of Elaine School District ratings – August 2002 and January 2003

Key Activities	January 2003	August 2002
Discipline	5.29	3.38
Parent Involvement	4.83	1.67
Teaching	6.90	6.38
The Arts	4.85	3.55
Communication (internal)	4.61	3.1
Communication (student, teachers & community)	5.27	3.55
Model Behavior	6.12	4.52
Student Organizer	4.85	3.47
Community Involvement	4.07	2.55
Resources & Material	5.51	4.00



Stay the Course: Continue the Positive Partnership between the State and the School Districts

- The report findings document a positive trajectory of growth.
- The districts have made improvements in the areas that facilitate and support academic achievement.
- The same steps should be followed to maintain this positive path. Specifically:

- 1. School districts in distress must carefully carry out the Comprehensive School Improvement Plans.
- 2. The districts must regularly monitor school and student performance
- 3. The districts must recruit and retain highly qualified teachers
- 4. The districts must increase academic rigor, alignment of curriculum and increase parental involvement.
- 5. The districts should build on existing empowerment evaluation efforts and continuously assess and improve performance.