## Progress Report: Elaine and Altheimer Unified

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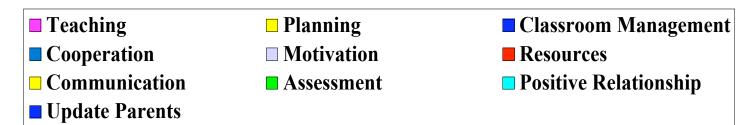
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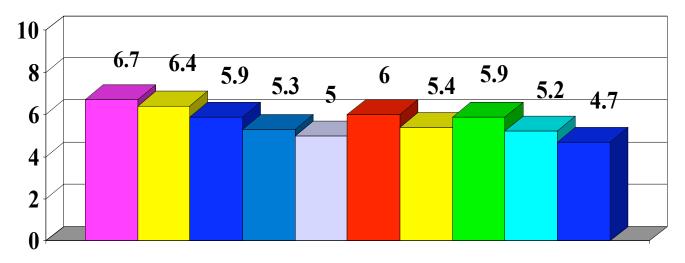
## Altheimer Unified School District Taking Stock Ratings August 2002

Key Activities

| ~                      |      |
|------------------------|------|
| 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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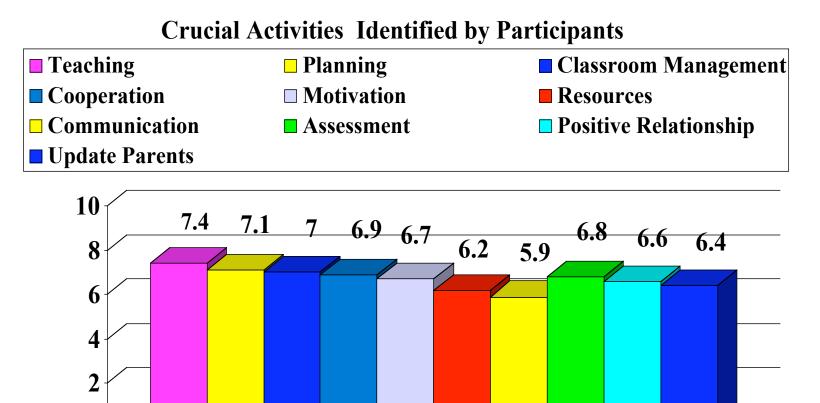




#### Altheimer Unified School District Taking Stock Ratings – January 2003

| 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 |

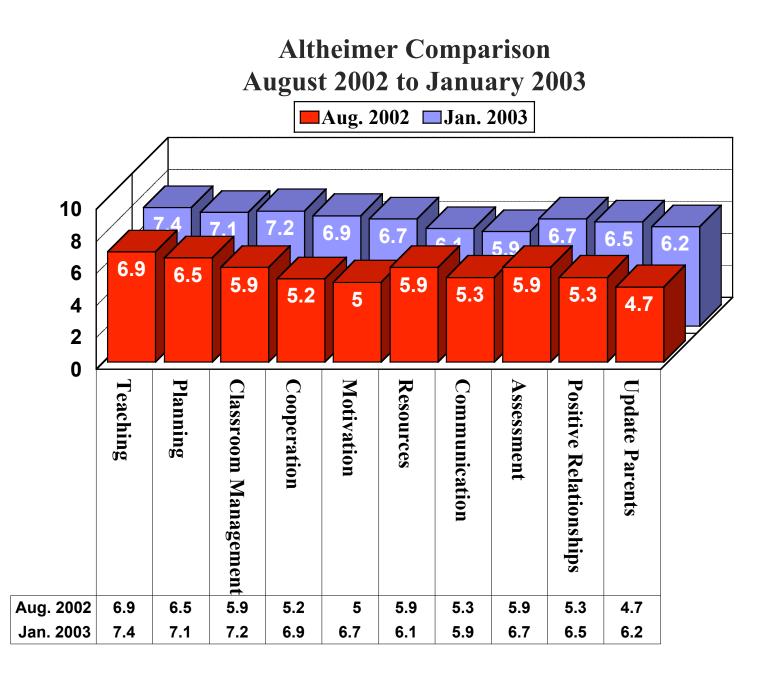
#### Altheimer School District Taking Stock January 2003



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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   |

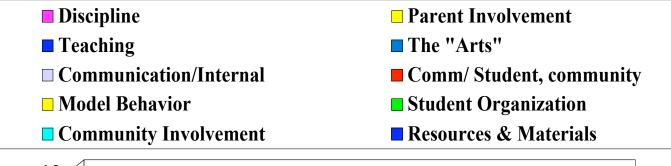


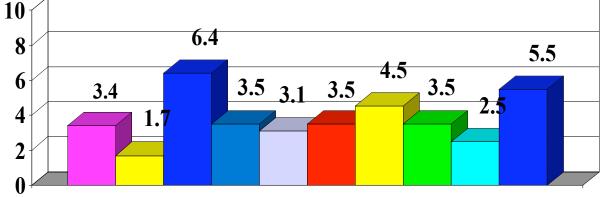
## Elaine School District Taking Stock Ratings August 2002

| 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 |

#### Elaine School District Taking Stock August 2002

**Crucial Activities Identified by Participants** 



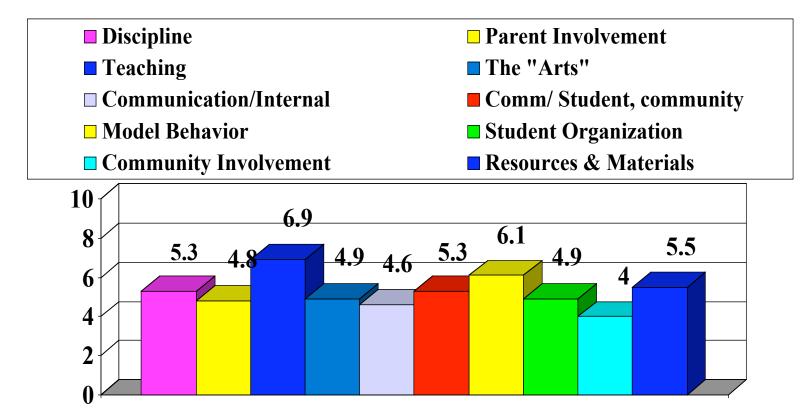


## Elaine School District Taking Stock Ratings – January 2003

| 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 |

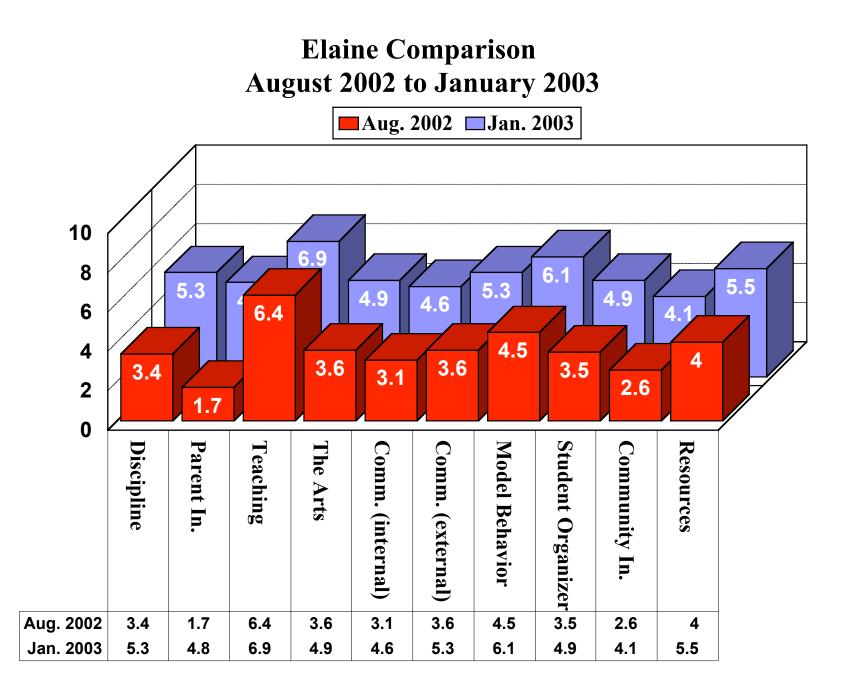
#### Elaine School District Taking Stock January 2003

**Crucial Activities Identified by Participants** 



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

| Key Activities                                | January<br>2003 | August<br>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.