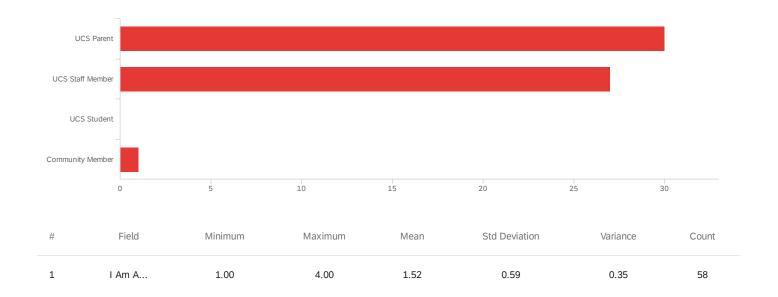
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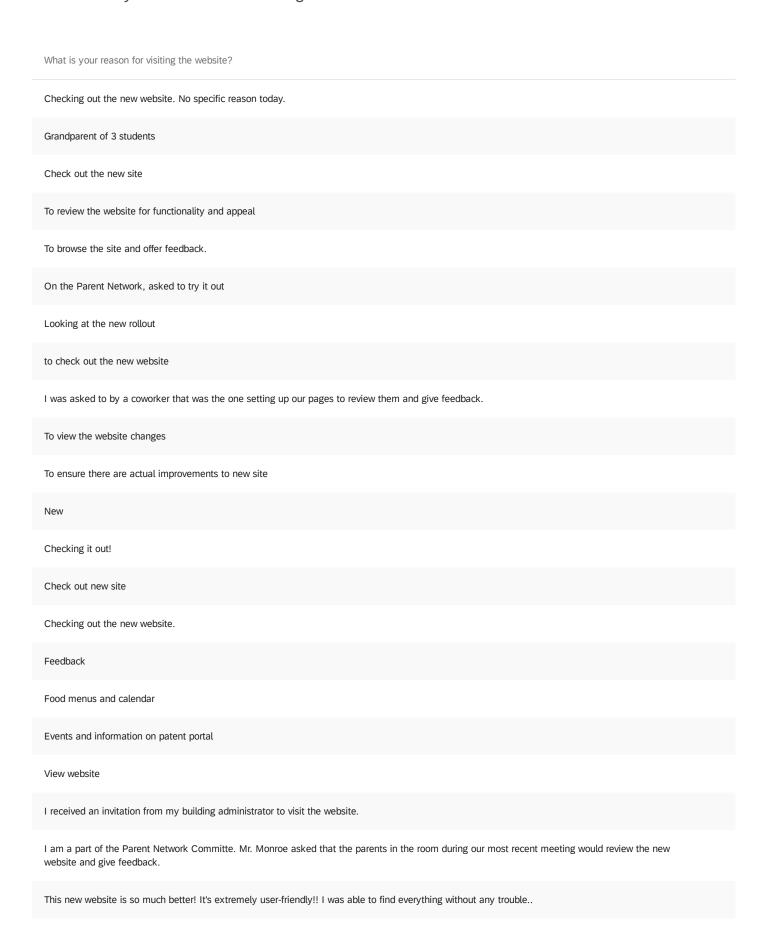
New UCS Website November 27, 2022 8:21 AM MST

1 - I Am A...



#	Field	Choice Count	
1	UCS Parent	51.72% 30	
2	UCS Staff Member	46.55% 27	
3	UCS Student	0.00% 0	
4	Community Member	1.72% 1	

2 - What is your reason for visiting the website?



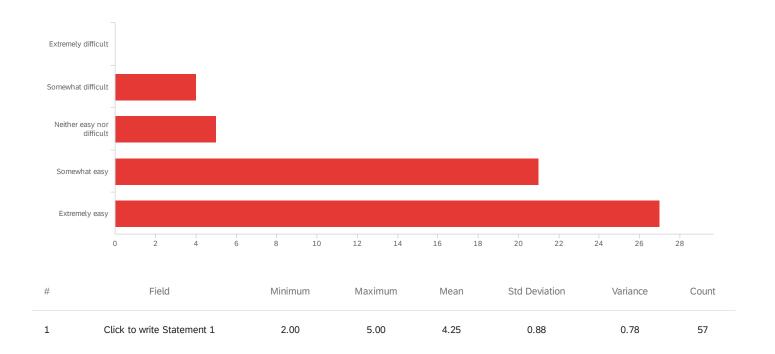
What is your reason for visiting the website?
Curious
Parent Network Meeting
To view the new website.
Information
asked to look at it.
Give feedback
Asked to review
I was asked to take a look prior to roll out at the Parent Network Meeting.
Part of the parent group
Request of UCS as a Parent Network participant.
Parent Advisory test
To see if language translation was readily available
Checking out the new site!
I am a parent of a Stevenson High School Student, and I am a Staff member at multiple buildings.
UCS Parent Network
Look at the new website and see how user friendly it is
Check the calendar, review job openings, locate transportation forms.
I am a UCS staff member and a parent. I use the site all the time for both work and personal reasons.
Reviewing purposes.
Saw it in Superintendent's Bulletin. I refer parents to our district as well as our school website often for information.
Update and maintain
I use it often to look up information
emailed to fill out survey

All information

To see the updated site
Sup's Bulletin
To see how functional the site was to help me do my job functions.
Asked to do so through superintendent's bulletin
See the new website
Asked to test website by Superintendent's Bulletin: November 17, 2022.
To check it out.
Working on it

What is your reason for visiting the website?

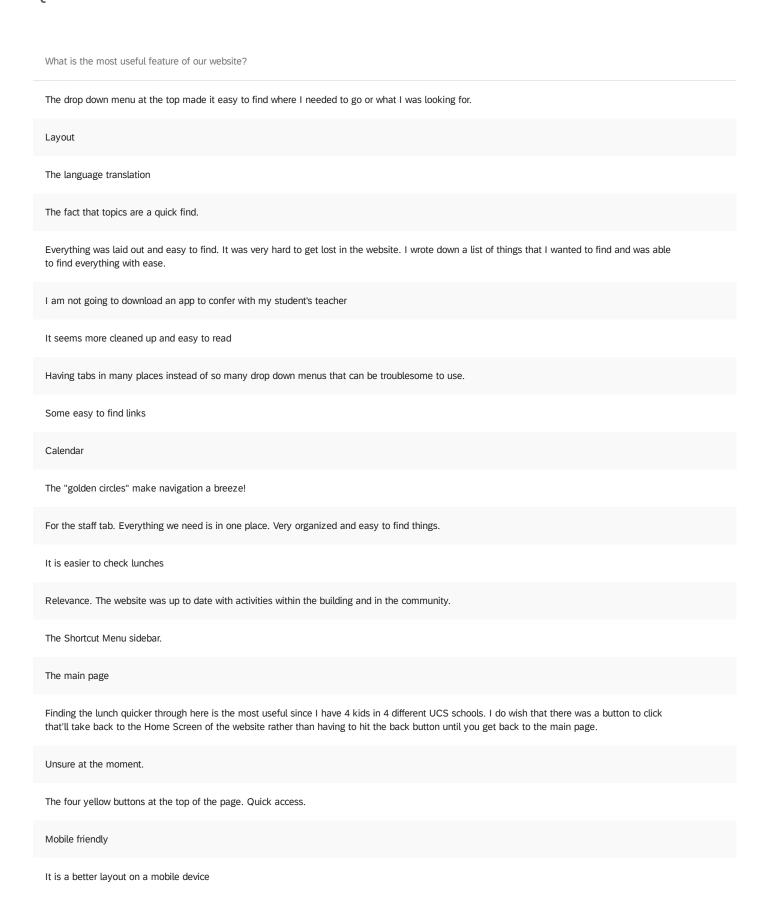
3 - How easy was it to use our website?



#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Extremely difficult	0.00%	0
2	Somewhat difficult	7.02%	4
3	Neither easy nor difficult	8.77%	5
4	Somewhat easy	36.84%	21
5	Extremely easy	47.37%	27
			57

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Q13 - What is the most useful feature of our website?



The tabs across the top.
easy click tab at the top
I like the six central menu tabs as they contain most of the information I generally seek on the UCS website.
+ clear & consistent dropdown tabs across every page + navigation italics "eyebrow" in upper right corner that shows me where I am within the site (e.g. Home >> Enroll in UCS >> Young Fives Program)
menu, athletic schedule, powerschool
The layout and the information that I ho To the most are right on the front page!
I think the site is visually easier to look at and find some information. I like the calendar feature.
Navigation. I was able to easily find where I wanted to go and how to get back to where I was.
Having more links set-up in a more user friendly way
More user friendly to locate transportation
Easier to access the list of schools instead of having to scroll.
The detailed options at the top were useful.
It seems more organized.
It seemed very concise and clear. Everything I clicked on worked. :)
School directory at top, links are easier to find
The Facebook connection and announcements
The organization of the website and the calendar.
I love the quick access tabs at the top which make it very convenient for me to link to other sites, and job functions/applications I need access to. It should also be very convenient for parents to access as well.
I liked that you could access everything from one place
Menu bar on top
Tabs at the top.
Site Index

What is the most useful feature of our website?

Q14 - What is the feature you wish our website had?

What is the feature you wish our website had?
N/A
Way to pin your homeschool
n/a
So far I am satisfied with what it offers.
At this point I can not find any feature that is lacking. It is much better than the old website.
I wish there was a bigger portal area for staff members to enter
More pictures/information about specific events happening throughout the district.
Link to all UCS school board meetings, previous and link to watch upcoming meetings
List of school clubs
I have no suggestions. This is a HUGE improvement!
Easier access to teacher contact information (email) along with their photos
A calendar on the first page
I don't believe there are any features missing.
I can't seem to find how to access staff emails like you can on the Utica app right now. If it is in this website, it needs to be more easily accessible.
I don't see a link for classlink on the website. Sometimes when computers go a bit off the kids will go to UCS website and use the classlink and connect that way.
N/a
Favorite items such as pay for lunch, set favorites for homeschool
Teacher Email list.
none, love the calendar and the school hour :)
So far it seems the website has the information I look for. I would like if it were a bit easier to find subjects such as enrichment activities or websites

such as power school. I eventually found access to power school at the individual school's page, but it took a bit to find it.

robust search feature

One thing I did not see without digging and still could not find was the link to add funds for hot lunch.

1) I like the calendar feature, but would like to be able to link events to outlook or personal calendars. 2) I think the list of schools should be up at the top of the page for easier access by parents who will most likely go on the site to find the building messages, calendars and principal's message. While the other information is important, I think most parents are looking for the information directly related to their students schools 3) Maybe a feature to assign buildings as favorites? That way parents can open the site and have an icon that has their "favorites" which may include the building, calendar, maybe a specific club or sport. Anything that the parent decides are their favorites, making it easier to navigate the site. 4) I think there should be an icon for clubs and other activities - just like there is an icon for athletics. That way parents and students can get information directly relating to their student's activities. It may include Drama, Choir, Chess Club, Peer to Peer, Student Counsil, Band, Winter Guard, Girl Scout, Science Olympia, Destination Imagination etc. You could separate clubs by credit-based activities where students have an assigned class period which has activities outside of the school day like Drama, Band, Choir, Art, Yearbook etc. and non-credit clubs like Peer-to-peer, winter guard, Young Entrepreneurs, or boy scouts. I think these activities and clubs are JUST as important and deserving of the same recognition as athletics. If athletics has a unique icon, then so should the other activities which has MANY more students involved than athletics does. There should be AT-LEAST equal representation. 5) A parent resource tab would be helpful. This could include resources to help their students in school, maybe good study habits, homework help as well as outside resources that many parents may look for like food resources, help with clothing and daily needs, links to resources for medical assistance and referrals. It could also include the Monday moments and suggestions for student support. Maybe include a link for who to call in the district if they become homeless or are in crisis. This could also include a link for what to do if they hear of a threat or a student in crisis. Maybe some appropriate developmental supports/suggestions related to media, phones, technology and school safety. I think pictures of vapes for parents to be aware of what to look for would also be helpful.

Not look so boxy (it appears that you had different boxes and just added info to it) -- maybe a little less on the homepage so it's not so overwhelming

More color - seems a little too formal. I would like to see a more kid friendly look.

Seems everything is there

NA

The lunch menu should be really easy for parents to find. I get a lot of inquiries about that.

I can't think of anything at this time.

Principals message - place to post relevant announcements on the main page

Design is very white in some places very busy in others, so I wish there were more contrast between the white page and the information in some places. The sketchy looking design in the main banner of the site is cool but having the scrolling information or school mascots on top of it without it matching in design is visually overwhelming

A icon for teacher resources/links/ULI and one for PowerSchool.

I think the Translate Language button should be more visible and larger for families who need this. We have many in UCS who are EL.

a dark mode if possible.

An easy way to access email addresses for staff.

Home Phone numbers

Q15 - Please list any items that you had trouble finding?

I was not able to find the teacher email list. Not sure if it is there buy somewhere that I was just not seeing.

Please list any items that you had trouble finding?
I found everything easily.
Portal to pay for lunches
Mental Health Resources
None
None
It took a while to find where the ULI went, but now that I know where it is, I can find it
The Community Education Home Page and working employment links for specific jobs.
Any information about the UCS school board and meeting schedule Link to watch UCS school board meetings online Link to view previous UCS school board meetings Links to specific schools and staff information
List of schools
N/A
Powers School was hard to find on old website
Is there a place where parents can access the health care plan forms?
-
The year long calendar. From August to June on one page.
Staff email list. Like I mentioned above, if it is there I couldn't find it.
Information pertaining to what core subjects and electives are available within the Virtual Academy for grades 7th through 12th grade. The Virtual Academy page should contain: - All the core subjects and electives that are available for Virtual Academy students in 7th through 12th grade Information on whether or not the Virtual Academy 7th through 12th grade students are online with a teacher for each class everyday? Or are the classes asynchronous and only meet with the teachers so many times a week? - If the Virtual Classes are asynchronous for 7th through 12th grade students, how many times a week do students meet online with the teachers? And how often are the teachers available to the students to answer questions? - Are electives limited in Virtual Academy for 7th through 12th graders? A list containing all available classes should be posted on the UCS website under the UCS Virtual Academy page And anything else one should know about the Virtual Academy for 7th through 12th grade.
Classlink
N/a
How to pay for lunch

Please list any items that you had trouble finding?

Power school and enrichment activities. Once I realized a number of subjects are located under the webpage for the individual school it made finding information much easier.

see list of 9 suggestions below

Magic meal Family Portal

I think finding the schools, since it is down at the bottom, may be difficult,

An easy way to find how to add money for lunches

The list of schools - used to be at the top... now its in the about us I believe

No

NA

Calendar, Counseling page, News, PaySchool,

I think the list of schools needs to be closer to the top. Most parents go to the site to find information pertaining to their child's school. It should be above less relevant information like the bar with the podcasts and strategic plan.

PowerSchool needs to be visible on the main page.

None at this time.

N/A

Dates/Times for Theater and Musical Shows- Would be great to have a common page with all of them for eveyone to find. Also dates and times for music concerts. I was able to find the dates and times for sports schedules but not music events.

Nothing

Q16 - Is there anything missing on a particular page?

Is there anything missing on a particular page?
I saw everything I needed to see.
Portal to pay for lunches on school page
N/A
No
I found everything that was relevant for me to find for all three of my kids. I have one in Elementary and two in High School
no
N/A
I'd like to see a link to the school photographers used (i.e. Kaiser Studios) along with contact info, links to pay for photos, etc.
Parent tab—resources and forms
This was my first time visiting. I will provide feedback as needed.
Nothing is missing.
See other boxes.
Virtual Academy staff is not updated
N/a
College and Career Readiness / EDP the tabs to view the grade level Power Points are missing.
The search function does not work on the menu tabs. Otherwise, I cannot think of anything that is missing.
see list of 9 suggestions below
On the schools home page, it would be nice to have the contact information for the principal, under their name.
Club and NON-athletic representation
How to easily add money to a lunch account
No
NA

Is there anything missing on a particular page?

All events currently listed on the calendar are missing and irrelevant items that were never listed on the calendar are posted

Not that I noticed, but I also realize the page is still under construction.

Staff directory

No

Q17 - Please add comments/issues that we should know regarding our website

Please add comments/issues that we should know regarding our website

Looks great!

All the sections were grouped together properly....like a puzzle. Every section was labelled without any confusion.

I do not like being tracked as a parent as I think this is a tracking system disguised as something else.

I would still like less dropdowns and more links to specific pages/topics right on the page. Dropdowns are so different to navigate on a mobile device or when trying to walk someone through navigating them over the phone with language barriers.

The new site is very basic. There's a lot less information on it than on the current UCS website. Many things are missing if you compare the information available on both sites.

This has a much cleaner look, and is therefore so much easier to navigate. Well done!

I think it looks great. Very easy to find anything you are looking for.

When it comes to "learning disabilities" I'd like to see the term "learning differences" used instead.

Thank you for the work that was put into this website! I look forward to using it in the future and recommending it to my students' parents.

Year long calendar—not by month

I like that the sports schedules are listed as well since I have athletes in UCS

- Each individual school within the district should have its own personalized/school specific web page, not a duplicate of the main UCS web page. - The white font on the lighter blue is more difficult to read than on previous dark blue. We prefer the previous dark blue. - Virtual Academy Staff page needs to be updated to reflect current year virtual teachers. - As mentioned in the "Trouble Finding" section, the entire Virtual Academy page needs updating, needs to include core information relative to the Virtual Academy for 7th through 12th grade.

It would be helpful if there was one platform for information - right now we need Bloomz, blackboard, Facebook, email, parent portal, etc.

I think it is very user-friendly. I really like the layout and the ease of navigating.

On the home page, it would sound better if you reworded the headline to the present tense from the future tense. So instead of "will empower" change it to "empowers."

The 6 yellow blocks at the top should be most frequent links. UCS value doesn't seem necessary. Meals should have a link to refill balance, athletics should link to each schools athletics page.

Love It!

The search function does not work under the menu tab.

1) PaySchools links: - I audited links to Stevenson, Heritage & UAIS - Stevenson link takes to main page and text on that page says "No items are currently available" however if you click on AVAILABLE PRODUCTS tab there are dozens of options; would be helpful to parents to default link destination to AVAILABLE PRODUCTS page - UAIS (same suggestion above) - Heritage: this page does default to AVAILABLE PRODUCTS - recommend default for every school to AVAILABLE PRODUCTS page 2) FONT CONSISTENCY: font types and size seems to vary between pages (example: compare ENROLL IN UCS homepage to ATHLETICS homepage to ACADEMICS home page) 3) DEPARTMENTS homepage: font size on this page is different between the left side of the page and the right side 4) ABOUT US > BOARD OF EDUCATION > REGULAR MEETING SCHOOL TAB: should this say Regular Meeting "SCHEDULE"? - please add 2023 meeting dates to schedule; - font size on left side of schedule is smaller than right side 5) ABOUT US > School Reports > Drill Reports and Protocols: Audited for Heritage, IRC, UAIS & Stevenson. - No report for UAIS or IRC is available. - Stevenson & Heritage reports are outdated, not current 6) About Us > The Value of a UCS Education > Virtual Academy links back to old website 7) CALENDAR home page: UAIS is not listed under Senior High School Hours dropdown 8) CONTACT US: BOLD Utica Center for Science & Industry title; BOLD UCS Virtual Academy title 9)SEARCH: this function doesn't seem to be working sitewide. I ran a search for the following 6 terms and received the following results: -- VIRTUAL ACADEMY - blank page -- BOARD OF EDUCATION - blank page -- HERITAGE - blank page -- FOOTBALL - blank page -- CALENDAR - blank page

Did not see any issues. I like The new setup!

I think it is on the right track. I just think there are a number of students who participate in meaningful and important groups, clubs and organizations that should be equally represented. Not everyone is an athlete and when the focus is always on how well a particular sports team is doing, rather than also looking at what the other 90% of the students are doing, it makes it appear as if the Athletes are more important than everyone else. Having an icon for athletics and not the other groups/clubs shows looks as if the athletes are more important to the school image than the other students

The new site is much cleaner and easy to navigate which is a huge plus for those that are not technological sound. Everything that I could think of that I would like to know, I was able to find. Great job.

Only spent a couple mins, did not notice any in that time.

The gray/white background in the upper left corner is very busy, it is hard to read the text that is layered over top (name of school/district & vision). Much of the font on the page is VERY small in comparison to the available space on the page. The font headings at the top are small, the directory information on the lower right is also small font. Appears to be lots of dead white space on the page. Overall, it looks great and is easier to navigate. Small font is the only picky issue:)

I believe that they are all too same-y. The original websites were much more easier to see that they were one or the either. The black stood out more against the school colors than white backgrounds.

Great job! Looking forward to referring others to find information.

If parents have to click more than one link they will give up and call the main office for information, creating more work for the office staff.

I just think it's going take time for everyone to get used to it. It took me a minute to find the ULI. However, most of the time I just use app on classlink.

I really like what the district has set up with new site so far. Thanks.

None

On the Home Page the "MI School Data" and "Transparency Reporting" links are overlaid on the images. They block words from the images behind them. Also, the controls for the images are visible. (See attachment.) On the Calendar, it would be helpful if there were something to indicate what the events are on each date other than just text. Color coding the messages (ones for No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences, etc) would make what is going on faster to see. Right now you have to click on the text to bring up what is going on. Also, when you click on the text it takes you to another page and you have to go back to the calendar. If clicking on the text did a pop-up with the text of the event in it that would be faster. A parent could see the event information and just close it and go to the next event if necessary. On the Contact Us page; the sentence "Each week we will share the answer to commonly asked questions we are receiving in UCS" does not tell you what "in UCS" means. Is there some UCS that receives questions or do you mean at UCS? Under "Enroll in UCS" on the right side under "Registration" the second paragraph lists items that need to be on hand for enrollment. The list of items should be bulleted not just a line at a time. That way parents can go over each item and make sure they have them and not miss one. This is just a quick check of only a few of the main pages; sorry for not being able to go into more depth.

Please add comments/issues that we should know regarding our website

The old site is awful!!! Not user-friendly at all. Thank you for changing it!!

Great job Tim and Jen (this is Tim testing the survey by the way)

End of Report