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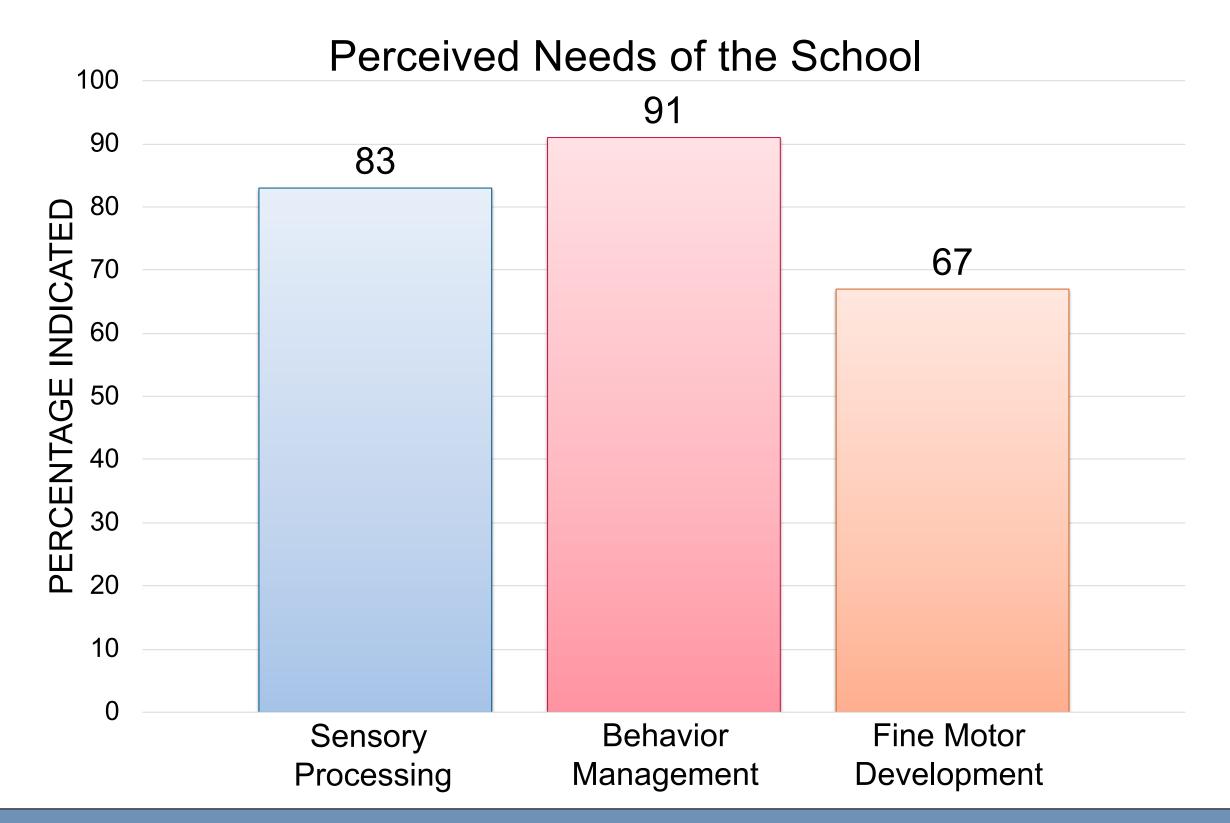


Mission & Vision

- Mission: "Linden Waldorf School's mission is to provide education that honors the developmental stages of childhood, cultivates a love of learning, and addresses the whole child through the head, hands, and heart."
- Vision: "We envision a thriving intergenerational and diverse community of lifelong learners dedicated to fostering the ideals of Waldorf education with the intention of cultivating the intellectual curiosity, moral consciousness, and physical well-being of our students, families, and the greater community."

Identified Needs of the Agency

- Upon arrival, I conducted an initial focus group pre-survey with faculty and staff to establish their perceived needs of the school.
- The following chart illustrates the needs indicated by the pre-survey:



Goals of Experiential Component

Develop a quick reference observation sensory screen for teacher use

Develop educational sensory processing handouts for teacher and/or caregiver use

Develop educational fine motor development handouts for teacher and/or caregiver use

Develop a presentation to educate teachers and caregivers on sensory processing and fine motor development

Increase my knowledge and understanding of sensory processing topics, language, and verbiage

Create a sensory space for the school

Prepare survey on effectiveness of programming

Outcomes

- 59-page comprehensive educational document on the topics of fine motor development, sensory processing, and behavior management
- 2. Quick reference sensory screen for teacher use
- 3. Movement break schedules
- 4. Movement break schedule log to track breaks and monitor effectiveness
- 5. Outside referral resource guide with local offices and practices offering such services
- 6. An updated school "quiet room" with sensory friendly materials

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