

EPIC ▪ MRA Genesee ISD Issues Survey — November, 2004

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SEQUENCE # \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ JURIS: \_\_\_\_\_ WARD: \_\_\_\_\_ PREC: \_\_\_\_\_

Hello, this is **(Name)** from **EPIC ▪ MRA**, a Lansing based survey research firm. We're conducting a random survey about several state and local issues in your area. We are not trying to sell anything, you will not be asked for a donation and you will not be called again because you participated in a survey. This is strictly issue research and I'd like to take a few minutes to include the opinions of your household. **[IF THIS IS NOT A GOOD TIME, MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR A CALL-BACK TONIGHT]**

We need to have a balance of men and women in this survey, and we also need to have young voters represented. May I please speak to the youngest **[MALE/FEMALE, depending on quota specified on list]** registered voter, aged 18 or older who is at home now?

**IF YES: REPEAT INTRODUCTION FOR NEW RESPONDENT & CONTINUE.**

**IF NO, ASK:** "Is there any other **[MALE/FEMALE, as specified]** registered voter, 18 years or older, who is at home right now?" **IF NOT, TERMINATE INTERVIEW.**

Are you currently registered to vote at the address I am calling?

If **YES** --- **GO TO QUESTION 01**

If **NO** --- "Is there another **[MALE/FEMALE, as specified]** registered voter at home who I can talk to?" If not, **TERMINATE INTERVIEW.**

\_\_01. Did you get a chance to vote in the recent November 2004 election when **[ROTATE]** John Kerry and George W. Bush were running for President? How about in the 2002 election when Dick Posthumus (**poss-TWO-muss**) and Jennifer Granholm were running for Governor?

13% Yes, only in 2004  
2% Yes, only in 2002  
85% Yes, both 2004 & 2002

\_\_02. Voter turnout in school elections is usually much lower than turnout for other types of elections. How often do you get a chance to participate in local school elections -- would you say that you vote all of the time, most of the time, about half of the time, seldom or never?

41% All the time  
25% Most of the time  
11% About half of the time  
14% Seldom  
9% Never

\_\_03. Now I am going to read you a list of several state and local problems and issues that people say they are concerned about. Please tell me which one problem you are personally concerned about the most? **(READ 1 TO 9 -- TAKE FIRST RESPONSE ONLY -- ROTATE LIST)**

- 30% Making quality health care available for everyone
- 21% Improving the economy and jobs
- 15% Improving education
- 11% Promoting morality and family values
- 9% Keeping a lid on state and local taxes
- 6% Controlling government spending
- 3% Addressing the problem of crime and drugs
- 3% Protecting our environment
- 1% Providing public safety
- 1% More than one

\_\_\_ 04. During the past five years, has the quality of education in the school district where you live improved, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

20%	Improved	<b>ASK Q. 05</b>
25%	Gotten worse	<b>GO TO Q. 06</b>
38%	Stayed about the same	<b>GO TO Q. 07</b>
17%	Undecided/don't know	<b>GO TO Q. 07</b>

\_\_\_ 05. Specifically, what do you think has improved about the quality of education over the past few years? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED, THEN GO TO Q. 07]**

6%	Everything	4%	“No child left behind”
17%	Higher test scores	4%	More help for students
15%	Improved teachers	3%	Better facilities
14%	New programs	2%	Checks and balances
10%	Higher expectations	2%	Class size
8%	Curriculum	2%	Increased graduation
7%	Computers	1%	Improved administration
		5%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_ 06. Specifically, what do you think has gotten worse about the quality of education over the past few years? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

12%	Curriculum	4%	Closed schools
12%	Lack of money	4%	Too much testing
12%	Teacher apathy	2%	Infighting, politics
11%	Lack parent involvement	2%	Low test scores
9%	Class size	2%	Poor facilities
9%	Cut-backs	2%	Student apathy
9%	Lack of discipline	2%	Violence
4%	Bad administration	2%	Other
		2%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_ 07. Compared to surrounding school districts, would you say that the quality of education provided by your local public school district is better, worse, or about the same as surrounding public school districts?

34%	Better
25%	Worse
34%	About the same
7%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_08. Thinking about the quality of the kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade education provided by your local public schools in return for the state and local taxes that fund local public schools -- do you think your state and local taxes are too high, too low, or about right for what you get back in educational services from your local public schools? **[IF TOO HIGH]** Would that be much too high or somewhat too high?

14%	Much too high	<b>31% Total</b> <b>TOO HIGH</b>
17%	Somewhat too high	
46%	About right	
13%	Too low	
10%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_09. What do you like the most about your local public schools? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

1%	Everything	2%	Parent involvement
7%	Nothing	2%	Safe
10%	Quality education	1%	Activities
10%	Teachers	1%	Athletics
8%	Opportunities	1%	Class size
4%	Community involvement	1%	Diversity
4%	Convenient, close	1%	Facilities
4%	It's small	1%	Improved test scores
3%	Caring about kids	1%	Schools of choice
3%	Doing their best	1%	The students
2%	Elementary programs	3%	Other
2%	Good administration	27%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_10. What do you think is the single biggest problem your local school district must address?  
**[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

17%	Finances	1%	Community involvement
10%	Class sizes	1%	Discrimination
10%	Discipline	1%	High teacher salaries
6%	Curriculum	1%	Lacking basics
4%	Board of education, administration	1%	Literacy
4%	Drugs	1%	Morality
4%	Teacher quality	1%	Poverty
3%	Crime, safety	1%	Special education
3%	Facilities	1%	Too much testing
3%	Parent involvement	1%	Transportation
3%	Student apathy	1%	Truancy, dropouts
2%	Communication	1%	Other
1%	"No child left behind"	18%	Undecided/don't know

Students are usually given grades in school of A, B, C, D, or FAILING to describe the quality of their work -- with "A" standing for excellent, "B" for good, "C" for average, "D" for below average, and "F" for failure. Now I would like to ask how you would grade your local public school district and some other groups associated with the school district. For each name I read, please tell me whether you would give each a grade of A, B, C, D, or F.

**[READ & ROTATE QUESTIONS 11-18]**

	COMBINED A & B			C	COMBINED D & F			undec	
	A	B	Total		D	F	Total		
_11	Your local public school district	16%	40%	56%	27%	9%	2%	11%	6%
_12	All Genesee County public school districts	2%	22%	24%	46%	12%	1%	13%	17%
_13	All local school districts in Michigan	3%	24%	27%	38%	4%	--%	4%	31%
_14	Area charter schools	6%	22%	28%	19%	7%	3%	10%	43%
_15	Area private and parochial schools	20%	43%	63%	11%	1%	--%	1%	25%
_16	The Genesee Intermediate School District	5%	35%	40%	33%	7%	2%	9%	18%
_17	Classroom teachers in your school district	23%	40%	63%	21%	4%	1%	5%	11%
_18	School principals in your school district	20%	34%	54%	23%	5%	2%	7%	16%

\_\_\_19. Overall, how would you rate the condition of the buildings, facilities, property and grounds of your local public school district -- would you give them a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

22%	Excellent	<b>65% Total POSITIVE</b>
43%	Pretty good	
23%	Just fair	<b>32% Total NEGATIVE</b>
9%	Poor	
3%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_20. How would you rate the job your local public school district does in managing their finances? Would you give your local public school district a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

8%	Excellent	<b>49% Total</b>
41%	Pretty good	<b>POSITIVE</b>
25%	Just fair	<b>41% Total</b>
16%	Poor	<b>NEGATIVE</b>
10%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_21. How would you rate the job the Genesee Intermediate School District does in managing their finances? Would you give the Genesee Intermediate School District a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

4%	Excellent	<b>33% Total</b>
29%	Pretty good	<b>POSITIVE</b>
26%	Just fair	<b>44% Total</b>
18%	Poor	<b>NEGATIVE</b>
23%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_22. Do you believe that the intermediate school districts serves a useful purpose in providing a quality education for our children, or not?

66%	Yes
19%	No
15%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_23. If intermediate school districts did NOT exist, do you think that local public school districts would be better off or worse off?

18%	Better off
59%	Worse off
4%	No effect ( <i>volunteered</i> )
19%	Undecided/don't know

24A - C: What would you say are the two or three most notable services that the Genesee Intermediate School District provides to students and local public school districts? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED FOR UP TO 3 SERVICES]**

17%	Special education	2%	Handicap transportation
15%	Skill center	2%	Resource center
5%	Transportation	1%	Advocate for needy
4%	Coordinating services	1%	Early learning programs
4%	Teacher training	1%	Free education
2%	After-school programs	1%	Higher education
2%	Athletics	1%	Library
2%	Checks and balances	1%	Quality teachers
2%	Computers	1%	Substitute teachers
2%	Curriculum	1%	Support staff

25. Based on what you know or have heard or read about the pay and benefits teachers in your local public school district receive, do you think teachers are paid too much, too little, or about the right amount for the job they are asked to perform?

4%	Too much
52%	Too little
39%	About the right amount
5%	Undecided/don't know

26. How about the pay and benefits received by the superintendent and administrators in your local public school district, do you think they are paid too much, too little, or about the right amount for the job they are asked to perform?

50%	Too much
3%	Too little
35%	About the right amount
12%	Undecided/don't know

27. How about the pay and benefits received by the support staff in your local public school district, including bus drivers, maintenance workers, secretaries, and food service workers -- do you think they are paid too much, too little, or about the right amount for the job they perform?

2%	Too much
39%	Too little
45%	About the right amount
14%	Undecided/don't know

Now I would like to read you a list of some of the programs, services and other kinds of things that school districts generally provide to their students. For each item I read, please tell me if you think your local school district is doing enough in that area, if more needs to be done, or if your school district is doing too much in that area.

**[READ AND ROTATE Qs 28A TO 44A]**

		More	Enough	Too Much	undec
_28A	Providing enough funding to at least maintain existing educational programs and to improve programs if possible	39%	54%	1%	6%
_29A	Improved discipline	58%	30%	3%	9%
_30A	Requiring high academic standards	53%	40%	1%	6%
_31A	Providing career training for all students, including training for high-tech jobs, especially for those students who may not go on to college	56%	33%	--%	11%
_32A	Improving student safety, including greater safety from violence, gangs, drugs and weapons	44%	47%	2%	7%
_33A	Improving and renovating buildings	41%	52%	3%	4%
_34A	Working with parents and students to reduce truancy and drop-outs	51%	36%	1%	12%
_35A	Offering students school-to-work, job shadowing or career exploration experiences to prepare them for the workplace and careers	53%	32%	--%	15%
_36A	Improving communications with parents and the community	52%	42%	--%	6%
_37A	Expand schools of choice so that parents can send their children to the best schools they can find in the area.	36%	42%	7%	15%
_38A	Providing physical education classes in all grades	41%	50%	2%	7%
_39A	Offering before and after school daycare programs for students	37%	44%	2%	17%
_40A	Providing programs for academically at-risk students	53%	32%	1%	14%
_41A	Offering mentoring programs and tutoring by older students	50%	34%	--%	16%
_42A	Increasing student achievement on the MEAP test and other standardized tests	38%	43%	8%	11%
_43A	Providing a quality food service and school lunch program	25%	62%	2%	11%
_44A	Keep students safe after school by offering programs for students, such as bridges to the future, or other activities to improve student learning, personal development and leadership skills	46%	35%	2%	17%

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**[READ AND ROTATE Qs 28B TO 44B]**

		More	Enough	Too Much	undec
_28B	Finding and keeping better teachers	44%	45%	1%	10%
_29B	Having smaller class size so teachers can spend more time with each student	61%	30%	--%	9%
_30B	Greater parental involvement in their children's education	64%	29%	--%	7%
_31B	Providing state-of-the-art computer technology	47%	42%	2%	9%
_32B	Placing more of an emphasis on teaching the basics of reading, writing, math and science	57%	37%	1%	5%
_33B	Offering quality art, drama and music programs	50%	40%	2%	8%
_34B	Offering classes and specialized programs for gifted and talented students	54%	25%	2%	19%
_35B	Offering special education programs to make sure that physically or mentally challenged students have the best chance to succeed	49%	39%	1%	11%
_36B	Helping parents feel connected to their children's schools, so they can participate and play an active role in their children's education	52%	41%	1%	6%
_37B	Providing a comprehensive sports and athletic program for both boys and girls	27%	63%	6%	4%
_38B	Making schools available for community use for lifelong learning programs and classes, for sports and recreational activities, and for meeting places and enrichment programs, especially for seniors	47%	44%	1%	8%
_39B	Teaching students about honesty, trust, character, and the importance of understanding right from wrong	61%	29%	4%	6%
_40B	Stressing academic excellence and personal achievement	53%	44%	--%	3%
_41B	Providing safe transportation to and from school	25%	70%	1%	4%
_42B	Providing a quality pre-school program to help prepare children from birth to age 5 for kindergarten	30%	43%	3%	24%
_43B	Offering a full-day kindergarten program instead of just a half-day program	39%	34%	7%	20%
_44B					

\_\_45. Thinking about all of the areas I just read to you, which one area would you say is the most important to the quality of education where more should be done in your local school district?

**[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

9%	Career training	3%	Mentoring
9%	Connecting with parents	3%	Pre-school
9%	The basics	3%	Special education
7%	Smaller classes	2%	Full day kindergarten
5%	High academics	2%	Reduce truancy
4%	Discipline	1%	Athletics
3%	After school programs	1%	Community activities
3%	At-risk students	1%	Expand choice
3%	Better teachers	1%	Gifted programs
3%	Communications	1%	Improve buildings
3%	Computers	1%	MEAP scores
3%	Funding	1%	Safe transportation
3%	Honesty/character	1%	Teacher training
3%	Improve safety	12%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_46. What area from the list I read do you think is the second most important to the quality of education where more should be done in your local school district? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

8%	Connecting with parents	2%	Community activities
6%	High academics	2%	Special education
6%	Honesty/character	1%	Art/drama
5%	After school programs	1%	Athletics
5%	Discipline	1%	At-risk students
5%	Improve safety	1%	Before/after daycare
5%	The basics	1%	Full day kindergarten
4%	Career training	1%	Funding
4%	Mentoring	1%	Gifted programs
4%	Smaller classes	1%	MEAP scores
3%	Computers	1%	Pre-school
3%	Improve buildings	1%	Quality food
3%	Physical education	1%	Safe transportation
3%	Reduce truancy	2%	Other
2%	Better teachers	17%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_47. Overall, including all state and local funds, does your local public school district have too much, too little, or about the right amount of funding it needs to provide a quality education? **[IF TOO MUCH/TOO LITTLE]** Would that be much or somewhat **[TOO MUCH/TOO LITTLE]**?

2%	Much too much funding	<b>5% Total TOO</b>
3%	Somewhat too much funding	<b>MUCH</b>
38%	About the right amount of funding	
27%	Somewhat too little funding	<b>50% Total TOO</b>
23%	Much too little funding	<b>LITTLE</b>
7%	Undecided/don't know/refused	

\_\_48. Generally speaking, how safe are schools in your local public school district for the students who attend -- very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?

41%	Very safe	<b>81% Total</b>
40%	Somewhat safe	<b>SAFE</b>
14%	Somewhat unsafe	<b>17% Total</b>
3%	Very unsafe	<b>UNSAFE</b>
2%	Undecided/don't know/refused	

\_\_49. When it comes to school safety, overall, do you think that charter schools, public school districts, or private schools are safer than the others? Would that be much or somewhat safer?

5%	Public schools much safer	<b>9% Total</b>
4%	Public schools somewhat safer	<b>PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>
5%	Charter schools much safer	<b>9% Total</b>
4%	Charter schools somewhat safer	<b>CHARTER SCHOOLS</b>
28%	Private schools much safer	<b>47% Total</b>
19%	Private schools somewhat safer	<b>PRIVATE SCHOOLS</b>
21%	All about the same ( <i>volunteered</i> )	
14%	Undecided/don't know/refused	

On another topic...

\_\_\_50. What do you believe is the appropriate use of state required standardized tests, such as the MEAP and ACT tests? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

22%	How are kids doing?	3%	To grade teachers
10%	Against the tests	2%	Standards for graduation
8%	Not much use for them	2%	Very important tool
6%	Grade the schools	1%	Accountability
4%	College requirement	1%	Barrier for many students
4%	Find curriculum weaknesses	1%	For state/federal funding
3%	Compare districts	1%	Need more of them
3%	Set standards/baseline	29%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_51. Do you think that public schools spend too much time, too little time, or about the right amount of time preparing for and taking standardized tests, instead of educating students and helping them learn new material or information?

57%	Too much time
12%	Too little time
21%	About the right amount of time
10%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_52. In the past six to 12 months, have you or has some other adult in your household visited one or more schools or other buildings within your local public school district? **[PROBE FOR BEST ANSWER]**

45%	Yes, respondent
5%	Yes, someone else
18%	Yes, more than one
32%	No one visited a school or building <b>GO TO Q. 55</b>

\_\_\_53. On the most recent visit, did you or someone else in your household visit a high school, middle school, elementary school or an administration building?

38%	High school
23%	Middle school
31%	Elementary school
4%	Administration building
4%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_54. What would you say was the main purpose for the most recent visit? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

14%	Just visiting	3%	Concert/play
13%	Conferences	2%	Community education
9%	Athletics	2%	Make a delivery
9%	To vote	2%	Parent/grandparent day
8%	Pick up child	2%	Substitute teacher
8%	Volunteering	1%	A complaint
5%	Meeting	1%	Homecoming
5%	Works there	1%	Library
4%	Meet with teacher	1%	Problems with child
4%	Open house	1%	Scouts
3%	Class party	1%	Senior group
		1%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_55. Overall, how would you rate the job that your local public school district does in communicating with the residents of your district – would you give your local school district a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

19%	Excellent	<b>67% Total</b>	<b>GO TO Q. 57</b>
48%	Pretty good		
21%	Just fair	<b>29% Total</b>	<b>ASK Q. 56</b>
8%	Poor		
4%	Undecided/don't know		<b>GO TO Q. 57</b>

\_\_\_56. What stands out for you as the main reason why you gave your local school district a negative rating of **(Just fair/Poor)** for the job it does communicating with district residents? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]**

25%	Limited communication
22%	No communication
12%	Only give basics/fluff
12%	Room for improvement
10%	Biased information
5%	Always late
3%	Only to parents
1%	Withholding during emergency
1%	Other
9%	Undecided/don't know

Now, I am going to read a more detailed list of some of the methods school districts use to communicate with its residents. For each method I read, please tell me if that method was used to communicate with you or anyone else in your household. Then, if a method of communication was used with your household, on a scale of zero to 10, with zero meaning a communication method was not effective at all and 10 meaning it was extremely effective, please tell me how effective that method of communication was to you or other members of your household. **[READ & ROTATE Qs 57-69 -IF UNDECIDED, CODE 99]**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No/ undec</u>
<u>_57</u>	Receiving regular newsletters from the district	77%	23%
	0-4 Not Effective	10%	
	Neutral	11%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	39%	
	9-10 Very Effective	39%	
	Undecided/don't know	1%	
<u>_58</u>	Receiving newsletters that were published by a specific building, such as a high school, middle school or elementary school	49%	51%
	0-4 Not Effective	10%	
	Neutral	11%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	39%	
	9-10 Very Effective	40%	
	Undecided/don't know	--%	
<u>_59</u>	Inviting the public to special events, such as open houses, community get-togethers, concerts, or plays	69%	31%
	0-4 Not Effective	12%	
	Neutral	7%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	40%	
	9-10 Very Effective	41%	
	Undecided/don't know	--%	
<u>_60</u>	Special outreach programs for senior citizens, pre-schoolers, meetings or other public activities	54%	46%
	0-4 Not Effective	17%	
	Neutral	14%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	41%	
	9-10 Very Effective	28%	
	Undecided/don't know	--%	

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No/ undec</u>
_61 Letting outside groups use school buildings or school facilities for group meetings, adult education classes, or recreational programs		60%	40%
	0-4 Not Effective	11%	
	Neutral	13%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	46%	
	9-10 Very Effective	29%	
	Undecided/don't know	1%	
_62 Publicizing student performance accomplishments, either in student testing or other types of accomplishments.		63%	37%
	0-4 Not Effective	11%	
	Neutral	10%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	45%	
	9-10 Very Effective	33%	
	Undecided/don't know	1%	
_63 Providing parents with regular reports on their children's performance or problems by using such methods as on-line reports, phone calls or notes from the teacher		52%	48%
	0-4 Not Effective	11%	
	Neutral	9%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	33%	
	9-10 Very Effective	46%	
	Undecided/don't know	1%	
_64 A timely response to requests for information		52%	48%
	0-4 Not Effective	15%	
	Neutral	10%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	34%	
	9-10 Very Effective	40%	
	Undecided/don't know	1%	
_65 Returning telephone calls in a timely manner		47%	53%
	0-4 Not Effective	12%	
	Neutral	6%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	38%	
	9-10 Very Effective	43%	
	Undecided/don't know	1%	

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No/ undec</u>
<u>_66</u>	<u>Providing information to adequately meet your needs</u>	56%	44%
	0-4 Not Effective	9%	
	Neutral	9%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	42%	
	9-10 Very Effective	40%	
	Undecided/don't know	--%	
<u>_67</u>	<u>Having district personnel that are friendly, courteous and helpful</u>	66%	34%
	0-4 Not Effective	8%	
	Neutral	9%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	36%	
	9-10 Very Effective	47%	
	Undecided/don't know	--%	
<u>_68</u>	<u>Having information regarding options for your child adequately explained</u>	47%	53%
	0-4 Not Effective	15%	
	Neutral	9%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	37%	
	9-10 Very Effective	38%	
	Undecided/don't know	1%	
<u>_69</u>	<u>Having phone calls professionally answered, with inquiries routed directly to the appropriate person</u>	54%	46%
	0-4 Not Effective	12%	
	Neutral	7%	
	6-8 Somewhat Effective	41%	
	9-10 Very Effective	39%	
	Undecided/don't know	1%	

\_\_70. People get their information about local schools from many places, but where would you say you get the information that influences your opinions the most about your local school district? **PROBE:** “Where else”? [**DO NOT READ LIST -- RECORD ALL ANSWERS**]

25%	The Flint Journal	2%	Notes/flyers/correspondence
1%	Other newspaper	2%	Tri County Times
17%	<u>District</u> newsletter from your local schools	1%	Board of education <u>meetings</u>
10%	“Personal involvement”	1%	Board of education <u>members</u>
9%	General word-of-mouth	1%	Davison Index
7%	Own children/other students	1%	Messenger
6%	Other parents with children in the district	1%	Parent-teacher conferences
6%	Television news reports	1%	Radio news reports
5%	Teachers	1%	School district administrators
2%	Building newsletters	1%	The web site of your local district
		1%	Don't know/can't say

Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

\_\_\_71. Do you have children who are school age or younger?

- 35% Yes **ASK Q. 72**
- 65% No **GO TO Q. 75**

\_\_\_72. Do you have one or more children who currently attends either local public schools, private, religious or parochial schools, or both, public charter schools, or is home schooled?  
**[CODE ALL THAT APPLY]**

- 75% Yes, public schools **ASK Q. 73**
- 8% Yes, private schools **ASK Q. 73**
- 4% Yes, both public and private **ASK Q. 73**
- 2% Public charter school **ASK Q. 73**
- 3% Home schooled **ASK Q. 73**
- 7% No **GO TO Q. 74**
- 1% Undecided/don't know/refused **GO TO Q. 74**

\_\_\_73. What grades in school do your children attend? **(CODE ALL THAT APPLY)**

- 59% Elementary - K-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 30% Middle school - 7<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 45% High school - 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_74. Do you have infants or pre-school children who will be attending school in the future?

- 4% Yes - infants
- 15% Yes - pre-school
- 1% Yes - both
- 80% No

\_\_\_75. Could you please tell me in what year you were born?  
**[RECORD YEAR HERE \_\_\_\_\_ AND THEN CODE BELOW]**

- 3% 18 to 24 years **(1980 to 1986)**
- 3% 25 to 29 years **(1975 to 1979)**
- 7% 30 to 35 **(1969 to 1974)**
- 8% 36 to 40 **(1964 to 1968)**
- 20% 41 to 49 **(1955 to 1963)**
- 14% 50 to 55 **(1949 to 1954)**
- 20% 56 to 64 **(1940 to 1948)**
- 23% 65 and over **(1939 or before)**
- 2% Don't know/refused

\_\_76. What is the last grade or level of schooling you completed? (**DON'T READ -- CODE RESPONSE**)

5% 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade  
 25% High school graduate  
 4% Non-college post high school (technical training)  
 30% Some college  
 23% College graduate  
 13% Post graduate school

\_\_77. For how many years have you lived in the local public school district where you reside? [**DO NOT READ -- CODE BEST RESPONSE**]

4% 2 years or less  
 11% 3 to 5 years  
 15% 6 to 10 years  
 9% 11 to 15 years  
 7% 16 to 20 years  
 44% Over 20 years  
 10% All of their life (*volunteered*)

\_\_78. Do you or does any member of your household belong to a labor union or a teachers association? [**PROBE FOR BEST RESPONSE**]

19% Respondent belongs  
 13% Other household member belongs  
 7% More than one household member belongs  
 61% No members in household

\_\_79. What is your race - are you White, African American, Hispanic, Asian, mixed-race or some other race?

82% White  
 12% African American/Black  
 2% Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican-American etc.)  
 2% Mixed race  
 1% Other  
 1% Don't know/refused

\_\_80. Would you please tell me into which of the following categories your total yearly household income falls --- including everyone in the household? Please stop me when I get to the category that applies to you. **(READ LIST --- 1 to 7)**

5%	Under \$15,000
13%	\$15,000 to \$30,000
16%	\$30,000 to \$45,000
15%	\$45,000 to \$60,000
10%	\$60,000 to \$75,000
13%	\$75,000 to \$100,000
11%	Over \$100,000
2%	Retired
15%	Don't know/refused

\_\_81. Sex of respondent **(DO NOT ASK -- BY OBSERVATION ONLY)**

47%	Male
53%	Female

**THANK RESPONDENT FOR HIS/HER TIME**

**[IF ASKED WHILE CONDUCTING SURVEY WHO COMMISSIONED IT, INFORM RESPONDENT ONLY AFTER SURVEY IS COMPLETED THAT... "This survey was commissioned by the Genesee Intermediate School District"]**