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Bemidji Area Schools 2012 Parent Survey

Results Overview



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1. GRADES: Please check the grades your children attend (check all that apply)






K		113	16%
1		93	13%
2		116	17%
3		75	11%
4		84	12%
5		72	10%
6		138	20%
7		140	20%
8		117	17%
9		123	18%
10		87	13%
11		96	14%
12		79	11%

2. SCHOOLS: What schools do your children attend? (check all that apply)





Central Elementary		55	8%
Horace May Elementary		55	8%
J.W. Smith Elementary		84	12%
Lincoln Elementary		47	7%
Northern Elementary		102	15%
Paul Bunyan Elementary		49	7%
Solway Elementary		38	5%
Alternative Education Center (AEC)		2	0%
Bemidji High School		301	43%
Bemidji Middle School		344	50%
BYLaW		0	0%

Lumberjack High School		6	1%
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3. ETHNICITY: Please check your family's ethnicity (check any that apply)

American Indian		93	14%
Asian or Pacific Islander		16	2%
Black		25	4%
Hispanic		17	2%
White		618	90%




4. PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Do you feel you have enough information about the schools your children attend and how you can be involved as a parent?

Yes		464	68%
Sometimes		180	26%
No		37	5%
In what ways would you like to be involved?		80	12%

5. How do you prefer to receive information from your children's schools? (check all that apply)

Email		566	82%
Family Access		400	58%
Parent Teacher Fall Conferences		373	54%
Parent Teacher Spring Conferences		355	52%
Phone call		259	38%
Postal mail		196	28%
School newsletter in child's backpack		252	37%
School Web page		216	31%
Other, please specify		27	4%

6. Do you feel safe, comfortable, and welcome in your children's schools?

Yes		585	85%
Sometimes		82	12%
No		16	2%

Is there anything that helps you feel welcome or hinders you from feeling welcome at your children's schools?		110	16%
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7. Do you attend school events (parent nights, conferences, PTO meetings, Open Houses...)?

Yes, as much as I can		532	78%
Sometimes		133	20%
No		20	3%
If you answered "No" to Question #7, please explain the barriers that get in the way of attending school functions.		33	5%

8. Do you help your children with schoolwork and reading at home?

Yes, as much as I can		572	83%
Sometimes		101	15%
No		15	2%
If you answered "No" to Question #8, please explain the barriers that get in the way of extended learning at home.		32	5%









10. SCHOOL SERVICES: Please rate how effective each service below is for your children. If your child does not participate in that service, indicate the "N/A."



Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Negative	Okay	Positive	N/A
	1	2	3	N/A
a) Academic extracurricular activities	13 2%	112 19%	305 51%	169 28%
b) Accelerated Reader	22 4%	112 19%	319 55%	128 22%
c) Advanced Placement classes	13 2%	66 11%	188 33%	309 54%
d) After-School program (21st Century)	11 2%	32 6%	76 14%	416 78%
e) Community Education classes	12 2%	72 13%	200 36%	277 49%
f) Counseling services	22 4%	69 13%	97 18%	358 66%
g) English as a Second	7	15	18	466

Language	1%	3%	4%	92%
h) Free or reduced lunch	9 2%	29 5%	191 34%	340 60%
i) Gifted and Talented program	45 9%	29 6%	44 9%	392 77%
j) Homeless or transition services	2 0%	16 3%	18 4%	471 93%
k) Indian Education services	17 3%	32 6%	29 6%	443 85%
l) Individualized reading help	15 3%	46 9%	104 20%	365 69%
m) Individualized math help	28 5%	64 12%	98 18%	340 64%
n) Kids & Company (child care)	11 2%	37 7%	141 27%	342 64%
o) MCA state test preparation	53 9%	196 35%	182 32%	137 24%
p) Music activities	13 2%	84 14%	353 60%	142 24%
q) Special education services	10 2%	41 8%	86 16%	394 74%
r) Sports activities	26 4%	109 18%	342 57%	127 21%
s) STEM (Science, Tech, English & Math)	19 4%	69 13%	177 33%	270 50%
t) Student Council activities	10 2%	49 9%	70 14%	388 75%
u) Summer program (21st Century)	3 1%	27 5%	56 11%	432 83%
v) Title I services	8 2%	34 6%	75 14%	408 78%
w) Transportation	53 9%	113 19%	225 39%	190 33%
x) Other	20 8%	13 5%	14 6%	193 80%



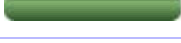
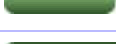
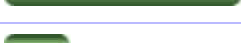






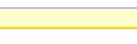
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11. What about school is easy for your child? (check all that apply)

Math		372	57%
Reading		412	63%
Science		295	45%
Social Studies		315	48%
Writing		257	39%
Arts		313	48%
Physical Education		423	65%
Joining Clubs/Groups		166	25%

Being Accepted/Fitting In		323	50%
Other, please specify		48	7%




12. What about school is hard for your child? (check all that apply)

Math		234	44%
Reading		127	24%
Science		113	21%
Social studies		64	12%
Writing		156	29%
Arts		34	6%
Physical Education		38	7%
Joining Clubs/Groups		75	14%
Being Accepted/Fitting In		119	22%
Bullying		117	22%
Racist Comments/Actions		28	5%
Other, please specify		78	15%










13. Please rate the following questions from "Not Important" to "Very Important."

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
	1	2	3	4
How important to YOU is good attendance to the academic success of your child?	3 0%	16 2%	62 9%	611 88%
How important to YOUR CHILD is it that she or he has good school attendance?	12 2%	42 6%	166 24%	471 68%

14. Does your child ever avoid coming to school?

Yes		33	5%
Sometimes		133	19%
No		530	76%
Total		696	100%



15. If your child avoids coming to school, what do you feel are the reasons for this? (Check all that apply.)

My child usually has good attendance		338	74%
Doesn't like school in general		32	7%
Doesn't like a particular class (please list class in comments box)		23	5%
Is being bullied or teased		46	10%
Feels frustrated because she or he is behind in classes		59	13%
Classes are too hard		26	6%
Difficulty finding transportation to school		1	0%
Hasn't made a connection with other students or staff members		18	4%
Doesn't get up in time to catch the bus or make it to school		13	3%
Comments: Please list other reasons your child avoids coming to school or which class she/he dislikes:		95	21%

16. Please rate the following questions from "Not Important" to "Very Important."

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
	1	2	3	4
How important to YOU is it that your child finishes high school?	4 1%	1 0%	2 0%	683 99%
How important to YOUR CHILD is it that she or he finishes high school?	7 1%	11 2%	56 8%	607 89%

17. What plans does your child have after she or he finishes high school?

We haven't talked about this yet		92	13%
Not planning to finish high school		0	0%
Will finish, but has no definite plans		46	7%

Find a job		5	1%
Go to a technical college		15	2%
Go to a 2 or 4-year college		486	71%
Enter the armed forces		10	1%
Other, please specify		31	5%
Total		685	100%

18. What do you think the Bemidji School Board should do to address the overcrowding at the elementary schools?

Add classrooms to existing elementary schools		154	23%
Build a new elementary school		148	22%
Change the school boundaries		32	5%
Move the 5th grade to the middle school and 8th grade to the high school		112	17%
Nothing and allow class sizes to increase		12	2%
Purchase portable classrooms		21	3%
Reopen Deer Lake Elementary and bus 170 students there		111	16%
Other, please explain:		85	13%
Total		675	100%

19. Do you favor a week-long spring break?

Yes		217	42%
No		295	58%
Total		512	100%

Thank you for completing this survey. Your feedback is important.