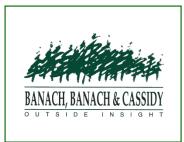
#### Grosse Pointe Public School System



# Community Survey Executive Summary of Findings

## Grosse Pointe Public School System Methodology



- Instrument developed based on input from GPPSS administrators
- January 5 19, 2010
- Volunteers and professional interviews

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95% level of confidence with a +/- 5% sampling error at the 50:50 split

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#### The bottom line:

Residents of GPPSS are pleased with their schools.



- 84% of respondents gave GPPSS a grade of A or B
  - 33 percentage points higher than Gallup's 41<sup>st</sup> annual poll of Americans



A grade of A or B from...
92% of parents
81% of non parents



Teachers are trustworthy	86%
Support staff are trustworthy	79
Administrators are trustworthy	77



How would you grade the quality of the curriculum offered by the Grosse Pointe Pubic School System?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Parents</u>	Nonparents
A/B	76%	94%	70%



How would you grade the Grosse Pointe Public School system for the opportunities it provides for citizen and parent involvement in the schools?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Nonparents</u>
A/B	76%	88%	72%



GPPSS provides students with the skills they need to be successful after graduation.

Strongly Agree/Agree

88%



GPPSS provides a positive learning environment for students.

87% Yes

GPPSS provides a safe learning environment for students.

81% Yes



The Grosse Pointe Public School System keeps its school facilities well maintained.

Strongly Agree/Agree 91%

## Grosse Pointe Public School System District Strengths



What do you think is the greatest strength of the Grosse Pointe Public School System?

Teachers	27%
Academic program	22
Community/parent involvement	14

## Grosse Pointe Public School System District Challenges



What do you think is the greatest challenge of the Grosse Pointe Public School System?

Financial/lack of funding 44%

Can't say



Are you aware of the funding cuts proposed by the Michigan legislature?

Yes 89%

No 11



Where do you get most of your information about funding for education?

Detroit newspapers 29%

Grosse Pointe News/Times 28

Local television stations 18



Do you feel that school board members and administrators keep you informed about financial issues facing GPPSS?

Yes 54%

No 24

Not sure 15



What ideas do you have to keep residents better informed about School System financial issues?

Detroit TV stations	29%
District/school publications	29
Local newspapers	13



Would you say that parent-teacher conferences are very informative, somewhat informative, or not too informative?

very informative	48%
somewhat informative	27
not too informative	9



What ideas do you have to improve the structure or content of parent-teacher conferences?

can't say	21%
nothing/okay as is	20
offer high school conferences	19
one-on-one time with teachers	18



How satisfied are you with communication between teachers and parents?

very satisfied	67%
somewhat satisfied	22
not too satisfied	7



What could we do to improve communication between teachers and parents?

okay as is	30%
more e-mails from teachers	17
can't say	13
expand teacher websites	10



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Do you think it is a good idea to offer only full-day kindergarten programs?

yes	40%
no	47
can't say	10



78%

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Why do you think offering a full-day kindergarten program isn't a good idea?

too long of day for young children

parents need a choice



Do you think the emphasis placed on academic testing in GPPSS is too much, the right amount, or not enough?

too much emphasis	28%
the right amount of emphasis	54
not enough emphasis	4

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Do you think the amount of before-and afterschool programs is just about right, should be expanded, or should be reduced?

just about right	45%
should be expanded	9
should be reduced	2



How well informed would you say you are about what is happening in the Grosse Pointe Public School System?

very well informed	32%
somewhat informed	46
not too well informed	21



Where do you get most of your information about the Grosse Pointe Public School System?

Grosse Pointe News	26%
friends/neighbors	19
my children/students	10



What types of school information are of interest to you?

curriculum/what students learn	26%
can't say	20
test scores/student achievement	13
finances/how money is spent	12



Have you ever accessed the System's website?

yes

39%

no

57



Did you find the website informative?

yes 86%

no 12



Do you have any suggestions that would make the website more informative or interesting?

can't say

58%

Make site easier to navigate

23 mentions



How important do you think it is to provide guidance and counseling services for ...

high school students	76%
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middle school students 58

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social work and student support 44%



How important do you think it is to provide vocal music programs such as choir for ...

high school students	42%
middle school students	37
elementary students	35



How important do you think it is to provide instrumental music for ...

high school students	50%
middle school students	44
elementary students	35



How important do you think it is to provide art for ...

high school students	48%
middle school students	41
elementary students	44



How important do you think it is to provide foreign language for ...

high school students	74%
middle school students	58
elementary students	41



How important do you think it is to provide gifted and talented programs for ...

high school students	62%
middle school students	56
elementary students	50



How important do you think it is to provide physical education for ...

high school students	41%
middle school students	45
elementary students	57



How important do you think it is to teach students how to use computers and other technology ...

high school students	63%
middle school students	64
elementary students	64



How important do you think it is to provide additional academic support to struggling ...

high	school	students	•	70%
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element	ary stud	dents	72
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How important do you think it is to provide competitive sports for ...

high school students 40%

middle school students 24



How important do you think it is to provide Special Education services for ...

high school students	66%
middle school students	67
elementary school students	69



How important do you think it is to provide Special Education services for ...

preschool students 49% students after high school graduation 26



How important do you think it is to provide library as part of rotation for ...

elementary students

46%