

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 $\pm 5\%$
sampling error at the 50:50 split

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The bottom line:

Residents of GPPSS
are pleased with their schools.

Grosse Pointe Public School System Confidence & Trust



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

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Confidence & Trust



A grade of A or B from...

92% of parents

81% of non parents

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Confidence & Trust



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

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Confidence & Trust



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

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

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Confidence & Trust



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%

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Confidence & Trust



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

Strongly Agree/Agree

88%

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GPPSS provides a positive learning environment for students.

87% Yes

GPPSS provides a safe learning environment for students.

81% Yes

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Confidence & Trust



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

Strongly Agree/Agree 91%

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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	11

Grosse Pointe Public School System District Funding



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

Yes	89%
No	11

Grosse Pointe Public School System District Funding



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

Detroit newspapers	29%
Grosse Pointe News/Times	28
Local television stations	18

Grosse Pointe Public School System District Funding



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

Yes	54%
No	24
Not sure	15

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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

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Parent Views



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

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Parent Views



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

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Parent Views



How satisfied are you with communication between teachers and parents?

very satisfied	67%
somewhat satisfied	22
not too satisfied	7

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Parent Views



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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Parent Views



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

yes	40%
no	47
can't say	10

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Parent Views



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

too long of day for young children	78%
parents need a choice	14

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Parent Views



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 after-school programs is just about right, should be expanded, or should be reduced?

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

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Communicating with Residents



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

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Communicating with Residents



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

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Communicating with Residents



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

Grosse Pointe Public School System Communicating with Residents



Have you ever accessed the System's website?

yes	39%
no	57

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Communicating with Residents



Did you find the website informative?

yes	86%
no	12

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Communicating with Residents



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

Grosse Pointe Public School System Educational Programming



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%
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Grosse Pointe Public School System Educational Programming



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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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

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

high school students	70%
middle school students	70
elementary students	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

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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

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

preschool students	49%
students after high school graduation	26

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

elementary students

46%