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**SURVEY ON FAMILY AND SCHOOL  
PARTNERSHIPS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, K-8**  
FAST RESPONSE SURVEY SYSTEM

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**DEFINITIONS FOR THIS SURVEY**

**Advisory Group or Policy Council** - A committee that includes parents, separate from any parent-teacher organization, designed to address school policy issues and make recommendations to school personnel.

**Child care programs** - Daily programs that provide recreational or educational activities to students at the school outside of normal school hours.

**Homework helpline** - A school-sponsored telephone service that provides information about students' homework assignments to parents and students.

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Please answer this questionnaire only for the grade range of the school designated on the cover page, but exclude pre-K classes. Refer to the definitions on the cover for words in bold type.

1. What grades are taught at this school? (Circle all that apply.)

K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2. In column A, indicate which kinds of activities have been held at your school during the 1995-96 school year. In column B, select the number that corresponds to the BEST description of the typical parent attendance for each type of activity. *NOTE: When answering column B, if some events at your school are held primarily for certain classes or students, consider the attendance only for the parents of students who participate in the event. (Circle one number in column A; if yes, circle one number in column B.)*

	A. Activity held?		B. Parents attending?				
	Yes	No	Most or all	More than half	About half	Less than half	Few
a. Open House or Back-to-School Night .....	1	2	1	2	3	4	5
b. Regularly-scheduled schoolwide parent-teacher conferences .....	1	2	1	2	3	4	5
c. Arts events such as plays or dance or musical performances .....	1	2	1	2	3	4	5
d. Sports events such as Field Days or other athletic demonstrations or events .....	1	2	1	2	3	4	5
e. Science fairs or other academic demonstrations or events.....	1	2	1	2	3	4	5

3. How often do the following forms of communication between parents and staff occur throughout your school? (Circle one number in each row.)

	Always	Frequently	Sometimes	Never
a. Parents are given written interim reports during grading periods .....	1	2	3	4
b. Parents are requested to sign off on homework .....	1	2	3	4
c. Parents have access to a school-sponsored " <b>homework helpline</b> " for information on assignments .....	1	2	3	4
d. Parents are given written information about the goals and objectives of the school's regular instructional program .....	1	2	3	4
e. Parents are given written information about the school's overall performance on standardized tests.....	1	2	3	4
f. Parents receive positive phone calls or notes from teachers when their children's performance improves at school .....	1	2	3	4
g. Parents are given examples of work that meets high standards.....	1	2	3	4
h. Parents are notified about children's ability-group placements. (If your school does no ability grouping, check the box and go on to Question 4.)..... <input type="checkbox"/>	1	2	3	4

4. Does your school provide information to parents on the following topics? If yes, please indicate how it is offered. (Circle one number in column A; if yes, circle all that apply in column B.)

	A. Information provided?		B. How offered?		
	Yes	No	Workshops or classes	Take-home audio/video	Newsletters or other printed material
a. Child or adolescent development.....	1	2	1	2	3
b. Nutrition, health, or safety.....	1	2	1	2	3
c. Parenting skills .....	1	2	1	2	3
d. Helping with homework.....	1	2	1	2	3
e. Developing study skills .....	1	2	1	2	3
f. Ideas for learning activities outside of school...	1	2	1	2	3
g. Information on community services to help children or their families .....	1	2	1	2	3

5. Does your school have a parent resource center, that is, a place where parents can get information on parenting and school-related issues and can gather informally?

Yes..... 1 (Continue with Question 6.) Currently developing one .... 2  
 No..... 3 ] (Skip to Question 7.)

6. To what extent do parents make use of this parent resource center?

Very frequently ..... 1                      Infrequently or not at all... 3  
 Somewhat frequently ..... 2                      Don't know ..... 4

7. Do staff at your school make visits to students' homes?

Yes..... 1                      No..... 2 (Skip to Question 10.)

8. Who makes these visits to students' homes? (Circle all that apply.)

Teachers..... 1                      School counselor..... 3  
 Home school coordinator ... 2                      Other staff..... 4 (specify)\_\_\_\_\_

9. Approximately what percent of the families at your school have received at least one home visit during the 1995-96 school year? \_\_\_\_\_%

10. Does your school provide any of the following for parents with limited English skills? If your school has NO parents with limited English skills, check the box and skip to Question 11.....

Yes No

- a. Interpreters for meetings or parent-teacher conferences ..... 1 2
- b. Translations of printed materials, such as newsletters or school notices ..... 1 2
- c. School signs printed in different languages..... 1 2

11. In column A, indicate which opportunities are available to parents at your school during the 1995-96 school year. In column B, select the number that corresponds to the statement that BEST describes how satisfactory the average parent involvement is for each opportunity. (Circle one number in column A; if yes, circle one number in column B.)

	A. Opportunity available?		B. Parent involvement?			
	Yes	No	Satisfactory	Moderately satisfactory	Moderately unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
a. Serving as volunteers in the classrooms.	1	2	1	2	3	4
b. Serving as volunteers outside the classrooms .....	1	2	1	2	3	4
c. Assisting in fundraising activities .....	1	2	1	2	3	4
d. Attending meetings of the parent-teacher association.....	1	2	1	2	3	4

12. Does your school or school district have a training program for its classroom volunteers?

Yes..... 1                      No..... 2

13. Please indicate the extent to which parent input is considered in making decisions on the following issues at your school.

	Parent input considered?			
	Great extent	Moderate extent	Small extent	Not at all
a. Allocation of funds .....	1	2	3	4
b. Curriculum or overall instructional program .....	1	2	3	4
c. The design of special programs .....	1	2	3	4
d. Library books and materials .....	1	2	3	4
e. Discipline policies and procedures .....	1	2	3	4
f. Health-related topics or policies, such as drug or alcohol abuse .....	1	2	3	4
g. Monitoring or evaluating teachers .....	1	2	3	4
h. Developing parent involvement activities.....	1	2	3	4

14. Does your school have an **Advisory Group or Policy Council** that includes parents (*other than as part of a parent-teacher organization*)?

Yes..... 1                      No..... 2

15. Does your school receive assistance on parent involvement activities from your school district or state in any of the following ways? (*Circle one number in the district column and one number in the state column.*)

**Assistance from:**

	District?		State?		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Setting policies for involving parents in school activities .....	1	2	1	2	3
b. Providing technical assistance for parent programs to school staff (e.g., workshops, training) .....	1	2	1	2	3
c. Providing staff to assist your school in parent programs.....	1	2	1	2	3
d. Providing funds for parent programs.....	1	2	1	2	3

16. To what extent are the following concerns barriers to parent involvement in your school?

	Great extent	Moderate extent	Small extent	Not at all
a. Lack of time on the part of parents .....	1	2	3	4
b. Lack of time on the part of staff .....	1	2	3	4
c. Lack of staff training in working with parents.....	1	2	3	4
d. Cultural or socioeconomic differences between parents and staff .....	1	2	3	4
e. Language differences between parents and staff .....	1	2	3	4
f. Lack of parent education to help with schoolwork .....	1	2	3	4
g. Parent attitudes about the school.....	1	2	3	4
h. Staff attitudes about the parents .....	1	2	3	4
i. Safety in the area after school hours .....	1	2	3	4

17. Does your school have voluntary written agreements (e.g., compacts or learning contracts) between the school and individual parents on what each will do to help students succeed in school?

Yes..... 1                      No..... 2 (*Skip to Question 20.*)

18. For whom are these voluntary written agreements prepared?

All parents..... 1 (*Skip to Question 20.*)  
Some parents ..... 2

19. For parents of which students do you request such written agreements? (*Circle all that apply.*)

Title I ..... 1  
Other ..... 2 (*specify*)\_\_\_\_\_

20. Are there daily **child care programs** offered to students at your school (regardless of sponsorship)?

Yes..... 1                      No..... 2 (*Skip to Question 22.*)

21. When are these child care programs offered? (*Circle all that apply.*)

Before school..... 1                      After school..... 2

22. What percent of the students in your school are eligible for the free- or reduced-price lunch program? \_\_\_\_\_%

23. Does your school receive federal Title I funds?

Yes..... 1                      No..... 2

24. Does your school operate a Title I school-wide program?

Yes..... 1                      No..... 2

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