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Hello, this is **(NAME)** from **EPIC** • **MRA**, a Lansing based survey research firm. We're conducting a random survey about education issues with parents, guardians and grandparents who have direct responsibility to care for children who are school age or younger. We are not trying to sell you anything, you will not be asked for a donation, and you will not be contacted again because you participated in a survey. We are strictly conducting research, and I'd like to take a few minutes to include the opinions of your household.

#### INTRO

Is there someone in the household, either a parent, guardian or grandparent, who is available right now to take this survey, who has direct responsibilities on a fairly regular basis to provide parenting care for one or more school age children or younger? [IF THERE IS NO ONE IN HOUSEHOLD WHO IS A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR GRANDPARENT – THANK RESPONDENT AND TERMINATE INTERVIEW]. [IF THERE ARE ONE OR MORE PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD WHO ARE PARENTS, GUARDIANS OR GRANDPARENTS BUT ARE NOT AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW, MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR CALL-BACK LATER TONIGHT] [ONCE PARENT, GUARDIAN/GRANDPARENT RESPONDENT IS ON PHONE]

\_\_\_\_01. Are you a parent, guardian, or grandparent who is responsible for providing fairly regular parenting care for one or more children who are school age or younger? [PROBE FOR BEST RESPONSE – SELECT ONLY ONE]

82% Yes, parent

3% Yes, guardian

15% Yes, grandparent

\_\_\_\_02. How many children are you responsible for as a [parent/guardian/grandparent]? WRITE IN NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_\_

MEAN: 2.31 MEDIAN: 2.00

\_\_\_\_03. What are the ages of the children you are responsible for? [DO NOT READ -- CODE ALL RESPONSES MENTIONED]

- Age 4 or younger
- 27% Age 5 to 7
- 29% Age 7 to 9
- 29% Age 10 to 12
- 28% Age 13 to 15
- 30% Age 16 to 19
- 1% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_04. Of the (child/children) you are responsible for, what is the breakdown of the number of boys and girls?

Boys:			
MEAN:	1.18	MEDIAN:	1.00
Girls:			
MEAN:	1.19	MEDIAN:	1.00

\_\_\_\_05. Are you currently married, single, separated, widowed or divorced?

73%	Married
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13% Single

2% Separated

4% Widowed

7% Divorced

1% Undecided/don't know/refused

\_\_\_\_\_06. (Are all of the children/Is the child) you are responsible for as a **[parent/ guardian/grandparent]** currently living with you in your household, or, are they living with another parent or guardian? **[CODE BEST RESPONSE]** 

- 80% All living with respondent
- 2% Most living with respondent
- 2% Some living with respondent
- 4% One living with respondent
- 12% None living with respondent

\_\_\_\_\_07. How much direct responsibility do you have in providing care to one or more school age children or younger – are you primarily responsible for providing care for one or more school age children or younger, would you say you have secondary responsibility for providing care, do you only have some responsibility for providing care, or, would you say you have no direct responsibility at all in providing care to one of more school age children? [CODE BEST RESPONSE]

- 81% Primary responsibility
- 10% Secondary responsibility
- 7% Only some responsibility for assisting
- 2% No responsibility at all

# \_\_\_\_08. What (grade/grades) in school (does your child/do your children) attend? [CODE ALL RESPONSES MENTIONED]

21% Pre-School 15% Kindergarten 13% 1st grade  $2^{nd}$  grade  $3^{rd}$  grade 13% 13%  $4^{\text{th}}$  grade  $5^{\text{th}}$  grade 13% 15%  $6^{\text{th}}$  grade 13% 7<sup>th</sup> grade 9% <sup>7</sup> s<sup>th</sup> grade 10% 9<sup>th</sup> grade 10<sup>th</sup> grade 11<sup>th</sup> grade 12<sup>th</sup> grade 11% 13% 11% 13% 2% Don't know/refused

\_\_\_\_09. Do the children you are responsible for attend the local public school district where you reside, do they attend some other public school district in the area, do they attend a private or religious school, a charter school, a pre-kindergarten school, or, are they home schooled?

- 75% Local public school district where respondent lives
- 6% Some other public school district in the area
- 10% Private or religious school
- 3% A charter school
- 2% A pre-kindergarten school
- 1% Home schooled
- 3% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_10A. Over the past few years, would you say that the quality of the kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade education provided by the school your (child/children) attend has improved, gotten worse, or remained about the same? [IF DIFFERENT SCHOOLS ATTENDED, ASK ABOUT THE SCHOOL YOUNGEST CHILD ATTENDS]

- 34% Improved
- 13% Gotten worse
- 44% Stayed about the same
- 9% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_11A. Compared to surrounding school districts, would you say the quality of education provided by the school your (child/children) attend is better, worse, or about the same?

47%	Better
11%	Worse
33%	About the same

9% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_12B. What is the one thing you <u>like</u> the most about the school your (child/children) attend? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

6%	Nothing	2%	Parent involvement
17%	Good teachers	2%	Technology classes, computers
14%	Convenient	1%	Discipline
14%	Quality school	1%	Facilities
8%	Curriculum choices	1%	High test scores
6%	Class size	1%	Music program
5%	Small size	1%	Safety
3%	Communication	1%	Special programs
3%	Extracurricular activities	1%	Trying to improve
3%	Moral values	2%	Other
2%	Community involvement	6%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_13B. Based on what you know or have heard or read, what do you think is the single biggest problem confronting the school your (child/children) attend? [WRITE COMMENT]

14%	None	2%	Drugs
25%	Funding	2%	Facilities
10%	Class size	1%	Charter schools
5%	Lack of discipline	1%	Lack of communication
4%	Administration	1%	Not enough basics
4%	Parent involvement	1%	Poor test scores
4%	Poor curriculum	1%	Racial issues
4%	Safety	1%	Special education
3%	Peer pressure	3%	Other
3%	Teacher quality	11%	Undecided/don't know

14. Thinking about the activities of the (school/schools) your (child/children) attend, how involved would you say you are in those activities – very involved, somewhat involved, only a little involved or not involved at all?

42%	Very involved	76% Total	
34%	Somewhat involved	INVOLVED	
14%	Only a little involved	22% Total	
8%	Not involved at all	NOT INVOLVED	GO TO Q. 16
2%	Undecided/don't know		GO TO Q. 16

<u>15A</u>. How often do you volunteer your time to support the school your children attends -a lot, some, or not at all?

35% A lot50% Some15% Not at all

\_\_\_\_16A. What would you say are the top two or three things at school or for school that you as a (parent/guardian/grandparent) are most involved in? [WRITE COMMENTS FOR UP TO THREE THINGS]

# **Combined results**

18%	Sports	4%	Conferences
14%	Volunteer	4%	Music
11%	Activities	4%	РТА
9%	Working with students	4%	Reading
7%	Homework	1%	Lunch room
6%	Field trips	1%	Transportation
5%	Evening events	1%	Other
5%	Fundraising	6%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_17. How involved would you say you are in your (child's/children's) education -- would you say you are very involved, somewhat involved, only a little involved or not involved at all?

76%	Very involved	95% Total	ASK Q. 18
19%	Somewhat involved	INVOLVED	ASK Q. 18
4%	Only a little involved	4% Total	GO TO Q. 19
%	Not involved at all	UNINVOLVED	GO TO Q. 19
1%	Undecided/don't know		GO TO Q. 20

18. In what ways would you say you are (very/somewhat) involved in your (child/ children's) education? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED, THEN GO TO Q. 20]

41%	Homework help	6%	Know what's going on
12%	All ways	4%	Attend school functions
10%	Volunteer	4%	Encourage education
9%	Reading	4%	Supportive
8%	Close contact with teacher	1%	Other
		1%	Undecided/don't know

# \_\_\_\_\_19. Why do you think you are not more involved in your (child's/children's) education? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

### [35 respondents]

26%	I'm the grandparent	14%	Involved at home
20%	Not needed	14%	Too busy
20%	Poor health	6%	Other

\_\_\_\_20B. Thinking about how involved other parents or guardians that you know are involved with their children's education, do you think you are more involved, less involved, or, do you think you have about the same level of involvement as most other parents?

- 46% More involved than most other parents
- 6% Less involved than most other parents
- 40% Same level of involvement as most other parents
- 8% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_21B. What would you say is the greatest obstacle that you encounter as a parent in trying to participate in your (child's/children's) education? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

16%	None	3%	Lack of support
17%	Not enough time	3%	Younger children
17%	Work schedule, job	2%	Teacher unwilling
10%	Child doesn't want	2%	Unaware of choices
7%	Difficult homework	1%	Poor health
5%	Bureaucracy, administration	4%	Other
4%	Lacking communication	9%	Undecided/don't know

22B. How much would you say the school your (child/children) attends encourages parents like yourself to participate in your (child's/children's) education – a lot, some, only a little or not at all?

66%	A lot	87% Total	GO TO Q. 24
21%	Some	A LOT/SOME	GO TO Q. 24
7%	Only a little		

- 3% Not at all
- 3% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_23B. What do you think your (child's/children's) school should do to provide more encouragement for parents to participate in their children's education? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

- 37% More communication
- 16% Choices
- 6% Making time for them
- 41% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_24. Overall, how comfortable do you feel helping your (child/children) with their homework – very comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable, or very uncomfortable?

63% 21%	Very comfortable Somewhat comfortable	84% Total COMFORTABLE	GO TO Q. 27 GO TO Q. 27	
8%	Somewhat uncomfortable	10% Total	ASK Q. 25	
2%	Very uncomfortable	UNCOMFORTABLE	E ASK Q. 25	
2%	Depends (volunteered)		ASK Q. 25	
4%	Undecided/don't know		ASK Q. 25	

\_\_\_\_25. In what areas do you feel uncomfortable helping your (child/youngest child) with his or her homework? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

6%	None	11%	Math, science
19%	All	3%	English
11%	Preschool, no homework	1%	Science
29%	Math	1%	Other
		19%	Undecided/don't know

#### [IF RESPONDENT HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD]

\_\_\_\_26A. In what areas do you feel uncomfortable helping your oldest child with his or her homework? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

[22 respondents]

32% None

36% All

9% Math, science

14% Math

9% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_27A. What would you say are your greatest strengths as a parent? [WRITE COMMENT FOR UP TO 3 STRENGTHS]

#### **Combined results**

10%	Being there	4%	Encouraging
9%	Loving	4%	Guidance
8%	Discipline	4%	Life skills
8%	Role model	4%	Patience
7%	Involvement	4%	Understanding
6%	Supportive	4%	Values
5%	Listen to them	3%	Stability
5%	Tracking homework	2%	Reading
4%	Caring	1%	Advocate
4%	Communication	1%	Other
		3%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_28B. Which of the following is primarily responsible for providing a quality education for a child? **[READ AND ROTATE 1 TO 4 BELOW]** 

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- 38% The parent or guardian
- 13% Teachers
- 1% School administrators
- 3% The community
- 45% All of the above equally (*volunteered*) GO TO Q. 30

\_\_\_\_29B. Which one do you think is the second most responsible for providing a quality education for a child? [DROP RESPONSE FROM Q. 27/READ REMAINING 1-4]

- 27% The parent or guardian
- 39% Teachers
- 16% School administrators
- 5% The community
- 11% All of the above equally (*volunteered*)
- 2% Undecided/don't know

Thinking about your (child/youngest child)...

\_\_\_\_\_30A. What would you say is the biggest problem or issue facing your (child/youngest child) these days? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

12%	None	2%	Pressure to improve
18%	Peer pressure	1%	Disrespectful
7%	School work	1%	Diversity
6%	Behavior problems	1%	Hormones
6%	Home issues	1%	Managing time
6%	School safety, bullies	1%	Poor reading skills
4%	Drugs	1%	Self image
4%	Poor life skills	1%	Spoiled
4%	School cuts	1%	Telling the truth, honesty
4%	Social issues	1%	Many
2%	Apathy	4%	Other
2%	College, the future	10%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_31A. Do you think your (child/youngest child) has too much homework, too little homework, or about the right amount of homework?

- 11% Too much homework
- 16% Too little homework
- 65% About the right amount of homework
- 8% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_33. Thinking about all of the homework that your (child/youngest child) brings home, overall, how helpful do you think you are in assisting your child to understand and learn all of the subjects and material – completely helpful, mostly helpful, only a little helpful, or not helpful at all?

34%	Completely helpful	79% Total
45%	Mostly helpful	HELPFUL
15%	Only a little helpful	17% Total
2%	Not helpful at all	LITTLE/NOT HELPFUL
4%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_\_34. Do you find that you are more helpful to your (child/children) in some subject areas and materials than in others, or would you say that you are able to help your (child/children) equally with any subject area that they have in their homework?

- 55% More helpful in some subject areas and material than others
- 41% Able to help in all subject areas
- 4% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_35B. In which two or three subject areas do you think you are most helpful with homework assignments? [INCLUDE UP TO THREE SUBJECT AREAS]

#### **Combined results**

1%	All	4%	Spelling
1%	None	4%	Writing
24%	Math	1%	Art
19%	English	1%	Computer
14%	History, social studies	1%	Foreign language
14%	Science	1%	Government
12%	Reading, literature	2%	Other
		1%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_36B. In which two or three areas do you think you are the least helpful or feel uncomfortable with homework assignments? [INCLUDE UP TO 3 AREAS]

#### **Combined results**

14%	None	2%	Art
26%	Math	2%	Spelling
21%	Science	2%	Writing
9%	History, social studies	1%	Computer
7%	English	1%	Government
4%	Foreign language	1%	Music
3%	Reading, literature	3%	Other
		3%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_37B. Do you set aside time for homework every night?

76% Yes22% No2% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_38B. How do you verify that your (child/children) completed their homework? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

53%	Check it	5%	Report	s from school
10%	Do it together	3%	I don't	
10%	Talk to them	3%	Talk to	teachers
6%	Leave it up to them	1%	Other	
6%	Sign homework, planner	3%	Undeci	ided/don't know
26%	No, parenting skills really don'	t need improv	ement	GO TO Q. 46
7%	Undecided/don't know			GO TO Q. 46

\_\_\_\_47. How aware are you of your children's strengths and weaknesses as a student – very aware, somewhat aware, only a little aware or not aware at all?

79%	Very aware	95% Total
16%	Somewhat aware	AWARE
2%	Only a little aware	3% Total
1%	Not aware at all	UNAWARE
2%	Undecided/don't know	

48. How comfortable would you say you are talking to your (child's/children's) teachers – very comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable or very uncomfortable?

84%	Very comfortable	94% Total
10%	Somewhat comfortable	COMFORTABLE
2%	Somewhat uncomfortable	2% Total
%	Very uncomfortable	UNCOMFORTABLE
4%	Undecided/don't know	

9%	None	4%	Most are good
13%	Discussing progress	4%	Working in class w/ students
12%	Meeting my child's needs	3%	Extra curricular activity
8%	Open and available	3%	There are many
8%	Regular communication	3%	Visiting class
7%	Caring and personable	1%	Called about homework
6%	Teacher praised child	2%	Other
4%	Field trip	13%	Undecided/don't know

61B. What has been your best experience with a teacher? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

62B. What has been your worst experience with a teacher? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

39%	None	2%	Lazy, not enough homework
7%	No communication	2%	Some don't care
6%	Conflict with teacher	2%	Too strict
6%	Unkind, rude	2%	Unqualified teacher
5%	Handling discipline	1%	Disorganized
5%	Teacher disliked student	1%	Let student get too far behind
4%	Dishonest about situation	1%	Too big of class
4%	Not protecting my child	2%	Other
2%	Didn't understand special needs	9%	Undecided/don't know

63B. How would you best describe the learning environment in the school your (child/youngest child) attends – is it very positive, mostly positive, not as positive as it should be, or, do you think there is a negative learning environment in school?

48%	Very positive	82% Total
34%	Mostly positive	POSITIVE
12%	Not as positive as it should be	16% Total
4%	A negative learning environment	NEGATIVE
2%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_\_64B. What do you think should be done to improve the learning environment of the school your (child/children) attends? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

22%	Not needed	4%	New curriculum
19%	Smaller classes	1%	Bigger facility
9%	More discipline	1%	Less testing
6%	Parents involved	1%	More activities
4%	More caring teachers	1%	More communication
4%	More funding	8%	Other
	-	20%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_65. How often do you communicate with you a child's teacher – once or twice a week, once or twice a month, once or twice every couple of months, seldom or never?

- 34% One or more times a week
- 33% Once or twice a month
- 17% Once or twice every couple of months
- 8% Seldom
- 5% Never
- 3% Undecided/don't know

\_66. Who usually initiates the communication between you and a teacher – you or the teacher?

- 41% You
- 18% Teacher
- 40% Both equally (*volunteered*)
- 1% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_\_67. How do you most often communicate with your children's teachers – by phone, letter, email, fax, notes to or from home, parent-teacher conferences, or by some other means?

- 30% Parent-teacher conferences
- 30% Phone
- 7% Notes
- 6% E-mail
- 4% Letter
- 22% Other: *[201 respondents]*

89% In person

2% Through guardian

<mark>5%</mark>	All of above
<mark>2%</mark>	Other
<mark>2%</mark>	Undecided/don't know

1% Undecided/don't know

\_68. Do you participate in a PTA or PTO parent, teacher association or organization?

- 32% Yes
- 66% No
- 2% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_\_69. How many times do you usually visit your (child's/youngest child's) school over the course of a month – several times, once or twice, seldom or never?

45% Several times
32% Once or twice
14% Seldom
6% Never GO TO Q. 71
3% Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_70A. What is the primary reason for your visits to the classroom? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

20%	Check on child's progress	5%	Discipline issues
17%	To see what happening	5%	To talk to teacher
15%	Volunteer helper	1%	Deliver homework
14%	Transportation	1%	Lunch
8%	Conferences	1%	Reading
7%	For activities	2%	Other
		4%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_71A. How many times have you been contacted by your (child/children's) school – many times, several times, only a few times, once or twice, or never?

12%	Many times
9%	Several times
28%	Only a few times
22%	Once or twice
27%	Never
2%	Undecided/don't know

72A. What is the primary reason for your (child/children's) school to contact you? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

GO TO Q. 73

27%	Behavior issue	5%	Forgotten supplies, homework
22%	Sick child	4%	Scheduling
9%	Activity info	2%	Compliment student
8%	Just updates	2%	Test information
7%	To volunteer	1%	I asked them to
6%	Absence	1%	Other
		6%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_73A. Who do you primarily talk to at your (child/youngest child's) school – the principal, secretary, teachers or someone else?

13%	Principal		
8%	Secretary		
64%	Teacher		
5%	Someone else		
22%	Other:/22 respondents/		
	<mark>82%</mark>	<b>Counselors</b>	
	<mark>.9%</mark>	<mark>Dean</mark>	
	<mark>.9%</mark>	Class aid	
10%	Undecided/d	on't know	

\_\_\_\_74B. What resources or assistance does your (child's/youngest child's) school need to provide to you and other parents or guardians to help your children with their homework? **[WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]** 

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31%	None	3%	Technology classes, computer
10%	More help, tutors	2%	Syllabus
7%	More feedback on homework	1%	Even out homework
5%	Clear expectations	1%	More hours in day
5%	Good directions	1%	Newsletters
4%	Course material online	1%	Supplies
3%	Library use	3%	Other
		23%	Undecided/don't know

83. Generally speaking, how comfortable would you say your (child's/children's) teachers are in talking to you and other parents – very comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable, or very uncomfortable?

75%	Very comfortable	93% Total
18%	Somewhat comfortable	COMFORTABLE
2%	Somewhat uncomfortable	2% Total
%	Very uncomfortable	UNCOMFORTABLE
5%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_\_84A. Is there anything that the teachers or school could do to improve communications and make parents feel more comfortable talking to teachers and school officials? [WRITE COMMENT AS STATED]

57%	No	2%	Monthly progress report
8%	Be available	2%	Update calls
7%	More contacts	1%	Earlier communication on bad grades
7%	Regular notes home	1%	More follow up
3%	More understandable	1%	Other
2%	E-mail	9%	Undecided/don't know

\_\_85A. Have you met the principal of your (child's/youngest child's) school?

79%	Yes	ASK Q. 86
20%	No	GO TO Q. 87

1% Undecided/don't know GO TO Q. 88

<u>\_\_\_86A</u>. How would you describe your relationship with the principal of your (child's/youngest child's) school – excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor, or, would you say you haven't really had enough interaction with the principal to develop any kind of relationship?

40%	Excellent	73% Total
33%	Pretty good	POSITIVE
3%	Only fair	6% Total
3%	Poor	NEGATIVE
21%	Not enough interaction to develop a relationship	

\_\_\_\_87B. How much do you think that parents and guardians should be involved with the classroom education of their children – very involved, somewhat involved, only a little involved, or not really involved at all?

58%	Very involved	90% Total
32%	Somewhat involved	INVOLVED
7%	Only a little involved	8% Total
1%	Not involved at all	UNINVOLVED
2%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_\_88B. How much do you think that parents and guardians should be involved with the school planning of curriculum or policy making decisions – very involved, somewhat involved, only a little involved, or not really involved at all?

38%	Very involved	88% Total
50%	Somewhat involved	INVOLVED
8%	Only a little involved	11% Total
3%	Not involved at all	UNINVOLVED
1%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_\_89B. Thinking about the amount of discipline that exists in your (child/youngest child's) school, overall, do you think there is too much discipline, too little discipline, or about the right amount of discipline?

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- 28% Too little discipline
- 60% About the right amount of discipline
- 6% Undecided/don't know

<u>90B.</u> To what extent do you expect teachers to discipline children, teach them right from wrong, or mediate between the school and home - a lot, some, only a little or not at all?

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37%	A lot	80% Total
43%	Some	A LOT/SOME
10%	Only a little	15% Total
5%	Not at all	LITTLE/NOT AT ALL
5%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_\_91B. Overall, how much do you think parents support teachers when they find it necessary to discipline their children – are they very supportive, mostly supportive, only a little supportive, or not supportive at all?

17%	Very supportive	57% Total
40%	Mostly supportive	SUPPORTIVE
27%	Only a little supportive	34% Total
7%	Not supportive at all	LITTLE/NOT AT ALL
9%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_\_96. Thinking about your (child/youngest child), what grade does he or she earn in school on average – As, Bs, Cs, Ds or a failing grade?

38%	As	77% Total
39%	Bs	A/Bs
9%	Cs	
1%	Ds	2% Total
1%	Failing grades	D/Fail
12%	Undecided/don't know	

\_\_\_\_105A. How often do you attend parent-teacher conferences – all the time, most of the time, some of the time, seldom or never?

59%	All the time	73% Total ALL/MOST
14%	Most of the time	OF TIME
5%	Some of the time	
6%	Seldom	19% Total
13%	Never	SELDOM/NEVER
3%	Undecided/don't know	

106A. Does your job limit your ability to attend parent-teachers conferences?

25% Yes

72% No

3% Undecided/don't know

\_107A. Does your employer allow you to take time off to attend parent-teacher conferences?

59%Yes24%No17%Undecided/don't know

\_\_\_\_108A. Would you say that the school, including the office staff, teachers, and principal, makes you feel very welcome, somewhat welcome, or not all that welcome when you visit school?

- 83% Very welcome
- 12% Somewhat welcome
- 2% Not all that welcome
- 3% Undecided/don't know

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

112. Could y	ou please tell	me in what year	you were born?
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<b>[RECORD YEAR HERE</b>	AND THEN CODE BEL	OW]
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2%	18 to 24 years	(1980 to 1986)
10%	25 to 29 years	(1975 to 1979)
13%	30 to 35	(1969 to 1974)
18%	36 to 40	(1964 to 1968)
27%	41 to 49	(1955 to 1963)
12%	50 to 55	(1949 to 1954)
8%	56 to 64	(1940 to 1948)
8%	65 and over	(1939 or before)
2%	Don't know/refused	. ,

\_\_113. What is the top grade or level of schooling you finished? (DON'T READ-CODE RESPONSE)

- $1^{\text{st}}$  to  $11^{\text{th}}$  grade
- 27% High school graduate
- 4% Non-college post high school technical training
- 24% Some college
- 24% College graduate
- 14% Post graduate college

114. What is your race - are you White, African American, Hispanic, Asian, Arab, mixedrace or some other race?

- 71% White
- 23% African American/Black
- 2% Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican-American etc.)
- 1% Asian
- 1% Arab
- 1% Other
- 1% Don't know/refused

115. What is your religion -- Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim or some other religion?

#### 59% Protestant (Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, or Episcopalian)

- 24% Roman Catholic or Catholic
- 1% Jewish
- 1% Muslim
- 4% Other (please specify)
- 7% None (*volunteered*)
- GO TO Q. 117 4% Undecided/refused GO TO Q. 117

116. How often do you attend church or religious services? [READ 1 TO 6]

- 4% Every day
- 40% Once or twice a week
- A couple of times a month 18%
- 9% Several times a year
- 5% Once or twice a year
- 10% Seldom
- 14% Never

117. 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)

- 8% Under \$15,000 13% \$15,000 to \$30,000 \$30,000 to \$45,000 12% 13% \$45,000 to \$60,000 15% \$60,000 to \$75,000 14% \$75,000 to \$100,000 12% Over \$100,000
- 1% Retired
- 12% Refused

37% Male

63% Female

# THANK RESPONDENT FOR HIS OR HER TIME AND TERMINATE