

**Content of Parent Survey  
Spring 2007**

	None	1	2	3 or more
1. How many charter schools did you apply to during the past two years?				

	Pre K/ Pre-School	A different charter school	Traditional public school (non- charter)	Private School	Home School	N/A- this is the only school my child has attended
2. Please indicate the type of school your child went to immediately before this school.						

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very good	Excellent	N/A- this is the only school my child has attended
3. How would you rate the overall quality of the school your child went to immediately before this school?						

4. Which type of school does your child now attend?

Traditional public school (non-charter)	Charter school



Yes	No	Yes	No
4a. <i>If your child attends a traditional public school, did you look for information about Indianapolis charter schools?</i>		4b. <i>If your child attends a charter school, did you look for information about traditional Indianapolis public schools?</i>	

5. What sources of information did you use when making your decision about where to enroll your child?

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- a. I did not use any information
  - b. Talks with teachers, principals, and/or other school personnel
  - c. Talks with friends, neighbors, co-workers, and/or parents
  - d. Talks with other family members
  - e. School or district letters, brochures, guides, or information phone line
  - f. Radio, TV, or newspaper
  - g. District/Mayor's website (school website)
  - h. Visits to school
  - i. Informational meetings (PTA, church, or other community organization)
  - j. Social worker or community agency staff
  - k. District or Parent Information Center
  - l. Experience with my other children
  - m. My own child
  - n. Don't remember what source of information I used
  - o. Other

6. Which two of the above sources of information were the most important in making your decision about where to send your child to school?

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- a. I did not use any information
  - b. Talks with teachers, principals, and/or other school personnel
  - c. Talks with friends, neighbors, co-workers, and/or parents
  - d. Talks with other family members
  - e. School or district letters, brochures, guides, or information phone line
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- k. District or Parent Information Center
- l. Experience with my other children
- m. My own child
- n. Don't remember what source of information I used
- o. Other

7. Which two reasons listed below were the most important when you thought about sending your child to this school?

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- a. Size
  - b. Extra-curricular activities
  - c. Academic quality
  - d. Services for special needs students
  - e. Academic focus
  - f. Opportunities for parent involvement
  - g. Safety at school
  - h. Discipline at school
  - i. School location
  - j. Other
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	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied
8. Overall, how satisfied are you with this school?					

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	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent	I don't know
9. How would you rate the overall quality of education at this school?						

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	Not at all likely	Not very likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely	Extremely likely
10. How likely are you to recommend this school to friends and colleagues?					

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	Lower than mine	About the same as mine	Higher than mine	I don't know what teachers' expectations are
11. Most teachers at this school have expectations for my child which are...				

	Not at all likely	Not very likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely	Extremely likely
12. How likely are you to return to this school next year?					

	N/A: child will return	Another charter school	Traditional public school (non-charter)	Private school	Home school	Will graduate	Other
13. If you are not likely to return to this school next year, which are you considering?							

14. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about this school?

	Disagree strongly	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree strongly
a. The school helps students achieve their best potential.				
b. The homework the school assigns is worthwhile.				
c. The school is a challenging place for my child.				
d. The school sets standards and enforces them.				
e. Teachers in this school really care about students.				
f. Teachers in this school really care about parents.				
g. The school is a safe place.				
h. The school provides adequate opportunities for parent involvement.				

	A	B	C	D	F	No grades given	N/A - this is the only school my child attended
15. What was the average grade your child received in his/her previous school?							

16. How satisfied are you with the following specific features of your school?

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
a. Opportunities for parent participation					
b. Class size					
c. Curriculum/academic program					
d. Individual attention teachers give students					
e. Services provided for special needs students					
f. Quality of teaching/instruction					
g. Communication about student's learning					
h. Faculty/teachers					
i. Enrollment/admissions process					
j. School size					
k. School safety					
l. Extracurricular activities					
m. Sense of pride students and teachers have in school					
n. Administration					
o. School facilities					
p. Food service					
q. Transportation services					

17. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Disagree strongly	Disagree a little	Agree a little	Agree strongly
a. This school offers activities for parents.				
b. Teachers in this school are interested and cooperative when they discuss my child with me.				
c. I feel welcome in this school.				
d. Parent activities are scheduled at this school so that I can attend.				
e. This school lets me know about meetings and special school events.				
f. The school's staff contacts me quickly about any problems involving my child.				
g. The teachers at this school tell me about my child's progress at school.				

18. Please check the box to show how often the following have happened since the beginning of the school year.

	Never	1 or 2 times	3 to 5 times	Once a week	A few times per week	Daily
a. My child's teacher asked me or expected me to help my child with homework.						
b. My child's teacher asked me or expected me to supervise my child's homework.						
c. My child's teacher asked me to talk with my child about the school day.						
d. My child's teacher asked me to attend a special event at school.						
e. My child's teacher asked me to help out at the school.						
f. My child's teacher contacted me (e.g., sent a note, phoned or emailed).						

19. How many people live in your child's home?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
a. Adults (includes parents, guardians, grandparents, friends, etc.)							
b. Children (include brothers and sisters, cousins, etc.)							

20. What is the highest level of education you and your spouse/partner have completed?

	Did not graduate from high school	Graduated from high school or earned a GED but did not go to college	Went to college, but did not graduate	Graduated from a 4-year college	Earned an advanced degree after college (Master's, PhD., Medical, Law)	Does not apply (no spouse or partner)
a. You						
b. Spouse/Partner						

	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more
21. How many times in the past two years has your child's home address changed?						

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
22. What grade is your child in at this school?													

	Less than one year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years
23. How long has your child been at this school?								

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American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Hispanic/ Latino	Black/ African American	White	Multi- racial	Other
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24. How do you describe yourself?

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Less than \$10,000	\$10,000 to less than \$20,000	\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	More than \$50,000
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25. Which income amount best represents your family's income this year from all sources?

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