

Kent City Schools Community Survey
October, 2010
Overview of preliminary findings

Question 1. We'll begin by discussing the Kent Schools "FOCUS" newsletter, which was sent to your home this past winter. The newsletter was focused on the school district's recent cost savings. Do you recall receiving it?

		Response Percent
Yes		57.0%
No		43%

Question 2. Other articles about the school district's finances have appeared in the newspaper and on the school district's web site. Would you agree or not agree that Kent Schools are fiscally responsible with your tax dollars?

		Response Percent
Agree		55.9%
Don't Agree		3.0%
Don't Know		41.1%

Question 3. How aware are you of the following cost-savings programs?

	Aware	Not Aware
Energy savings through reducing heating and lighting costs	65.1%	34.9%
Reduced personnel costs through reduced staffing	45.0%	55.0%
District-wide wage freeze for all Kent school employees	36.8%	63.2%
Emphasis on paperless communication through Web site and e-mail	83.3%	16.7%

Question 4. Do you have any suggestions for the district to continue saving money?

(Qualitative Results not listed)

Question 5. How familiar are you with the School Board's Five-Year Strategic Plan that is now in its third year?

	Response Percent
Familiar	27.1%
Not Familiar	60.0%
Not Sure	12.9%

Question 6. The Strategic Plan reviewed many areas of the district's operations, including our school facilities, and recommended improvements in several program areas. How important would improvements be to you and your family in the following areas:

	Very Important	Not Important	Not Sure
Increased safety and security measures	86.4%	7.7%	5.9%
Improved traffic flow at Roosevelt and Stanton campuses	60.7	18.2	21.1
Improved traffic flow at the elementary schools	57.6	23.9	18.5

Question 7. Other program areas in the Strategic Plan included: Communications, Curriculum Programs, Personnel and Technology. How would rate each of these four areas on a scale of "Above Average", "Below Average" or "No Opinion"? Please circle one response for each item.

	Above Average	Below Average	No Opinion
Communications and community relations	67.7%	8.6%	23.7%
Curriculum programs	68.4%	9.0%	22.6%
Personnel or teachers and staff hired	66.9%	7.7%	25.4%
Technology in the classroom	60.8%	15.7%	23.5

Question 8. If you had to grade the Superintendent, Dr. Joe Giancola, right now, what grade would you give his leadership: an A, B, C, D or F? You also may use plus or minus, like B+.

Grade	A	B	C	D	F
	55.6%	37.7	5.3%	1.4%	
+	11.9%	15.2	1.3%	0.7%	
-	11.9%	6.3	1.3%	0.7%	

Question 9. In response to community expectations, Roosevelt High School has added 4 new computer labs, 8 faculty positions housed at Central School for the Bridges Academy and has expanded course offerings in career education since the year 2000.

Further, since Roosevelt High School was built in 1958, many additional academic programs and 10 additional sports for boys and girls have been added, resulting in later practice schedules for students due to a sharing of the current gym. How important would improvements be to you and your family in the following areas? Please circle one response for each item.

	Very Important	Not Important	Not Sure
Constructing additional classrooms at Roosevelt High School	52.2%	15.4%	32.4%
Adding an additional gym onto Roosevelt High School	42.9%	29.0%	28.1%

Question 10. Our last renovations at Roosevelt were completed before 1998. At that time, the additional gym and classrooms were eliminated from the 1996 bond issue in order to reduce costs. Would you support expanding the additional classroom space and gym at Roosevelt at this time?

	Response Percent
Would Support	55.7
Would Not Support	16.8
Not Sure	27.5

Question 11. In which elementary school attendance area do you live?

Davey Elementary	23.4%
Franklin Elementary	21.5%
Holden Elementary	12.6%
Longcoy Elementary	23.4%
Walls Elementary	16.0%
Don't Know	3.1%

Question 12. Ohio's state-mandated all-day kindergarten in 2011-2012 may require some changes to some of our elementary facilities. Franklin and Holden Elementary Schools especially are limited in space. How important would improvements be to you and your family in the following areas?

	Very Important	Not Important	Not Sure
Renovating or replacing Franklin Elementary School	39.8%	30.4%	29.8%
Improving Holden Elementary's campus with expanded parking and a few additional classrooms for all day kindergarten	46.7%	25%	28.3%

Question 13. Would you support renovating or replacing Franklin Elementary at this time?

	Response Percent
Would Support	48.5%
Would Not Support	22.4%
Not Sure	29.1%

Question 14. Extended-day kindergarten and Title One tutoring at Holden are currently being taught in a temporary trailer facility along the side of the current school building. Would you support improving Holden Elementary's campus with expanded parking and a few additional classrooms for all-day kindergarten?

	Response Percent
Would Support	66.6%
Would Not Support	11.3%
Not Sure	22.1%

Question 15. If you had to grade the Kent Schools' performance on the state standards and state testing program, what grade would you give it: an A, B, C, D or F? You also may use plus or minus, like B+.

Grade	A	B	C	D	F
	40.4%	47.4%	11.2%	1.0%	
+	2.5%	19.9%	4.5%	0.6%	
-	2.8%	6.7%	11.2%	0.3%	

Question 16. Overall, if you had to grade the Kent School District right now, what grade would you give it: an A, B, C, D or F? You also may use plus or minus, like B+.

Grade	A	B	C	D	F
	46.4%	42.9%	10.1%	0.6%	
+	8.3%	20.1%	4.1%	0.3%	
-	11.25	6.5%	1.5%	0.3%	

Question 17. If you had to grade the student discipline in the Kent Schools right now, what grade would you give it: an A, B, C, D or F? You also may use plus or minus, like B+.

Grade	A	B	C	D	F
	36.9%	39.7%	16.0%	5.8%	1.6%
+	6.7%	12.2%	4.8%	2.9%	
-	7.4%	9.0%	3.2%	0.6%	

Question 18. What is your age group?

< 20	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s
0.3%	11.0%	41.2%	35.5%	10.1%	1.9%			

Question 19. Are you male or female?

		Response Percent
Male		13.9%
Female		86.1%

Question 20. What is your marital status?

Single	Widowed	Married
29.1%	0.6%	70.3%

Question 21. Do you currently have children enrolled in Kent City Schools?

		Response Percent
Yes		90.6%
No		9.4%

Question 22. Are you an Alum of Roosevelt High School?

		Response Percent
Yes		23.1%
No		76.9%

Question 23. Are you a parent or grandparent of a Roosevelt High School graduate?

		Response Percent
Yes		17.7%
No		82.3%

Question 24. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement. *“I believe that a vibrant school system with a good reputation translates into a higher quality of life for the community.”*

Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
92.3%	1.8%	5.9%

Question 25. Finally, do you have any questions or comments that we could convey to the Kent administration and board of education?

(Qualitative Results not listed)