

**School District of Slinger
Community Survey Report**

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Overview

The survey was conducted for the School District of Slinger during the fall of 2011 by School Perceptions.

Survey Methodology: The survey was administrated and results were compiled using School Perceptions' proprietary software. Each household was mailed a paper version of the survey which included an invitation letter containing a unique 16-digit alphanumeric survey access code. The code allowed people to respond online and ensured that every potential respondent had the opportunity to take the survey once but that no respondent took the survey multiple times. Respondents without access to the Internet along with those who were uncomfortable taking the survey online were given the opportunity to complete a paper version of the survey. Paper surveys were mailed directly School Perception for data entry. At the time of writing this report, 244 paper surveys had been processed.

Sample Size/Report Format: The size of the respondent group in this data set is adequate. At the time this report was written 931 respondents had taken the survey. This included 614 parents and 323 non-parents. The margin of error for all respondents answering the survey questions is approximately plus or minus 3.3%.

To help discern patterns and analyze the results, this report was divided into the following subgroups:

- Non-Parents
- Parents
- Staff
- Combined (results for all respondents)

The comment summary at the end of this report gives a sampling of the issues raised by respondents and were chosen if multiple participants reference similar issues or concerns. Individual comments that were representative of each theme were then cut verbatim into each section.

Overall: The survey results will provide the School District of Slinger with a good data. It is important to note that this survey tool should be one of many factors influencing the direction the district chooses to take as it navigates the planning process.

Demographic Summary: All Respondents

How long have you lived in the school district?	Response
Less than one year	1%
1 - 5 years	15%
6 - 10 years	18%
11 - 20 years	23%
More than 20 years	31%
Do not live in the district	12%

In which municipality do you reside?	Response
Village of Slinger	28%
City of Hartford	3%
Town of Hartford	10%
Town of Addison	14%
Town of Polk	19%
Town of West Bend	11%
Richfield	6%
Other	9%

Are you employed by the district?	Response
Yes	16%
No	84%

Do you open-enroll your children into the district?	Response
Yes	13%
No	87%

Do you have children younger than elementary school-age?	Response
Yes	15%
No	85%

Do you have children that attend the district?	Response
Yes	65%
No	35%

If you have school-aged children, what schools do they attend? (Multiple responses could be selected)	Response
Addison Elementary	19%
Allenton Elementary	10%
Slinger Elementary	25%
Slinger Middle Schools	37%
Slinger High Schools	43%
Private School	3%
Home School	<1%
Other School District	4%

Importance

The following table displays each item in rank order after a simple average calculation based on the follow scale: *Absolutely Critical* = 4, *Important* = 3, *Somewhat Important* = 2, *Not Important* = 1 for the following question:

“How important is this item to the success of our students?”

	Parents	Non-parents	Staff
Preparation for College/Employment	3.75	3.61	3.72
Computer Education	3.74	3.61	3.72
Mathematics Education	3.74	3.75	3.78
Reading/English/Language Arts	3.73	3.68	3.75
Science Education	3.56	3.57	3.67
Technology & Engineering Education	3.52	3.53	3.59
Business Education	3.34	3.25	3.27
Social Studies Education	3.31	3.26	3.33
Library/Media Center Access	3.28	3.17	3.28
Special Education	3.25	3.17	3.38
Advanced Placement (AP) Classes	3.23	3.18	3.3
World/Foreign Languages	3.14	3	3.18
School Counseling Services	3.13	2.97	3.15
Health	3.01	2.98	3.02
Extra-curricular Sports	2.96	2.7	2.95
Gifted/Talented Opportunities	2.96	2.94	3.08
Physical Education	2.95	2.98	2.98
Extra-curricular Clubs/Org.(non-athletic)	2.94	2.72	2.93
Family and Consumer Education	2.89	2.83	2.8
Band/Choir/Music Education	2.84	2.83	3
Art Education	2.63	2.65	2.85
Agricultural Science Education	2.48	2.56	2.44

Performance

The following table displays each item in rank order after a simple average calculation based on the follow scale: *Great = 4, Good = 3, Fair = 2, Poor = 1, Don't know was not included in the calculation for the following question:*

“How are we doing?”

	Parents	Staff
Band/Choir/Music Education	3.39	3.54
Reading/English/Language Arts	3.21	3.2
Advanced Placement (AP) Classes	3.17	3.07
Library/Media Center Access	3.17	3.03
Science Education	3.16	3.19
Mathematics Education	3.15	3.22
Business Education	3.12	3.29
Social Studies Education	3.12	3.15
Extra-curricular Clubs/Org. (non-athletic)	3.11	3.13
Art Education	3.09	3.28
Computer Education	3.09	3.03
Extra-curricular Sports	3.08	3.11
Preparation for College/Employment	3.08	3.13
Special Education	3.07	2.89
Technology & Engineering Education	3.06	3.27
Agricultural Science Education	2.96	2.63
Physical Education	2.96	2.93
Family and Consumer Education	2.93	2.9
Health	2.93	2.75
World/Foreign Languages	2.85	2.88
School Counseling Services	2.83	2.62
Gifted/Talented Opportunities	2.67	2.41

Budgeting

The following table displays each item in rank order after a simple average calculation based on the follow scale: *Absolutely Critical* = 4, *Important* = 3, *Somewhat Important* = 2, *Not Important* = 1, and *Don't Know* was not included in the calculation for the following question:

How important are each of the following items as the District develops future budgets?

	Parents	Non-parents	Staff
Attracting/retaining high quality staff	3.73	3.6	3.83
Developing student employability skills	3.54	3.52	3.61
Access to the latest technology	3.45	3.37	3.45
Maintaining current educational programs	3.42	3.26	3.48
Meeting the needs of all students	3.41	3.29	3.68
Providing access to current texts and resources	3.4	3.25	3.4
Maintaining current class sizes	3.32	3.07	3.56
Scoring high on state and national test scores	3.19	3.07	3.28
Developing community partnerships	3.07	3.02	3.29

Overall, how satisfied are you with the financial management of the District?

	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
Very Satisfied	43%	42%	43%	48%
Satisfied	47%	49%	43%	45%
Not Satisfied	3%	2%	4%	1%
Very Unsatisfied	1%	<1%	1%	1%
No Opinion	7%	6%	9%	5%

Communications

Do you typically read the District's Annual Report?				
	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
Yes	62%	58%	68%	66%
No	38%	42%	32%	34%

Currently it costs the District \$7,000 to print and distribute the Annual Report.				
What advice would you offer the Board regarding the distribution of the Annual Report in the future?				
	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
Continue printing & mailing the Annual Report to every household	7%	4%	13%	4%
Post the Annual Report on the district's website and have paper copies available by request	91%	94%	85%	96%
I don't know	2%	2%	2%	1%

Overall, how satisfied are you with the communications that come from the District?				
	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
Very Satisfied	32%	34%	29%	36%
Satisfied	57%	56%	60%	56%
Not Satisfied	4%	5%	2%	3%
Very Unsatisfied	<1%	<1%	1%	1%
No Opinion	6%	4%	10%	4%

Where do you get most of your information about the schools and the district? (Mark all that apply)				
	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
School Newsletters	70%	83%	43%	64%
Email	46%	60%	16%	54%
School/Teacher web sites	45%	53%	27%	59%
From my children	39%	54%	7%	24%
Friends or neighbors	37%	35%	41%	23%
School administration	33%	33%	33%	64%
West Bend News	23%	14%	42%	22%
Hartford Times Press	16%	10%	29%	14%
Attend meetings at schools	13%	14%	10%	24%
Phone Messaging	13%	18%	2%	11%
People Behind the Owls (PBO)	12%	14%	7%	12%
Slinger Express	12%	9%	17%	4%
Clubs and Organizations	9%	11%	6%	8%
Non-teaching employees	6%	5%	9%	4%
School board meetings	5%	4%	7%	13%
Other	2%	2%	2%	0%

Do you use any of the following forms of social media?	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
Email	94%	94%	92%	91%
Text Messaging	58%	63%	46%	61%
Facebook	57%	61%	47%	58%
LinkedIn	21%	23%	15%	7%
YouTube	20%	18%	25%	25%
Blogs	8%	7%	9%	7%
Twitter	4%	4%	5%	4%
Other	1%	<1%	2%	0%

Facilities and Support System

Our school(s) facilities are safe and secure.	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
Strongly Agree	45%	47%	42%	56%
Agree	47%	50%	40%	38%
Disagree	2%	2%	3%	6%
Strongly Disagree	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	6%	1%	16%	0%

Our school(s) grounds are clean and well-kept.	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
Strongly Agree	51%	55%	43%	50%
Agree	44%	43%	45%	45%
Disagree	1%	1%	2%	5%
Strongly Disagree	<1%	<1%	0%	0%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	4%	<1%	10%	0%

Our school(s) has adequate classrooms and instructional space.	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
Strongly Agree	36%	38%	33%	40%
Agree	50%	56%	38%	56%
Disagree	2%	2%	2%	3%
Strongly Disagree	<1%	1%	1%	2%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	11%	3%	27%	1%

Overall, how satisfied are you with the way the District maintains the facilities?	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
Very Satisfied	49%	52%	42%	46%
Satisfied	45%	46%	43%	50%
Not Satisfied	1%	1%	2%	3%
Very Unsatisfied	<1%	0%	<1%	1%
No Opinion	5%	<1%	14%	1%

Parent Feedback

Teachers adjust instruction to meet my child's needs.	Parents
Strongly Agree	21%
Agree	60%
Disagree	10%
Strongly Disagree	1%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	9%

My child has access to additional support when needed.	Parents
Strongly Agree	28%
Agree	59%
Disagree	6%
Strongly Disagree	<1%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	7%

My child has a positive relationship with at least one adult at school.	Parents
Strongly Agree	50%
Agree	47%
Disagree	1%
Strongly Disagree	0%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	2%

My child has adequate access to technology while at school.	Parents
Strongly Agree	31%
Agree	63%
Disagree	2%
Strongly Disagree	<1%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	4%

Academic expectations in this school are:	Parents
Too High	3%
Just Right	90%
Too Low	7%

Overall, how satisfied are you with how students are prepared academically?	Parents
Very Satisfied	33%
Satisfied	61%
Not Satisfied	3%
Very Unsatisfied	<1%
No Opinion	2%

My child feels safe on school grounds.	Parents
Strongly Agree	49%
Agree	48%
Disagree	2%
Strongly Disagree	<1%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	1%

I am satisfied with our school's efforts to prevent bullying from happening.	Parents
Strongly Agree	22%
Agree	53%
Disagree	8%
Strongly Disagree	2%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	16%

How would you like to receive District emergency notifications such as early closing due to inclement weather? (Mark all that apply)	Parents
Email	79%
Automated phone message	75%
Text Messaging	62%
Web site posting	37%
Cable Channel	13%
Facebook	10%
Twitter	1%

There is good communication between school and home.	Parents
Strongly Agree	36%
Agree	59%
Disagree	4%
Strongly Disagree	1%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	1%

The information on my child's report card/progress report helps me to understand his/her progress.	Parents
Strongly Agree	29%
Agree	60%
Disagree	6%
Strongly Disagree	<1%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	4%

Parent conferences provide productive communication between teachers and parents.	Parents
Strongly Agree	37%
Agree	52%
Disagree	6%
Strongly Disagree	<1%
Don't know / Doesn't apply	6%

I do/would like to access my child's grades online.	Parents
Yes	92%
No	5%
Don't Know	3%

My child has Internet access at home.	Parents
Yes	96%
No	4%
Don't Know	0%

Would you like the school to offer more nutrient dense foods such as fresh fruits and vegetables from what is currently being offered?	Parents
Yes	64%
No	16%
Don't Know	19%

Would you be willing to pay more for a healthier lunch?	Parents
Yes	60%
No	24%
Don't Know	16%

Overall, how satisfied are you with the school lunch program?	Parents
Very Satisfied	15%
Satisfied	62%
Not Satisfied	14%
Very Unsatisfied	2%
No Opinion	6%

Overall Satisfaction

Overall, how satisfied are you with the School District of Slinger?	Combined	Parents	Non-Parents	Staff
Very Satisfied	60%	63%	54%	66%
Satisfied	36%	36%	37%	33%
Not Satisfied	1%	1%	1%	1%
Very Unsatisfied	<1%	0%	<1%	0%
No Opinion	3%	1%	9%	1%