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| 1. Survey Overview: | number or percentage |
|--|----------------------|
| Total number of elementary schools responding to survey | 700 |
| Percentage of elementary schools in province responding | 18% |
| % of repeat schools (also completed survey in 2006/07) | 46% |
| # of school boards with schools participating in survey | 69 |
| plus # of school authorities | 5 |
| % of schools in Eastern postal code K | 18% |
| % of schools in Central postal code L | 21% |
| % of schools in Toronto postal code M | 24% |
| % of schools in Southwest postal code N | 21% |
| % of schools in Northern postal code P | 16% |
| | |
| % of schools JK — Grade 6 | 26% |
| % of schools JK — Grade 8 | 56% |
| % of schools with other grade combinations that include Grades 7 and 8 | 6% |
| | |
| | |
| % Schools with 1—120 students | 9% |
| % Schools with 121—271 students | 37% |
| % Schools with 272—363 | 19% |
| % Schools with 364—768 | 32% |
| % Schools with 769 or more students | 3% |

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| School Overview continued | number or percentage |
|--|----------------------|
| Size of Schools | |
| Range on number of students per school | 12 to 1,440 |
| Average number of students per school | 331 |
| % of schools with 364 students or more | 35% |
| % of schools with 272 students or more | 55% |
| % of schools with 769 students or more | 3% |
| School Staff | |
| % of schools reporting a principal, either full or part-time | 99.5% |
| % of schools reporting a full-time principal | 92% |
| % of schools reporting a part-time principal | 7% |
| % of schools reporting a vice principal, either full or part-time | 40% |
| % of schools reporting a part-time vice principal | 20% |
| % of schools reporting one full time vice principal or more | 20% |
| % of schools reporting some office staff, either full or part-time | 100% |
| % of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff | 97% |
| % of schools reporting office staff part-time | 3% |
| Note: FTE = full time equivalent | |

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| 1. School Overview—Regional Results | number or percentage |
|---|----------------------|
| <i>Eastern Ontario (K postal code)</i> | |
| Average number of students per school | 288 |
| % of schools reporting a full-time principal | 90% |
| % of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff | 90% |
| <i>Central Ontario (L postal code not including the GTA)</i> | |
| Average number of students per school | 365 |
| % of schools reporting a full-time principal | 93% |
| % of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff | 99% |
| <i>Greater Toronto Area (GTA) (M and part of L postal code)</i> | |
| Average number of students per school | 418 |
| % of schools reporting a full-time principal | 100% |
| % of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff | 100% |
| <i>Southwestern Ontario (N postal code)</i> | |
| Average number of students per school | 307 |
| % of schools reporting a full-time principal | 92% |
| % of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff | 98% |
| <i>Northern Ontario (P postal code)</i> | |
| Average number of students per school | 186 |
| % of schools reporting a full-time principal | 78% |
| % of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff | 94% |
| Note: The GTA includes Toronto, Durham, Peel, Halton and York. | |

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| 2. Class Size | number or percentage |
|---|----------------------|
| | |
| % schools reporting split grade classes , containing 2 or more grades | 74% |
| | |
| | |
| % Grade 4 — Grade 8 classes with 20 students or fewer | 10% |
| % Grade 4 — Grade 8 classes with 21-25 students | 37% |
| % Grade 4 — Grade 8 classes with 26-30 students | 45% |
| % Grade 4 — Grade 8 classes with 31 students or more | 8% |
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| 3. Specialist Teachers | number or percentage |
| % reporting a physical education teacher either full or part-time | 44% |
| % reporting a full-time physical education teacher | 25% |
| % reporting music teacher either full or part-time | 48% |
| % reporting a full-time music teacher | 19% |
| % reporting a part-time music teacher | 30% |
| % reporting an itinerant music teacher | 21% |
| % reporting visual arts teacher either full or part-time | 14% |
| % reporting family studies teacher either full or part-time | 5% |
| % reporting design & technology teacher either full or part-time | 6% |
| % reporting guidance teacher either full or part-time | 11% |
| % reporting math specialist teacher either full or part-time | 8% |
| % reporting science specialist teacher either full or part-time | 11% |
| Average size of schools reporting full-time specialists: | |
| Average size of schools reporting at least one full-time phys-ed teacher | 465 |
| Average size of schools reporting at least one full-time music teacher | 548 |
| Average size of schools reporting at least one full-time drama teacher | 564 |
| Average size of schools reporting at least one full-time visual arts teacher | 556 |
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| 4. Library | number or percentage |
| % schools with a teacher-librarian | 60% |
| % schools with library technician, no teacher librarian | 29% |
| % schools with no staff in library (may have students or volunteers) | 4% |
| | |
| % schools in sample with at least one FTE T-L | 13% |
| % schools in sample with only a part-time T-L | 46% |
| | |
| Average ratio per school of students to each full-time teacher-library | 691 |
| % schools reporting a library technician | 35% |
| | |
| % schools reporting volunteers in library | 31% |
| % reporting students staffing libraries | 14% |
| | |
| Average number of hours library open per week (regardless of staffing) | 25 hours |
| | |
| Average number of hours per week, libraries staffed by a teacher-librarian, are open, while staffed with the teacher-librarian | 16.4 hours |
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| 6. Special Education (S/E) | number or percentage |
| % reporting some students receive assistance from S/E dept | Nearly 100% |
| % of student population who receive sp. Ed mean/ratio | 14.8% |
| | |
| Average ratio per school of spec ed students to spec ed teachers | 29.8 |
| | |
| Range of students, per school, waiting for assessment | 0-57 |
| Range of students, per school, waiting for IPRC | 0-50 |
| Range of students, per school, waiting for placement | 0-50 |
| | |
| % of waiting list waiting for assessment | 69% |
| % of waiting list waiting for IPRC | 23% |
| % of waiting list waiting for placement | 8% |
| | |
| Number of students on waiting lists for special education services extrapolated province-wide | 36,000 |
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| % schools reporting that not all identified students are receiving recommended special education support | 33% |
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| 7. Physical Education Classes: | number or percentage |
| JK/SK Average number of minutes per week of physical education | 88 |
| JK/SK Range of minutes per week min to max | 0 to 225 |
| Gr. 1-3 Average number of minutes per week of physical education | 108 |
| Gr. 1-3 Range of min per week min to max | 30 to 225 |
| GR. 4-6 Average number of minutes per week of physical education | 113 |
| Gr. 4-6 Range of minutes per week min to max | 30 to 260 |
| Gr. 7-8 Average number of minutes per week of physical education | 119 |
| Gr. 7-8 Range of minutes per week min to max | 30 to 300 |
| Average number of minutes per week of phys ed overall grades | 106 |
| Daily Physical Activity | |
| % of schools reporting they have implemented the mandated 20 minutes per day of daily physical activity (DPA) | 98% |
| % of schools reporting DPA is delivered during class time | 89% |
| % of schools reporting DPA is delivered during phys ed class time | 52% |
| % of schools reporting DPA is delivered during recess | 7% |
| % of schools reporting DPA is delivered during lunch hour | 5% |

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| 8. Fundraising | number or percentage |
| % school reporting fundraising | 98% |
| % of schools that did not respond to fundraising question | 1% |
| % of schools that reported fundraising ZERO dollars | Less then 1% |
| Average amount of fundraising per school | \$11,502 |
| Range of amounts fundraised per school | 0 to \$200,000 |
| X% of schools raised as much as top 10 % of schools | 69% |
| % raising \$10,000 or less | 67% |
| % raising \$10,001 - \$19,999 | 16% |
| % reporting raising more than \$20,000 | 18% |
| % schools fundraising for textbooks | 8% |
| % school fundraising for computers | 25% |
| % of schools fundraising for sports | 60% |
| % schools fundraising for classroom supplies | 29% |
| % schools fundraising for library books | 51% |
| % schools fundraising for arts/music | 53% |
| % of schools fundraising for field trips | 80% |
| In their audited financial statements (2006/07), school boards reported a total of school generated funds (in 72 school boards) | \$596 million |

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| Fundraising continued | number or percentage |
| | |
| % of schools fundraising for school grounds | 45% |
| | |
| % of schools fundraising for school renovations or additions | 5% |
| | |
| % of schools fundraising for general upgrades (e.g. roof, furnace) | 5% |
| | |
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| <i>Fundraising for textbooks, computers or classroom supplies</i> | |
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| | |
| Range of amount raised for texts, computers, supplies | 0 to \$35,000 |
| Mean raised for texts, computer, etc | \$4,257 |
| | |
| % schools reporting "none" raised for texts, classroom, computers | 22% |
| % of schools fundraising for texts, classroom, computers | 54% |
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| 8. B) Schools report receiving donations or in kind services from: | number or percentage |
|---|----------------------|
| | |
| % of schools reporting they receive donations from alumnae assoc. | less than 1% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting they receive donations from community assoc. | 29% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting they receive donations from corporations | 9% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting they receive donations from local businesses | 29% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting they receive donations from bingos | 4% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting they receive donations from cafeterias | 2% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting they receive funds from vending machines | 24% |
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| 9. Psychologists, Social Workers, Speech Pathologists, Youth Workers | number or percentage |
| | |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled psychologist | 37% |
| Average number of hours per/month schools reporting regularly scheduled psychologist | 11.8 hours |
| % of schools reporting on-call psychologist | 53% |
| % of schools reporting no psychologist available | 10% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled social worker | 42% |
| Average number of hours per/month schools reporting regularly scheduled social worker | 13.5 hours |
| % of schools reporting on-call social worker | 39% |
| % of schools reporting no social worker available: | 19% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled speech language pathologist | 42% |
| Average number of hours per/month schools reporting regularly scheduled speech language pathologist | 12 hours |
| % of schools reporting on-call speech language pathologist | 54% |
| % of schools reporting no speech language pathologist available | 3% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled youth worker | 35% |
| Average number of hours per/month schools reporting regularly scheduled youth worker | 52.3 hours |
| % of schools reporting on-call youth worker | 21% |
| % of schools reporting no youth worker available | 44% |

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| 9. Regional Results: Psychologists, Social Workers, Speech Pa- | number or percentage |
| | |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled psychologist Eastern ON | 33% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled psychologist Central ON | 9% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled psychologist GTA region | 64% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled psychologist Southwestern | 28% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled psychologist Northern ON | 6% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled social worker Eastern ON | 40% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled social worker Central ON | 18% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled social worker GTA region | 70% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled social worker Southwestern | 23% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled social worker Northern ON | 20% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled youth worker Eastern ON | 43% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled youth worker Central ON | 37% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled youth worker GTA region | 35% |
| % of schools reporting regularly scheduled youth worker Southwestern | 34% |
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| 10. Busing | number or percentage |
|---|----------------------|
| % of schools reporting some students bused | 90% |
| % of schools reporting shortest bus rides are under 30 minutes | 96% |
| % of schools reporting longest bus rides are 30-59 minutes | 49% |
| % of schools reporting longest bus rides are one hour or more | 19% |
| Maximum longest ride reported | 120 |
| Regional Results: Busing | |
| % of schools reporting some students bused in Eastern ON | 96% |
| % of schools reporting some students bused in Central ON (less GTA) | 90% |
| % of schools reporting some students bused in GTA | 78% |
| % of schools reporting some students bused in Southwestern ON | 94% |
| % of schools reporting some students bused in Northern ON | 99% |
| % of schools reporting longest ride 45 min. or more in Eastern ON | 49% |
| % of schools reporting longest ride 45 min. or more in Central ON (less | 33% |
| % of schools reporting longest ride 45 min. or more in GTA | 25% |
| % of schools reporting longest ride 45 min. or more in Southwestern | 44% |
| % of schools reporting longest ride 45 min. or more in Northern ON | 49% |

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| 11. Volunteer participation in schools | number or percentage |
| | |
| % of schools reporting some volunteers | 98% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting they have 10 volunteers or fewer | 26% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting they have between 11 and 20 volunteers | 25% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting they have between 21 and 30 volunteers | 19% |
| | |
| % of schools reporting they have 30 volunteers or more | 30% |
| | |
| Volunteer Tasks: | |
| | |
| % of schools reporting volunteers for field trips | 87% |
| % of schools reporting volunteers in the classroom | 79% |
| % of schools reporting volunteers in the office | 19% |
| % of schools reporting volunteer tasks include lunchtime supervision | 9% |
| % of schools reporting volunteer tasks include fundraising | 75% |
| % of schools reporting volunteer tasks include school council | 86% |
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| School Council Participation | number or percentage |
| On average, how many people attend school council meetings? | 11 |
| % of schools reporting on average, 10 or fewer people attend meetings | 63% |
| Does your school board have a Regional School Council? | |
| % of schools reporting: Yes | 68% |
| % of schools reporting: No | 15% |
| % of schools reporting: Don't Know | 17% |
| Does your school board have a Parent Involvement Committee? | |
| % of schools reporting: Yes | 68% |
| % of schools reporting: No | 12% |
| % of schools reporting: Don't Know | 20% |

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2007 - 2008

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People for Education is a parent organization working to support public education in Ontario's English, French, and Catholic schools. Since 1997, this annual survey has enabled us to collect information and track the effects of policy and funding changes on our children's schools. You can help! The survey can be completed by your school council, parent group, or an individual parent. Ask your principal or teachers for help in gathering the information. Keep a copy on file so you can compare your school's results from year to year. We will send a summary of the survey results to all participating schools.

We want your completed survey by December 14, 2007.

- **This survey can be completed online.** Gather the information you need to answer these questions. Then go to www.peopleforeducation.com and follow the link.

OR

- **Mail or fax** this completed survey to:

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| People for Education, P.O. Box 64, Station P, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S6 | | |
| phone: 416-534-0100 | email: p4e@peopleforeducation.com | fax: 416-536-0100 |
| web site: www.peopleforeducation.com | | |

**Individual school responses will remain confidential.
Only overall results will be published.**

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|------------------------|--------------|
| District School Board: | |
| School: | |
| Includes grades: | |
| Address: | |
| City: | Postal Code: |
| Phone: () | Fax: () |
| School Email: | |
| Contact Person: | |
| Phone: () | |

FILLING OUT THE SURVEY

In the questions concerning staffing you may need help from the school office. Please tell us the total number of staff positions, counted in **full-time equivalents (FTEs)**. For example, one full-time or two half-time positions = 1 FTE; four days a week = 0.8 FTE; one half-time position = 0.5 FTE, one day a week = 0.2 FTE, etc.

Anywhere you wish to include additional information please attach a separate sheet of paper with your comments.

1. SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Students: # _____ in total # _____ JK/SK students in total
 Teachers: _____ total FTEs
 Principal: _____ total FTEs
 Vice-principal: _____ total FTEs
 Office Staff: _____ total FTEs
 Custodians: _____ total FTEs

2. CLASS SIZE (A Grade 3/4 class is counted in K-3 classes. Count each Kindergarten class as one (1) class. There should be no .5 classes.) Do not include Special Education classes.

| | Total # of classes | How many classes have 20 or fewer? | How many have 21 to 25 students? | How many have 26 to 30 students? | How many have 31 students or more? |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Grades K-3 (include 3/4) classes | | | | | |
| Grades 4-8 classes | | | | | |

Do you have split classes with TWO or more grades in them? _____
 If yes, how many? _____

3. SPECIALIST TEACHERS (delivering program during school hours, without fees)

Physical Education Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 Music Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 Mathematics Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 Science Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 Family Studies Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 Design & Technology Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 Guidance Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 English as a Second Language Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 Core French Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 Visual Arts Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 Drama Teachers: _____ total FTEs none
 Itinerant Music Teachers/Instructors: . yes . no

4. LIBRARY

How is your library staffed? (check as many as apply)

teacher librarian: total FTEs _____ library technician: total FTEs _____
 other teaching staff volunteers students not staffed other

How much will be spent on library resources (books, CD ROM, maps etc) this year (07/08) \$ _____

How much of this will come from the school budget? \$ _____

How many hours per week is the library open? _____

How many hours per week is the library **open and staffed** with a **Teacher Librarian**? _____

How, if at all, has this changed from last year? _____

5. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Do you have an ESL program? yes no

Do you have ESL students? yes no If yes, how many? # _____

How, if at all, has this changed from last year? _____

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education Teachers: total FTEs _____

Special Education Educational Assistants: total FTEs _____

Total number of students receiving **any** Special Education assistance. (*Resource, Gifted etc*) # _____

Are all identified students receiving recommended support? yes no

How many students are currently waiting for assessment? _____ for IPRC? _____ for placement? _____

How, if at all, has Special Education at your school changed since last year? _____

7. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A) How many minutes per week do students receive physical education instruction in a physical education class?

JK/SK # min _____ Grades 1-3 # min _____ Grades 4-6 # min _____ Grades 7-8 # min _____

B) Has your school implemented the 20 minutes of **Daily Physical Activity**? yes no

If yes, is it delivered during: (*check as many as apply*) class time recess physical education classes

lunch hour Other (*please state*) _____

If no, what supports or resources would you require in order to deliver the 20 minutes of **DPA**? _____

8. FUNDRAISING

A) Approximately how much money will be fundraised by parents, students and staff in 2007/2008? \$ _____

Do you fundraise for any of the following? textbooks classroom supplies (*e.g., Math & Science materials, teaching aids*) computers &/or software sports library books arts music/musical instruments field trips charity student activities (graduation, awards, etc.) playground school renovation or additions general upgrades to school (roof, furnace, paint, furniture, etc.) other _____

How much money will be raised for textbooks, computers and classroom supplies this year? \$ _____

B) Does your school receive money or donations of in-kind goods or services from: (*Check as many as apply*)

alumnae associations community associations corporations local businesses

bingos cafeterias vending machines other _____

9. PSYCHOLOGISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS & YOUTH WORKERS

For each of the following, please check the situation which applies to your school:

Psychologists: services not available **or** on call **or** regularly scheduled: _____ hours/month

Social Workers: services not available **or** on call **or** regularly scheduled: _____ hours/month

Speech Pathologists: services not available **or** on call **or** regularly scheduled: _____ hours/month

Child and Youth Workers: services not available **or** on call **or** regularly scheduled: _____ hours/month

10. BUSING

Are students bused? yes no

If yes, what is the shortest one-way trip? # _____ minutes

What is the longest one-way trip? # _____ minutes

11. VOLUNTEERS

Estimate the total number of volunteers in your school. # _____

Their tasks include (*Check where applicable*) field trips classroom office (*e.g. Safe Arrival*)

lunchtime supervision fundraising school council other _____

On average, how many people attend a School Council meeting? # _____

Does your School Board have a Regional School Council? yes no don't know

Does your School Board have a Parent Involvement Committee? yes no don't know

