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Survey Overview:	number or percentage
Total number of elementary schools responding to survey	401
Total number of secondary schools responding to survey	124
# of school boards with schools participating in survey	68
plus # of school authorities	4
% of schools in Eastern postal code K	25%
% of schools in Central postal code L	24%
% of schools in Toronto postal code M	16%
% of schools in Southwest postal code N	21%
% of schools in Northern postal code P	15%
% Schools with 1—120 students	4%
% Schools with 121—271 students	30%
% Schools with 272—363	18%
% Schools with 364—768	34%
% Schools with 769 or more students	14%

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1. School Council Goals and Activities:	number or percentage
A) School Councils were asked to report on their most important goals	
% of school councils reporting these goals are most important	
1. Enhancing the communication between the schools and parents	63%
2. Improving the learning environment	47%
3. Building an inclusive environment	41%
4. Promoting school safety	34%
5. Supporting healthy school initiatives	31%
6. Influencing school operations through interaction with administration	24%
B) School Councils were asked which activities they spent the most time on	
% of school councils reporting spending the most time on these activities:	
1. Fundraising for the school	60%
2. Communication with school community (e.g. newsletter, phone, email)	50%
3. School community events (e.g. fall fair, school dances)	49%
4. School improvement plan	39%
5. School committees	34%
6. Fundraising for charities	22%

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2. Communication with parents in the School Community	number or percentage
How do you communicate with parents in your community?	
% reporting newsletter/notice	91%
% reporting email	54%
% reporting website	53%
% reporting phone tree	13%
% reporting synervoice	15%

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3. How do School Councils get Parents Feedback or Input?	number or percentage
% report using meetings	86%
% report speaking "face-to-face"	78%
% report using surveys	48%
% report using suggestion box	11%
% report using interactive website	6%

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4. Notification of Education Policy to School Councils:	
We asked school councils who always or often notified them of education policy changes:	
% reporting the principal notified them	57%
% reporting the school board notified them	28%
% reporting the Ministry of Education notified them	15%

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5. Training and Development for School Councils:	
We asked schools councils if their School Board, Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) or Regional School Council offered the following:	
% of school councils reporting meetings are offered	83%
% of school councils reporting workshops are offered	69%
% of school councils reporting newsletters are available	57%
% of school councils reporting publications are available	43%
% of school councils reporting conferences are offered	5%

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6. \$500 in Funding from the Ministry of Education	number or percentage
We asked school councils how they spent Ministry funding:	
% reporting they held workshops	26%
% reporting they hosted social activities	43%
% reporting they used the funds to enhance communication (website, newsletter, email)	42%
% reporting other uses for funding	39%

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7. Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO) Application:	number or percentage
We asked school council if they applied this year.	
% reporting their School Council applied for PRO	49%
% reporting that they received the grant	33%

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8. Fundraising:	number or percentage
% school reporting fundraising	87%
Number of schools reporting \$ amount fundraised	401
Mean amount fundraised	\$13,156.11
Range of amount fundraised	\$124, 900
% raising \$10,000 or less	61%
% raising \$10,001 - \$19,999	18%
% reporting raising more than \$20,000	21%
% of schools fundraising for textbooks	11%
% of schools fundraising for computers	30%
% of schools fundraising for sports	58%
% of schools fundraising for classroom supplies	39%
% of schools fundraising for library books	48%
% of schools fundraising for arts/music	35%
% of schools fundraising for field trips	59%
% of schools fundraising for charity	35%
% of schools fundraising for student activities	67%
% of schools fundraising for playground	46%
% of schools fundraising for school renovation or additions	8%
% of schools fundraising for general upgrades to school	7%
% of schools fundraising for other (smart board, snack program, science program, etc.	24%

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9. Volunteers:	
Total number of volunteers extrapolated to include the province	More than 100,000
% of schools reporting total number of volunteers less than 30	56%
% of schools reporting total number of volunteers 31-59	25%
% of schools reporting total number of volunteers more than 60	19%
Volunteer Tasks:	
% reporting volunteers on field trips	77%
% reporting volunteers in the classroom	64%
% reporting volunteers in the office	20%
% reporting volunteers for lunchtime supervision	19%
% reporting volunteers for fundraising	75%
% reporting volunteers for school council	89%
% reporting volunteers for other tasks	38%

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10. Student supervision before/after school hours, lunch and recess breaks:	number or percentage
We asked school councils who supervises students before and after school hours, at lunch and on recess breaks:	
% reporting teachers/assistants	72%
% reporting principal/vice-principal	52%
% reporting paid supervisors	40%
% reporting volunteers	12%
% reporting other (older students, parents, YMCA, etc.)	7%

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<p>11. Balanced Day Schedule</p> <p>For a definition of the balanced day go to:</p> <p>http://www.peopleforeducation.com/balanced_day</p>	<p>number or percentage</p>
<p>% reporting school follows the "Balanced Day" schedule</p>	<p>36%</p>

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12. Opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument during school hours:	number or percentage
We asked school councils if students in their school had the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument during school hours.	
% reporting the students have the opportunity	77%
% reporting school have a band or an orchestra	46%
% reporting the students pay a fee	30%

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13. Outdoor Education experience:	number or percentage
We asked schools if students had the opportunity to participate in Outdoor Education experiences.	
% reporting the students have the opportunity	84%
% reporting the students pay a fee	65%

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14. Use and Care of School:	number or percentage
% reporting the community uses the school	76%
% reporting there are user fees for community use	63%
% reporting school based child care	40%
% reporting continuing education programs are offered	17%
% reporting other outside programs or organizations operate within their school (e.g. best start programs, daycares, early years programs, public	32%
% reporting they have portable classrooms	38%
Average number of portable classrooms per school	4
Range number of portable classrooms	0 to 15
Cleanliness and General Repair of the School:	
% reporting school is clean	86%
% reporting school is moderately clean	13%
% reporting school is not clean	Less than 1%
% reporting school is in good repair	67%
% reporting school is moderately in good repair	27%
% reporting school is not in good repair	6%

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15. Fees for Extra-curricular Activities:	number or percentage
We asked school councils if there was a cost for extra-curricula activities.	
% reporting students pay a fee for extra-curricula activities at lunch	17%
% reporting students pay a fee for extra-curricula activities after school	36%
% reporting there is a subsidy for student who can't pay	77%

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