

## Zoomerang Survey Results

# BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

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The district advisory committee of the Benton Community School District (BCSD) is engaged in refining the comprehensive school improvement plan for the school district. As part of the process, we need to determine what the patrons who are served by the school district think of its current status. The needs assessment should take approximately ten minutes to complete. Your input regarding our school district is valued. Please add your own comments at any time. Thank you for your assistance.

**1. SECTION I: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** Please review the following statements and indicate if you strongly agree (3), neutral (2), or disagree (1). Please leave any statement unanswered if it does not contain enough information for your response.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
The academic standards maintained at our schools are high enough to accurately reflect the accomplishments of our students	113 59%	52 27%	26 14%
Our school provides sufficient academic opportunities for our graduates.	119 63%	49 26%	21 11%
Our schools are preparing students who chose not to pursue a post-secondary education by placing appropriate emphasis on vocational skills.	63 36%	81 46%	31 18%
Our school provides appropriate career planning and preparation.	76 42%	78 43%	27 15%
The talented and gifted program receives adequate attention in the school program.	40 22%	79 44%	59 33%
The student at-risk program receives adequate attention in the school program.	39 23%	89 53%	39 23%
Our school is meeting the needs of special education students.	59 35%	79 47%	31 18%
Our students receive the proper emphasis on developing critical thinking and problem solving skills.	81 43%	73 39%	35 19%
Our school takes an appropriate stance against the use of alcohol and other substances by students.	108 57%	49 26%	31 16%
Students are encouraged to be responsible citizens	138	35	19

through efforts of the school district.	72%	18%	10%
Class sizes at our elementary schools are appropriate.	124 69%	34 19%	22 12%
Our elementary schools maintain satisfactory levels of discipline to facilitate learning.	118 66%	40 22%	21 12%
Class sizes at the 7-12 level are appropriate.	107 61%	59 34%	9 5%
Our 7-12 school maintains satisfactory levels of discipline to facilitate student learning.	78 44%	77 44%	21 12%
The BCSD addresses transitions for students from one building to another building effectively.	104 58%	57 32%	19 11%

**2. The following programs meet the needs of participating students:**

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
English Language Learners (ELL)	57 35%	86 53%	20 12%
Art Class Education	98 54%	64 36%	18 10%
Music Education	138 75%	39 21%	8 4%
Physical Education	126 69%	44 24%	13 7%
Technology Education	90 49%	67 36%	28 15%
Library Education	86 47%	73 40%	23 13%

**3. The BCSD effectively teaches:**

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
Reading	137 71%	35 18%	20 10%
Math	118 61%	41 21%	33 17%
Science	121 64%	50 26%	18 10%
Social Studies	132 70%	43 23%	13 7%
Technological literacy	80	79	26

Technological literacy	43%	43%	14%
Fine Arts	118 66%	49 27%	13 7%
Foreign languages	93 51%	68 37%	21 12%
Vocational skills	76 44%	78 45%	19 11%
Study skills	51 28%	74 41%	55 31%
Listening skills	65 36%	76 42%	40 22%

#### 4. Comments:

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#### 5. SECTION II: SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
I am made to feel welcome at the BCSD	146 74%	32 16%	18 9%
The community shows support of the BCSD.	158 81%	27 14%	9 5%
The school staff shows support of the BCSD.	157 82%	27 14%	7 4%
Students have favorable attitudes toward the school, administration, faculty, and staff.	119 61%	55 28%	22 11%
School employees have favorable attitudes toward the school, students, and parents.	121 62%	55 28%	18 9%
School district patrons are adequately informed of school activities, board information, events, and student information.	126 65%	47 24%	22 11%
Parent/teacher conferences are an adequate means of reporting student progress.	121 62%	44 23%	29 15%
The report cards used in our system are an adequate means of reporting student progress.	139 73%	42 22%	10 5%
Standardized tests given in our schools are useful tools in gaining educational information about our children.	100 52%	60 31%	33 17%
The Annual Progress Report prepared by the district is a useful tool in gaining educational information about our students.	95 52%	69 38%	19 10%

Decisions made by the board of education reflect the views and wishes of patrons within the district.	68 36%	78 41%	43 23%
New parents to the district find it easy to get information about their child's school.	66 38%	84 49%	23 13%
The district website is a useful tool for communication.	142 74%	38 20%	13 7%

**6. Comments:**

36 Responses

**7. SECTION III: SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL**

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
School employees are receptive to parent's questions, concerns and requests.	129 66%	44 23%	21 11%
Students are treated equally and fairly by school employees.	108 56%	45 23%	41 21%
The staff and administration has the best interest of the students in mind.	126 65%	48 25%	19 10%
There is adequate staff and administration to meet the needs of students.	107 56%	49 26%	36 19%
The staff and administration remain current in the skills necessary to be effective educators.	119 63%	48 25%	23 12%

**8. Comments:**

32 Responses

**9. SECTION IV: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
The BCSD has a balance in co-curricular programs.	134	42	10

(Co-curricular activities are non-required student activities such as fine arts, sports, clubs and organizations)	72%	23%	5%
The participation of our students in school-sponsored activities is an important educational aspect of our school.	156 83%	24 13%	8 4%
The Benton CSD has a quality co-curricular activities program.	133 70%	48 25%	8 4%

<b>10. There are adequate student activities:</b>			
Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
At the elementary level	104 58%	52 29%	22 12%
At the middle school	121 69%	49 28%	5 3%
At the high school	133 75%	40 23%	4 2%

<b>11. Comments:</b>			
23 Responses			

<b>12. SECTION V: SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION</b>			
Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>
Our school buildings and grounds are well maintained.	135 70%	34 18%	25 13%
Our school facilities enhance a quality educational environment.	133 69%	46 24%	13 7%
Playground space and equipment is adequate at our elementary centers.	109 60%	47 26%	26 14%
The BCSD bus transportation system is safe and reliable.	135 71%	36 19%	18 10%
The shuttle system is vital to co-curricular activities.	135 73%	34 18%	17 9%
The BCSD facilities meet community needs	134	39	8

The BCSD facilities meet community needs.	74%	22%	4%
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**13. The BCSD buildings adequately meet the needs of students in terms of available classroom space, equipment, and services at the:**

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
Atkins Center	70 45%	76 48%	11 7%
Keystone Center	67 42%	75 47%	16 10%
Norway Center	85 53%	63 39%	12 8%
Van Horne Center	75 46%	73 45%	14 9%
Middle/High School	111 66%	52 31%	4 2%

**14. Comments:**

38 Responses

**15. SECTION VI: SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES**

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
The school board and administration spend tax dollars wisely.	88 48%	59 32%	35 19%
Operating expenses are adequately communicated to school district patrons.	90 49%	60 33%	34 18%
Patrons of the school district support levies and bond issues to address school infrastructure.	115 64%	57 31%	9 5%

**16. Comments:**

22 Responses

**17. SECTION VII: GENERAL The following components of the BCSD are satisfactory:**

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
Quality of the special needs program	60 36%	81 49%	24 15%
Quality of the curricular program	123 68%	46 25%	13 7%
Quality of the administration	117 61%	50 26%	25 13%
Quality of the teachers	124 65%	46 24%	21 11%
Quality of the support staff	126 67%	48 26%	13 7%
Parent interest and involvement	110 58%	61 32%	19 10%
Variety of program and services	123 65%	57 30%	8 4%
Quality of the facilities	120 63%	55 29%	15 8%
Co-Curricular activities	133 72%	43 23%	9 5%
Safe school environment	135 71%	42 22%	14 7%

**18. Currently, what do you think is the biggest problem facing the BCSD:**

Class size	16	9%
Lack of financial support	58	32%
Low curricular standards	13	7%
Quality of teachers and administrators	27	15%
Student discipline	17	9%
Lack of parental and patron support	15	8%
Facilities	7	4%
Other, please specify	30	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>100%</b>

**19. What kinds of school information are most interesting to you? Mark all that apply.**

Student progress	152	80%
Curricular information	112	59%
Teaching strategies	92	49%
Finances	82	43%
School Facilities	73	39%
Co-curricular activities	88	47%
Future plans for the school district	137	72%
Other, please specify	5	3%

**20. Comments:**

12 Responses

**21. All things considered, what grade would you give the Benton Community School District.**

A	49	25%
B	99	51%
C	37	19%
D	9	5%
F	2	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100%</b>

**22. Comments:**

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**23. SECTION VIII: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION Please check the age category below that best describes you.**

under 20	6	3%
20-30	15	8%
31-40	60	31%
41-50	77	40%
51-60	24	12%
over 60	10	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>100%</b>

**24. How long have you been a resident of the BCSD?**

0-5 years	27	14%
6-10 years	34	17%
11-20 years	50	26%
over 20 years	84	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>100%</b>

**25. In which area do you reside?**

Atkins	46	25%
Blairstown	21	11%
Keystone / Elberon	24	13%
Newhall	14	7%
Norway / Watkins	28	15%
Van Horne	54	29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>100%</b>

**26. Which of the following categories describe(s) your household? Check ALL that apply.**

Students in grades K-6 who attend BCSD	86	44%
Students in grades 7-12 who attend BCSD	90	46%
Students in grades K-6 who attend school other than BCSD	9	5%
Students in grades 7-12 who attend school other than BCSD	4	2%
Children who attend preschool	18	9%
Students ages 5-18 being home schooled	2	1%
Students who have graduated from BCSD	55	28%
Children under the age of 3	18	9%
Have no children attending school	22	11%

**27. Comments:**

26 Responses