

Birch Street Parent Questionnaire (May 2011)

N = 159 to 174

Question 19: We would like to know how you feel about this school right NOW.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	This is a very good school.	<1	3	45	51
b.	The teachers care about my child.	<1	3	26	71
c.	I feel welcome at the school.	<1	1	35	64
d.	This school has an active parent organization (e.g., PTA/PTO).	<1	5	42	53
e.	My child talks about school at home.	1	4	40	55
f.	My child should get more homework.	16	57	24	3
g.	Many parents I know help out at the school.	2	27	49	22
h.	The school and I have different goals for my child.	33	56	9	2
i.	I feel I can help my child in reading.	-	3	39	57
j.	I feel I can help my child in math.	-	2	42	55
k.	I could help my child more if the teacher gave me more ideas.	16	51	26	7
l.	My child is learning as much as he/she can at this school.	2	15	58	25
m.	Parents at this school get involved more in the younger grades.	3	27	50	20
n.	This school is known for trying new programs.	2	25	55	18
o.	This school views parents as important partners.	-	5	54	41
p.	The community supports this school.	2	6	58	34
B	This school is one of the best schools for students and for parents.	2	7	63	29
q.					

Question 20. Which of the following have you done THIS YEAR at this school?

NEVER means you do NOT do this or NOT YES this year
 1-2 TIMES means you have done this ONE or TWO times this year
 A FEW TIMES means you have done this a FEW TIMES this year
 MANY TIMES means you have done this MANY TIMES this year

	Never	1-2 Times	A Few Times	Many Times
a. Talk to my child about school.	0	1	3	96
b. Visit my child's classroom.	0	12	32	56
c. Read to my child.	1	2	9	88
d. Listen to my child read.	3	2	12	84
e. Listen to a story my child wrote.	8	7	21	63
f. Help my child with homework.	5	5	13	77
g. Practice spelling or other skills before a test.	18	3	18	62
h. Talk with my child about a TV show.	4	14	27	54
i. Help my child plan time for homework and chores.	5	6	13	75
j. Talk with my child's teacher at school.	0	5	18	76
k. Talk to my child's teacher on the phone.	43	29	20	8
l. Go to PTA/PTO meetings.	77	11	5	7
m. Check to see that my child has done his/her homework.	8	6	9	77
n. Volunteer at school or in my child's classroom.	22	27	27	24
o. Go to special events at school.	6	11	28	56
p. Take my child to a library.	15	19	36	30
q. Take my child to special places or events in the community.	<1	6	25	68
r. Tell my child how important school is.	0	2	6	91

Question 21. Schools contact families in different ways. CIRCLE one if the school has done these things THIS YEAR

DOES NOT DO means the school DOES NOT DO THIS
 COULD DO BETTER means that the school DOES this, but COULD DO BETTER
 DOES WELL means the school DOES this VERY WELL now

		Does not Do	Could Do Better	Does Well
a.	Help me understand my child's stage of development.	2	20	79
b.	Tell me how my child is doing in school.	<1	15	84
c.	Tell me what skills my child needs to learn each year.	3	23	74
d.	Have a parent-teacher conference with me.	<1	3	97
e.	Explain how to check my child's homework.	20	18	62
f.	Send home news about things happening at school.	<1	6	93
g.	Give me information about how report card grades are earned.	9	19	72
h.	Assign homework that requires my child to talk with me about things learned in class.	12	32	56
i.	Send home clear notices that I can read easily.	2	7	91
j.	Contact me if my child is having problems.	9	12	79
k.	Invite me to programs at the school.	2	10	88
l.	Contact me if my child does something well or improves.	14	29	57
m.	Ask me to volunteer at the school.	11	23	66
n.	Invite me to PTA meetings.	16	21	63
o.	Ask me to help with fund raising.	10	16	74
p.	Include parents on school committees such as curriculum, budgets, and school improvement.	28	33	40
q.	Provide information on community services that I may want to use.	19	26	55