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"Building A Brighter Future"

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Dear Parent, Guardian, or Community Partner:

We believe we have an opportunity to make Gadsden County Public School District (GCPSD) the premier school district in the nation. We want GCPSD to be the educational option of choice and a source of community pride.

To do this, we need your help. In addition, we want to work together with the parents and community partners with strong levels of trust and confidence. We believe that trust starts with open and honest communication. We want to ensure that we have an ongoing dialogue among district leadership, school staff, parents and the community at large. We know that we need to make changes in order to be competitive and provide our children with the skills needed to be successful in a global environment.

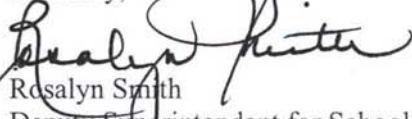
One of our most important roles is to be a good listener. We want to learn about your concerns, hopes and aspirations. When we have parent or community meetings and/or expos, we know that everyone will not be able to attend. Also, we have other parents who may not participate in our public schools, but are concerned about education in this community. We need to hear from ALL parents and community partners.

Enclosed is a survey that has been designed to ensure that every voice will be heard. We hope that you will participate in the dialogue by filling out the survey. It will help us properly define our future priorities and help shape our school district. Your information is confidential.

Please return the parental choice survey by placing it in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope or drop it off at the District Office, 35 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Quincy, Attention: Dr. Beverly Nash or return it to your home school. The surveys are needed no later than, Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Also, check the district's website: www.gcps.k12.fl.us to download the survey.

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact: Dr. Beverly A. Nash, 850-627-9561 or email address: nashb@gcpsmail.com.

Sincerely,


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**Gadsden County Public School District
Community Survey
Parental School Choice
2012-2013**

Voice Your Choice. . . Parental School Choice

Please fill out this survey!

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Gadsden County Public School District Community Survey Parental School Choice

This survey measures the satisfaction and interest of parents and the community within Gadsden County Public School District (GCPS). Items on this survey are organized in the following areas: Curriculum and Instruction, Parental School Choice, and Awareness of District Programs. Your input is appreciated and important to the School Board and District Administration.

This survey will be used to collect data regarding the need for a magnet program in Gadsden County. All responses will be kept confidential.

Items on this survey ask you to rate your level of agreement with various statements. If you have no information on which to base a rating, mark the **"No Information"** item in the response. Mark one choice per statement unless otherwise specified.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. The curriculum is preparing students to be successful learners in high school and in life.
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree No Information
2. Gadsden County Public School District has high academic standards.
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree No Information
3. The instructional program is meeting the needs of students.
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree No Information
4. A public school choice program, like a magnet school, is important for quality schools.
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree No Information
5. The character development of students is an important concern of the District.
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree No Information
6. The schools prepare student to value and interact with people from different cultures.
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree No Information
7. Gadsden County Public School District has a high quality teaching staff.
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree No Information
8. Technology is current and has been used effectively throughout the schools' educational programs.
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree No Information
9. A foreign language program is important to quality schools.
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree No Information
10. Class sizes in the District are appropriate.
 Strongly Agree Agree Disagree No Information

PARENTAL SCHOOL CHOICE

11. If you had the choice, would you send your child or children to a public magnet school?

Yes

No

12. I believe that the public magnet school option in GCPS is attractive?

Yes

No

Mark all of the following that apply.

13. What do you believe may keep families from applying to a public magnet school?

Lack of information

Location

Fear of lack of transportation

Love/loyalty for neighborhood existing school

Lack of parental support

Limitations in facilities, i.e., arts studios, dance space, stage, etc.

Other: Please specify: _____

14. Why do families participate in a magnet school?

School reputation

Focused curriculum

Better academics

Location

Smaller setting/class size

More diverse, exploratory curriculum

Other: Please specify: _____

15. GCPS should offer an ARTS Integration Magnet School.

Yes

No

PARENTAL SCHOOL CHOICE (continuation)

16. There are a number of academic areas that an ARTS Integration Magnet School could emphasize. Rank your first, second, and third choices. [Choose up to three (3) – use the numbers: 1 (one) for the highest – 3 (three) for the lowest].

- Foreign Language
 - Spanish
 - French
 - German
 - Latin
 - Chinese
 - Other: Please specify: _____
- Dance
- Fine Arts
- Performing Arts
- Music (i.e., voice, instrumental)
- Creative Writing
- Painting
- Media
- Drama & Theatre
- Graphic Arts
- Other: Please specify: _____

AWARENESS OF DISTRICT PROGRAMS

17. What areas are working in the school district?

18. What areas are not working in the school district?

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Please respond to each item.

19. School/District Attendance.

I have a child/children in the district at the present time?

Yes No

What school(s) do they attend?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

I have child or children who formerly attended the District schools.

Yes No

I have a child or children under the age of 5 and plan to send them to GCPS.

Yes No

I have a child or children who are home-schooled.

Yes No

I have a child or children who attend a private school.

Yes No

20. How many years have you lived in the GCPS community?

Less than one year

Four to six years

Ten to 20 years

One to three years

Six to 10 years

More than 20 years

21. Mark **TWO** most important ways you find information about GCPS.

Newspaper

GCPS Students

Teachers and Administrators

Neighbors and Friends

GCPS Publications

School Meetings

District Web Page

Email

Other: _____

Thank you for completing this survey. Your input is appreciated!

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