

ISD 181 Online Facilities Survey – October 2017

ALL

Q1. What is your age?

Answer Choices	Responses	
18 to 24	1.75%	23
25 to 34	19.89%	261
35 to 44	40.24%	528
45 to 54	25.00%	328
55 to 64	9.68%	127
65 to 74	3.28%	43
75 or older	0.15%	2
Answered	1312	

Q2. Do you work for Brainerd Public Schools?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes		
No		
Answered	1312	

Q3. Approximately, how many years have you lived in the Brainerd School District?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than 5 years	13.72%	180
5 to 10 years	16.31%	214
11 to 20 years	23.93%	314
21 to 30 years	16.77%	220
Over 30 years	28.13%	369
Not sure	0.08%	1
Prefer not to answer	1.07%	14
Answered	1312	

Q4. How would you rate the quality of education provided by the Brainerd Public Schools?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	33.69%	442
Good	53.35%	700
Fair	8.54%	112
Poor	1.14%	15
Not sure	3.05%	40
Prefer not to answer	0.23%	3
Answered	1312	

Q5. What is the most serious issue, if anything, facing the School District?

Answered

Q6. How would you rate the job performance of the Brainerd School Board?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	9.68%	127
Good	46.11%	605
Fair	24.31%	319
Poor	4.57%	60
Not sure	14.10%	185
Prefer not to answer	1.22%	16
Answered	1312	

Q7. How would you rate the job performance of the Superintendent and School District Administration?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	17.30%	227
Good	47.41%	622
Fair	17.38%	228
Poor	2.90%	38
Not sure	14.18%	186
Prefer not to answer	0.84%	11
Answered	1312	

Q8. How would you rate the job performance of teachers and instructional staff?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	35.37%	464
Good	49.92%	655
Fair	10.14%	133
Poor	1.37%	18
Not sure	2.59%	34
Prefer not to answer	0.61%	8
Answered	1312	

Q9. From what you have heard or seen, how would you rate the quality of the School District’s buildings and facilities?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Excellent	6.63%	87
Good	33.00%	433
Fair	41.31%	542
Poor	17.61%	231
Not sure	1.37%	18
Prefer not to answer	0.08%	1
Answered	1312	

Q10. Do you believe the School District has enough classroom space to properly educate its students?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	17.76%	233
Yes, strongly	3.20%	42
No	40.02%	525
No, strongly	25.91%	340
Not sure	12.80%	168
Prefer not to answer	0.30%	4
Answered	1312	

Q11. Do you believe the School Board should develop a long-range plan to maintain and make the improvements needed in our school buildings?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	44.89%	589
Yes, strongly	48.93%	642
No	1.68%	22
No, strongly	0.84%	11
Not sure	3.20%	42
Prefer not to answer	0.46%	6
Answered	1312	

Q12. Brainerd High School?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	31.40%	412
Yes, strongly	4.34%	57
No	28.89%	379
No, strongly	11.05%	145
Not sure	23.86%	313
Prefer not to answer	0.46%	6
Answered	1312	

Q13. Forestview Middle School?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	52.67%	691
Yes, strongly	27.74%	364
No	5.87%	77
No, strongly	1.83%	24
Not sure	11.43%	150
Prefer not to answer	0.46%	6
Answered	1312	

Q14. The six elementary schools in the School District? (Baxter, Garfield, Harrison, Lowell, Nisswa, Riverside)

Answer Choices		
Yes	23.55%	309
Yes, strongly	6.02%	79
No	34.15%	448
No, strongly	21.42%	281
Not sure	14.48%	190
Prefer not to answer	0.38%	5
Answered	1312	

Q15. Alternative Locations? (Brainerd Learning Center, Lincoln, Washington)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	26.07%	342
Yes, strongly	4.73%	62
No	17.61%	231
No, strongly	6.86%	90
Not sure	43.29%	568
Prefer not to answer	1.45%	19
Answered	1312	

Q16. What do you think is the useful life of a school? In other words, how many years can a school keep operating safely and meet modern education goals with regular maintenance and upkeep?

Answer Choices	Responses	
25 years	21.72%	285
50 years	30.95%	406
75 years	8.92%	117
100 years	11.97%	157
Not sure	26.45%	347
Answered	1312	

Q17. Do you believe any of our school buildings have reached the point where they should be replaced with a new school, rather than continuing to invest in maintenance and remodeling? Select all answer choices that apply.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes. Baxter Elementary	28.96%	380
Yes. Garfield Elementary	16.01%	210
Yes. Harrison Elementary	42.68%	560
Yes. Lowell Elementary	22.48%	295
Yes. Nisswa Elementary	5.87%	77
Yes. Riverside Elementary	6.86%	90
Yes. Forestview Middle School	0.38%	5
Yes. Brainerd High School	20.88%	274
Yes. Brainerd Learning Center	4.73%	62
Yes. Lincoln Education Center	23.09%	303
Yes. Washington Educational Services Building	16.23%	213
None of the schools need to be replaced	33.00%	433
Answered	1312	

Q18. How closely would you say you are following the School District's discussions?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very closely	18.67%	245
Somewhat closely	48.17%	632
Not really closely	23.93%	314
I have not been following at all	9.22%	121
Answered	1312	

Q19. Thinking about these discussions in the School District, do you believe the School Board is working hard to find a plan that benefits students and staff of Brainerd School District?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	50.38%	661
Yes, strongly	11.36%	149
No	7.77%	102
No, strongly	1.75%	23
Not sure	18.14%	238
Prefer not to answer	1.37%	18
Answered	1191	

Q20. Do you believe the School Board is working hard to find a plan that is fair to local taxpayers?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	43.29%	568
Yes, strongly	9.76%	128
No	10.59%	139
No, strongly	3.58%	47
Not sure	22.87%	300
Prefer not to answer	0.69%	9
Answered	1191	

Q21. Do you think the School Board is doing a good job of involving parents, local citizens and community leaders in the discussions about current and future facilities needs?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	46.04%	604
Yes, strongly	10.75%	141
No	14.18%	186
No, strongly	3.81%	50
Not sure	15.17%	199
Prefer not to answer	0.84%	11
Answered	1191	

Q22. Improve school security by restricting public access points, adding lockdown technology and improving site supervision?

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	4.00	5245
		1312

Q23. Expand and update the spaces used by students and the community for fine arts?

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.29	4319
		1312

Q24. Improve traffic flow around our schools by separating bus areas from drop-off and pick-up areas for parents?

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.62	4755
		1312

Q25. Increase opportunities to collaborate with local businesses to improve workforce development?

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	2.24	2933
		1312

Q26. Design classroom space for STEM, the science, technology, engineering and math programs in all schools?

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	2.54	3335
		1312

Q27. Create more efficient cafeteria and kitchen areas to serve more students and staff?

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.15	4136
		1312

Q28. Improve career and technical education classrooms in our middle school and high school?

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.92	5147
		1312

Q29. Update infrastructure to improve the use of technology for student learning in the schools?

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.90	5112
		1312

Q30. Modernize the space used for special education classrooms and support services?

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.52	4622
		1312

Q31. Provide common areas for students and teachers to use for small group work and planning?

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	2.96	3878
		1312

Q32. Increase the size of elementary classrooms so they are 850 to 950 square feet, the modern school standard used by the Minnesota Department of Education.

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.73	4899
		1312

Q33. What is your preferred way to receive information about Brainerd Public Schools? Select all answer choices that apply.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Mailed newsletter	34.53%	453
Electronic newsletter	34.98%	459
E-Mail	68.98%	905
School district website	25.53%	335
Specific school website	10.14%	133
Local newspaper	28.05%	368
Local cable or radio	8.61%	113
Social media	28.66%	376
Other	0.69%	9
Answered		1312

Q34. Are there school-aged children in your household?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes. Brainerd Public Schools	76.60%	1005
Yes. Another school district	1.37%	18
Yes. Parochial or Private	0.76%	10
Yes. Charter	0.08%	1
Yes. Home Schooled	0.46%	6
There are no school aged-children in my household	20.20%	265
Prefer not to answer	0.53%	7
Answered		1312

Q35. Did you, your spouse/partner, or children, if applicable, attend Brainerd Public Schools?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	65.85%	864
No	33.99%	446
Not sure	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	0.15%	2
Answered		1312

Q36. Do you live in Brainerd, Baxter, Nisswa, Merrifield or another part of the Brainerd School District?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Brainerd	50.61%	664
Baxter	26.91%	353
Nisswa	9.60%	126
Merrifield	2.74%	36
Other	9.98%	131
Not sure	0.15%	2
Prefer not to answer	0.00%	0
Answered		1312