

## ISD 181 Online Facilities Survey – October 2017

PARENTS			EMPLOYEES		RESIDENTS		ALL	
Q1. What is your age?								
Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
18 to 24	1.52%	12	1.81%	6	2.65%	5	1.75%	23
25 to 34	21.74%	172	15.96%	53	19.05%	36	19.89%	261
35 to 44	47.28%	374	37.05%	123	16.40%	31	40.24%	528
45 to 54	25.54%	202	28.92%	96	15.87%	30	25.00%	328
55 to 64	3.41%	27	13.25%	44	29.63%	56	9.68%	127
65 to 74	0.51%	4	3.01%	10	15.34%	29	3.28%	43
75 or older	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	1.06%	2	0.15%	2
Answered		791	Answered		332	Answered		189
Answered		791	Answered		332	Answered		1312
Q2. Do you work for Brainerd Public Schools?								
Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	0.00%	0	100.00%	332	0.00%	0		
No	100.00%	791	0.00%	0	100.00%	189		
Answered		791	Answered		332	Answered		189
Answered		791	Answered		332	Answered		1312
Q3. Approximately, how many years have you lived in the Brainerd School District?								
Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Less than 5 years	14.79%	117	12.65%	42	11.11%	21	13.72%	180
5 to 10 years	17.32%	137	15.36%	51	13.76%	26	16.31%	214
11 to 20 years	26.42%	209	24.10%	80	13.23%	25	23.93%	314
21 to 30 years	15.04%	119	19.28%	64	19.58%	37	16.77%	220
Over 30 years	25.54%	202	27.11%	90	40.74%	77	28.13%	369
Not sure	0.13%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.08%	1
Prefer not to answer	0.76%	6	1.51%	5	1.59%	3	1.07%	14
Answered		791	Answered		332	Answered		189
Answered		791	Answered		332	Answered		1312
Q4. How would you rate the quality of education provided by the Brainerd Public Schools?								
Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Excellent	29.46%	233	45.18%	150	31.22%	59	33.69%	442
Good	56.13%	444	50.60%	168	46.56%	88	53.35%	700
Fair	10.24%	81	3.01%	10	11.11%	21	8.54%	112
Poor	1.39%	11	0.30%	1	1.59%	3	1.14%	15
Not sure	2.53%	20	0.60%	2	9.52%	18	3.05%	40
Prefer not to answer	0.25%	2	0.30%	1	0.00%	0	0.23%	3
Answered		791	Answered		332	Answered		189
Answered		791	Answered		332	Answered		1312
Q5. What is the most serious issue, if anything, facing the School District?								
Answered		791	332		189			
Q6. How would you rate the job performance of the Brainerd School Board?								
Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Excellent	7.33%	58	15.36%	51	9.52%	18	9.68%	127
Good	45.89%	363	50.60%	168	39.15%	74	46.11%	605
Fair	23.64%	187	22.89%	76	29.63%	56	24.31%	319
Poor	4.80%	38	4.22%	14	4.23%	8	4.57%	60
Not sure	17.70%	140	4.82%	16	15.34%	29	14.10%	185
Prefer not to answer	0.63%	5	2.11%	7	2.12%	4	1.22%	16
Answered		791	Answered		332	Answered		189
Answered		791	Answered		332	Answered		1312

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Excellent	13.53%	107	27.41%	91	15.34%	29	17.30%	227
Good	47.03%	372	53.31%	177	38.62%	73	47.41%	622
Fair	18.71%	148	12.95%	43	19.58%	37	17.38%	228
Poor	3.16%	25	1.81%	6	3.70%	7	2.90%	38
Not sure	16.94%	134	3.61%	12	21.16%	40	14.18%	186
Prefer not to answer	0.63%	5	0.90%	3	1.59%	3	0.84%	11
	Answered	791	Answered	332	Answered	189	Answered	1312

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Excellent	34.26%	271	43.07%	143	26.46%	50	35.37%	464
Good	49.68%	393	51.81%	172	47.62%	90	49.92%	655
Fair	11.63%	92	3.92%	13	14.81%	28	10.14%	133
Poor	2.28%	18	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	1.37%	18
Not sure	1.52%	12	0.90%	3	10.05%	19	2.59%	34
Prefer not to answer	0.63%	5	0.30%	1	1.06%	2	0.61%	8
	Answered	791	Answered	332	Answered	189	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		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Excellent	8.60%	68	2.41%	8	5.82%	11	6.63%	87
Good	39.06%	309	14.76%	49	39.68%	75	33.00%	433
Fair	37.29%	295	52.71%	175	38.10%	72	41.31%	542
Poor	13.78%	109	29.52%	98	12.70%	24	17.61%	231
Not sure	1.14%	9	0.60%	2	3.70%	7	1.37%	18
Prefer not to answer	0.13%	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.08%	1
	Answered	791	Answered	332	Answered	189	Answered	1312

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	22.38%	177	4.82%	16	21.16%	40	17.76%	233
Yes, strongly	3.54%	28	0.60%	2	6.35%	12	3.20%	42
No	40.20%	318	42.17%	140	35.45%	67	40.02%	525
No, strongly	19.22%	152	47.89%	159	15.34%	29	25.91%	340
Not sure	14.29%	113	4.52%	15	21.16%	40	12.80%	168
Prefer not to answer	0.38%	3	0.00%	0	0.53%	1	0.30%	4
	Answered	791	Answered	332	Answered	189	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		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	46.14%	365	36.75%	122	53.97%	102	44.89%	589
Yes, strongly	46.52%	368	59.94%	199	39.68%	75	48.93%	642
No	1.64%	13	0.90%	3	3.17%	6	1.68%	22
No, strongly	1.14%	9	0.00%	0	1.06%	2	0.84%	11
Not sure	3.92%	31	2.41%	8	1.59%	3	3.20%	42
Prefer not to answer	0.63%	5	0.00%	0	0.53%	1	0.46%	6
	Answered	791	Answered	332	Answered	189	Answered	1312

Q12. Brainerd High School?

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	32.62%	258	24.40%	81	38.62%	73	31.40%	412
Yes, strongly	4.68%	37	1.81%	6	7.41%	14	4.34%	57
No	25.79%	204	38.55%	128	24.87%	47	28.89%	379
No, strongly	8.98%	71	17.77%	59	7.94%	15	11.05%	145
Not sure	27.43%	217	17.47%	58	20.11%	38	23.86%	313
Prefer not to answer	0.51%	4	0.00%	0	1.06%	2	0.46%	6
Answered		791	Answered	332	Answered	189	Answered	1312

Q13. Forestview Middle School?

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	50.82%	402	59.04%	196	49.21%	93	52.67%	691
Yes, strongly	26.17%	207	26.81%	89	35.98%	68	27.74%	364
No	6.45%	51	6.02%	20	3.17%	6	5.87%	77
No, strongly	2.53%	20	0.60%	2	1.06%	2	1.83%	24
Not sure	13.40%	106	7.53%	25	10.05%	19	11.43%	150
Prefer not to answer	0.63%	5	0.00%	0	0.53%	1	0.46%	6
Answered		791	Answered	332	Answered	189	Answered	1312

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	28.82%	228	8.43%	28	28.04%	53	23.55%	309
Yes, strongly	7.21%	57	2.41%	8	7.41%	14	6.02%	79
No	30.72%	243	44.58%	148	30.16%	57	34.15%	448
No, strongly	17.19%	136	36.75%	122	12.17%	23	21.42%	281
Not sure	15.68%	124	7.83%	26	21.16%	40	14.48%	190
Prefer not to answer	0.38%	3	0.00%	0	1.06%	2	0.38%	5
Answered		791	Answered	332	Answered	189	Answered	1312

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	26.93%	213	19.88%	66	33.33%	63	26.07%	342
Yes, strongly	5.31%	42	2.41%	8	6.35%	12	4.73%	62
No	13.02%	103	28.31%	94	17.99%	34	17.61%	231
No, strongly	4.17%	33	14.46%	48	4.76%	9	6.86%	90
Not sure	48.80%	386	33.73%	112	37.04%	70	43.29%	568
Prefer not to answer	1.77%	14	1.20%	4	0.53%	1	1.45%	19
Answered		791	Answered	332	Answered	189	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		Responses		Responses		Responses	
25 years	22.00%	174	23.80%	79	16.93%	32	21.72%	285
50 years	26.68%	211	40.96%	136	31.22%	59	30.95%	406
75 years	8.98%	71	7.23%	24	11.64%	22	8.92%	117
100 years	13.78%	109	3.61%	12	19.05%	36	11.97%	157
Not sure	28.57%	226	24.40%	81	21.16%	40	26.45%	347
Answered		791	Answered	332	Answered	189	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		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes. Baxter Elementary	25.28%	200	40.66%	135	23.81%	45	28.96%	380
Yes. Garfield Elementary	14.03%	111	20.78%	69	15.87%	30	16.01%	210
Yes. Harrison Elementary	31.23%	247	72.29%	240	38.62%	73	42.68%	560
Yes. Lowell Elementary	17.70%	140	37.35%	124	16.40%	31	22.48%	295
Yes. Nisswa Elementary	5.18%	41	8.73%	29	3.70%	7	5.87%	77
Yes. Riverside Elementary	7.08%	56	8.13%	27	3.70%	7	6.86%	90
Yes. Forestview Middle School	0.51%	4	0.00%	0	0.53%	1	0.38%	5
Yes. Brainerd High School	20.73%	164	25.30%	84	13.76%	26	20.88%	274
Yes. Brainerd Learning Center	4.42%	35	5.72%	19	4.23%	8	4.73%	62
Yes. Lincoln Education Center	15.55%	123	42.47%	141	20.63%	39	23.09%	303
Yes. Washington Educational Services	14.66%	116	21.99%	73	12.70%	24	16.23%	213
None of the schools need to be replaced	40.58%	321	10.24%	34	41.27%	78	33.00%	433
<b>Answered</b>		<b>791</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>1312</b>

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Very closely	10.24%	81	37.95%	126	20.11%	38	18.67%	245
Somewhat closely	47.66%	377	52.11%	173	43.39%	82	48.17%	632
Not really closely	29.33%	232	9.64%	32	26.46%	50	23.93%	314
I have not been following at all	12.77%	101	0.30%	1	10.05%	19	9.22%	121
<b>Answered</b>		<b>791</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>1312</b>

**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		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	54.35%	375	61.03%	202	49.41%	84	50.38%	661
Yes, strongly	9.86%	68	18.73%	62	11.18%	19	11.36%	149
No	8.99%	62	7.25%	24	9.41%	16	7.77%	102
No, strongly	2.17%	15	1.51%	5	1.76%	3	1.75%	23
Not sure	23.62%	163	9.67%	32	25.29%	43	18.14%	238
Prefer not to answer	1.01%	7	1.81%	6	2.94%	5	1.37%	18
<b>Answered</b>		<b>690</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>1191</b>

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	44.93%	310	56.80%	188	41.18%	70	43.29%	568
Yes, strongly	7.54%	52	19.03%	63	7.65%	13	9.76%	128
No	12.75%	88	4.23%	14	21.76%	37	10.59%	139
No, strongly	4.20%	29	2.11%	7	6.47%	11	3.58%	47
Not sure	29.71%	205	16.92%	56	22.94%	39	22.87%	300
Prefer not to answer	0.87%	6	0.91%	3	0.00%	0	0.69%	9
<b>Answered</b>		<b>690</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>1191</b>

**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		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	47.97%	331	58.91%	195	45.88%	78	46.04%	604
Yes, strongly	9.71%	67	18.43%	61	7.65%	13	10.75%	141
No	17.83%	123	6.95%	23	23.53%	40	14.18%	186
No, strongly	5.36%	37	2.11%	7	3.53%	6	3.81%	50
Not sure	17.97%	124	12.99%	43	18.82%	32	15.17%	199
Prefer not to answer	1.16%	8	0.60%	2	0.59%	1	0.84%	11
<b>Answered</b>		<b>690</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>Answered</b>	<b>1191</b>

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

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.95	3127	4.24	1407	3.76	711	4.00	5245
	791		332		189		1312	

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

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.16	2496	3.62	1202	3.29	621	3.29	4319
	791		332		189		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	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.65	2884	3.86	1280	3.13	591	3.62	4755
	791		332		189		1312	

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

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	2.21	1746	2.30	765	2.23	422	2.24	2933
	791		332		189		1312	

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

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	2.55	2020	2.56	849	2.47	466	2.54	3335
	791		332		189		1312	

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

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.10	2449	3.38	1121	2.99	566	3.15	4136
	791		332		189		1312	

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

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.94	3118	3.98	1323	3.74	706	3.92	5147
	791		332		189		1312	

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

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.87	3065	4.03	1339	3.75	708	3.90	5112
	791		332		189		1312	

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

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.41	2700	3.95	1312	3.23	610	3.52	4622
	791		332		189		1312	

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

Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	2.88	2278	3.33	1107	2.61	493	2.96	3878
	791		332		189		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	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number	Average Number	Total Number
(no label)	3.58	2831	4.30	1427	3.39	641	3.73	4899
	791		332		189		1312	

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Mailed newsletter	35.40%	280	29.82%	99	39.15%	74	34.53%	453
Electronic newsletter	34.26%	271	41.57%	138	26.46%	50	34.98%	459
E-Mail	75.22%	595	69.88%	232	41.27%	78	68.98%	905
School district website	21.62%	171	37.65%	125	20.63%	39	25.53%	335
Specific school website	10.11%	80	10.84%	36	8.99%	17	10.14%	133
Local newspaper	23.39%	185	29.82%	99	44.44%	84	28.05%	368
Local cable or radio	7.71%	61	8.13%	27	13.23%	25	8.61%	113
Social media	30.47%	241	25.00%	83	27.51%	52	28.66%	376
Other	0.63%	5	0.30%	1	1.59%	3	0.69%	9
Answered	791		Answered	332	Answered	189	Answered	1312

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes. Brainerd Public Schools	100.00%	791	64.46%	214	0.00%	0	76.60%	1005
Yes. Another school district	0.00%	0	2.11%	7	5.82%	11	1.37%	18
Yes. Parochial or Private	0.00%	0	0.60%	2	4.23%	8	0.76%	10
Yes. Charter	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.53%	1	0.08%	1
Yes. Home Schooled	0.00%	0	0.30%	1	2.65%	5	0.46%	6
There are no school aged-children in m	0.00%	0	30.42%	101	86.77%	164	20.20%	265
Prefer not to answer	0.00%	0	2.11%	7	0.00%	0	0.53%	7
Answered	791		Answered	332	Answered	189	Answered	1312

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Yes	66.37%	525	63.86%	212	67.20%	127	65.85%	864
No	33.50%	265	36.14%	120	32.28%	61	33.99%	446
Not sure	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	0.13%	1	0.00%	0	0.53%	1	0.15%	2
Answered	791		Answered	332	Answered	189	Answered	1312

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

Answer Choices	Responses		Responses		Responses		Responses	
Brainerd	53.10%	420	46.69%	155	47.09%	89	50.61%	664
Baxter	25.16%	199	30.42%	101	28.04%	53	26.91%	353
Nisswa	9.61%	76	10.54%	35	7.94%	15	9.60%	126
Merrifield	3.03%	24	1.51%	5	3.70%	7	2.74%	36
Other	9.10%	72	10.54%	35	12.70%	24	9.98%	131
Not sure	0.00%	0	0.30%	1	0.53%	1	0.15%	2
Prefer not to answer	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
Answered	791		Answered	332	Answered	189	Answered	1312