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BRAINERD SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESIDENTIAL SURVEY
FINAL SEPT - OCT 2017

Hello, I'm _____, and we are speaking with a random sample of residents about issues facing the Brainerd School District. Even if you do not have children currently in the schools, we are very interested in your opinions and suggestions. I want to assure you that all individual responses will be held strictly confidential; only summaries of the entire sample will be reported.

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

LESS THAN FIVE YEARS...	13%
FIVE TO TEN YEARS.....	18%
11 TO 20 YEARS.....	24%
21 TO 30 YEARS.....	25%
OVER THIRTY YEARS.....	20%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	0%

2. Are you registered to vote at your current address?

YES.....	94%
NO.....	6%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	1%

As you may know, there are many types of elections. In Presidential and Gubernatorial elections, Minnesota has very high voter turnout. In off year and special elections, voter turnout is much lower.

3. Did you vote in the November 2016 Presidential election?

YES.....	83%
NO.....	16%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	1%

4. How closely do you follow local elections, such as the city, county, or school board races -- would you say you follow them very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or really don't follow them at all?

VERY CLOSELY.....	13%
SOMEWHAT CLOSELY.....	37%
NOT TOO CLOSELY.....	31%
DON'T FOLLOW AT ALL....	18%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	1%

If the School Board proposed an election in April, 2018....

5. How likely are you to vote in an April 2018 election - absolutely certain, very likely, 1/2-1/2, not too likely, or not at all likely?

ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN.....	31%
VERY LIKELY.....	32%
1/2-1/2.....	19%
NOT TOO LIKELY.....	8%
NOT AT ALL LIKELY.....	10%
DON'T KNOW/REF.....	0%

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| 6. | How would you rate the quality of education provided by the Brainerd Public Schools -- excellent, good, only fair or poor? | EXCELLENT.....18%
GOOD.....67%
ONLY FAIR.....10%
POOR.....3%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2% |
| 7. | What is the most serious issue, if anything, facing the School District? | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%
NOTHING.....15%
LACK OF FUNDING.....18%
POOR SPENDING.....11%
HIGH TAXES.....10%
AGING FACILITIES.....13%
LARGE CLASS SIZES.....16%
LACK OF DISCIPLINE.....3%
DECLINING QUALITY.....6%
SCATTERED.....2% |

I would like to read you a short list of statements others have told us. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree. If you don't know, just say so....

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| 8. | Our community receives a good value from its investment in its public schools. | STRONGLY AGREE.....21%
AGREE.....65%
DISAGREE.....12%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2% |
| 9. | The Brainerd School Board does a good job of informing residents about the decisions it makes. | STRONGLY AGREE.....18%
AGREE.....63%
DISAGREE.....13%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....6%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1% |
| 10. | The School Board and Administration manage our tax dollars effectively and efficiently. | STRONGLY AGREE.....15%
AGREE.....55%
DISAGREE.....13%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....11%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7% |
| 11. | The School Board makes decisions in the best interests of our students and their families. | STRONGLY AGREE.....20%
AGREE.....57%
DISAGREE.....11%
STRONGLY DISAGREE.....7%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5% |

12.	The School Board and Administration have used available funds well to maintain and update our buildings.	STRONGLY AGREE.....11%
		AGREE.....59%
		DISAGREE.....14%
		STRONGLY DISAGREE.....9%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8%

Moving on.....

13.	From what you have heard or seen, do you think enrollment has been increasing, decreasing or has it remained about the same over the past few years in Brainerd Public Schools?	INCREASING.....50%
		DECREASING.....3%
		REMAINED ABOUT SAME....40%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%

IF "INCREASING," ASK: (n=201)

14.	Do you think this enrollment growth will continue in the future?	YES.....81%
		NO.....12%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%
15.	How would you rate the job performance of the Brainerd School Board -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?	EXCELLENT.....13%
		GOOD.....53%
		ONLY FAIR.....25%
		POOR.....4%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....6%
16.	How would you rate the job performance of the Superintendent and District Administration -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?	EXCELLENT.....10%
		GOOD.....58%
		ONLY FAIR.....23%
		POOR.....3%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%
17.	And, how would you rate the job performance of teachers and instructional staff -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	EXCELLENT.....37%
		GOOD.....52%
		ONLY FAIR.....7%
		POOR.....3%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%

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18.	Do you think the Brainerd Public Schools are adequately funded?	YES.....57%
		NO.....38%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5%

IF "NO," ASK: (n=152)

19.	Which of the following areas is in the most need of more funding - classroom education, school buildings, athletics and other activities or something else?	CLASSROOM EDUCATION....38% SCHOOL BUILDINGS.....55% ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES....3% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%
20.	Which of the following three statements best describes your feelings? A. I would vote against almost any property tax increases for the schools; B. I would vote for a property tax increase under some conditions, but against it under other conditions; C. I would vote for almost any property tax increases for the schools.	STATEMENT A.....23% STATEMENT B.....48% STATEMENT C.....29% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
21.	Compared to neighboring communities, do you consider total property taxes in your community to be very high, somewhat high, about average, somewhat low, or very low?	VERY HIGH.....12% SOMEWHAT HIGH.....29% ABOUT AVERAGE.....48% SOMEWHAT LOW.....4% VERY LOW.....0% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%
22.	Compared to other neighboring school districts, do you think school taxes levied by the Brainerd Public Schools are very high, somewhat high, about average, somewhat low or very low?	VERY HIGH.....7% SOMEWHAT HIGH.....21% ABOUT AVERAGE.....57% SOMEWHAT LOW.....7% VERY LOW.....0% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8%
Turning to school buildings and facilities....		
23.	From what you have heard or seen, how would you rate the quality of the District's buildings and facilities - excellent, good, only fair or poor?	EXCELLENT.....11% GOOD.....63% ONLY FAIR.....22% POOR.....3% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

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| 24. | Do you believe the District has enough classroom space to properly educate its students? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? | STRONGLY YES.....14%
YES.....45%
NO.....21%
STRONGLY NO.....15%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....6% |
| 25. | Do you believe the School Board should develop a long-range plan to maintain and make the improvements needed in our school buildings? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? | STRONGLY YES.....26%
YES.....51%
NO.....10%
STRONGLY NO.....9%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5% |

For each of the following, please tell me if you think the building meet the needs of educating today's children. (IF "YES" OR "NO," ASK:) Do you feel strongly that way?

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| 26. | Brainerd High School? | STRONGLY YES.....15%
YES.....49%
NO.....16%
STRONGLY NO.....9%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....12% |
| 27. | Forestview Middle School? | STRONGLY YES.....21%
YES.....57%
NO.....11%
STRONGLY NO.....2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....9% |
| 28. | The six elementary schools in the School District? | STRONGLY YES.....10%
YES.....50%
NO.....20%
STRONGLY NO.....10%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....10% |
| 29. | 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 -- is it closer to 25 years, 50 years, 75 years or 100 years? | 25 YEARS.....15%
50 YEARS.....33%
75 YEARS.....34%
100 YEARS.....11%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7% |

30.	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? (IF YES, ASK:) Which one?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....13%
		NO.....47%
		YES/BAXTER ELEM.....7%
		YES/GARFIELD ELEM.....4%
		YES/HARRISON ELEM.....4%
		YES/LOWELL ELEM.....2%
		YES/NISSWA ELEM.....3%
		YES/RIVERSIDE ELEM.....2%
		YES/FORESTVIEW MIDDLE...2%
		YES/BRAINERD HS.....14%
		YES/BRAINERD LC.....2%
		YES/LINCOLN EC.....1%

For the last few years, the Brainerd School Board has been discussing options for a long-term facilities plan that will gain community support and meet current and future space needs. Independent experts have conducted an assessment of our current schools, including the quality of classrooms, the adequacy of space, the security measures, safety, air quality and operating costs. The school board is currently prioritizing these building needs in preparation for a referendum next year.

31.	Would you say that you are following these discussions very closely, somewhat closely, not really that closely or not following it at all?	VERY CLOSELY.....9%
		SOMEWHAT CLOSELY.....36%
		NOT REALLY CLOSELY.....33%
		NOT FOLLOWING AT ALL...23%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
32.	Thinking about these discussions in the district, do you believe the School Board is working hard to find a plan benefiting students and staff of the Brainerd Public Schools? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?	STRONGLY YES.....16%
		YES.....58%
		NO.....8%
		STRONGLY NO.....6%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....12%
33.	Do you believe the School Board is working hard to find a plan that is fair to local taxpayers? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?	STRONGLY YES.....15%
		YES.....52%
		NO.....13%
		STRONGLY NO.....8%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....13%

34.	And, 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? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?	STRONGLY YES.....16% YES.....53% NO.....14% STRONGLY NO.....9% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8%
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Without knowing the specifics of the plan....

35.	How much would you be willing to pay per month in additional property taxes in order to fund needed improvements to school facilities? [SELECT RANDOM STARTING POINT, MOVE UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON ANSWER] How about \$__ per month? (REPEAT)	NOTHING.....29% \$4.00.....17% \$8.00.....18% \$12.00.....19% \$16.00.....4% \$20.00.....4% \$24.00.....2% OVER \$24.00.....1% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%
36.	And, what do you think is the right amount needed to be spent on a long-range plan to maintain and improve eight schools, preparing the District for the next 20 years? [SELECT RANDOM STARTING POINT, MOVING UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON ANSWER]	LESS THAN \$25 MILLION..20% \$25 MILLION.....13% \$50 MILLION.....24% \$75 MILLION.....9% \$100 MILLION.....8% \$125 MILLION.....3% \$150 MILLION.....2% MORE THAN \$150 MILLION..0% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....22%

I am going to read you a list of eleven investments the School Board is considering which could require a property tax increase for district residents. Using a scale from 1 to 5, where "5" means an extremely good investment and "1" means a very poor investment; please tell me if you think the investment is important enough to justify a property tax increase. [ROTATE]

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37.	Improve school security by restricting public access points, adding lockdown technology and improving site supervision?	13% 9% 20% 32% 25% 1%
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38.	Expand and update the spaces used by students and the community for fine arts?	8%	12%	23%	27%	31%	0%
39.	Improve traffic flow around our schools by separating bus areas from drop-off and pick-up areas for parents?	10%	14%	19%	32%	26%	0%
40.	Increase opportunities to collaborate with local businesses to improve workforce development?	6%	10%	23%	30%	31%	1%
41.	Design classroom space for STEM, the science, technology, engineering and math programs in all schools?	5%	6%	14%	26%	48%	2%
42.	Create more efficient cafeteria and kitchen areas to serve more students and staff?	21%	15%	24%	21%	17%	2%
Continuing with the same scale....							
43.	Improve career and technical education classrooms in our middle school and high school?	8%	9%	23%	27%	32%	2%
44.	Update infrastructure to improve the use of technology for students learning in the schools?	8%	11%	24%	26%	31%	0%
45.	Modernize the space used for special education classrooms and support services?	5%	5%	22%	31%	36%	1%
46.	Provide common areas for students and teachers to use for small group work and planning?	16%	11%	26%	22%	24%	1%
47.	Increase the size of elementary classrooms from 850 to 950 square feet, the modern school standard used by the Minnesota Department of Education.	11%	10%	21%	24%	34%	1%

Next, I want to read you several statements people might make about a plan for investments in the quality of local schools. For each, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the statement.

48.	It is harder to teach in class-rooms not designed properly for the age of the students and the subjects being taught.	STRONGLY AGREE.....32% AGREE.....43% DISAGREE.....12% STRONGLY DISAGREE.....8% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5%
49.	We may need to replace one or two of our elementary schools, if the cost of remodeling and maintaining them is too high.	STRONGLY AGREE.....24% AGREE.....44% DISAGREE.....15% STRONGLY DISAGREE.....10% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8%
50.	The school board is moving too fast with this plan - we should slow down and make sure we get this right the first time.	STRONGLY AGREE.....28% AGREE.....38% DISAGREE.....15% STRONGLY DISAGREE.....9% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....11%
51.	School Districts need to develop plans that prioritize what students and teachers actually need, not just what is on their wish lists.	STRONGLY AGREE.....49% AGREE.....42% DISAGREE.....7% STRONGLY DISAGREE.....1% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%
52.	Every elementary school should provide the same opportunities for students, regardless of where a family lives in the district.	STRONGLY AGREE.....33% AGREE.....48% DISAGREE.....8% STRONGLY DISAGREE.....7% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%
53.	We should design schools for the number of students we expect to enroll over the next ten to fifteen years, not the number of students we have today.	STRONGLY AGREE.....28% AGREE.....45% DISAGREE.....18% STRONGLY DISAGREE.....6% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%
54.	We can always find ways to spend money to improve our schools - at some point, we just have to make do with what we have.	STRONGLY AGREE.....26% AGREE.....39% DISAGREE.....18% STRONGLY DISAGREE.....13% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5%
55.	Increasing taxes to fund building improvements is unfair because cabin owners must pay for part of the levy, even though they don't have kids in our local schools.	STRONGLY AGREE.....17% AGREE.....32% DISAGREE.....31% STRONGLY DISAGREE.....17% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%

56. Elementary schools should continue to be located in the neighborhoods where our families are living, even if it means we need to invest a little more money to manage traffic issues and provide outdoor space.
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| STRONGLY AGREE..... | 17% |
| AGREE..... | 55% |
| DISAGREE..... | 12% |
| STRONGLY DISAGREE..... | 10% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED..... | 6% |

I am going to read you some statements about a possible referendum on school buildings in the Spring of next year. After I reach each pair, please tell me which statement is closest to your opinion. If you feel strongly that way, please tell me. (ROTATE STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH QUESTION)

57. **A:** School districts should use "pay-as-you-go" plans for building improvements, investing a little every year on each building to improve education and safety; while holding down the annual burden on taxpayers; OR
B: School districts should adopt long-range plans to invest in schools, so funds can be used more efficiently by making all of the needed improvements in a school at one time.
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| STATEMENT A/STRONGLY..... | 19% |
| STATEMENT A..... | 33% |
| STATEMENT B..... | 22% |
| STATEMENT B/STRONGLY..... | 17% |
| BOTH (VOL.)..... | 5% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.... | 4% |
58. **A:** Local property taxes are going up too quickly; we can't afford to put more school taxes on the backs of homeowners and businesses; OR
B: While the State of Minnesota provides some money for maintaining buildings, local taxpayers need to step up when major investments in schools are needed.
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| STATEMENT A/STRONGLY..... | 22% |
| STATEMENT A..... | 25% |
| STATEMENT B..... | 27% |
| STATEMENT B/STRONGLY..... | 19% |
| BOTH (VOL.)..... | 8% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.... | 0% |
59. **A:** We should invest in more small neighborhood elementary schools, which are better for families and students; OR
B: We should invest in fewer and larger elementary schools, so we can save overhead and administrative costs.
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| STATEMENT A/STRONGLY..... | 15% |
| STATEMENT A..... | 30% |
| STATEMENT B..... | 21% |
| STATEMENT B/STRONGLY..... | 17% |
| BOTH (VOL.)..... | 12% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.... | 5% |

60. **A:** We should improve our schools now, because interest rates and construction costs are still low;
OR
B: We should wait at least a few years to make this investment, because the economy in this region still isn't strong enough.
61. **A:** School districts should not have the ability to use eminent domain to buy additional homes or business property around school sites; OR
B: As long as school districts pay property owners a fair price and help with relocation, they should be able to add land to improve school sites.
62. **A:** If we are going to increase property taxes, I would use the money for modern schools rather than pouring more money into older buildings; OR
B: We have invested a lot of money in our current schools - if possible, we should continue to update and improve these buildings, rather than tearing them down and starting over.

STATEMENT A/STRONGLY.14%
STATEMENT A.....39%
STATEMENT B.....15%
STATEMENT B/STRONGLY.13%
BOTH (VOL.).....11%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....8%

STATEMENT A/STRONGLY.22%
STATEMENT A.....28%
STATEMENT B.....27%
STATEMENT B/STRONGLY.14%
BOTH (VOL.).....5%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....5%

STATEMENT A/STRONGLY.16%
STATEMENT A.....25%
STATEMENT B.....27%
STATEMENT B/STRONGLY.17%
BOTH (VOL.).....10%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....6%

Sometimes, people change their minds during the course of a survey like this. Let me return to a few of the questions that you were asked earlier in the survey....

63. Do you believe the District has enough classroom space to properly educate its students? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?

STRONGLY YES.....12%
YES.....44%
NO.....23%
STRONGLY NO.....16%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....6%

64. Do you believe the School Board should develop a long-range plan to maintain and make the improvements needed in our school buildings? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?
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| STRONGLY YES..... | 23% |
| YES..... | 56% |
| NO..... | 8% |
| STRONGLY NO..... | 9% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED..... | 4% |
65. How much would you be willing to pay per month in additional property taxes in order to fund needed improvements to school facilities? [SELECT RANDOM STARTING POINT, MOVE UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON ANSWER] How about \$__ per month? (REPEAT)
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| NOTHING..... | 28% |
| \$4.00..... | 15% |
| \$8.00..... | 16% |
| \$12.00..... | 21% |
| \$16.00..... | 6% |
| \$20.00..... | 5% |
| \$24.00..... | 2% |
| OVER \$24.00..... | 2% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED..... | 6% |
66. And, what do you think is the right amount needed to be spent on a long-range plan to maintain and improve eight schools; preparing the District for the next 20 years? [SELECT RANDOM STARTING POINT, MOVING UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON ANSWER]
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| LESS THAN \$25 MILLION.. | 17% |
| \$25 MILLION..... | 11% |
| \$50 MILLION..... | 15% |
| \$75 MILLION..... | 11% |
| \$100 MILLION..... | 14% |
| \$125 MILLION..... | 5% |
| \$150 MILLION..... | 2% |
| MORE THAN \$100 MILLION.. | 1% |
| DON'T KNOW/REFUSED..... | 24% |
67. Are there any other issues the School Board should consider before making a decision on the long-range facilities plan? (IF "YES," ASK:) What would that be?
- UNSURE, 6%; NO, 78%; FOCUS ON PROJECTED GROWTH, 2%; CONSIDER TAX IMPACT FOR RESIDENTS, 3%; MAXIMIZE GOVERNMENT FUNDING, 2%; FOCUS ON THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION, 2%; SCATTERED, 7%.

Moving on....

68.	What is your primary source of information about the Brainerd Public Schools?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
		NOTHING.....3%
		MAILED NEWSLETTER.....32%
		ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER...6%
		E-MAIL.....2%
		DISTRICT WEBSITE.....20%
		SCHOOL WEBSITES.....9%
		LOCAL NEWSPAPER.....7%
		TELEVISION OR RADIO.....7%
		WORD OF MOUTH.....14%
		DISTRICT STAFF.....1%

69.	What is your preferred way to receive information about Brainerd Public Schools - mailed newsletter, electronic newsletter, e-mail, District website, specific school website, local newspaper, local cable or radio, social media, something else?	MAILED NEWSLETTER.....37%
		ELECTRN NEWSLETTER.....10%
		E-MAIL.....4%
		SCHL DIST WEBSITE.....23%
		SPECIFIC SCHL WEBSITE...6%
		LOCAL NEWSPAPER.....6%
		LOCAL CABLE OR RADIO....6%
		SOCIAL MEDIA.....2%
	(IF "SOMETHING ELSE," ASK:) What would that be?	WORD OF MOUTH.....3%
		STAFF.....1%
		SCATTERED.....2%

Now, just a few more questions for demographic purposes....

70.	What is your age, please?	18-24.....5%
		25-34.....14%
		35-44.....21%
		45-54.....21%
		55-64.....20%
		65 AND OVER.....20%
		REFUSED.....0%

71.	What is the highest level of formal education you completed?	LESS THAN HS GRADUATE...3%
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE...25%
		VO-TECH/TECH COLLEGE...14%
		SOME COLLEGE.....22%
		COLLEGE GRADUATE.....29%
		POST-GRADUATE.....8%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

72.	Are there infants or pre-schoolers in this household?	YES.....17%
		NO.....83%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

73.	Are there school-aged children in this household? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do they attend public schools in this district, public schools in another district, parochial or private schools, charter schools, or home school?	NO.....61% YES/BRainerd SD.....34% YES/ANOTHER SD.....3% YES/PARochial/Private...2% YES/CHARTER.....0% YES/HOME SCHOOL.....0% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
74.	Did you, your spouse/partner, or children, if applicable, attend Brainerd Public Schools?	YES.....44% NO.....56% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
75.	Have you or any member of your household participated in any Brainerd Community Education programs or offerings during the past two years?	YES.....27% NO.....72% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
76.	Which political party do you consider yourself most closely aligned with?	REPUBLICAN.....35% DEMOCRAT.....35% INDEPENDENT.....24% GREEN PARTY.....0% SOMETHING ELSE.....0% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....6%
77.	Are you employed by -- a government agency or political subdivision, such as state or local government or a school district; business or corporation; self-employed; student; currently not working, or retired?	GOV AGENCY/POLI SUB....10% BUSINESS/CORPORATION...51% SELF-EMPLOYED.....6% STUDENT.....3% CURRENTLY NOT WORKING...5% RETIRED.....25% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
78.	Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Are any other members of your household members of a labor union?	YES.....14% NO/YES.....15% NO/NO.....71% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
79.	Do you rent or own your current residence? (IF "OWN," ASK:) Is your home valued under \$125,000, \$125,000-\$175,000, or over \$175,000?	RENT.....22% OWN/UNDER \$125,000.....22% OWN/\$125,000-\$175,000..38% OWN/OVER \$175,000.....17% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%

80.	Do you live in Brainerd, Baxter, Nisswa, Merrifield or another part part of the District?	BRAINERD.....26% BAXTER.....20% NISSWA.....5% MERRIFIELD.....4% ANOTHER PART.....45% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
81.	Thinking about your household finances, how you would describe your financial situation, would you say that -- A) Your monthly expenses are ex- ceeding your income; B) You are meeting your monthly expenses but are putting aside little or no savings; C) You are managing comfortably while putting some money aside; D) Managing very well?	STATEMENT A.....6% STATEMENT B.....31% STATEMENT C.....47% STATEMENT D.....13% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%
82.	Finally, after taking this survey, are you more likely to vote in a 2018 school referendum election, less likely or has it made no difference?	MORE LIKELY.....38% LESS LIKELY.....2% NO DIFFERENCE.....58% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%
83.	Gender	MALE.....48% FEMALE.....52%