

Lee County Community Survey ~ Have Your Voice Heard!

****You must be 18 or older to complete this survey****

This survey is designed to learn how you feel about important education issues. Think carefully about the questions and about your answers. Results from this survey will be used by the school district to make important strategic decisions that will impact you and your community over the next 10 to 15 years.

Please answer all questions, even if you do not currently have children, or do not have children attending school in the district. Your responses are confidential, and will not be connected with your identity. You can complete this survey form, or go to www.leecountyvoice.com, and complete an online version. **PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SURVEY ONLY ONCE.** Tell your friends, coworkers, and family members about the survey effort. They can fill out the survey online, pick up a paper copy from the district's central office, or call 1-800-xxx-xxxx and we will directly mail them a copy.

BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

1. Do you live in Lee County?
 - a. Yes, year-round
 - b. Yes, for part of the year
 - c. No, I do not live in Lee County, but I have a child attending a Lee County public school
 - d. No, I do not live in Lee County (If you do not live in Lee County, and do not have a child attending a Lee County public school, please do not complete this survey)
2. How long have you lived in Lee County? Less than one year, 1-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-15 years, 16 – 20 years, more than 20 years
3. Which of the following best describes where you live?
 - a. East Lee County (including Bayshore area, Palm Beach Blvd area, Ft. Myers Shores, Tice, Edgewood area, Alva, Lehigh, and Buckingham)
 - b. South Lee County (including Dunbar area, Ft. Myers, South Ft. Myers, Estero, Bonita, and San Carlos)
 - c. Sanibel/Captiva Island or Ft. Myers Beach
 - d. Cape Coral or North Ft. Myers (excluding Bayshore area)
 - e. Pine Island
4. Do you work for The Lee County school district? Yes/No
5. In what year were you born? 19 (xx)
6. Are you a parent or guardian of any children? Yes/No
 - a. Yes, and at least one is school age
 - b. Yes, and they are all too young for school
 - c. Yes, and they are all past school age
 - d. No, I am not a parent or guardian of any children

Student Enrollment

7. On the following questions, use the rating scale shown to tell us how important you think it is that:

1----- 2----- 3----- 4
(Not Important) (Extremely Important)

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	For students in grades K-5	For students in grades 6-12
(a) ...a student gets to stay in the same school in the district for all of the grades available in that school?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(b) ...all schools in the district offer the same programs?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(c) ...schools are part of a neighborhood's identity?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(d) ...teachers communicate with each other about students when they change from elementary to middle school, or from middle to high school?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(e) ...a student can change their school if they want to?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(f) ...students can attend schools offering targeted programs that match their interests?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(g) ...parents have a part in deciding which school in their district their child goes to?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(h) ...bus or car rides to school are short?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(i) ...where a student goes to school is NOT based on where they live in the district?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(j) ...students live close to their school making it easier for parents/guardians to attend school events?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(k) ...children go to school with other kids who live near them?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4
(l) ...students go to school with a mix of people from different backgrounds?	1---2---3---4	1---2---3---4

8. Using the list above, tell us which three issues are the MOST IMPORTANT to you:
- i. The MOST IMPORTANT issue is: (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, k, l)
 - ii. The second most important issue is: (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, k, l)
 - iii. The third most important issue is: (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, k, l)

Student Preparedness for College and the Workforce

9. Use the rating scale shown to tell us how you think Lee County schools are doing in each of the following areas. Then answer whether you think your district is doing better, the same, or worse than public schools in the nation.

1----- 2----- 3----- 4

DK =Don't Know

Not Well

Extremely Well

	Lee County schools	Compared to public schools in the nation
(a) Teaching math skills	1---2---3---4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(b) Teaching reading/language arts skills	1---2---3---4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(c) Teaching science skills	1---2---3---4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK

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	Lee County schools	Compared to public schools in the nation
(d) Teaching foreign languages	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(e) Teaching relevant technology skills	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(f) Teaching communication skills	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(g) Teaching students how to work well with other people	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(h) Teaching students how to be flexible/adaptable	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(i) Nurturing self-direction and initiative	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(j) Promoting creativity and innovation	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(k) Teaching the importance of responsibility	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(l) Teaching critical thinking and problem solving skills	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(m) Providing leadership opportunities	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(n) Using technology in the classroom	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(o) Preparing students for applied technical careers	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK
(p) Preparing students for four-year colleges/universities	1----2----3----4 (DK)	Better/The Same/Worse/DK

Programs and Services

10. Following is a list of Career and Technical Academies that may or may not be available in your school district. If funding were available for them, pick five that you think are the most important for Lee County to have.

Career and Technical Academies in:	Choose 5
(a) Aeronautics, Aviation and Space Exploration	0
(b) Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	0
(c) Architecture and Construction	0
(d) A/V Technology and Communication	0
(e) Business, Management and Administration	0
(f) Education and Training	0
(g) Energy	0
(h) Engineering	0
(i) Finance	0
(j) Government and Public Administration	0
(k) Health Science	0
(l) Hospitality and Tourism	0
(m) Human Services	0

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Career and Technical Academies in:	Choose 5
(n) Information Technology	0
(o) Law, Public Safety and Security	0
(p) Leadership	0
(q) Manufacturing	0
(r) Marketing, Sales and Service	0
(s) Medical/Sports Medicine	0
(t) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)	0
(u) Transportation, Distribution and Logistics	0
(v) Other (specify) _____	

11. If you had a child in elementary school, which of the following types of programs would you want their school to have, if funding was available? (pick up to 3)

Program Types	Choose 3
(a) Classes for the Fine and Performing Arts (such as dance, drama, orchestra)	0
(b) Technology-focused instruction (such as using iPads or laptops in the classroom, instruction in the use of online information/materials)	0
(c) Spanish Dual Immersion (students receive instruction in both English and Spanish)	0
(d) Internationally recognized advanced academic programs	0
(e) Fitness /Sports	0
(f) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) –focused curriculum	0

12. If you had a child in middle or high school, which of the following types of programs would you want their school to have, if funding was available? (pick up to 3)

Program Types	Choose 3
(a) Classes for the Fine and Performing Arts (such as dance, drama, orchestra)	0
(b) Technology-focused instruction (such as using iPads or laptops in the classroom, instruction in the use of online information/materials)	0
(c) Spanish Dual Immersion (students receive instruction in both English and Spanish)	0
(d) Internationally recognized advanced academic programs (such as the International Baccalaureate Diploma program)	0
(e) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) –focused curriculum	0

13. Other than Spanish, French and German, which one additional language would you be interested in a student being able to study in your district? (select only one for each level)

	For students in grades K-5	For students in grades 6-12
Chinese (Mandarin)	0	0
Russian	0	0

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	For students in grades K-5	For students in grades 6-12
Latin	0	0
Arabic	0	0
Italian	0	0
Portuguese	0	0
I would not be interested in any of these languages	0	0
Other (specify) _____		

Parent Involvement

14. What types of things can Lee County schools do to help parents/guardians be part of their child's education? (open-ended)

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

IF YOU HAVE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL-AGE CHILD:

15. Does at least one child go to:

- A public school in Lee County Yes/No (if no skip to question 19)
- A private school Yes/No
- A charter school Yes/No
- Another public school outside of Lee County Yes/No

16. Which type of public, non-charter do they go to? (check all that apply): K-5, K-8, 6-8, 9-12, Special Center

17. Does the district offer a bus to at least one of your children? Yes/No

18. Do any of your children usually ride the bus? Yes/No

19. What is your ethnicity?

- a. Hispanic or Latino
- b. Not Hispanic or Latino

20. What is your race? (Select all that apply)

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- Indian (American) or Alaska Native
- Pacific Islander or Hawaiian

21. What is your annual household income?

- a. Under \$15,000
- b. \$15,000-\$24,999
- c. \$25,000 - \$34,999
- d. \$35,000 - \$49,999
- e. \$50,000 - \$74,999

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- f. \$75,000 - \$99,999
 - g. \$100,000 or above
 - h. I prefer not to answer this question
22. Are you a business owner or business executive (e.g., President/ CEO, CFO, COO, CTO , etc.)? Yes/No
23. What are the last three digits of your primary phone number?
24. What are the last two letters of your mother's first name?
25. If you would like to be entered in a drawing for one of ten \$100 amazon.com gift cards, please enter your full name and email address or phone number. Contact information will only be used if you are the drawing winner.
- Name:
- Phone Number:
- Email address:

COMPLETED SURVEYS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 29, 2012

Drop your completed survey in a collection box at the school district's central office or return by mail to Gibson Consulting Group, PO Box 163356, Austin, TX 78716