



# DCPS STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS 2011

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## Question by Question Results – Brent's Students

19 students (100% of eligible students) completed the survey at Brent Elementary School

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My school is on the right track for student achievement	16%	79%	5%	0%
I am strongly supported within my school	44%	44%	11%	0%
I would recommend my school to other students	26%	47%	21%	5%
This school is a welcoming place for my family	26%	53%	21%	0%

What grade would you give... your school?	A	B	C	D	F
	11%	42%	37%	5%	5%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I feel safe at my school	32%	37%	5%	0%	26%
Everyone is expected to follow the school rules	56%	33%	6%	0%	6%
School entrances are always monitored	17%	28%	17%	22%	17%
Hallways, stairwells, bathrooms are empty of students during class periods	0%	32%	37%	16%	16%
School security devices (for example, cameras) work	53%	32%	0%	5%	11%
Security personnel at my school do a good job	53%	37%	0%	11%	0%
My school is orderly and in control	11%	42%	21%	16%	11%
My school is clean and well maintained	11%	37%	16%	32%	5%

How safe do you feel in the following places?	Very safe	Mostly safe	Somewhat safe	Not safe
Outside around the school	32%	32%	37%	0%
In the hallways and bathrooms of this school	37%	32%	32%	0%
In my classes	68%	26%	0%	5%

How often do students in your school...	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't know
Get into fights	21%	32%	42%	0%	5%
Have things stolen or damaged by other students	26%	32%	32%	11%	0%
Get made fun of for the way they look or talk	58%	26%	11%	5%	0%
See gang activity in school	11%	32%	21%	26%	11%

The principal at my school...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Makes the school run smoothly	68%	21%	11%	0%
Cares about students	89%	11%	0%	0%
Is available to talk to	63%	26%	5%	5%
Highlights student accomplishments regularly	68%	26%	5%	0%

Note: Percentages in this report may differ from your school's summary report because "Don't know" responses were excluded from the summary report.



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<b>The adults working at my school...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Work hard and try to make the school work well	32%	47%	21%	0%
Care about students	37%	32%	32%	0%
Include at least one adult I can talk to if something is wrong	47%	37%	16%	0%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	32%	47%	16%	5%
Treat me with respect	37%	42%	16%	5%
Give me extra help when I need it	37%	42%	21%	0%
Treat all students fairly	26%	21%	21%	32%
Set high standards for students	63%	26%	11%	0%

<b>My teachers...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Inspire me to learn	47%	42%	11%	0%
Often connect what I'm learning to life outside the classroom	32%	37%	26%	5%
Encourage students to share ideas about things we're studying in class	33%	61%	6%	0%
Often require me to explain my answers	47%	42%	11%	0%
Often assign homework that helps me learn	42%	42%	5%	11%

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
We have enough teaching materials (like books, photocopies and calculators) for all students	37%	32%	32%	0%
In my classes, we often discuss different interpretations of things we read	53%	37%	11%	0%
My classes really make me think	39%	28%	22%	11%
When I am absent, the teacher gives me missed assignments	42%	21%	21%	16%

<b>How often do you have...</b>	<i>Usually</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
Access to a working computer at school	42%	37%	16%	5%
Access to the internet at school	53%	26%	5%	16%
Access to a working printer at school	50%	33%	6%	11%

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
I try hard to do well in school	79%	21%	0%	0%
I know what I do well in school and what areas I need to work on	84%	16%	0%	0%
I ask for help from my teachers or others when I need it	47%	42%	11%	0%
I set goals and then work to achieve them	53%	42%	5%	0%
I respect the ways in which people are different	72%	28%	0%	0%
I get along well with other students	28%	44%	28%	0%
I am confident I will graduate from high school	89%	11%	0%	0%



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How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I like school	22%	61%	17%	0%
I attend all my classes	68%	26%	5%	0%
I think doing well in school is important for my future	84%	16%	0%	0%
I can get help on schoolwork if I need it	63%	26%	11%	0%
My friends think it's important to work hard to get high grades	33%	50%	11%	6%

Gender	Male	Female
	47%	53%

Grade	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

How would you describe yourself?			
Black/African American	84%	Native American	16%
Hispanic	5%	Asian/Pacific Islander	0%
White or Caucasian	5%	Other	16%

What languages does your family speak at home?			
English	95%	Chinese	0%
Spanish	21%	Amharic	0%
French	5%	Other	11%

The following questions are applicable for students in 9th through 12th grade only.

Are you aware of the high school graduation requirements?	Yes	NA	No	NA

Are you on track towards high school graduation?	Yes	NA	No	NA
	Not Sure	NA		

What are your plans after high school?			
Continue school	NA	Join the military	NA
Get a job	NA	Other plans	NA
Not sure	NA		

Have you taken any preparation courses to help you prepare for taking college entrance tests like the ACT or SAT?	Yes	NA	No	NA

Have you taken any college entrance tests?	SAT	NA	ACT	NA
	Other	NA		



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## Question by Question Results – Brent's Parents *162 parents (57% of eligible parents) completed the survey at Brent Elementary School*

How much you agree or disagree that...	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
DCPS is on the right track for student achievement	6%	69%	13%	4%	9%
This school is on the right track for student achievement	53%	41%	4%	1%	1%

Overall, what grade would you give...	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
this school?	49%	43%	8%	0%	0%	0%
DCPS?	3%	25%	49%	13%	3%	6%

Do you plan to keep your child(ren) in DCPS?	Yes	70%	If not, why?	Moving out of DC	4%
	No	8%		Unhappy with school system	7%
	Don't know	22%		Other	15%

Would you recommend that a friend send his or her child to this school?	Yes	91%	No	2%	Don't know	7%
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How satisfied you are with the following at this school:	<i>Very satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Quality of instruction	58%	39%	2%	0%	0%
Academic progress of my child(ren)	57%	40%	4%	0%	0%
Physical condition of the classrooms	58%	39%	2%	0%	0%
Safety inside the school	48%	49%	3%	0%	0%
School's office staff	47%	44%	8%	1%	1%
Teachers	73%	25%	2%	0%	0%
School principal	44%	44%	6%	2%	3%
How the school communicates with parents	34%	53%	9%	4%	0%
How DCPS communicates with parents	9%	65%	12%	6%	7%
The level of parental engagement	56%	41%	3%	0%	0%

Which aspect of your child(ren)'s school is most important to you?			
Welcoming environment	7%	Academics/Student learning	55%
School's leadership/principal	7%	Teachers	22%
Safety	5%	Facility/building	0%
Location	1%	Other	4%

Do you know...	Yes	No
DCPS' policies on students' rights and responsibilities?	59%	41%
DCPS' policies on parents' rights and responsibilities?	61%	39%
How to volunteer at your child(ren)'s school?	91%	9%



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<b>How much you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Don't know/ Not applicable</i>
This school keeps me regularly informed of my child(ren)'s progress	46%	49%	5%	0%	0%
Teachers contact me with concerns	49%	46%	4%	1%	1%
I receive interpretations/translations when I need them	15%	17%	1%	0%	67%
The school does a good job identifying students who need additional support	26%	29%	6%	1%	38%
There is a good process to get students enrolled in additional services they need	14%	28%	7%	2%	49%
I have all of the information that I need to make the right decisions about my child(ren)'s education at DCPS	24%	54%	16%	1%	4%

<b>Please mark how much you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
I feel welcome at this school	63%	33%	4%	1%	0%
School staff members are helpful in answering my questions	54%	41%	4%	1%	0%
This school applies discipline procedures fairly to all students	27%	32%	7%	2%	33%
This school makes student learning its #1 priority	54%	40%	3%	1%	2%
This school has high expectations for my child(ren)	53%	39%	6%	1%	1%
This school does a good job of understanding and addressing my child(ren)'s individual learning needs	45%	44%	6%	2%	2%

<b>How satisfied are you with your interactions with the following departments/offices this year?</b>	<i>Very satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>	<i>I did not interact with this dept/office</i>
Bilingual education	6%	11%	5%	1%	77%
Special education	9%	9%	1%	1%	80%
Student intervention	6%	14%	2%	1%	77%
Afterschool program	10%	29%	17%	5%	39%
Summer school	3%	3%	1%	0%	93%
Critical Response Team	3%	4%	2%	1%	91%

<b>What types of programs and workshops would you like the schools to provide for you as a parent/guardian?</b>			
Understanding the DC public school system	24%	Getting to know your community resources	26%
Job search strategies	3%	Computer literacy	15%
Parent/child classes (like Mommy and me)	17%	Effective discipline strategies	36%
Finance/dealing with money	9%	Stress management	19%
Understanding child development	43%	Other	7%
Parenting support groups	20%		



Question by Question Results – Brent's Parents

How many of your children attend DCPS schools?	1	58%	2	37%	3	4%
	4	0%	5 or more	1%		

What grades are they in?	Pre-K/K	62%	3	18%	6	2%	9	1%
	1	15%	4	9%	7	1%	10	1%
	2	19%	5	7%	8	1%	11	2%
							12	0%

What is your relationship with these students?	Parent	96%	Grandparent	1%	Other family member	0%
	Guardian	1%	Aunt/Uncle	0%	Other	1%

Are any of your children currently receiving special education services?	Yes	12%	No	88%
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Are any of your children currently receiving English Language Learner (ELL) services?	Yes	1%	No	99%
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In your household, what languages are spoken?	English	95%	French	2%	Amharic	1%
	Spanish	6%	Chinese	2%	Other	6%

How would you describe your background?	Black/African American	27%	Native American	1%
	Hispanic or Latin American	6%	Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
	White or Caucasian	64%	Other	2%

What is your gender?	Male	17%	Female	83%
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What ward do you live in?	1	1%	3	1%	5	3%	7	9%
	2	1%	4	1%	6	73%	8	11%

In what ward(s) do your child(ren) go to school?	1	1%	3	1%	5	2%	7	2%
	2	1%	4	1%	6	83%	8	1%

What is the highest level of education you completed?			
Grades 1-8	0%	Some college/technical school	14%
Some high school	0%	College/technical school graduate	31%
High school graduate	2%	Post-graduate education	53%



## Question by Question Results – Brent's Staff

39 staff (91% of eligible staff) completed the survey at Brent Elementary School

The following questions appeared on the teacher, administrator and staff surveys. The responses below reflect the combined responses of teachers, administrators and staff at your school.

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
The school district (DCPS) is on the right track for student achievement	8%	73%	11%	0%	8%
The central office effectively supports my school	5%	47%	29%	0%	18%
My school is on the right track for student achievement	37%	50%	8%	0%	5%
I am strongly supported within my school	27%	49%	8%	14%	3%

<b>If a friend of yours was looking for a school for his/her child, would you recommend your school?</b>	Yes	76%	No	24%
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How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My school is a good place to work	29%	55%	13%	3%
I have adequate materials/equipment to do my work	37%	45%	16%	3%

How much do you agree or disagree that the adults working at your school...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Care about the students	66%	26%	8%	0%
Help maintain discipline in the entire school	37%	47%	16%	0%
Take responsibility for improving their school	37%	47%	11%	5%
Pursue opportunities to grow professionally	47%	39%	11%	3%
Work hard to build trusting relationships with parents	58%	26%	13%	3%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I feel safe at my school	51%	44%	3%	3%	0%
My school's discipline plan is implemented uniformly	14%	49%	22%	11%	5%
My school is orderly and in control	28%	56%	10%	3%	3%
School entrances are monitored consistently	36%	54%	5%	3%	3%
School security devices are consistently operational	31%	51%	8%	0%	10%
My school has effective discipline procedures in place	18%	51%	21%	5%	5%
Security personnel at my school are effective	41%	51%	5%	0%	3%

How much do you agree or disagree that...	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Classrooms in my school are in good physical condition	49%	51%	0%	0%
My school is clean	31%	59%	8%	3%
My school is well maintained	28%	64%	8%	0%



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<b>How satisfied are you with the following DCPS departments and support services...</b>	<i>Very satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Dissatisfied</i>	<i>Very dissatisfied</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
School district services overall	3%	53%	16%	0%	29%
Office of Special Education	5%	26%	26%	0%	44%
Office of Bilingual Education	3%	18%	0%	0%	79%
Office of the Chief Academic Officer	3%	21%	0%	0%	77%
Office of Professional Development	3%	21%	16%	11%	50%
Office of Youth Engagement	10%	26%	0%	0%	64%
Office of Family and Public Engagement	5%	21%	0%	0%	74%
Office of Data and Accountability	3%	21%	0%	0%	77%
Office of Human Capital	3%	23%	0%	0%	74%
Office of Human Resources	3%	33%	18%	15%	31%
Technology Support Services	8%	33%	10%	3%	46%
Facilities and Maintenance	5%	36%	8%	0%	51%
Summer School	3%	21%	3%	3%	72%
Afterschool Program	5%	18%	28%	23%	26%
Career and Technical Education	3%	15%	3%	0%	79%
School Security	18%	36%	3%	0%	44%
Nurses/School Health Services	8%	28%	23%	15%	26%

<b>Indicate your years of experience.</b>	<i>This is my first year</i>	<i>2-3 years</i>	<i>4-5 years</i>	<i>6-10 years</i>	<i>More than 10 years</i>
Including this year, how many years have you been working at this school?	29%	47%	11%	8%	5%
Including this year, how many years have you been working at DCPS?	22%	35%	14%	11%	19%

<b>Gender</b>	Male	8%	Female	92%
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<b>How would you describe yourself?</b>			
Black/African American	31%	Native American	3%
Hispanic	0%	Asian/Pacific Islander	5%
White or Caucasian	49%	Other	13%



**Question by Question Results – Brent's Staff**

The following questions appeared on the **teacher and staff surveys**. The responses below reflect the combined responses of teachers and staff at your school.

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
My coworkers respect me	50%	36%	6%	8%
The administrators at this school respect me	41%	43%	11%	5%

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that the principal at your school...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Is an effective manager who makes the school run smoothly	16%	38%	30%	16%
Cares about the students	51%	35%	11%	3%
Encourages collaboration among school staff	32%	43%	16%	8%
Provides me feedback regularly	11%	51%	22%	16%
Treats all staff with respect	24%	46%	16%	14%
Is a leader I have confidence in	22%	43%	22%	14%

The following questions appeared on the **teacher and administrator survey**. The responses below reflect the responses of teachers and administrators at your school.

<b>Indicate how frequently you have access to the following technologies in school</b>	<i>Always</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
A working computer	91%	9%	0%	0%
The internet	91%	9%	0%	0%
A functional printer	55%	41%	5%	0%
A functional copy machine	64%	36%	0%	0%
A working phone	82%	18%	0%	0%

<b>Overall, what grade would you give your school</b>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
	29%	52%	5%	10%	0%	5%



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The following questions appeared on the **teacher survey only**. The responses below reflect the responses of teachers at your school.

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that the principal at your school...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
Actively monitors the quality of teaching	25%	25%	35%	15%
Supports teachers' instructional needs	40%	35%	10%	15%

<b>How much do you agree or disagree that...</b>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
There is a pervasive culture of continuous professional development focused on teaching and learning at my school	38%	24%	38%	0%
I have opportunities to learn best practices from other teachers in my school	24%	43%	29%	5%
I have clear measureable goals related to supporting student success	33%	52%	10%	5%
I don't have enough time in class to teacher the standards to mastery	14%	24%	57%	5%
My school effectively identifies the individual learning needs of all students including special education students and English language learners	5%	57%	38%	0%

<b>Select up to three areas in which you would like to have more professional development</b>			
Behavior management/conflict resolution	43%	Differentiating instruction	57%
Motivating students	24%	My content area	19%
Reteaching strategies	24%	Using data to inform instruction	29%
Using technology	43%	Working with children with special needs	43%
Classroom Management	19%	Other	0%