



## Burlington Schools Community Survey

### 1. Welcome!

Thank you for agreeing to fill out our questionnaire about schools, particularly elementary schools, in Burlington. We won't record your name and contact information, so your answers are anonymous and confidential. We need you to be as frank and honest as you can be.

An answer to the first question is required to move to the next page.

**\* 1. Which of the following best describes you:**

I am currently enrolled in a Burlington school

I have a child/children or grandchild/children currently in Burlington schools

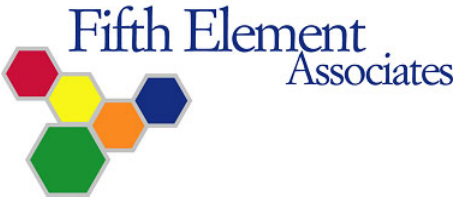
I have a child/children that graduated from Burlington schools

I have no children currently in or graduated from Burlington schools

Other (please specify)

**2. Please enter the year you were born in the box below**

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### 2. Your Own School

I want you to imagine that Bill Gates, the world's richest person, has decided to make Burlington a test market for a new approach to public schools. He has given Burlington as much money as they need to create dream community schools. He is also paying to operate it, so there is no impact on your school taxes.

**1. First, please describe what you believe the top priorities for a Dream School should be. For example, if I asked you to describe your dream car, you might say "red," "fast," "good gas mileage," and "cheap to fix," placing each in a separate box. So please describe for us your Dream School, writing each description in a separate box. Use as many or as few as you like.**

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**2. What do you believe is most important for all Burlington schools to provide to all students?**

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**3. What do you believe is most important for the Burlington community to provide to all children?**

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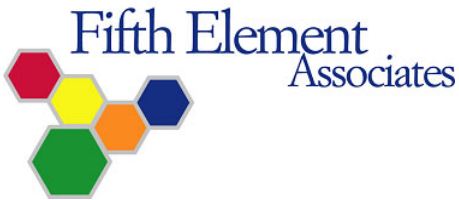
**4. How would your Dream School benefit all members of the Burlington community?**

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**5. What type of facilities would your Dream School offer to all Burlington community members?**

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### 3. Burlington's Elementary Schools

Now I'm going to suggest some school features specifically for elementary schools serving Burlington children ages five to eleven, and I would like you to score them based on what you believe would offer the greatest benefit to help all children to succeed in school and life.

Please assume that you are free to make any choices you like about your school.

**1. Below is a list of things we could create in our schools. Please indicate how beneficial each would be to children.**

	Low benefit to children	2	3	4	5	6	High benefit to children
A before school program that starts at 7:30 in the morning							
A close educational partnership with Shelburne Farms that focuses on the environment, parent involvement, community service and social responsibility							
A close educational partnership with the Flynn Center, the Vermont Youth Orchestra and other community partners that uses art, music, movement & drama to help kids learn							
A school for just pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade that focuses on early learning							
A school that connects the arts to math, reading, science and social studies							
A school that focuses learning in the sciences and math							
A school that has lots of hands on activities and lets children learn by doing							
A school that has state-of-the-art technology in classrooms							
A school that offers children lots of opportunities for field trips and other learning outside the school							
A school that offers more world studies, cultures, geography, and current events to help kids learn							
A school that specializes in the latest teaching methods							
A school where children learn a language other than English							
A school with advanced classes							
A school with Science Labs							
A school with the latest technology, including home Internet access and a laptop computer that each child can take home							

An after school program that keeps kids until 5:30 in the afternoon

An extended school day with classes starting at 7:30 and ending at 5:30

An individualized approach to teaching that focuses on each child's needs

The school has a dance studio, music studio and theater

The school is an energy efficient building with natural daylight in the classrooms, greenhouses and outdoor gardens

Working closely with teaching colleges like UVM and St. Michael's

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### 4. How important are these features to student success?

1. Do you believe it would benefit the children of Burlington, and the community, to have the Burlington School District offer an elementary school option with special features, such as those explored in the last question?

No, definitely not      2      3      Unsure      5      6      Yes, definitely

Please assume that transportation would be provided

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### 5. What's important to our community?

1. On a scale from 1 to 7, with "1" indicating "Not At All Important" and "7" indicating "Very Important" please rate each of the following elements of education based on how important you think each one is for elementary students to succeed in school.

	Not at all Important	2	3	Neutral	5	6	Extremely important
More Science education							
Parental involvement in the school							
Community Involvement							
Homework							
Classroom diversity							
After school tutoring							
Clean, safe buildings							
Teacher reputations							
Up-to-date facilities							
More arts, music, movement, and drama							
Individual attention for each child							
More physical education/sports							
Close ties with teaching colleges							
After school activities							
Having kids in the class that share similar backgrounds and family situations							
Programs for gifted children							
The reputation of the principal and teachers							
Discipline							
Classrooms with adequate space and light							
A good mix of subjects and materials							

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### 6. You get to pick the class

If you were asked to pick the mix of characteristics to create the best learning environment for all children, what would the school be like?

**1. What would be the mix of boys and girls?**

	All Boys	2	3	An even mix of boys and girls	5	6	All Girls
Gender mix							

**2. Where would the kids come from?**

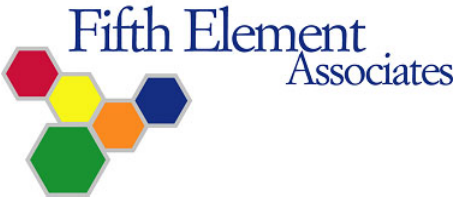
	All from my neighborhood	2	3	4	5	6	From all over the city
Geographic mix							

**3. Is the class made up of kids the same age, or kids who are in the same place with their studies?**

	Kids the same age, regardless of academics	2	3	4	5	6	Kids studying at the same level, regardless of age
Your child's class							

**4. What would be the mix of cultures?**

	Kids from the same or similar cultures	2	3	4	5	6	Kids from as many cultures as possible
Cultural mix							



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### 7. One Very Important Question

I want you to think back to the beginning. Imagine that the Dream Community School that you created is located at either Barnes School or Wheeler School in the old North End, and it had features that you believe offered the greatest benefits to children and the community. Assume that public transportation and parking are readily accessible.

**1. Would you attend or participate in special community programs offered there?**

NO, definitely not      2      3      4      5      6      YES, definitely

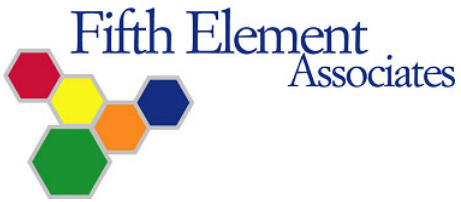
Parking and public transportation are available.

**2. Would you help to create your dream community school?**

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Don't Know

**3. Please tell us why you chose your answer in the above question. (One reason per box, please.)**

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### 8. Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to give us your views about the elementary schools in Burlington.

**1. If you have a comment you would like to make, please do so in the box below. All comments will be shared anonymously with the District administrators and the School Board.**

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