



Burlington Teachers

1. Welcome!

Thank you for agreeing to fill out our questionnaire about 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.

Answers to the first two questions are required to move to the next page.

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

I am a teacher or administrator

I am a school employee (other than teacher or administrator)

I am a district employee

Other (please specify)

*** 2. Please tell us which school you work in:**

Flynn Elementary School

Barnes Elementary School

Edmunds Elementary School

Smith Elementary School

Wheeler Elementary School

Champlain Elementary School

Edmunds Middle School

Hunt Middle School

Burlington High School

Burlington Technical Center

Horizons

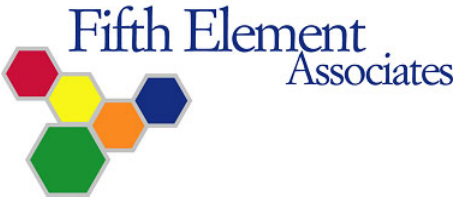
Multiple Elementary Schools

Multiple Schools

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Other (please specify)

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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 you as much money as you need to create your Dream School for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. He is also paying to operate it, so there is no impact on your school taxes.

1. First, please tell me what your Dream School would be like. 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 would be the physical features of your Dream School?

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3. How would your Dream School benefit children?

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4. How would your Dream School benefit teachers?

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5. What features would you add that would get families from other places to move to Burlington just for your school?

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6. If you were to tell parents in your Dream School what makes your school excellent, what would they say?

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3. Your Child and School

I'm going to suggest some school features, and I would like you to score them based on what you would want for elementary school children in the Burlington School District and the type of school that you feel would be most effective for you as a teacher, administrator, or employee of the Burlington School District. 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.

	This has no benefit for Burlington elementary children, teachers & staff	2	3	This has promise for Burlington elementary children, teachers & staff	5	6	This has outstanding benefit for Burlington elementary children, teachers & staff
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 connects the environment and local community issues to reading, math, 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 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

Science Labs

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 interested are you in these school ideas?

1. Do you believe there would be benefits to children, teachers & staff in having 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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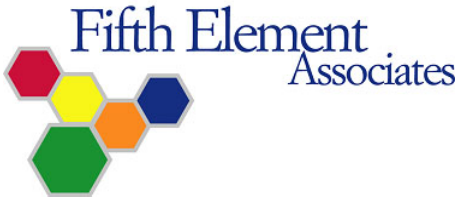


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5. What's important to you?

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
Homework							
More Science education							
The reputation of the principal							
Individual attention for my child							
Parental involvement in the school							
After school activities							
Communication with families							
More physical education/sports							
Having kids in the class that share similar backgrounds and family situations							
Programs for gifted children							
More arts, music, movement, and drama							
Discipline							
A good mix of subjects and materials							
After school tutoring							
Close ties with teaching colleges							
Communication with the principals and district office staff							
Teacher reputations							
Classroom diversity							



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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, what would the school be like?

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

All Boys	2	3	4	5	6	All Girls
Gender mix						

2. What would be the mix of children?

No children qualify for FRL	2	3	4	5	6	All children qualify for FRL
Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL) Mix						

3. Where would the kids come from?

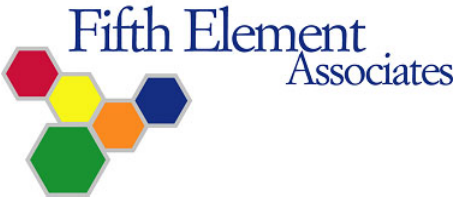
All from the same neighborhood	2	3	4	5	6	From all over the city
Geographic mix						

4. 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						

5. 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

The following question is critical to this survey, and we want you to answer it as honestly as you can. Again, please know that this research company is separate from the school district, and we do not ask for your contact information. Your answers are strictly confidential and will not be individually shared.

I want you to think back to the beginning of this survey and your description of your Dream School.

1. Imagine that your Dream School is located at either Barnes School or Wheeler School in the old North End, and that free transportation is provided.

NO, they would
definitely NOT
send their child
there

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YES, they would
definitely send
their child there

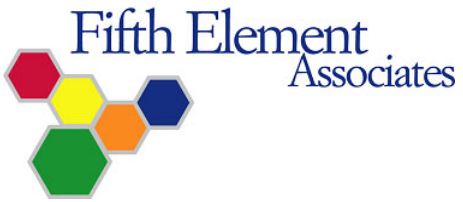
Do you think parents would
send their child(ren) there?

2. 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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