

**Year 2001 SATISFACTION WITH EDUCATION IN ALBERTA
PARENT SURVEY: FINAL (Friday, March 9, 2001)**

Hello, my name is _____ from Criterion Research, an opinion research firm. We are conducting a survey on behalf of Alberta Learning. Please be assured that we are not trying to sell you anything. We are just interested in your opinions. All answers are kept confidential. For the purposes of this survey, may I please speak to the person in your household who is 18 years of age or older and has had the most recent birthday (would that be you)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No ARRANGE CALLBACK/REINTRODUCE IF NECESSARY

PAT RESPONSE (If unsure of what Alberta Learning is): Alberta Learning is a new Alberta government department, formed in May 1999. Alberta Learning was formed from the former departments of Alberta Education (which had responsibility for Kindergarten to Grade 12) and Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development (which had responsibility for post-secondary and adult learning).

Contact Name/Phone Number:

If you have any questions or concerns about this research project, please do not hesitate to call Pat Ehman at Alberta Learning in Edmonton (780) 427 – 3583.

- A. Gender (DO NOT ASK)
 - 1 Male
 - 2 Female

- B. Are there any children in this household who are attending elementary, junior or senior high school in Alberta?
 - 1 Yes
 - 2 No THANK AND TERMINATE

- C. Are you the parent or guardian of these children?
 - 1 Yes
 - 2 No ASK TO SPEAK TO PERSON-ARRANGE CALLBACK IF NECESSARY

We would like to talk to you about your opinions on the education your child is receiving.

- D1. Do you have any children in...*READ LIST. MULTIPLE RESPONSE*
 - Yes No*
 - 1 2 *Kindergarten/ECS*
 - 1 2 *Grades 1 to 6*
 - 1 2 *Grades 7 to 9*
 - 1 2 *Grades 10 to 12*

D2. How many children do you have in (READ RESPONSE FROM QU.D)

- 1 Kindergarten/ECS _____
- 2 Grades 1 to 6 _____
- 3 Grades 7 to 9 _____
- 4 Grades 10 to 12 _____

IF MORE THAN ONE "YES" IN QU.D1 AND/OR QU.D2 1,2,3 OR 4>1, READ:
OTHERS, GO TO QU.E

D.3 Out of these children you have attending school, please select the one with the most recent birthday. What grade is this child in?

- 1 Kindergarten/ECS
- 2 Grades 1 to 6
- 3 Grades 7 to 9
- 4 Grades 10 to 12

E. Is this child in ... (READ LIST)

- 1 A public school
- 2 A Roman Catholic separate school
- 3 A Protestant separate school
- 4 Other (SPECIFY) _____
(e.g., home study / Charter school / Francophone school)

F. Is this child a ... (READ LIST)

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

1. Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of education that your child is receiving in his/her school? Are you ... (ROTATE AND READ LIST)

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 3 Dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied

DO NOT READ

- 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable

2. How satisfied are you with the responsiveness of the education system to your needs and expectations? Are you...(ROTATE AND READ LIST)

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Satisfied
- 3 Dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied

DO NOT READ

- 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable

- 3a. Thinking about what is being taught in your **child's school**, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that students are learning what they need to know?
- 1 Strongly Agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
- 3b. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that the curriculum focuses on what students need to learn in each of the following areas...*ROTATE AND READ*
- a. Reading
 - 1 Strongly agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
 - b. Writing
 - c. Mathematics
 - d. Technology skills
 - e. Science
 - f. Social studies
4. Overall, do you feel the learning expectations of students are ..*ROTATE AND READ LIST*
- 1 Too high
 - 2 About right
 - 3 Too low
 - 5 *Don't Know/Not Applicable*
5. Thinking about your child's teachers, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements. *My child's teachers...ROTATE AND READ*
- a. Use teaching methods that help *my* child learn
 - 1 Strongly agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
 - b. Clearly communicate to my child what he/she is expected to learn
 - c. Help students achieve learning expectations
 - d. Help students achieve high standards

6. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that your child's school provides a **safe** environment?
- 1 Strongly Agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
7. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that your child's school provides a **caring** environment?
- 1 Strongly agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
8. The next few questions are about **information you receive** from your child's school or other sources on various education issues. Are you very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the **access you have to information** about ..*ROTATE AND READ LIST*
- a. Your child's educational progress and achievement
 - 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
 - b. How money is spent in your child's school
 - c. How money is spent by your local school board
 - d. How money is spent by the provincial government on elementary, junior and senior high schools
9. Are you very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the **information you receive** from your child's school or other sources about ... *ROTATE AND READ LIST*
- a. Your child's educational progress and achievement
 - 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
 - b. How money is spent in your child's school
 - c. How money is spent by your local school board
 - d. How money is spent by the provincial government on elementary, junior and senior high schools

10. Thinking about how you get information about Alberta's elementary, junior and senior high schools, which sources of information have you found to be the MOST USEFUL? (DO NOT READ; CHECK ALL THAT ARE MENTIONED)

1- Television Newsletter	2 - Radio	3 - Newspaper	5 - School
4 - Internet	5 - Teachers	6 - My children	7 - Government
8 - Other parents	9 - The School	10 - School Board	11 - Other (Specify)

12 Don't Know/Not Applicable

11. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that you get the information you need to access programs and services that meet your child's learning needs?
- 1 Strongly Agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
12. Are you very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied that you are receiving value for money that is spent in your child's school?
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
13. To what extent have you been involved in the decision making process with any schools in your community? *Would you say....* (READ LIST)
- 1 A lot
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Very little
 - 4 Not at all
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
- 14.a Are you very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied **with the opportunity to be involved** in decisions at schools in your community?
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied

5 Don't Know/Not Applicable

- 14.b Are you very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied **with your actual involvement** in decisions at schools in your community?
1. Very satisfied
 2. Satisfied
 3. Dissatisfied
 4. Very dissatisfied
 5. Don't Know/Not Applicable
15. In your opinion, how much is school helping your child improve his or her computer skills? *Would you say...* READ LIST
- 1 Very little
 - 2 Some
 - 3 A lot
 - 4 Don't Know/Not Applicable
16. How satisfied are you with your child's access to computers in school? Are you (READ LIST)
- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Satisfied
 - 3 Dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable

Now I would like you to think about **recent high school graduates** in Alberta.

17. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that **high school graduates** in Alberta are prepared to enter post-secondary education and training?
- 1 Strongly Agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable
18. Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that high school graduates in Alberta are being taught the rights and responsibilities of citizenship?
- 1 Strongly agree
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Disagree
 - 4 Strongly disagree
 - 5 Don't Know/Not Applicable

19. And now, thinking about all learners in Alberta (including adult learners), would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that they have ease of access to lifelong learning?

- 1 Strongly Agree
- 2 Agree
- 4 Disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree
- 5 Don't Know

On behalf of Alberta Learning, we would like to thank you for your cooperation.

Note geographic location division

- 1 Edmonton
- 2 Calgary
- 3 Banff
- 4 Lake Louise
- 5 Jasper
- 6 Fort McMurray
- 7 Grande Prairie
- 8 Lethbridge
- 9 Medicine Hat
- 10 Red Deer
- 11 Rural North
St. Paul, Westlock, Barrhead, Lloydminster, Morinville, Slave Lake, Vegreville,
and Lac La Biche
- 12 Rural Central
Rocky Mountain House, Sundre, Innisfail, Stettler, Lacombe, Wetaskiwin,
Drumheller, Wainwright
- 13 Rural South
Brooks, Claresholm, Fort MacLeod, Cardston, Taber, High River