



## Public Education Northeast

Public Education Northeast (PEN) is attempting to better understand what school programs and offerings are important to parents, students, and the community of northeast Minneapolis. Ideally, we wish to collect opinions from as many parents of students and other stakeholders in the northeast corridor, including current Minneapolis Public School (MPS) parents as well as parents of children who have chosen other schools. We wish to ascertain the reasons for how you make decisions about your child's education.

The MPS school board is in the process of completing a strategic planning process which will allow them to shape the direction of all schools. ***How do we wish to shape the schools in the northeast community?*** That's why your input is crucial!

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to: Dean DeGroot, c/o PEN, 3232 Buchanan Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. Another option is to complete the survey and return it to one of the various park centers or other neighborhood locations (e.g., Eastside Food Coop.) in northeast (look for a box: "PEN Survey" on it). Your responses are confidential and will be reported in a group/aggregate format. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me: 612-789-9596.

Email/internet/hardcopy versions of this survey may also be available through various sources. Please complete the survey, one per person.

***Thanks so very much for your time and support!***  
*Dean DeGroot, Marcia Thomas, Jill Davis, Co-Chairs of PEN*

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# How Should We Shape Our Schools?

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## 1) Do you have children ages birth to twenty-two?

Yes  No

If yes, how many children in each age category:

Birth to 5: \_\_\_\_\_ 6 - 11: \_\_\_\_\_

12 - 18: \_\_\_\_\_ 19 +: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2) Do any of your children currently attend Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) or ECFE programs?

Yes  No

If yes, which school/program does your child(ren) attend?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 3) Number of children that attend:

MPS: \_\_\_\_\_ Charter: \_\_\_\_\_ Private: \_\_\_\_\_

Public School in another District: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4) What were/are the three key factors for you in making your selection? (check only 3)

- a) Close to home
- b) Excellent academic program
- c) Family history of attending
- d) Diversity
- e) Able to attend to language needs
- f) Good all-around offerings
- g) Safe/nurturing environment
- h) Believe in public school education
- i) Religious/Values-based
- j) Size/ Feel/Appearance of school
- k) Friends are there
- l) Offerings best match child needs
- m) Good customer service
- n) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5) What would keep you in the MPS system or attract you to MPS? (check up to 3)

- a) Improved safety
- b) Higher academic expectations
- c) Availability of transportation

- d) Improved reputation
- e) Teachers of similar race/culture
- f) Extracurricular offerings
- g) Students of similar race/culture
- h) Smaller classroom size
- i) Availability of special education programs
- j) Advanced academic programs
- k) School/teacher stability
- l) Better handle of discipline

## 6) From what you know about the schools listed below, do you believe they provide a satisfying, academic experience? (Check box under column heading that describes your answer.)

	Probably Not-1	Probably Yes-2	Definitely Yes-3	Don't Know-4
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### Pillsbury

(K-5)....................

### Waite Park

(K-5)....................

### Sheridan

(K-8)....................

### Northeast

Middle (6-8)....................

### Edison High

(9-12)....................

## 7) What academic programs/curriculum would entice/maintain your child's involvement in a MPS school in Northeast Minneapolis? (check up to 3)

- a) International Baccalaureate (IB)
- b) Advanced Placement
- c) Accelerated Math/Reading
- d) Early Childhood/Pre-K
- e) AVID/Tutoring Programs
- f) World Languages
- g) Gifted/Talented
- h) Fine Arts/Music/Band
- i) Media/Technology
- j) Special Education
- k) Spanish/Language Immersion
- l) Health/Sport/Physical Education
- m) English Language Literacy (ELL)
- n) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please see side two to continue.



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