

2008 Survey of School Board Members Illinois Association of School Boards

Responses: 1,698

Response Rate: 28 percent

Result percentages are based on total survey responses -- 1,698

ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

In which geographic region (IASB Division) is your school district located?	Number	Percent
NORTHEAST	445	26.2 %
NORTH	408	24.0 %
CENTRAL	479	28.2 %
SOUTH	306	18.0 %
Don't know	45	2.7 %
Total	1683	99.1 %

Missing Cases = 15

What is the student enrollment of your school district?	Number	Percent
Fewer than 500 students	376	22.1 %
500 to 999 students	418	24.6 %
1,000 to 2,499 students	507	29.9 %
2,500 to 4,999 students	222	13.1 %
5,000 or more students	138	8.1 %
Total	1661	97.8 %

Missing Cases = 37

What type of community does your school district serve?	Number	Percent
Large city--more than 50,000 population	94	5.5 %
Small city--less than 50,000 population	251	14.8 %
Suburban--near large city	423	24.9 %
Rural--small towns and countryside	887	52.2 %
Total	1655	97.5 %

Missing Cases = 43

How many schools, if any, does your district have on either the State Board of Education's "early academic warning" list or its "academic watch" list?	Number	Percent
None	1252	73.7 %
One school	240	14.1 %
Two schools	63	3.7 %
Three schools	34	2.0 %
More than three schools	53	3.1 %
Total	1642	96.7 %

Missing Cases = 56

How do you think people in your community rate the quality of education in your school district?	Number	Percent
Better than average	1072	63.1 %
Average	539	31.7 %
Worse than average	63	3.7 %
Total	1674	98.6 %
Missing Cases = 24		

How important are the newspapers, radio, and television media in your area to the public's knowledge of your school district?	Number	Percent
Very important	449	26.4 %
Somewhat important	871	51.3 %
Not important	315	18.6 %
Don't know/no opinion	39	2.3 %
Total	1674	98.6 %
Missing Cases = 24		

How do you rate the amount and quality of news coverage that your school district receives from newspaper, radio, and television?	Number	Percent
Thorough and accurate	294	17.3 %
Extensive but not particularly accurate.	238	14.0 %
Accurate but not extensive.	747	44.0 %
Little or no media coverage.	364	21.4 %
No opinion/ don't know	24	1.4 %
Total	1667	98.2 %
Missing Cases = 31		

ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

What is your gender?	Number	Percent
Female	717	42.2 %
Male	950	55.9 %
Total	1667	98.2 %
Missing Cases = 31		

What is your ethnic background?	Number	Percent
African American	55	3.2 %
Caucasian	1553	91.5 %
Hispanic/Mexican/Puerto Rican/ Cuban	21	1.2 %
Native American	21	1.2 %
Multi-racial or other	17	1.0 %
Total	1667	98.2 %
Missing Cases = 31		

What is your age?	Number	Percent
18 to 29 years	13	0.8 %
30 to 39 years	170	10.0 %
40 to 49 years	712	41.9 %
50 to 59 years	520	30.6 %
60 years or over	256	15.1 %
Total	1671	98.4 %

Missing Cases = 27

What is your highest level of education?	Number	Percent
Advanced college degree	480	28.3 %
Four-year college degree	504	29.7 %
Some college or other post-secondary education	514	30.3 %
High school graduate	158	9.3 %
Grade school graduate	15	0.9 %
Total	1671	98.4 %

Missing Cases = 27

Please indicate here whether you are employed, self-employed or otherwise occupied.

	Number	Percent
Salaried professional or managerial	731	43.0 %
Self-employed professional	213	12.5 %
Retired	179	10.5 %
Homemaker	154	9.1 %
Skilled trades	128	7.5 %
Clerical or Sales	125	7.4 %
Farm operator	101	5.9 %
Merchant or other business owner	81	4.8 %
Laborer	37	2.2 %
Totals	1749 *	102.9%

* Some respondents marked two answers to this question.

Are you or your spouse employed by a public school district, either part time or full time?	Number	Percent
I am employed by a school district	113	6.7 %
My spouse is employed by a school district	233	13.7 %
Both are employed by a school district	23	1.4 %
None of the above	1278	75.3 %
Total	1647	97.0 %

Missing Cases = 51

What is your political preference?	Number	Percent
Republican Party	691	40.7 %
Democratic Party	449	26.4 %
Independent Party	66	3.9 %
Other Party	19	1.1 %
No political preference	437	25.7 %
Total	1662	97.9 %

Missing Cases = 36

<u>Are you or your spouse a member of a labor union?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes, self and spouse.	64	3.8 %
Yes, self only.	182	10.7 %
Yes, spouse only.	221	13.0 %
No	1178	69.4 %
Total	1645	96.9 %

Missing Cases = 53

Do you (or your spouse) have any formal preparation or professional work experience in elementary or secondary education?

<u>Do you (or your spouse) have any formal preparation or professional work experience in elementary or secondary education?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes, both self and spouse	109	6.4 %
Yes, self only	277	16.3 %
Yes, spouse only	219	12.9 %
No	1051	61.9 %
Total	1656	97.5 %

Missing Cases = 42

What is your current marital status?

<u>What is your current marital status?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Never married	37	2.2 %
Married	1454	85.6 %
Divorced or separated	65	3.8 %
Re-married	78	4.6 %
Widow/widower	35	2.1 %
Total	1669	98.3 %

Missing Cases = 29

How many children do you have, if any?

<u>How many children do you have, if any?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No children	46	2.7 %
One child	142	8.4 %
Two children	687	40.5 %
Three children	482	28.4 %
Four or more children	312	18.4 %
Total	1669	98.3 %

Missing Cases = 29

Do you have children currently enrolled in elementary or secondary schools?

<u>Do you have children currently enrolled in elementary or secondary schools?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes, in public schools.	995	58.6 %
Yes, in private schools.	36	2.1 %
Yes, in both public and private schools.	47	2.8 %
My children are being home-schooled.	1	0.1 %
No children of school age.	579	34.1 %
Total	1658	97.6 %

Missing Cases = 40

Have you ever home-schooled one or more of your children?

<u>Have you ever home-schooled one or more of your children?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	19	1.1 %
No	1621	95.5 %
Total	1640	96.6 %

Missing Cases = 58

What is your family's approximate annual income (total household income)?	Number	Percent
Less than \$30,000	31	1.8 %
\$30,000 to \$70,000	356	21.0 %
\$70,000 to \$110,000	600	35.3 %
\$110,000 to \$150,000	334	19.7 %
More than \$150,000	313	18.4 %
Total	1634	96.2 %
Missing Cases = 64		

YOUR USE OF THE INTERNET

Do you have regular access to the Internet?	Number	Percent
Yes, at work.	80	4.7 %
Yes, at home.	469	27.6 %
Yes, both at work and at home.	1077	63.4 %
No, but I plan to acquire access in the near future.	14	0.8 %
No, I have no immediate plans to access the Web.	27	1.6 %
Total	1667	98.2 %
Missing Cases = 31		

If you answered "yes" to the previous question, how often have you explored the IASB Web site (www.iasb.com)?	Number	Percent
Frequently or regularly	86	5.1 %
Occasionally	596	35.1 %
Rarely or never	861	50.7 %
Unaware of IASB Web site	57	3.4 %
I do not use the Internet	56	3.3 %
Total	1656	97.5 %
Missing Cases = 42		

If you have visited the IASB Web site, how useful did you find it?	Number	Percent
Not useful	27	1.6 %
Some interesting material	116	6.8 %
Useful but difficult to use	256	15.1 %
Useful and easy to use	252	14.8 %
Have not use the IASB Web site	961	56.6 %
Total	1612	94.9 %
Missing Cases = 86		

Do you have an e-mail address?	Number	Percent
Yes, and I use it regularly.	1416	83.4 %
Yes, but I do not use it regularly.	206	12.1 %
No, I do not have access to Internet e-mail.	44	2.6 %
Total	1666	98.1 %
Missing Cases = 32		

<u>If you use e-mail, how often do you check for new messages?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
More than once a day	928	54.7 %
About once a day	371	21.8 %
A few times each week	211	12.4 %
Once a week or less	106	6.2 %
Never/Do not have e-mail	54	3.2 %
Total	1670	98.4 %

Missing Cases = 28

<u>Would you like to see IASB staff make greater use of e-mail to deliver information to school board members?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes, I am interested.	782	46.1 %
No, not interested.	345	20.3 %
Undecided	497	29.3 %
I do not use e-mail.	44	2.6 %
Total	1668	98.2 %

Missing Cases = 30

<u>At what location would you be able to freely exchange e-mail communications with IASB staff?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Both at home and at work	552	32.5 %
At home only	894	52.7 %
At work only	101	5.9 %
At neither location	120	7.1 %
Total	1667	98.2 %

Missing Cases = 31

<u>How often do you use the Internet to transact IASB business, i.e., order books, register for workshops, participate in surveys, etc.?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Regularly	35	2.1 %
Occasionally	153	9.0 %
Rarely or never	1228	72.3 %
Unaware of IASB's online capabilities	248	14.6 %
Total	1664	98.0 %

Missing Cases = 34

<u>Do you subscribe to IASB's free Online Update service?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	191	11.2 %
No	947	55.8 %
Unaware of Online Update	498	29.3 %
Total	1636	96.3 %

Missing Cases = 62

<u>If you are a subscriber, how would you rate Online Update service?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Most information is timely and helpful	96	5.7 %
Occasionally provides helpful information.	166	9.8 %
Not very timely or helpful	93	5.5 %
No longer use this service	198	11.7 %
Total	553	32.6 %

Missing Cases = 1145

YOUR SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE

How many years have you served as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Less than two years	423	24.9 %
Two to four years	403	23.7 %
Four to six years	210	12.4 %
Six to 10 years	284	16.7 %
More than 10 years	341	20.1 %
Total	1661	97.8 %

Missing Cases = 37

Do you feel that you were (or are) provided adequate orientation, training and other preparation for service on your school board?	Number	Percent
Very thorough.	607	35.7 %
Some preparation	794	46.8 %
Little or none	261	15.4 %
Total	1662	97.9 %

Missing Cases = 36

When does your current term on the school board expire?	Number	Percent
My term expires in 2009	832	49.0 %
My term expires in 2011	793	46.7 %
Total	1625	95.7 %

Missing Cases = 73

If your term of office expires in 2009, do you plan to run for re-election?	Number	Percent
Yes, I plan to run for re-election.	339	20.0 %
No, I will retire from my school board.	198	11.7 %
I am undecided.	353	20.8 %
Total	890	52.4 %

Missing Cases = 808

If you are retiring from your board in 2009, what is your primary reason for not seeking re-election?	Number	Percent
Spend more time with my family and/or job.	72	4.2 %
Community blames the board for problems beyond our control.	16	0.9 %
Excessive demands on schools and lack of funding	64	3.8 %
Time to step aside	186	11.0 %
My children have graduated	43	2.5 %
Total	381	22.4 %

Missing Cases = 1317

If your term of office expires in 2011, do you anticipate running for at least one more term on your school board at that time?

	Number	Percent
Yes, at least one more term.	309	18.2 %
No	204	12.0 %
Undecided.	332	19.6 %
Total	845	49.8 %

Missing Cases = 853

If you decide to retire from your board in 2011, what will be your primary reason?

	Number	Percent
Spend more time with my family and/or job.	190	11.2 %
Our community blames the board for problems beyond our control.	38	2.2 %
Excessive demands on schools and lack of funding	91	5.4 %
Time to step aside	298	17.6 %
My children have graduated	79	4.7 %
Total	696	41.0 %

Missing Cases = 1002

Do you envision running for another public office after completing your school board service?

	Number	Percent
Yes	205	12.1 %
No	985	58.0 %
Undecided	464	27.3 %
Total	1654	97.4 %

Missing Cases = 44

Please estimate the total amount of time you spend each month attending school board meetings, preparing for meetings, and all other school board work/activities.

	Number	Percent
Five hours or less per month	298	17.6 %
Six to 10 hours per month	666	39.2 %
11 to 15 hours per month	389	22.9 %
16 to 20 hours per month	182	10.7 %
More than 20 hours per month	134	7.9 %
Total	1669	98.3 %

Missing Cases = 29

How would you generally describe your experiences as a school board member?

	Number	Percent
Very satisfying	787	46.3 %
Moderately satisfying	644	37.9 %
Not as satisfying as I had expected	127	7.5 %
Downright disappointing	50	2.9 %
Undecided	60	3.5 %
Total	1668	98.2 %

Missing Cases = 30

What do you think is the single most important reason voters elected you to serve on their school board?.

	Number	Percent
Voters believed I would support needed changes.	257	15.1 %
Voters believed their schools are good and I would help keep them good.	410	24.1 %
Voters believed I would protect their tax dollars.	71	4.2 %
Voters respected my experience and knowledge.	601	35.4 %
I was among the few people willing to serve.	320	18.8 %
Total	1659	97.7 %

Missing Cases = 39

Among the viewpoints listed below, which one do you feel most accurately describes your posture as a school board member.

	Number	Percent
I represent the interests of all citizens of the district.	318	18.7 %
I represent the interests of children first.	666	39.2 %
I represent the constituents who elected me.	43	2.5 %
I represent the best interests of public education in our community.	601	35.4 %
Undecided/None of the above	39	2.3 %
Total	1667	98.2 %

Missing Cases = 31

Think back to the time that you first ran for the school board. What was the single most important factor motivating you to run? Please check only one response.

	Number	Percent
Because I wanted to make a specific improvement in the schools.	326	19.2 %
Because I wanted to fulfill my civic responsibility.	256	15.1 %
Because I disagreed with action(s) of the previous school board.	167	9.8 %
Because I wanted to help my children get a good education.	260	15.3 %
Because I value public education.	648	38.2 %
Total	1657	97.6 %

Missing Cases = 41

Have you been able to achieve the goals you had in mind when you first were elected to the school board?

	Number	Percent
Yes, my goals have either been achieved or we are making progress.	999	58.8 %
No, there has been little or no progress toward those goals.	116	6.8 %
No, because my goals have changed.	35	2.1 %
It is too early to tell.	235	13.8 %
I had no goals in mind when first elected.	273	16.1 %
Total	1658	97.6 %

Missing Cases = 40

Which of the following priorities would you most like to accomplish before you retire from the school board?

	Number	Percent
Improve achievement levels of all students of the district.	696	41.0 %
Improve the way in which the school board and superintendent operate.	157	9.2 %
Engage the community more effectively in pursuing a vision for the district.	471	27.7 %
Improve the district's financial condition.	116	6.8 %
Leave schools in the same good condition as when I came on the board.	202	11.9 %
Total	1642	96.7 %

Missing Cases = 56

SOURCES OF DISAPPOINTMENT

Have inadequate financial resources been a source of serious disappointment to you as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Yes, it is a cause of disappointment	692	40.8 %
Not a cause of disappointment	511	30.1 %
Uncertain	131	7.7 %
Total	1334	78.6 %

Missing Cases = 364

Has weak leadership of board and/or administration been a source of serious disappointment to you as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Yes, it is a cause of disappointment	453	26.7 %
Not a cause of disappointment	764	45.0 %
Uncertain	105	6.2 %
Total	1322	77.9 %

Missing Cases = 376

Has lack of community support been a source of serious disappointment to you as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Yes, it is a cause of disappointment	502	29.6 %
Not a cause of disappointment	654	38.5 %
Uncertain	162	9.5 %
Total	1318	77.6 %

Missing Cases = 380

Has disagreement among board members regarding the distinction between board work and staff work been a source of serious disappointment to you as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Yes, it is a cause of disappointment	445	26.2 %
Not a cause of disappointment	748	44.1 %
Uncertain	123	7.2 %
Total	1316	77.5 %

Missing Cases = 382

Has excessive interference from state laws been a source of serious disappointment to you as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Yes, it is a cause of disappointment	566	33.3 %
Not a cause of disappointment	487	28.7 %
Uncertain	251	14.8 %
Total	1304	76.8 %

Missing Cases = 394

Has lack of information your board needs to make wise decisions been a source of serious disappointment to you as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Yes, it is a cause of disappointment	354	20.8 %
Not a cause of disappointment	835	49.2 %
Uncertain	117	6.9 %
Total	1306	76.9 %

Missing Cases = 392

Has partisan or personal politics been a source of serious disappointment to you as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Yes, it is a cause of disappointment	426	25.1 %
Not a cause of disappointment	718	42.3 %
Uncertain	149	8.8 %
Total	1293	76.1 %
Missing Cases = 405		

Has too much board time devoted to operational affairs and not enough to setting directions and standards and assessing results been a source of serious disappointment to you as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Yes, it is a cause of disappointment	451	26.6 %
Not a cause of disappointment	701	41.3 %
Uncertain	145	8.5 %
Total	1297	76.4 %
Missing Cases = 401		

Has lack of community appreciation for the work of the school board been a source of serious disappointment to you as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Yes, it is a cause of disappointment	472	27.8 %
Not a cause of disappointment	653	38.5 %
Uncertain	177	10.4 %
Total	1302	76.7 %
Missing Cases = 396		

Have student test scores been a source of serious disappointment to you as a school board member?	Number	Percent
Yes, it is a cause of disappointment	451	26.6 %
Not a cause of disappointment	714	42.0 %
Uncertain	132	7.8 %
Total	1297	76.4 %
Missing Cases = 401		

ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

My school board needs to make changes in the way it functions.	Number	Percent
Agree Completely	182	10.7 %
Tend to Agree	351	20.7 %
Uncertain	121	7.1 %
Tend to Disagree	617	36.3 %
Disagree Completely	391	23.0 %
Total	1662	97.9 %
Missing Cases = 36		

My school board needs to communicate a more up-to-date vision for public education in our community.	Number	Percent
Agree Completely	204	12.0 %
Tend to Agree	485	28.6 %
Uncertain	144	8.5 %
Tend to Disagree	515	30.3 %
Disagree Completely	311	18.3 %
Total	1659	97.7 %
Missing Cases = 39		

My school board needs a better way to evaluate the superintendent's performance.	Number	Percent
Agree Completely	308	18.1 %
Tend to Agree	394	23.2 %
Uncertain	179	10.5 %
Tend to Disagree	473	27.9 %
Disagree Completely	307	18.1 %
Total	1661	97.8 %
Missing Cases = 37		

My school board should learn how to assert more effective leadership.	Number	Percent
Agree Completely	228	13.4 %
Tend to Agree	351	20.7 %
Uncertain	185	10.9 %
Tend to Disagree	579	34.1 %
Disagree Completely	321	18.9 %
Total	1664	98.0 %
Missing Cases = 34		

My school board needs to function more effectively as a team.	Number	Percent
Agree Completely	240	14.1 %
Tend to Agree	297	17.5 %
Uncertain	139	8.2 %
Tend to Disagree	578	34.0 %
Disagree Completely	411	24.2 %
Total	1665	98.1 %
Missing Cases = 33		

My school board should spend more time dealing with goals and expectations and less time with operational matters.	Number	Percent
Agree Completely	228	13.4 %
Tend to Agree	442	26.0 %
Uncertain	203	12.0 %
Tend to Disagree	512	30.2 %
Disagree Completely	278	16.4 %
Total	1663	97.9 %
Missing Cases = 35		

<u>My school board needs to be more effective in building community support for district goals.</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agree Completely	294	17.3 %
Tend to Agree	651	38.3 %
Uncertain	214	12.6 %
Tend to Disagree	327	19.3 %
Disagree Completely	178	10.5 %
Total	1664	98.0 %
Missing Cases = 34		

<u>How often does your school board talk about its own processes or performance for more than 20 minutes at a time?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
At least once every month	173	10.2 %
Once every two or three months	318	18.7 %
About twice a year	411	24.2 %
Once a year	373	22.0 %
Never or almost never	377	22.2 %
Total	1652	97.3 %
Missing Cases = 46		

<u>Has your board discussed its meeting procedures and rules?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Discussed at length	252	14.8 %
Touched on briefly	909	53.5 %
Not discussed	391	23.0 %
Don't recall	71	4.2 %
Total	1623	95.6 %
Missing Cases = 75		

<u>Has your board discussed its role as contrasted to the role of the superintendent and/or staff?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Discussed at length	404	23.8 %
Touched on briefly	875	51.5 %
Not discussed	303	17.8 %
Don't recall	53	3.1 %
Total	1635	96.3 %
Missing Cases = 63		

<u>Has your board discussed orientation of new board members?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Discussed at length	255	15.0 %
Touched on briefly	841	49.5 %
Not discussed	475	28.0 %
Don't recall	64	3.8 %
Total	1635	96.3 %
Missing Cases = 63		

<u>Has your board discussed getting the public involved in district planning?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Discussed at length	530	31.2 %
Touched on briefly	707	41.6 %
Not discussed	343	20.2 %
Don't recall	56	3.3 %
Total	1636	96.3 %

Missing Cases = 62

<u>Has your board discussed its decision making processes?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Discussed at length	404	23.8 %
Touched on briefly	818	48.2 %
Not discussed	359	21.1 %
Don't recall	53	3.1 %
Total	1634	96.2 %

Missing Cases = 64

<u>Has your board discussed its relationship with the community?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Discussed at length	508	29.9 %
Touched on briefly	818	48.2 %
Not discussed	265	15.6 %
Don't recall	45	2.7 %
Total	1636	96.3 %

Missing Cases = 62

<u>Has your board discussed its relationship with the staff?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Discussed at length	391	23.0 %
Touched on briefly	865	50.9 %
Not discussed	337	19.8 %
Don't recall	40	2.4 %
Total	1633	96.2 %

Missing Cases = 65

REDUCING SCHOOL BOARD TURNOVER

<u>To reduce school board turnover, would it help to provide compensation or other tangible benefits?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes, this change probably would help reduce turnover.	417	24.6 %
No, it probably would not help.	518	30.5 %
This change might make the situation worse.	579	34.1 %
No opinion	145	8.5 %
Total	1659	97.7 %

Missing Cases = 39

To reduce school board turnover, would it help to require all school board members to obtain at least some formal orientation or training for the job?

	Number	Percent
Yes, this change probably would help reduce turnover.	753	44.3 %
No, it probably would not help.	484	28.5 %
This change might make the situation worse.	304	17.9 %
No opinion	123	7.2 %
Total	1664	98.0 %

Missing Cases = 34

To reduce school board turnover, would it help to switch school board terms of office to three years with annual elections?

	Number	Percent
Yes, this change probably would help reduce turnover.	157	9.2 %
No, it probably would not help.	752	44.3 %
This change might make the situation worse.	560	33.0 %
No opinion	193	11.4 %
Total	1662	97.9 %

Missing Cases = 36

To reduce school board turnover, would it help to remove operational issues from the board agenda and delegate them to the superintendent and staff?

	Number	Percent
Yes, this change probably would help reduce turnover.	217	12.8 %
No, it probably would not help.	912	53.7 %
This change might make the situation worse.	331	19.5 %
No opinion	201	11.8 %
Total	1661	97.8 %

Missing Cases = 37

To reduce school board turnover, would it help to make the level of school funding more consistent with the high expectations of the state and/ or local community?

	Number	Percent
Yes, this change probably would help reduce turnover.	1128	66.4 %
No, it probably would not help.	297	17.5 %
This change might make the situation worse.	28	1.6 %
No opinion	200	11.8 %
Total	1653	97.3 %

Missing Cases = 45

In your opinion, which of the factors listed below is the most **positive** thing about being a school board member?

	Number	Percent
Being part of school and student activities.	302	17.8 %
Knowing that people appreciate what I do for the schools and community.	138	8.1 %
My involvement in important public policy discussions and decisions.	592	34.9 %
Seeing our students graduate and continue to grow.	568	33.5 %
Relationships formed with board colleagues and/or staff.	62	3.7 %
Total	1662	97.9 %

Missing Cases = 36

In your opinion, which of the factors listed below is the most **negative** thing about being a school board member?

	Number	Percent
The loss of privacy	112	6.6 %
Board work takes a lot of time away from family and other pursuits.	329	19.4 %
Dealing with operational details.	87	5.1 %
The pressure it puts on my family members.	91	5.4 %
State mandates and/or lack of funding.	1022	60.2 %
Total	1641	96.6 %

Missing Cases = 57

Which of the factors listed below is the one best thing that IASB could do to make school board service more satisfying?

	Number	Percent
Teach school boards to distinguish between what is properly “board work” and what is “staff work.”	422	24.9 %
Educate the public to better understand the work of school boards.	543	32.0 %
Convince the legislature to delegate more latitude to school boards.	369	21.7 %
Provide recognition for boards or board members for their service.	74	4.4 %
None of the above.	246	14.5 %
Total	1654	97.4 %

Missing Cases = 44

If all school board members were required by law to participate in a minimum number of workshops or other training, how would you respond?

	Number	Percent
I would support it and gladly participate.	735	43.3 %
I would oppose it but would participate as required.	514	30.3 %
I would not run for the school board.	207	12.2 %
I am undecided.	207	12.2 %
Total	1663	97.9 %

Missing Cases = 35

RATING THE SUPERINTENDENT

Rate your superintendent's performance in curriculum and instructional matters

	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	1442	84.9 %
Not Satisfactory	102	6.0 %
Undecided	111	6.5 %
Total	1655	97.5 %

Missing Cases = 43

Rate your superintendent's performance in managing financial affairs of the district

	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	1454	85.6 %
Not Satisfactory	107	6.3 %
Undecided	89	5.2 %
Total	1650	97.2 %

Missing Cases = 48

Rate your superintendent's performance in maintaining relations with the school board	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	1394	82.1 %
Not Satisfactory	182	10.7 %
Undecided	75	4.4 %
Total	1651	97.2 %
Missing Cases = 47		

Rate your superintendent's performance in maintaining relations with the community	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	1202	70.8 %
Not Satisfactory	268	15.8 %
Undecided	184	10.8 %
Total	1654	97.4 %
Missing Cases = 44		

Rate your superintendent's performance in maintaining relations with the staff	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	1268	74.7 %
Not Satisfactory	224	13.2 %
Undecided	159	9.4 %
Total	1651	97.2 %
Missing Cases = 47		

Rate your superintendent's leadership in creating support among the staff and community for the district's mission	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	1169	68.8 %
Not Satisfactory	254	15.0 %
Undecided	226	13.3 %
Total	1649	97.1 %
Missing Cases = 49		

Rate your superintendent's performance in providing a proper role model in ethical values, such as honesty and courage	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	1404	82.7 %
Not Satisfactory	136	8.0 %
Undecided	111	6.5 %
Total	1651	97.2 %
Missing Cases = 47		

RATING YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rate your school district's wages and working conditions necessary to attract capable principals and teachers	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	1400	82.4 %
Not Satisfactory	193	11.4 %
Undecided	68	4.0 %
Total	1661	97.8 %
Missing Cases = 37		

Rate your school district's Expectations and standards that administrators and teachers have for themselves and for students	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	1306	76.9 %
Not Satisfactory	258	15.2 %
Undecided	100	5.9 %
Total	1664	98.0 %

Missing Cases = 34

Rate your school district's community involvement in setting district policies and standards.	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	747	44.0 %
Not Satisfactory	638	37.6 %
Undecided	275	16.2 %
Total	1660	97.8 %

Missing Cases = 38

Rate your school district's local effort (tax rate) to finance schools.	Number	Percent
Satisfactory	1126	66.3 %
Not Satisfactory	367	21.6 %
Undecided	164	9.7 %
Total	1657	97.6 %

Missing Cases = 41

In your opinion, which of the following actions would make the most significant improvement in your school district?	Number	Percent
Raise standards for performance of teachers and/or administrators.	529	31.2 %
Increase investment in technology.	271	16.0 %
Increase parent-teacher cooperation and teamwork.	577	34.0 %
Improve the performance of the school board.	86	5.1 %
None of the above would be improvements.	190	11.2 %
Total	1653	97.3 %

Missing Cases = 45

Which of the following changes in the school board do you think would make the most significant improvement for your school district?	Number	Percent
Recruit board candidates who are better qualified.	208	12.2 %
Re-orient the board to provide better leadership.	257	15.1 %
Provide better educational programs for board members.	307	18.1 %
Increase community involvement in establishing district aims.	598	35.2 %
None of the above would be improvements.	282	16.6 %
Total	1652	97.3 %

Missing Cases = 46

Which of the following do you think is the biggest obstacle to good education in your school district?	Number	Percent
Too many social problems confront the schools.	469	27.6 %
Too many state regulations and restrictions.	706	41.6 %
The community's low aspirations for schools and children	152	9.0 %
Inadequate leadership from the school board and administration	83	4.9 %
Unionized teachers	224	13.2 %
Total	1634	96.2 %

Missing Cases = 64

<u>Which is the bigger obstacle to good education, lack of funding or the obstacle you checked for the question above?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
The obstacle I checked above is bigger than lack of money.	574	33.8 %
Lack of money is the bigger obstacle.	760	44.8 %
Undecided or equal in importance.	295	17.4 %
Total	1629	95.9 %

Missing Cases = 69

<u>How do you believe the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) has affected your school district?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
NCLB has had a very positive impact.	185	10.9 %
Impact has been modest; has validated what our district was already doing.	452	26.6 %
NCLB has had little or no impact on our district.	150	8.8 %
NCLB has forced us to use time and money in unproductive ways.	735	43.3 %
Don't know/No opinion	137	8.1 %
Total	1659	97.7 %

Missing Cases = 39

TARGETING ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH GOVERNANCE

<u>Are you familiar with IASB's "Targeting Achievement through Governance" (TAG) program that assists districts having difficulty meeting AYP?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes, I am familiar with TAG, and we have used this service.	251	14.8 %
Yes, I am familiar with TAG, but we have not opted to participate.	119	7.0 %
Yes, I am familiar with TAG, but we have not needed this service.	280	16.5 %
No, but we could use assistance in meeting AYP.	232	13.7 %
No, but we do not need assistance.	709	41.8 %
Total	1591	93.7 %

Missing Cases = 107

<u>If you have used IASB's TAG program, how was your experience?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Very positive	123	7.2 %
Somewhat positive	187	11.0 %
Somewhat negative	47	2.8 %
Negative	32	1.9 %
Total	389	22.9 %

Missing Cases = 1309

THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

<u>How do you feel about the future of education in your school district?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Very optimistic.	620	36.5 %
Somewhat optimistic.	832	49.0 %
Somewhat pessimistic.	127	7.5 %
Very pessimistic.	30	1.8 %
I am undecided.	50	2.9 %
Total	1659	97.7 %

Missing Cases = 39

How do you feel about the future of education generally in the state of Illinois?	Number	Percent
Very optimistic.	51	3.0 %
Somewhat optimistic.	578	34.0 %
Somewhat pessimistic.	600	35.3 %
Very pessimistic.	365	21.5 %
I am undecided.	68	4.0 %
Total	1662	97.9 %

Missing Cases = 36

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TRAINING

The Illinois Association of School Boards urges school boards to live by six “Foundational Principles of Effective School Governance.” Are you familiar with these six principles?

	Number	Percent
No. I have not heard about the IASB “Foundational Principles”	259	15.3 %
I have heard about the principles but I am not familiar with them.	381	22.4 %
Yes, I am generally familiar with the principles.	578	34.0 %
Yes, I know the principles, but I do not agree with them.	14	0.8 %
Yes, I know the principles and I try to abide by them.	412	24.3 %
Total	1644	96.8 %

Missing Cases = 54

What was the source for most of your information about the IASB “Foundational Principles of Effective School Governance?”

	Number	Percent
I read about the principles in one of the Association’s publications.	544	32.0 %
I heard the principles discussed at an Association workshop or meeting.	582	34.3 %
A member of my board or my superintendent told me about them.	193	11.4 %
I found the principles on the IASB Web site.	53	3.1 %
I have not heard about the IASB principles of school governance.	242	14.3 %
Total	1614	95.1 %

Missing Cases = 84

Have you attended one of the workshops that IASB offers for newly elected school board members?

	Number	Percent
No.	557	32.8 %
Yes, I attended a new board member workshop prior to 2001.	393	23.1 %
Yes, I attended a new board member workshop after 2001.	643	37.9 %
Do not recall.	66	3.9 %
Total	1659	97.7 %

Missing Cases = 39

How do you feel personally about training for members of school boards?

	Number	Percent
School board members need all the training they can get.	573	33.7 %
Some training in the basics is essential for every school board member.	570	33.6 %
Most board members need some training to fill in gaps in their knowledge.	315	18.6 %
Training for school board members is helpful but not essential.	179	10.5 %
School board work should not call for any particular training.	21	1.2 %
Total	1658	97.6 %

Missing Cases = 40

How do you feel personally about the state's proposal to mandate training for members of school boards?

	Number	Percent
The proposed four-hour minimum training is not adequate	152	9.0 %
The proposed mandatory training is adequate	513	30.2 %
The proposed four-hour minimum requirement is adequate.	135	8.0 %
I do not believe school board training should be required	757	44.6 %
Training for school board members can be helpful but not essential.	100	5.9 %
Total	1657	97.6 %

Missing Cases = 41

Would you like to receive more or better information regarding the training programs that IASB makes available for school board members?

	Number	Percent
No, I already receive more information than I really want.	217	12.8 %
No, I feel adequately informed about IASB training programs.	802	47.2 %
I wish the information I receive were more thorough.	332	19.6 %
Yes. I don't receive much information but wish I did.	253	14.9 %
I rarely hear about IASB training programs and prefer to keep it that way.	46	2.7 %
Total	1650	97.2 %

Missing Cases = 48

EVALUATION OF IASB TRAINING PROGRAMS

IASB often sponsors regional workshops on such topics as school finance, collective bargaining, school governance, policy development, and legal issues. How many

IASB workshops do you attend each year (on average)?

	Number	Percent
Four or more per year	92	5.4 %
Two or three per year	453	26.7 %
One per year	630	37.1 %
None	462	27.2 %
Total	1637	96.4 %

Missing Cases = 61

How do you most often find out about IASB conferences and workshops?

	Number	Percent
Announcements that come to me in the mail.	668	39.3 %
The IASB Web site.	12	0.7 %
My superintendent usually keeps me informed about upcoming events.	534	31.4 %
I learn about upcoming IASB events from a variety of sources.	346	20.4 %
I usually/often am not aware of IASB workshops and conferences.	88	5.2 %
Total	1648	97.1 %

Missing Cases = 50

What do you consider the single most **positive** feature about workshops offered by IASB

	Number	Percent
Workshop topics and content are relevant to my needs.	671	39.5 %
Speakers almost always teach me what I need to know.	110	6.5 %
Locations and times of workshops are convenient for me.	109	6.4 %
Cost is reasonable.	62	3.7 %
<u>They provide an opportunity to interact with other board members.</u>	<u>494</u>	<u>29.1 %</u>
Total	1446	85.2 %

Missing Cases = 252

What do you consider the single most **negative** feature about workshops offered by IASB?

	Number	Percent
Workshop topics and content are not relevant to my needs.	167	9.8 %
Speakers tend to be boring or ill-prepared.	147	8.7 %
Locations and times of workshops are not convenient for me.	762	44.9 %
Cost is too high.	115	6.8 %
<u>Not enough time is allowed for me to interact with other board members.</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>12.2 %</u>
Total	1398	82.3 %

Missing Cases = 300

What is the single most important reason you do not attend IASB workshops.

	Number	Percent
Workshops often are held at inconvenient times or places.	527	31.0 %
I often am unaware of the workshops or find out about them too late.	103	6.1 %
Topics usually do not seem relevant for me.	117	6.9 %
There are too many other demands on my time.	622	36.6 %
<u>After several years on the board, most workshops are repetitive for me.</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>11.0 %</u>
Total	1556	91.6 %

Missing Cases = 142

Do you and other members of your school board find that conferences and workshops conducted by IASB provide adequate value in return for the time and money you invest?

	Number	Percent
Value is consistently good to excellent.	680	40.0 %
Value is consistently fair to poor.	67	3.9 %
Value varies widely	512	30.2 %
<u>No opinion</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>20.6 %</u>
Total	1609	94.8 %

Missing Cases = 89

TRAINING PREFERENCES

If you needed to receive training or instruction related to your school board work, how likely are you to attend a regional workshop requiring you to drive 100 miles or more plus an overnight stay?

	Number	Percent
Very likely	79	4.7 %
Somewhat likely	329	19.4 %
Somewhat unlikely	452	26.6 %
Very or definitely unlikely	709	41.8 %
Undecided/Don't know	84	4.9 %
Total	1653	97.3 %

Missing Cases = 45

If you needed to receive training or instruction related to your school board work, how likely are you to attend a workshop held in conjunction with the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago?

	Number	Percent
Very likely	827	48.7 %
Somewhat likely	524	30.9 %
Somewhat unlikely	106	6.2 %
Very or definitely unlikely	135	8.0 %
Undecided/Don't know	60	3.5 %
Total	1652	97.3 %

Missing Cases = 46

If you needed to receive training or instruction related to your school board work, how likely are you to attend a workshop delivered via the Internet that involves reading and communicating via e-mail?

	Number	Percent
Very likely	191	11.2 %
Somewhat likely	735	43.3 %
Somewhat unlikely	322	19.0 %
Very or definitely unlikely	305	18.0 %
Undecided/Don't know	99	5.8 %
Total	1652	97.3 %

Missing Cases = 46

If you needed to receive training or instruction related to your school board work, how likely are you to attend a workshop delivered in your district just for your school board, even though the cost is substantially greater?

	Number	Percent
Very likely	425	25.0 %
Somewhat likely	704	41.5 %
Somewhat unlikely	242	14.3 %
Very or definitely unlikely	148	8.7 %
Undecided/Don't know	133	7.8 %
Total	1652	97.3 %

Missing Cases = 46

Is there anything that IASB could do that would entice you to attend more regional workshops?	Number	Percent
Reduce the cost of registration, lodging, meals, travel, etc.	134	7.9 %
Develop new workshops on topics of interest to veteran board members.	377	22.2 %
Shorten the workshops to consume less time.	132	7.8 %
All of the above	609	35.9 %
None of the above	379	22.3 %
Total	1631	96.1 %

Missing Cases = 67

Is there anything else that IASB could do that would entice you to attend more regional workshops?	Number	Percent
Offer activities for board member families along with the workshops.	133	7.8 %
Offer longer workshops covering greater breadth or depth.	124	7.3 %
Reduce the driving distance to the workshops	507	29.9 %
All of the above	302	17.8 %
None of the above	557	32.8 %
Total	1623	95.6 %

Missing Cases = 75

DIVISION MEETING ATTENDANCE

In your opinion, what is the one most important reason that more school board members do not attend their IASB Division Dinner Meetings?	Number	Percent
There are too many demands on their time	1030	60.7 %
Program topics do not seem relevant or useful.	98	5.8 %
Too little advance information is made available .	69	4.1 %
Many board members have no interest in keeping themselves informed.	129	7.6 %
Division Meetings tend to be “more of the same” for veteran members.	274	16.1 %
Total	1600	94.2 %

Missing Cases = 98

In your opinion, what is the one most important benefit of attending IASB’s Division Dinner meetings?	Number	Percent
Good opportunity to talk with school officials from other districts.	575	33.9 %
Everyone can find at least one topic of value on the program.	255	15.0 %
Going to the meeting is an opportunity for board members to socialize.	95	5.6 %
A lot of useful information is disseminated at Division meetings.	174	10.2 %
None of the above/Uncertain	516	30.4 %
Total	1615	95.1 %

Missing Cases = 83

EVALUATION OF IASB PUBLICATIONS

How thoroughly do you read The Illinois School Board Journal?	Number	Percent
I read all or most of the articles in every issue.	323	19.0 %
I read some articles in every issue.	565	33.3 %
I read some articles in most issues.	547	32.2 %
I often find nothing I want to read.	97	5.7 %
I never examine the Journal.	102	6.0 %
Total	1634	96.2 %

Missing Cases = 64

If you DO NOT READ The Illinois School Board Journal regularly, please tell us why.

	Number	Percent
I do not recall seeing the Journal.	63	3.7 %
I would like to read the Journal, but rarely have time.	310	18.3 %
The Journal rarely offers anything of interest or value to me.	145	8.5 %
I prefer to read other publications.	36	2.1 %
The Journal simply does not appeal to me.	73	4.3 %
Total	627	36.9 %

Missing Cases = 1071

How thoroughly do you read IASB School Board Newsbulletin?	Number	Percent
I read all or most of the news in every issue.	388	22.9 %
I read some news in every issue.	513	30.2 %
I read something in most issues.	506	29.8 %
I often find nothing I want to read.	80	4.7 %
I never examine the Newsbulletin.	131	7.7 %
Total	1618	95.3 %

Missing Cases = 80

If you DO NOT READ the Newsbulletin regularly, please tell us why.

	Number	Percent
I do not recall seeing the Newsbulletin	100	5.9 %
I would like to read the Newsbulletin, but rarely have time.	282	16.6 %
The Newsbulletin rarely offers anything of interest or value to me.	121	7.1 %
I prefer to read other publications.	39	2.3 %
The Newsbulletin simply does not appeal to me.	66	3.9 %
Total	608	35.8 %

Missing Cases = 1090

Please grade The Illinois School Board Journal	Number	Percent
Excellent	280	16.5 %
Good	902	53.1 %
Fair	335	19.7 %
Weak	54	3.2 %
Poor	24	1.4 %
Total	1595	93.9 %

Missing Cases = 103

<u>Please grade the IASB School Board Newsbulletin</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Excellent	227	13.4 %
Good	882	51.9 %
Fair	365	21.5 %
Weak	57	3.4 %
Poor	40	2.4 %
Total	1571	92.5 %

Missing Cases = 127

Each year IASB publishes an Annual Report of Services that (a) reviews activities of the previous fiscal year, (b) outlines services available to member districts, and (c) identifies staff members who deliver various services.

<u>Please tell us whether you find this publication useful.</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
I examine this publication when it first arrives but rarely use it after that.	416	24.5 %
I value this publication and refer to it for information about IASB.	122	7.2 %
I keep this publication available but rarely use it.	335	19.7 %
This publication has not been useful to me.	289	17.0 %
I do not recall seeing this publication.	459	27.0 %
Total	1621	95.5 %

Missing Cases = 77

<u>How often do you use a computer to obtain information, such as by e-mail, CD-ROM, or by searching the Internet?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Every day	1078	63.5 %
Two or three times a week	219	12.9 %
Once a week	93	5.5 %
Less than once a week	117	6.9 %
Never	132	7.8 %
Total	1639	96.5 %

Missing Cases = 59

<u>Listed below are various ways that IASB might deliver information to you. Please indicate the one method that you most prefer.</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Printed information delivered by mail.	789	46.5 %
Printed information delivered by FAX.	8	0.5 %
Information delivered by Internet e-mail.	704	41.5 %
Information delivered on CDs.	45	2.7 %
None of the above/Undecided.	100	5.9 %
Total	1646	96.9 %

Missing Cases = 52

EVALUATING IASB STAFF AND SERVICES

About how often have you telephoned IASB staff during the past 12 months for information or assistance?	Number	Percent
Five or more times	37	2.2 %
Two to four times	137	8.1 %
Once	162	9.5 %
Did not call	1279	75.3 %
Total	1615	95.1 %

Missing Cases = 84

When you call the IASB office, how pleasant is the usual experience?	Number	Percent
Very pleasant	184	10.9 %
Usually pleasant	119	7.0 %
Sometimes pleasant, often problems.	22	1.3 %
Usually not pleasant	68	4.0 %
No opinion.	342	20.1 %
Total	736	43.3 %

Missing Cases = 963

About how often have you used e-mail to contact IASB staff during the past 12 months for information or assistance?	Number	Percent
Five or more times	42	2.5 %
Two to four times	74	4.4 %
Once	102	6.0 %
Did not e-mail IASB staff during the past 12 months.	1331	78.3 %
Total	1549	91.2 %

Missing Cases = 150

When you send email to the IASB staff, how effective is the usual result?	Number	Percent
Very effective	169	10.0 %
Sometimes effective	44	2.6 %
Rarely if ever effective	15	0.9 %
No opinion.	305	18.0 %
Total	533	31.4 %

Missing Cases = 1166

How cooperative and helpful did you find the IASB staff when you contacted them for information or assistance?	Number	Percent
Always cooperative and helpful.	348	20.5 %
Usually cooperative and helpful.	133	7.8 %
Somewhat cooperative and helpful.	31	1.8 %
Rarely or never cooperative or helpful.	21	1.2 %
Have not contacted staff for assistance.	1012	59.6 %
Total	1545	90.9 %

Missing Cases = 154

If you have ever left a message requesting a return call or e-mail from a member of the IASB staff, have you ever failed to receive the return call?

	Number	Percent
IASB staff always returns calls or e-mails promptly.	255	15.0 %
Sometimes there is a lengthy delay	39	2.3 %
I failed to receive a return call or e-mail one time.	24	1.4 %
The staff failed to return calls or e-mails several times.	20	1.2 %
I have not asked for a return call or e-mail.	1165	68.6 %
Total	1503	88.5 %

Missing Cases = 196

Other than a face-to-face meeting, how do you prefer to communicate with the IASB staff.

	Number	Percent
Correspond via the U.S. Mail	175	10.3 %
Exchange messages via FAX	9	0.5 %
Communicate via Internet e-mail	649	38.2 %
Communicate via telephone	325	19.1 %
No opinion	466	27.4 %
Total	1624	95.6 %

Missing Cases = 75

How do you rate the IASB staff in terms of their availability, knowledge and desire to help you?

	Number	Percent
I almost always reach someone who is willing and able to help me.	417	24.6 %
It is sometimes hard to find someone at IASB who can help me.	44	2.6 %
Staff often seem to lack the knowledge needed to help.	17	1.0 %
Staff often seem disinterested in my needs.	16	0.9 %
Don't know/No opinion	1120	65.9 %
Total	1614	95.0 %

Missing Cases = 85

How do you feel about the voice-mail system used at the IASB office?

	Number	Percent
I like it.	60	3.5 %
I can tolerate it.	170	10.0 %
I despise it.	30	1.8 %
Undecided.	95	5.6 %
Have not used it.	1264	74.4 %
Total	1619	95.3 %

Missing Cases = 80

How easy or difficult is it to register for an IASB workshop or meeting?

	Number	Percent
Always easy and hassle-free	672	39.6 %
Sometimes a challenge	60	3.5 %
Frequently unpleasant	5	0.3 %
Don't know/No opinion	787	46.3 %
Total	1524	89.7 %

Missing Cases = 175

Individual school boards sometimes invite a member of the IASB staff to meet with them to provide a customized workshop, board self-evaluation, superintendent search, goal setting or other direct assistance. If you can recall such direct assistance from a member of the IASB staff, please tell how you felt about the outcome of the activity.

	Number	Percent
We tried but were unable to schedule an activity	14	0.8 %
The results met or exceeded my expectations.	756	44.5 %
The outcome did not live up to my expectations.	165	9.7 %
The event was quite unsatisfactory.	46	2.7 %
Don't know/Don't recall	623	36.7 %
Total	1604	94.4 %

Missing Cases = 95

Have you ever taken part in a Board Self-Evaluation with a member of the IASB staff?

	Number	Percent
Yes	747	44.0 %
No	775	45.6 %
Don't recall	102	6.0 %
Total	1624	95.6 %

Missing Cases = 75

If you answered NO to the question above, what is the primary reason that your board has not used the IASB Board Self-Evaluation Service?

	Number	Percent
The subject has simply not come up	530	31.2 %
My board does not need to engage in this activity.	135	7.9 %
We cannot afford it.	59	3.5 %
We have been unable to schedule it yet.	95	5.6 %
We are busy with other matters.	59	3.5 %
Total	878	51.7 %

Missing Cases = 821

If you answered YES to participation in a Board Self-Evaluation, please tell us how you feel about the experience.

	Number	Percent
My board benefited a great deal	390	23.0 %
We gained useful insights, but no specific improvements resulted.	296	17.4 %
Mostly a waste of time.	75	4.4 %
Created some problems that we did not have before.	107	6.3 %
Total	868	51.1 %

Missing Cases = 831

Which of the following do you believe is the most accurate description of IASB?

	Number	Percent
Helps school boards pursue high standards.	234	13.8 %
Provides services that school districts need to be effective and efficient.	263	15.5 %
Speaks for school boards before the legislature and general public.	64	3.8 %
All of the above.	799	47.0 %
None of the above.	76	4.5 %
Total	1436	84.5 %

Missing Cases = 263