

Survey of Illinois School Board Members, October 1998

Illinois Association of School Boards

Total Survey Respondents = 2469. Percentages based on number of responses to each item, not total survey respondents.

Demographics - Personal and Family Information

	In what region is your district located?				
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Total	Northeast	North	Central	South	
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What is your gender?					

Female	972 40.4	355 54.0	234 39.1	247 34.4	136 31.3
Male	1434 59.6	302 46.0	364 60.9	470 65.6	298 68.7
What is your ethnic background?					

Black	51 2.1	30 4.6	9 1.5	8 1.1	4 0.9
White	2318 96.4	608 92.7	583 97.7	704 98.3	423 97.2
Hispanic	12 0.5	7 1.1	1 0.2	2 0.3	2 0.5
Native American	7 0.3	0 0.0	3 0.5	1 0.1	3 0.7
Other	16 0.7	11 1.7	1 0.2	1 0.1	3 0.7
What is your age?					

18 to 29 years	8 0.3	1 0.2	1 0.2	4 0.6	2 0.5
30 to 39 years	408 16.9	71 10.8	90 15.0	157 21.9	90 20.7
40 to 49 years	1307 54.2	372 56.4	328 54.7	383 53.5	224 51.5
50 to 59 years	503 20.9	160 24.3	136 22.7	134 18.7	73 16.8
60 years or over	184 7.6	55 8.3	45 7.5	38 5.3	46 10.6

Demographics - Personal and Family Information (Continued)

	In what region is your district located?				
	Total	Northeast	North	Central	South
What is your highest level of education?					
Advanced college degree	601 24.9	241 36.6	132 22.0	126 17.5	102 23.4
Four-year college degree	744 30.8	200 30.4	207 34.5	216 30.1	121 27.8
Some college post-secondary	801 33.2	169 25.7	211 35.2	267 37.2	154 35.3
High school graduate	250 10.4	41 6.2	48 8.0	105 14.6	56 12.8
Grade school graduate	16 0.7	7 1.1	2 0.3	4 0.6	3 0.7
What is your occupation?					
Salaried professional or managerial	1077 45.3	317 48.7	274 45.9	300 42.1	186 43.3
Self-employed professional	277 11.6	98 15.2	74 12.5	63 8.9	42 9.8
Homemaker	194 8.2	86 13.3	47 7.9	46 6.5	15 3.5
Farm operator	191 8.0	0 0.0	44 7.4	107 15.0	40 9.3
Clerical or sales	174 7.3	61 9.4	41 6.9	44 6.2	28 6.5
Skilled trades	162 6.8	22 3.4	42 7.0	65 9.1	33 7.7
Merchant or business owner	113 4.8	24 3.7	28 4.7	27 3.8	34 7.9
Laborer	65 2.7	6 0.9	12 2.0	29 4.1	18 4.2
Retired	125 5.3	32 5.0	31 5.2	29 4.1	33 7.7

Demographics - Personal and Family Information (Continued)

	In what region is your district located?				
	Total	Northeast	North	Central	South
What is your political preference?					
Republican Party	1065 44.7	220 33.9	267 45.1	381 53.6	197 45.7
Democratic Party	538 22.6	187 28.8	105 17.7	122 17.2	124 28.8
Independent Party	79 3.3	27 4.2	21 3.5	23 3.2	8 1.9
Other Party	9 0.4	0 0.0	3 0.5	4 0.6	2 0.5
No political preference	692 29.0	215 33.1	196 33.1	181 25.5	100 23.2
What is your religious preference?					
Protestant	1325 55.6	213 32.8	332 55.6	490 68.8	290 68.2
Catholic	684 28.7	264 40.7	195 32.7	123 17.3	102 24.0
Jewish	66 2.8	58 8.9	4 0.7	3 0.4	1 0.2
Other	180 7.6	64 9.9	34 5.7	61 8.6	21 4.9
None	128 5.4	50 7.7	32 5.4	35 4.9	11 2.6
What is your current marital status?					
Never married	14 0.6	7 1.1	3 0.5	4 0.6	0 0.0
Married	2151 89.4	582 88.7	542 90.6	639 89.1	388 89.2
Divorced or separated	95 3.9	36 5.5	18 3.0	26 3.6	15 3.4
Re-married	107 4.4	15 2.3	25 4.2	41 5.7	26 6.0
Widow/widower	39 1.6	16 2.4	10 1.7	7 1.0	6 1.4

Demographics - Personal and Family Information (Continued)

	In what region is your district located?				
	Total	Northeast	North	Central	South
What is your family's approximate annual household income?					
Less than \$30,000	75 3.2	12 1.9	20 3.4	24 3.4	19 4.5
\$30,000 to \$70,000	971 41.6	167 26.6	233 39.7	345 49.5	226 53.4
\$70,000 to \$110,000	820 35.1	239 38.0	225 38.3	231 33.1	125 29.6
\$110,000 to \$150,000	230 9.8	84 13.4	68 11.6	56 8.0	22 5.2
More than \$150,000	240 10.3	127 20.2	41 7.0	41 5.9	31 7.3
How many children do you have?					
No children	39 1.6	14 2.1	10 1.7	11 1.5	4 0.9
One child	153 6.3	36 5.5	36 6.0	48 6.7	33 7.6
Two children	1047 43.4	302 46.0	216 36.0	327 45.5	202 46.4
Three children	756 31.4	193 29.4	224 37.3	211 29.4	128 29.4
Four or more children	415 17.2	112 17.0	114 19.0	121 16.9	68 15.6
Do you have children currently enrolled in elementary or secondary schools?					
Yes, public schools	1677 70.1	440 67.4	408 68.7	531 74.2	298 69.1
Yes, private schools	35 1.5	16 2.5	4 0.7	9 1.3	6 1.4
Yes, both public and private	73 3.0	32 4.9	21 3.5	14 2.0	6 1.4
Children are home-schooled	2 0.1	0 0.0	1 0.2	0 0.0	1 0.2
No children of school age	607 25.4	165 25.3	160 26.9	162 22.6	120 27.8

Demographics - Personal and Family Information (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
Have you ever home-schooled one or more of your children?					
Yes	28 1.2	12 1.8	7 1.2	3 0.4	6 1.4
No	2372 98.8	642 98.2	590 98.8	714 99.6	426 98.6
Do you have close relatives or close friends who have home-schooled children?					
Yes	594 24.7	148 22.6	149 24.8	193 26.9	104 24.0
No	1812 75.3	508 77.4	451 75.2	524 73.1	329 76.0

Internet Usage

Do you have access to the World Wide Web on the Internet?					
Yes, at work	316 13.1	77 11.7	78 13.0	99 13.8	62 14.3
Yes, at home	665 27.6	208 31.6	153 25.5	189 26.4	115 26.6
Yes, at work and at home	757 31.5	251 38.1	206 34.3	204 28.5	96 22.2
No, but soon will	346 14.4	72 10.9	91 15.2	102 14.3	81 18.7
No, have no plans	322 13.4	50 7.6	72 12.0	121 16.9	79 18.2
How often have you visited the IASB website?					
Frequently or regularly	69 4.0	16 3.0	14 3.2	18 3.7	21 7.7
Occasionally	366 21.1	118 22.1	97 22.2	94 19.1	57 20.8
Rarely or never	815 46.9	255 47.7	214 49.0	219 44.5	127 46.4
Unaware of IASB website	431 24.8	126 23.6	103 23.6	141 28.7	61 22.3
Do not use the Web	57 3.3	20 3.7	9 2.1	20 4.1	8 2.9

Internet Usage (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How useful did you find the IASB website?					
Not useful	26 1.2	11 1.9	6 1.2	6 0.9	3 0.8
Some material is interesting	163 7.7	48 8.2	47 9.0	42 6.6	26 6.9
Useful material hard to use	149 7.0	51 8.7	39 7.5	34 5.4	25 6.6
Useful, important and	179 8.5	49 8.4	45 8.6	50 7.9	35 9.3
Have not used IASB website	1601 75.6	427 72.9	384 73.7	501 79.1	289 76.5
Do you have an Internet E-mail address?					
Yes and I use it regularly	1101 47.0	352 54.7	281 48.2	315 45.0	153 36.5
Yes, but do not use it regularly	580 24.7	164 25.5	144 24.7	164 23.4	108 25.8
No, I have no E mail access	664 28.3	127 19.8	158 27.1	221 31.6	158 37.7
How often do you check for new E-mail messages?					
More than once a day	426 18.6	144 22.8	109 19.2	112 16.3	61 14.9
About once a day	482 21.0	154 24.4	123 21.7	141 20.5	64 15.6
A few times each week	387 16.9	100 15.8	103 18.1	118 17.2	66 16.1
Once a week or less	318 13.9	102 16.1	67 11.8	90 13.1	59 14.4
No Internet E mail	683 29.7	132 20.9	166 29.2	226 32.9	159 38.9

Internet Usage (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
Are you interested in establishing groups of Illinois school board members to exchange E-mail?					
Yes	537 24.0	172 27.5	147 26.4	147 22.2	71 18.0
No	465 20.8	136 21.7	120 21.6	131 19.8	78 19.7
No opinion	702 31.3	213 34.0	166 29.9	205 30.9	118 29.9
Do not use Email	536 23.9	105 16.8	123 22.1	180 27.1	128 32.4

Should IASB use Internet E-mail to communicate with board members and superintendents?

Yes	1095 46.3	345 53.4	286 48.8	299 42.2	165 38.9
No	336 14.2	78 12.1	76 13.0	104 14.7	78 18.4
No opinion	933 39.5	223 34.5	224 38.2	305 43.1	181 42.7

School Board Experience

Besides school board service, have you ever held any other elected public office?

Yes	328 13.7	65 9.9	64 10.7	117 16.4	82 18.9
No	2074 86.3	590 90.1	535 89.3	596 83.6	353 81.1

School Board Experience (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How many years have you served as a school board member? -----					
Less than 12 months	317 13.1	96 14.6	63 10.5	107 14.9	51 11.7
One to three years	573 23.7	151 22.9	146 24.3	174 24.2	102 23.4
Three to five years	474 19.6	138 20.9	111 18.5	150 20.9	75 17.2
Five to nine years	571 23.7	158 24.0	147 24.5	156 21.7	110 25.3
More than nine years	478 19.8	116 17.6	133 22.2	132 18.4	97 22.3
When does your current term on the school board expire? -----					
1999	1180 49.1	312 47.5	298 49.7	355 49.8	215 49.4
2001	1127 46.9	327 49.8	282 47.1	320 44.9	198 45.5
2003	97 4.0	18 2.7	19 3.2	38 5.3	22 5.1
Do you anticipate running for another term on your school board? -----					
Definitely will	595 24.7	165 25.1	143 23.8	174 24.2	113 26.0
Probably will	573 23.8	127 19.3	144 24.0	187 26.0	115 26.5
Undecided	601 24.9	172 26.1	150 25.0	175 24.3	104 24.0
Probably won't	371 15.4	97 14.7	100 16.7	113 15.7	61 14.1
Definitely won't	271 11.2	97 14.7	63 10.5	70 9.7	41 9.4

School Board Experience (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
If you do not run for another term, what will be your primary reason?					
District's unwritten term limit	13 0.6	11 2.0	0 0.0	2 0.3	0 0.0
Demands on time too great	387 18.8	97 17.7	106 20.2	109 17.8	75 20.2
Frustrating lack of teamwork	147 7.1	45 8.2	35 6.7	42 6.9	25 6.7
Time to step aside for others	622 30.2	173 31.5	155 29.6	192 31.3	102 27.4
None of the above	889 43.2	223 40.6	228 43.5	268 43.7	170 45.7
Do you envision running for another public office after completing your school board service?					
Yes	254 10.5	64 9.7	55 9.2	83 11.5	52 12.0
No	1506 62.5	424 64.4	374 62.3	439 61.1	269 62.0
Undecided	651 27.0	170 25.8	171 28.5	197 27.4	113 26.0
Do you feel that your experience as a school board member would help you in some other public office?					
Yes	2040 84.6	552 83.9	521 86.7	607 84.4	360 82.9
No	64 2.7	21 3.2	14 2.3	16 2.2	13 3.0
Uncertain Undecided	308 12.8	85 12.9	66 11.0	96 13.4	61 14.1

School Board Experience (Continued)

	In what region is your district located?				
	Total	Northeast	North	Central	South
How much time do you spend in your district's board meetings each month?					
Five Hours or Less	1374 57.0	269 40.8	346 57.7	482 67.1	277 63.7
Six to Ten Hours	863 35.8	315 47.8	206 34.3	204 28.4	138 31.7
11 to 15 hours	149 6.2	62 9.4	40 6.7	28 3.9	19 4.4
16 hours or more	26 1.1	13 2.0	8 1.3	4 0.6	1 0.2
How much time do you spend on school board activities each month other than in meetings?					
Five Hours or Less	1269 52.7	235 35.9	315 52.4	446 62.1	273 62.8
Six to Ten Hours	778 32.3	249 38.0	200 33.3	204 28.4	125 28.7
11 to 15 hours	217 9.0	97 14.8	56 9.3	41 5.7	23 5.3
16 hours or more	145 6.0	74 11.3	30 5.0	27 3.8	14 3.2
How would you describe your experiences as a school board member?					
Very satisfying	1190 49.4	367 55.8	301 50.3	312 43.6	210 48.3
Moderately satisfying	919 38.2	213 32.4	227 37.9	308 43.1	171 39.3
Not as satisfying as I expected	193 8.0	51 7.8	47 7.8	60 8.4	35 8.0
Downright disappointing	44 1.8	14 2.1	10 1.7	13 1.8	7 1.6
Undecided	61 2.5	13 2.0	14 2.3	22 3.1	12 2.8

Causes of Disappointment

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
Was inadequate financial resources a cause of disappointment?					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	940 41.2	243 38.8	232 40.6	281 41.3	184 45.4
Not a cause of disappointment	1234 54.0	353 56.3	312 54.5	371 54.6	198 48.9
Uncertain	110 4.8	31 4.9	28 4.9	28 4.1	23 5.7
Was lack of teamwork among board members a cause of disappointment?					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	759 33.1	234 37.1	205 35.9	191 27.9	129 31.5
Not a cause of disappointment	1438 62.7	376 59.7	342 59.9	461 67.4	259 63.2
Uncertain	98 4.3	20 3.2	24 4.2	32 4.7	22 5.4
Was weak leadership of board and/or administration a cause of disappointment?					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	547 23.9	150 24.0	137 23.9	166 24.4	94 22.9
Not a cause of disappointment	1629 71.2	452 72.3	408 71.2	476 70.0	293 71.5
Uncertain	112 4.9	23 3.7	28 4.9	38 5.6	23 5.6
Was lack of community support a cause of disappointment?					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	689 30.2	174 27.8	162 28.3	219 32.3	134 32.8
Not a cause of disappointment	1442 63.1	417 66.6	360 62.8	420 61.9	245 60.0
Uncertain	154 6.7	35 5.6	51 8.9	39 5.8	29 7.1

Causes of Disappointment (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
Was lack of agreement regarding the board's role a cause of disappointment? -----					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	647 28.2	187 29.8	154 26.9	181 26.6	125 30.5
Not a cause of disappointment	1537 67.1	411 65.4	390 68.2	474 69.6	262 63.9
Uncertain	107 4.7	30 4.8	28 4.9	26 3.8	23 5.6
Was excessive interference from state laws a cause of disappointment? -----					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	933 40.8	250 39.8	204 35.7	309 45.5	170 41.4
Not a cause of disappointment	1100 48.1	323 51.4	287 50.3	292 43.0	198 48.2
Uncertain	256 11.2	55 8.8	80 14.0	78 11.5	43 10.5
Was inability to get the board to listen to your ideas a cause of disappointment? -----					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	251 11.0	70 11.2	66 11.5	74 10.9	41 10.0
Not a cause of disappointment	1954 85.6	538 86.1	484 84.5	577 85.1	355 87.0
Uncertain	79 3.5	17 2.7	23 4.0	27 4.0	12 2.9
Was lack of information needed to make decisions a cause of disappointment? -----					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	404 17.7	121 19.4	106 18.6	108 16.0	69 16.9
Not a cause of disappointment	1773 77.7	478 76.5	440 77.1	539 79.7	316 77.3
Uncertain	104 4.6	26 4.2	25 4.4	29 4.3	24 5.9

Causes of Disappointment (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
Was your board's lack of power a cause of disappointment?					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	259 11.4	70 11.2	51 8.9	90 13.3	48 11.8
Not a cause of disappointment	1901 83.4	522 83.5	483 84.7	555 82.1	341 83.6
Uncertain	119 5.2	33 5.3	36 6.3	31 4.6	19 4.7
Was partisan or personal politics a cause of disappointment?					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	619 27.1	184 29.3	164 28.7	159 23.5	112 27.4
Not a cause of disappointment	1559 68.3	418 66.7	385 67.3	486 71.9	270 66.0
Uncertain	106 4.6	25 4.0	23 4.0	31 4.6	27 6.6
Was your board's focus on operational matters, as opposed to directions and standards, a cause of disappointment?					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	741 32.3	201 32.1	190 33.1	214 31.4	136 33.2
Not a cause of disappointment	1396 60.9	386 61.7	340 59.2	423 62.1	247 60.2
Uncertain	154 6.7	39 6.2	44 7.7	44 6.5	27 6.6
Was lack of community appreciation for the board's work a cause of disappointment?					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	707 31.0	183 29.2	166 29.0	215 31.9	143 35.0
Not a cause of disappointment	1412 61.8	404 64.4	346 60.5	416 61.6	246 60.1
Uncertain	164 7.2	40 6.4	60 10.5	44 6.5	20 4.9

Causes of Disappointment (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
Was your district's student test scores a cause of disappointment?					
Yes, a cause of disappointment	507 22.2	134 21.4	118 20.7	166 24.7	89 21.8
Not a cause of disappointment	1673 73.4	465 74.2	429 75.1	475 70.6	304 74.5
Uncertain	99 4.3	28 4.5	24 4.2	32 4.8	15 3.7

Was your district's student drop out rates a cause of disappointment?

Yes, a cause of disappointment	314 13.8	47 7.5	93 16.3	103 15.2	71 17.5
Not a cause of disappointment	1882 82.7	557 89.1	455 80.0	552 81.5	318 78.3
Uncertain	81 3.6	21 3.4	21 3.7	22 3.2	17 4.2

Community Expectations and Individual Values

Why do you think voters elected you to serve on the school board?

I will support needed changes	339 14.2	89 13.6	78 13.2	102 14.4	70 16.2
I will keep good schools good	764 31.9	216 32.9	192 32.4	215 30.3	141 32.6
I will protect tax dollars	97 4.1	21 3.2	22 3.7	34 4.8	20 4.6
My experience and knowledge	769 32.1	203 30.9	200 33.7	226 31.8	140 32.3
I am willing to serve	423 17.7	127 19.4	101 17.0	133 18.7	62 14.3

Community Expectations and Individual Values (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How involved are district parents and citizens in school board decisions? -----					
Public watches nearly all decisions	279 11.6	95 14.4	59 9.8	70 9.8	55 12.7
Public watches special issues	1562 64.8	404 61.4	420 70.0	484 67.5	254 58.5
Public pays little attention	540 22.4	153 23.3	115 19.2	157 21.9	115 26.5
Don't know	28 1.2	6 0.9	6 1.0	6 0.8	10 2.3
Which viewpoint most accurately describes your posture as a school board member? -----					
Represent all citizens	391 16.2	117 17.8	100 16.7	110 15.3	64 14.7
Represent children's interests	985 40.9	301 45.7	236 39.4	271 37.7	177 40.8
Represent my constituents	20 0.8	3 0.5	4 0.7	10 1.4	3 0.7
Represent public education	969 40.2	221 33.6	251 41.9	314 43.7	183 42.2
Other/Undecided	45 1.9	16 2.4	8 1.3	14 1.9	7 1.6
What priority ranking do you give to: Provide our district with the best possible administrative leader? -----					
First	1016 42.4	288 44.0	239 40.1	308 43.3	181 41.7
Second	601 25.1	161 24.6	147 24.7	183 25.7	110 25.3
Third	400 16.7	109 16.6	111 18.6	107 15.0	73 16.8
Fourth	256 10.7	61 9.3	73 12.2	79 11.1	43 9.9
Fifth	123 5.1	36 5.5	26 4.4	34 4.8	27 6.2

Community Expectations and Individual Values Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
What priority ranking to you give to: Ensure that administrators and teachers adhere to board policies.					
First	132 5.5	29 4.4	29 4.9	43 6.1	31 7.1
Second	275 11.5	68 10.4	68 11.4	89 12.6	50 11.5
Third	445 18.6	106 16.2	120 20.2	129 18.2	90 20.7
Fourth	878 36.7	243 37.0	224 37.7	268 37.9	143 32.9
Fifth	661 27.6	210 32.0	153 25.8	178 25.2	120 27.6

What priority ranking do you give to: Ensure that community and staff share a common vision for our schools?					
First	822 34.3	236 36.0	221 37.1	237 33.4	128 29.5
Second	473 19.7	155 23.6	113 19.0	126 17.8	79 18.2
Third	449 18.7	125 19.1	108 18.1	137 19.3	79 18.2
Fourth	331 13.8	78 11.9	85 14.3	100 14.1	68 15.7
Fifth	320 13.4	62 9.5	69 11.6	109 15.4	80 18.4

What priority ranking do you give to: Ensure that the district complies with state and federal laws?					
First	224 9.4	57 8.7	52 8.7	72 10.2	43 9.9
Second	275 11.5	61 9.3	74 12.4	88 12.4	52 12.0
Third	397 16.6	107 16.3	80 13.4	121 17.1	89 20.6
Fourth	535 22.3	159 24.2	122 20.5	144 20.3	110 25.4
Fifth	964 40.3	273 41.6	268 45.0	284 40.1	139 32.1

Community Expectations and Individual Values (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
What priority ranking do you give to: Ensure that school funds are spent wisely?					

First	576 24.1	131 20.0	126 21.2	189 26.6	130 30.0
Second	786 32.8	208 31.7	201 33.8	238 33.5	139 32.0
Third	603 25.2	185 28.2	154 25.9	174 24.5	90 20.7
Fourth	258 10.8	85 13.0	68 11.4	64 9.0	41 9.4
Fifth	172 7.2	47 7.2	46 7.7	45 6.3	34 7.8
Which of the following priorities would you most like to accomplish during your term on the board?					

Increase program variety/quality	1274 52.9	344 52.3	321 53.6	376 52.4	233 53.8
More communications with community	343 14.3	88 13.4	105 17.5	95 13.2	55 12.7
Improve finances	198 8.2	54 8.2	42 7.0	67 9.3	35 8.1
Improve student test scores	385 16.0	99 15.0	92 15.4	122 17.0	72 16.6
Leave schools in same good shape	207 8.6	73 11.1	39 6.5	57 7.9	38 8.8
Would you support or oppose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution permitting organized prayer at public school functions?					

Support	1311 54.6	218 33.3	309 51.7	460 64.2	324 74.8
Oppose	667 27.8	325 49.7	149 24.9	130 18.2	63 14.5
Undecided	423 17.6	111 17.0	140 23.4	126 17.6	46 10.6

Community Expectations and Individual Values Continued)

	Total	Northeast	North	Central	South
Which of the following proposals to reduce turnover at board elections are you most likely to support?					
Six-year terms	388 16.3	116 17.8	89 14.9	101 14.2	82 19.0
Annual elections 3-yr terms	483 20.2	128 19.7	141 23.7	139 19.6	75 17.4
Leave board terms as is	1042 43.7	268 41.2	252 42.3	323 45.5	199 46.2
Other/Undecided	474 19.9	138 21.2	114 19.1	147 20.7	75 17.4

Perceptions of School Board Qualities

My school board has a clear understanding of why the school district exists and what it is supposed to accomplish.

Agree completely	1158 48.1	366 55.6	284 47.4	324 45.2	184 42.5
Tend to agree	1046 43.5	230 35.0	278 46.4	329 45.9	209 48.3
Uncertain	94 3.9	24 3.6	18 3.0	32 4.5	20 4.6
Tend to disagree	91 3.8	30 4.6	17 2.8	27 3.8	17 3.9
Disagree completely	18 0.7	8 1.2	2 0.3	5 0.7	3 0.7

My school board delegates adequate authority to the superintendent to pursue agreed-upon aims for the district.

Agree completely	1666 69.2	475 72.2	410 68.6	477 66.5	304 69.9
Tend to agree	624 25.9	150 22.8	162 27.1	197 27.5	115 26.4
Uncertain	43 1.8	12 1.8	8 1.3	16 2.2	7 1.6
Tend to disagree	66 2.7	19 2.9	14 2.3	26 3.6	7 1.6
Disagree completely	9 0.4	2 0.3	4 0.7	1 0.1	2 0.5

Perceptions of School Board Qualities(Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
My school board has an appropriate system for monitoring district performance and holding the superintendent accountable.					
Agree completely	691 28.7	216 32.8	155 25.9	190 26.5	130 29.9
Tend to agree	1042 43.3	259 39.4	276 46.1	317 44.3	190 43.7
Uncertain	272 11.3	68 10.3	62 10.4	92 12.8	50 11.5
Tend to disagree	321 13.3	85 12.9	86 14.4	95 13.3	55 12.6
Disagree completely	82 3.4	30 4.6	20 3.3	22 3.1	10 2.3
School board members are well-respected in my school district.					
Agree completely	518 21.5	175 26.6	98 16.3	153 21.4	92 21.1
Tend to agree	1138 47.2	293 44.5	313 52.2	328 45.8	204 46.9
Uncertain	548 22.7	134 20.3	140 23.3	175 24.4	99 22.8
Tend to disagree	192 8.0	54 8.2	45 7.5	58 8.1	35 8.0
Disagree completely	14 0.6	3 0.5	4 0.7	2 0.3	5 1.1
Members of my board enjoy a sense of unity and teamwork.					
Agree completely	793 32.9	232 35.2	195 32.6	229 31.9	137 31.5
Tend to agree	1020 42.3	254 38.5	249 41.6	327 45.6	190 43.7
Uncertain	257 10.7	63 9.6	71 11.9	65 9.1	58 13.3
Tend to disagree	260 10.8	75 11.4	65 10.9	77 10.7	43 9.9
Disagree completely	79 3.3	35 5.3	18 3.0	19 2.6	7 1.6

Perceptions of School Board Qualities(Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
I can take pride in being associated with a school system where people care about children and good schools.					
Agree completely	1623 67.3	485 73.6	396 66.1	460 64.2	282 64.8
Tend to agree	665 27.6	150 22.8	171 28.5	214 29.8	130 29.9
Uncertain	76 3.2	14 2.1	21 3.5	26 3.6	15 3.4
Tend to disagree	40 1.7	10 1.5	10 1.7	13 1.8	7 1.6
Disagree completely	6 0.2	0 0.0	1 0.2	4 0.6	1 0.2
I enjoy a mutually trusting relationship with our superintendent.					
Agree completely	1323 54.9	379 57.6	325 54.3	393 54.9	226 52.0
Tend to agree	712 29.6	171 26.0	184 30.7	204 28.5	153 35.2
Uncertain	188 7.8	52 7.9	48 8.0	53 7.4	35 8.0
Tend to disagree	111 4.6	33 5.0	23 3.8	42 5.9	13 3.0
Disagree completely	74 3.1	23 3.5	19 3.2	24 3.4	8 1.8
My school board needs to make changes in the way it functions.					
Agree completely	218 9.0	83 12.6	49 8.2	56 7.8	30 6.9
Tend to agree	539 22.4	131 19.9	133 22.2	166 23.2	109 25.1
Uncertain	271 11.2	57 8.7	74 12.4	94 13.1	46 10.6
Tend to disagree	903 37.5	234 35.6	237 39.6	268 37.4	164 37.7
Disagree completely	478 19.8	153 23.3	106 17.7	133 18.5	86 19.8

Perceptions of School Board Qualities(Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
My school board needs to communicate a more up-to-date vision for public education in our community.					
Agree completely	283 11.8	88 13.4	79 13.2	77 10.8	39 9.0
Tend to agree	668 27.7	170 25.8	174 29.0	195 27.3	129 29.7
Uncertain	316 13.1	55 8.3	87 14.5	108 15.1	66 15.2
Tend to disagree	802 33.3	217 32.9	197 32.8	248 34.7	140 32.3
Disagree completely	339 14.1	129 19.6	63 10.5	87 12.2	60 13.8
My school board needs a better way to evaluate the superintendent's performance.					
Agree completely	415 17.2	126 19.1	104 17.3	115 16.0	70 16.1
Tend to agree	694 28.8	172 26.1	189 31.5	220 30.7	113 26.0
Uncertain	317 13.2	76 11.5	76 12.7	101 14.1	64 14.7
Tend to disagree	687 28.5	186 28.2	165 27.5	212 29.6	124 28.6
Disagree completely	297 12.3	99 15.0	66 11.0	69 9.6	63 14.5
My school board should study new ways to provide leadership.					
Agree completely	301 12.5	90 13.7	74 12.4	86 12.0	51 11.8
Tend to agree	691 28.7	171 25.9	173 28.9	210 29.3	137 31.6
Uncertain	489 20.3	119 18.1	124 20.7	163 22.7	83 19.1
Tend to disagree	649 26.9	183 27.8	160 26.7	192 26.8	114 26.3
Disagree completely	279 11.6	96 14.6	68 11.4	66 9.2	49 11.3

Perceptions of School Board Qualities(Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
My school board has a very effective relationship with the superintendent.					
Agree completely	1039 43.1	302 45.8	245 40.8	309 43.2	183 42.1
Tend to agree	917 38.0	221 33.5	250 41.7	262 36.6	184 42.3
Uncertain	218 9.0	65 9.9	56 9.3	63 8.8	34 7.8
Tend to disagree	162 6.7	46 7.0	33 5.5	56 7.8	27 6.2
Disagree completely	74 3.1	25 3.8	16 2.7	26 3.6	7 1.6
My school board needs to function more effectively as a team.					
Agree completely	341 14.2	108 16.4	92 15.3	86 12.0	55 12.7
Tend to agree	557 23.1	146 22.2	130 21.7	172 24.0	109 25.1
Uncertain	232 9.6	52 7.9	56 9.3	80 11.2	44 10.1
Tend to disagree	828 34.4	211 32.0	221 36.8	250 34.9	146 33.6
Disagree completely	451 18.7	142 21.5	101 16.8	128 17.9	80 18.4
My school board should spend more time dealing with goals and expectations and less time with operational matters.					
Agree completely	394 16.4	118 17.9	92 15.4	111 15.5	73 16.8
Tend to agree	761 31.6	196 29.7	203 33.9	225 31.5	137 31.5
Uncertain	389 16.2	80 12.1	103 17.2	135 18.9	71 16.3
Tend to disagree	662 27.5	190 28.8	157 26.2	197 27.6	118 27.1
Disagree completely	202 8.4	75 11.4	44 7.3	47 6.6	36 8.3

Perceptions of School Board Qualities(Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
My school board should be more aggressive in soliciting community input about district goals.					
Agree completely	326 13.5	88 13.4	91 15.2	91 12.7	56 12.9
Tend to agree	835 34.7	198 30.1	220 36.7	267 37.3	150 34.5
Uncertain	459 19.1	116 17.6	109 18.2	156 21.8	78 17.9
Tend to disagree	623 25.9	191 29.0	151 25.2	160 22.3	121 27.8
Disagree completely	165 6.9	65 9.9	28 4.7	42 5.9	30 6.9

The Board-Superintendent Relationship

How would you describe the amount of authority
your board policy gives to the superintendent?

Too much authority	227 9.4	77 11.7	45 7.5	70 9.8	35 8.0
Too little authority	63 2.6	15 2.3	12 2.0	23 3.2	13 3.0
About right amount	2115 87.9	566 86.0	541 90.5	621 87.0	387 89.0

How would you describe your superintendent's performance
in the area of curriculum and instructional matters?

Satisfactory	2016 84.1	563 85.8	493 82.7	588 82.7	372 85.9
Not satisfactory	154 6.4	40 6.1	37 6.2	57 8.0	20 4.6
Undecided	226 9.4	53 8.1	66 11.1	66 9.3	41 9.5

The Board-Superintendent Relationship(Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How would you describe your superintendent's performance in handling the district's financial affairs?					
Satisfactory	2120 88.4	566 86.5	531 89.2	638 89.1	385 88.9
Not satisfactory	140 5.8	43 6.6	35 5.9	40 5.6	22 5.1
Undecided	138 5.8	45 6.9	29 4.9	38 5.3	26 6.0
How would you describe your superintendent's performance in maintaining relations with the school board?					
Satisfactory	2013 83.9	544 82.9	508 85.1	586 82.0	375 86.8
Not satisfactory	224 9.3	69 10.5	52 8.7	75 10.5	28 6.5
Undecided	163 6.8	43 6.6	37 6.2	54 7.6	29 6.7
How would you describe your superintendent's performance in maintaining relations with the community?					
Satisfactory	1648 68.7	485 74.0	399 66.8	463 64.8	301 69.5
Not satisfactory	424 17.7	104 15.9	113 18.9	141 19.7	66 15.2
Undecided	327 13.6	66 10.1	85 14.2	110 15.4	66 15.2
How would you describe your superintendent's performance in maintaining relations with the staff?					
Satisfactory	1742 72.6	501 76.4	433 72.7	493 69.0	315 72.7
Not satisfactory	355 14.8	85 13.0	84 14.1	126 17.6	60 13.9
Undecided	303 12.6	70 10.7	79 13.3	96 13.4	58 13.4

The Board-Superintendent Relationship(Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How would you describe your superintendent's leadership in creating staff and community support for the district's mission?					
Satisfactory	1666 69.4	488 74.3	413 69.3	468 65.5	297 68.6
Not satisfactory	349 14.5	88 13.4	84 14.1	121 16.9	56 12.9
Undecided	385 16.0	81 12.3	99 16.6	125 17.5	80 18.5
How would you describe your superintendent's performance in providing a role model in ethical values?					
Satisfactory	2051 85.5	560 85.2	518 86.8	595 83.3	378 87.5
Not satisfactory	177 7.4	51 7.8	40 6.7	63 8.8	23 5.3
Undecided	172 7.2	46 7.0	39 6.5	56 7.8	31 7.2
How would you describe your superintendent's performance in organizing work?					
Satisfactory	2107 87.8	580 88.5	527 88.0	615 86.1	385 88.9
Not satisfactory	148 6.2	37 5.6	29 4.8	57 8.0	25 5.8
Undecided	146 6.1	38 5.8	43 7.2	42 5.9	23 5.3
How would you describe your superintendent's performance in managing people?					
Satisfactory	1736 72.5	488 74.6	442 74.0	502 70.5	304 70.2
Not satisfactory	351 14.6	84 12.8	79 13.2	114 16.0	74 17.1
Undecided	309 12.9	82 12.5	76 12.7	96 13.5	55 12.7

The Board-Superintendent Relationship(Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How do you feel about the amount of compensation that your school board pays your superintendent?					
Compensation is too high	355 14.8	111 17.0	89 14.9	105 14.7	50 11.5
Compensation is too low	282 11.8	81 12.4	60 10.0	81 11.4	60 13.9
Compensation is about right	1687 70.4	444 67.9	436 72.8	498 69.9	309 71.4
Undecided/Don't know	74 3.1	18 2.8	14 2.3	28 3.9	14 3.2

What process does your school board use for setting the superintendent's salary and other compensation?

Systematic process: goals, results and market	915 38.4	309 47.3	223 37.5	255 36.2	128 29.8
Market for area administrators	799 33.6	191 29.2	213 35.8	242 34.4	153 35.7
Salaries of teachers/others	265 11.1	38 5.8	57 9.6	87 12.4	83 19.3
Assess similar jobs in area	49 2.1	17 2.6	11 1.8	13 1.8	8 1.9
No systematic process	353 14.8	98 15.0	91 15.3	107 15.2	57 13.3

What Would Improve Your Schools?

What is your opinion of the wages and working conditions in your district in terms of attracting capable principals and teachers?

Satisfactory	1931 80.4	559 85.1	450 75.1	572 80.3	350 80.8
Not satisfactory	356 14.8	73 11.1	111 18.5	112 15.7	60 13.9
Undecided	114 4.7	25 3.8	38 6.3	28 3.9	23 5.3

What Would Improve Your Schools? (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
What is your opinion of the expectations and standards that administrators and teachers have for themselves and for students? -----					
Satisfactory	1808 75.3	501 76.4	452 75.5	518 72.7	337 77.8
Not satisfactory	387 16.1	103 15.7	93 15.5	135 18.9	56 12.9
Undecided	206 8.6	52 7.9	54 9.0	60 8.4	40 9.2
What is your opinion of the channels of communication between the staff and the community? -----					
Satisfactory	1324 55.2	387 58.9	306 51.1	388 54.7	243 56.1
Not satisfactory	632 26.4	168 25.6	172 28.7	184 26.0	108 24.9
Undecided	442 18.4	102 15.5	121 20.2	137 19.3	82 18.9
What is your opinion of community involvement in setting your district's policies and standards? -----					
Satisfactory	1123 46.9	340 51.9	256 42.8	317 44.7	210 48.7
Not satisfactory	792 33.1	183 27.9	223 37.3	247 34.8	139 32.3
Undecided	478 20.0	132 20.2	119 19.9	145 20.5	82 19.0
What is your opinion of your district's local effort (tax rate) to finance schools? -----					
Satisfactory	1677 70.1	451 68.8	424 71.0	508 71.7	294 68.1
Not satisfactory	510 21.3	154 23.5	129 21.6	129 18.2	98 22.7
Undecided	207 8.6	51 7.8	44 7.4	72 10.2	40 9.3

What Would Improve Your Schools? (Continued)

	Total	Northeast	North	Central	South
Which of the following would you increase or improve to make the most significant improvement in your school district?					
Teacher/administrator standards	944 39.5	266 40.9	210 35.0	283 39.9	185 42.8
Technology investment	332 13.9	94 14.4	86 14.3	96 13.5	56 13.0
Parent-teacher cooperation	779 32.6	173 26.6	223 37.2	251 35.4	132 30.6
School board performance	86 3.6	28 4.3	25 4.2	17 2.4	16 3.7
None of the above	251 10.5	90 13.8	56 9.3	62 8.7	43 10.0

Which of the following changes in your school board would make the most significant improvement in your school district?

Better qualified candidates	293 12.3	70 10.8	70 11.7	95 13.5	58 13.5
Re-orient to leadership role	465 19.5	143 22.0	120 20.1	135 19.1	67 15.6
Better board training	438 18.4	108 16.6	110 18.4	133 18.8	87 20.3
More community policy involvement	625 26.2	152 23.4	176 29.4	190 26.9	107 24.9
None of the above	562 23.6	177 27.2	122 20.4	153 21.7	110 25.6

Which of the following is the biggest obstacle to good education in your school district?

Overwhelming social problems	790 33.8	185 29.4	201 34.1	251 36.0	153 36.3
State regulations,	764 32.7	214 34.0	188 31.9	222 31.9	140 33.2
Low community aspirations	254 10.9	49 7.8	81 13.8	75 10.8	49 11.6
Board/administrative leadership	126 5.4	49 7.8	41 7.0	27 3.9	9 2.1
Unionized teachers	404 17.3	133 21.1	78 13.2	122 17.5	71 16.8

What Would Improve Your Schools? (Continued)

	Total	Northeast	North	Central	South
Which is the bigger obstacle to good education, lack of funding or the obstacle you checked in the previous Question?					
Obstacle above is bigger	1036 43.8	266 41.6	253 42.7	322 45.7	195 45.6
Lack of money is bigger obstacle	886 37.4	240 37.5	227 38.3	262 37.2	157 36.7
Undecided or equal importance	444 18.8	134 20.9	113 19.1	121 17.2	76 17.8

How do you feel about the future of education in your school district?

Very optimistic	847 35.3	284 43.2	212 35.3	200 28.3	151 34.9
Somewhat optimistic	1236 51.6	299 45.5	311 51.8	398 56.3	228 52.7
Somewhat pessimistic	181 7.6	43 6.5	43 7.2	61 8.6	34 7.9
Very pessimistic	35 1.5	10 1.5	10 1.7	11 1.6	4 0.9
Undecided	98 4.1	21 3.2	24 4.0	37 5.2	16 3.7

How do you feel about the future of education generally in the state of Illinois?

Very optimistic	157 6.5	41 6.3	36 6.0	49 6.9	31 7.2
Somewhat optimistic	1207 50.4	320 48.8	289 48.2	349 49.2	249 57.6
Somewhat pessimistic	624 26.0	175 26.7	170 28.3	189 26.7	90 20.8
Very pessimistic	230 9.6	75 11.4	69 11.5	61 8.6	25 5.8
Undecided	179 7.5	45 6.9	36 6.0	61 8.6	37 8.6

Evaluation of IASB Publications

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How thoroughly do you read Illinois School Board Journal?					
All or most of every issue	466 19.5	155 23.7	113 18.9	107 15.1	91 21.0
Some of every issue	810 33.8	231 35.3	185 31.0	246 34.7	148 34.2
Some of most issues	848 35.4	206 31.5	228 38.2	270 38.1	144 33.3
Often nothing	168 7.0	34 5.2	52 8.7	51 7.2	31 7.2
Never	101 4.2	28 4.3	19 3.2	35 4.9	19 4.4
If you do not read Illinois School Board Journal, what is the reason?					
Don't recall seeing the Journal	54 6.6	15 7.6	9 4.6	20 7.1	10 6.7
Rarely have time	449 54.6	106 53.5	117 60.3	160 56.9	66 44.3
Does not appeal to me	171 20.8	34 17.2	32 16.5	62 22.1	43 28.9
Prefer other publications	72 8.8	20 10.1	23 11.9	14 5.0	15 10.1
Journal is repetitive	76 9.2	23 11.6	13 6.7	25 8.9	15 10.1
How thoroughly do you read the School Board News Bulletin?					
All or most of every issue	591 24.9	196 30.2	132 22.4	148 21.0	115 26.7
Some of every issue	734 30.9	205 31.6	194 32.9	199 28.3	136 31.6
Some of most issues	783 33.0	173 26.7	202 34.2	268 38.1	140 32.6
Often nothing	140 5.9	33 5.1	40 6.8	47 6.7	20 4.7
Never	124 5.2	41 6.3	22 3.7	42 6.0	19 4.4

Evaluation of IASB Publications (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
If you do not read the School Board News Bulletin, what is the reason?					
Don't recall seeing the Bulletin	136 14.3	48 19.2	36 15.9	29 9.2	23 14.5
Rarely have the time	378 39.7	89 35.6	88 38.8	137 43.5	64 40.3
Does not appeal to me	286 30.1	66 26.4	62 27.3	106 33.7	52 32.7
Prefer other publications	104 10.9	31 12.4	29 12.8	26 8.3	18 11.3
News Bulletin is repetitive	47 4.9	16 6.4	12 5.3	17 5.4	2 1.3
How much space should the Journal and News Bulletin devote to school reform issues?					
More space	704 31.0	236 38.1	164 28.3	187 28.0	117 28.7
Less space	192 8.4	42 6.8	49 8.4	55 8.2	46 11.3
Same space	1053 46.3	268 43.3	283 48.8	322 48.3	180 44.2
No opinion	324 14.3	73 11.8	84 14.5	103 15.4	64 15.7
How much space should the Journal and News Bulletin devote to the school board's role?					
More space	1220 53.3	311 49.6	321 55.3	360 53.4	228 55.9
Less space	151 6.6	41 6.5	33 5.7	44 6.5	33 8.1
Same space	707 30.9	219 34.9	184 31.7	204 30.3	100 24.5
No opinion	211 9.2	56 8.9	42 7.2	66 9.8	47 11.5

Evaluation of IASB Publications (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How much space should the Journal and News Bulletin devote to research in teaching and learning?					
More space	937 41.0	284 45.4	238 41.0	245 36.5	170 41.6
Less space	188 8.2	47 7.5	58 10.0	53 7.9	30 7.3
Same space	911 39.9	230 36.8	241 41.5	285 42.5	155 37.9
No opinion	250 10.9	64 10.2	44 7.6	88 13.1	54 13.2
How much space should the Journal and News Bulletin devote to local policy issues?					
More space	941 41.1	230 36.7	246 42.5	284 42.3	181 44.1
Less space	181 7.9	62 9.9	47 8.1	41 6.1	31 7.6
Same space	921 40.3	275 43.9	237 40.9	266 39.6	143 34.9
No opinion	245 10.7	60 9.6	49 8.5	81 12.1	55 13.4
How much space should the Journal and News Bulletin devote to state policy issues?					
More space	735 32.3	204 32.9	170 29.4	225 33.6	136 33.1
Less space	228 10.0	66 10.6	58 10.0	65 9.7	39 9.5
Same space	1047 46.0	281 45.3	290 50.2	295 44.1	181 44.0
No opinion	268 11.8	69 11.1	60 10.4	84 12.6	55 13.4

Evaluation of IASB Publications (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How much space should the Journal and News Bulletin devote to happenings in Springfield and Washington?					
More space	473 20.8	154 24.8	111 19.4	124 18.5	84 20.6
Less space	358 15.8	83 13.4	102 17.8	112 16.7	61 15.0
Same space	1168 51.5	306 49.4	301 52.6	356 53.1	205 50.4
No opinion	270 11.9	77 12.4	58 10.1	78 11.6	57 14.0

What grade do you give the Journal as a source of help to you?

Excellent	311 13.3	109 17.2	83 14.1	63 9.1	56 13.3
Good	1357 58.2	353 55.8	358 61.0	394 57.2	252 59.9
Fair	546 23.4	139 22.0	118 20.1	199 28.9	90 21.4
Weak	86 3.7	24 3.8	20 3.4	24 3.5	18 4.3
Poor	30 1.3	8 1.3	8 1.4	9 1.3	5 1.2

What grade do you give the News Bulletin as a source of help to you?

Excellent	278 12.0	94 14.9	70 12.0	58 8.5	56 13.4
Good	1303 56.3	344 54.5	342 58.5	382 56.1	235 56.1
Fair	615 26.6	164 26.0	143 24.4	202 29.7	106 25.3
Weak	90 3.9	23 3.6	20 3.4	30 4.4	17 4.1
Poor	30 1.3	6 1.0	10 1.7	9 1.3	5 1.2

Evaluation of IASB Publications (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How important to you is the Report of the Joint Annual Conference? -----					
Very important	221 9.4	61 9.5	55 9.3	58 8.3	47 11.0
Somewhat important	1034 43.8	271 42.0	264 44.6	308 44.0	191 44.8
Not very important	779 33.0	221 34.3	198 33.4	227 32.4	133 31.2
Don't recall seeing it	329 13.9	92 14.3	75 12.7	107 15.3	55 12.9
How useful is the Yearbook and Guide to Services? -----					
Examine it, but rarely use it	472 20.0	126 19.7	128 21.6	131 18.7	87 20.4
Valuable reference	217 9.2	56 8.8	44 7.4	62 8.8	55 12.9
Keep it but rarely use it	727 30.8	205 32.0	182 30.7	214 30.5	126 29.5
Not useful	448 19.0	131 20.5	114 19.3	122 17.4	81 19.0
Don't recall seeing it	497 21.1	122 19.1	124 20.9	173 24.6	78 18.3
How do you feel about the new index to the 1998 Illinois School Code? -----					
Have not used the Code	1479 63.3	390 61.3	380 64.7	458 66.5	251 58.9
Did not notice new index	429 18.3	141 22.2	115 19.6	98 14.2	75 17.6
New index is more useful	297 12.7	74 11.6	63 10.7	84 12.2	76 17.8
New index is less useful	12 0.5	2 0.3	2 0.3	5 0.7	3 0.7
Little difference	121 5.2	29 4.6	27 4.6	44 6.4	21 4.9

Communications Preferences

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
Do you use audio tapes for informational purposes? -----					
Yes, at home	109 4.6	27 4.2	30 5.1	31 4.4	21 4.9
Yes, at work	56 2.4	11 1.7	13 2.2	18 2.6	14 3.3
Yes, while in my car	332 14.1	107 16.6	76 12.9	80 11.5	69 16.1
No, but would if available	1176 49.8	297 46.0	309 52.5	359 51.4	211 49.2
No, not appropriate for	689 29.2	204 31.6	161 27.3	210 30.1	114 26.6
How likely would you be to use audio tapes of IASB periodicals, reports and news? -----					
Very likely	520 22.1	144 22.7	129 21.9	138 19.8	109 25.5
Somewhat likely	906 38.6	226 35.6	223 37.9	288 41.3	169 39.5
Not likely	923 39.3	264 41.6	237 40.2	272 39.0	150 35.0
Do you use a computer to obtain information? -----					
Yes	1590 66.9	479 73.8	407 68.3	443 63.0	261 60.7
No	788 33.1	170 26.2	189 31.7	260 37.0	169 39.3

Communications Preferences (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
Would you like to receive information from IASB via your computer?					
Prefer printed material by mail	772 50.6	235 51.1	190 49.7	209 48.5	138 54.8
Prefer Internet E-mail	393 25.8	121 26.3	97 25.4	120 27.8	55 21.8
Prefer computer disks	90 5.9	24 5.2	28 7.3	20 4.6	18 7.1
Prefer downloading from Internet	102 6.7	24 5.2	29 7.6	32 7.4	17 6.7
Other/undecided	168 11.0	56 12.2	38 9.9	50 11.6	24 9.5

What is your preference from among the following means of receiving information from IASB?

Printed information delivered by mail	1426 61.0	372 58.0	350 59.4	426 61.9	278 66.2
Printed information delivered by FAX	60 2.6	19 3.0	19 3.2	12 1.7	10 2.4
Computer accessible	494 21.1	151 23.6	128 21.7	142 20.6	73 17.4
Information on audio tapes	167 7.1	54 8.4	34 5.8	55 8.0	24 5.7
None of the above/Undecided	191 8.2	45 7.0	58 9.8	53 7.7	35 8.3

Evaluation of IASB Workshops

How many IASB workshops do you attend each year?

Four or more per year	83 3.5	31 4.9	23 3.9	17 2.4	12 2.8
Two or three	623 26.5	180 28.2	141 23.9	174 25.0	128 30.0
One	1026 43.6	274 42.9	267 45.3	298 42.8	187 43.8
None	620 26.4	154 24.1	158 26.8	208 29.8	100 23.4

Evaluation of IASB Workshops (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How do you most often find out about IASB conferences and workshops?					
Announcements delivered in mail	824 35.0	236 36.8	208 35.1	245 35.2	135 31.7
From News Bulletin	133 5.6	36 5.6	38 6.4	35 5.0	24 5.6
From my superintendent	877 37.2	206 32.1	206 34.7	290 41.6	175 41.1
From a variety of sources	475 20.2	150 23.4	126 21.2	114 16.4	85 20.0
Usually not aware	48 2.0	13 2.0	15 2.5	13 1.9	7 1.6
What is the single most positive feature about IASB workshops?					
Relevant to my needs	995 46.6	275 47.5	278 51.4	264 42.0	178 45.8
Speakers hold my interest	152 7.1	32 5.5	32 5.9	55 8.8	33 8.5
Convenient locations, times	146 6.8	36 6.2	31 5.7	48 7.6	31 8.0
Reasonable cost	81 3.8	22 3.8	20 3.7	28 4.5	11 2.8
Interact with other districts	763 35.7	214 37.0	180 33.3	233 37.1	136 35.0
What is the single most negative feature about IASB workshops?					
Not relevant to my needs	224 10.9	66 12.3	57 10.9	70 11.4	31 8.1
Boring speakers	280 13.6	99 18.5	49 9.4	74 12.1	58 15.2
Inconvenient locations, times	1143 55.7	267 49.8	305 58.4	352 57.4	219 57.5
High cost	147 7.2	29 5.4	40 7.7	48 7.8	30 7.9
No time to interact	258 12.6	75 14.0	71 13.6	69 11.3	43 11.3

Evaluation of IASB Workshops (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
What is the single most important reason you do <u>not</u> attend IASB workshops?					
Inconvenient times, places	708 32.2	158 26.6	183 33.6	217 32.9	150 37.1
Board does not pay expenses	18 0.8	5 0.8	4 0.7	4 0.6	5 1.2
Topics not relevant	169 7.7	58 9.8	38 7.0	38 5.8	35 8.7
Too many other demands on time	1122 51.0	299 50.4	283 51.9	353 53.6	187 46.3
Workshops are repetitive	184 8.4	73 12.3	37 6.8	47 7.1	27 6.7
Do IASB workshops, conferences and meetings provide adequate value in return for the time and money you invest?					
Value good to excellent	931 40.5	257 41.3	249 42.6	258 38.0	167 40.2
Value fair to poor	112 4.9	36 5.8	22 3.8	33 4.9	21 5.1
Value varies widely	827 35.9	222 35.6	207 35.4	256 37.7	142 34.2
No opinion	431 18.7	108 17.3	106 18.2	132 19.4	85 20.5
What is the one most important reason that more school board members do not attend their Division Dinner Meetings?					
Too many other demands on time	1496 65.6	391 63.1	379 65.9	454 67.5	272 65.7
Programs not relevant	165 7.2	56 9.0	42 7.3	42 6.2	25 6.0
Too little advance information	121 5.3	30 4.8	41 7.1	35 5.2	15 3.6
No desire to keep informed	180 7.9	45 7.3	38 6.6	47 7.0	50 12.1
Repetitive for veteran members	320 14.0	98 15.8	75 13.0	95 14.1	52 12.6

Evaluation of IASB Workshops (Continued)

	Total	Northeast	North	Central	South
What is the one most important benefit of attending Division Dinner Meetings?					
Interact with other districts	889 39.0	260 42.2	223 38.6	221 32.6	185 45.0
At least one topic of value	372 16.3	74 12.0	83 14.4	144 21.3	71 17.3
Social opportunity	114 5.0	30 4.9	37 6.4	30 4.4	17 4.1
Useful information	256 11.2	63 10.2	58 10.0	80 11.8	55 13.4
None/uncertain	651 28.5	189 30.7	177 30.6	202 29.8	83 20.2

Evaluation of IASB Staff Responsiveness

How often have you telephoned IASB staff during the past 12 months?

Five or more calls	70 3.0	32 5.1	14 2.4	16 2.3	8 1.9
Two to four calls	225 9.6	73 11.6	54 9.1	47 6.8	51 12.1
One call	173 7.4	65 10.3	38 6.4	48 6.9	22 5.2
No calls	1865 79.9	460 73.0	485 82.1	580 83.9	340 80.8

When you call IASB, how easy or difficult is it to reach a staff member who can help you?

Usually easy and hassle-free	273 59.5	105 62.1	57 57.6	64 58.2	47 58.0
Delay is somewhat typical	128 27.9	39 23.1	34 34.3	33 30.0	22 27.2
Time and patience required	28 6.1	10 5.9	4 4.0	8 7.3	6 7.4
I dread calling IASB office	3 0.7	1 0.6	1 1.0	0 0.0	1 1.2
Did not call/No opinion	27 5.9	14 8.3	3 3.0	5 4.5	5 6.2

Evaluation of IASB Staff Responsiveness (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
How cooperative and helpful did you find the IASB staff when you called for information or help? -----					
Always helpful, and cooperative	287 62.5	104 61.2	60 60.6	68 61.8	55 68.8
Usually helpful and cooperative	118 25.7	42 24.7	30 30.3	30 27.3	16 20.0
Somewhat helpful and cooperative	34 7.4	13 7.6	8 8.1	6 5.5	7 8.8
Rarely, never cooperative	6 1.3	2 1.2	1 1.0	2 1.8	1 1.3
Have not called	14 3.1	9 5.3	0 0.0	4 3.6	1 1.3
Have you ever failed to receive a return call requested of an IASB staff member? -----					
All calls returned	237 52.0	91 53.8	49 49.0	58 53.2	39 50.0
Sometimes there is a delay	53 11.6	22 13.0	16 16.0	13 11.9	2 2.6
Failed to return call once	19 4.2	8 4.7	6 6.0	1 0.9	4 5.1
Several failures to return calls	9 2.0	5 3.0	1 1.0	1 0.9	2 2.6
No return calls requested	138 30.3	43 25.4	28 28.0	36 33.0	31 39.7
How do you rate the IASB staff in terms of availability, knowledge and desire to help you? -----					
Always knowledgeable	341 74.3	122 72.2	76 76.0	80 72.7	63 78.8
Sometimes hard to find help	34 7.4	11 6.5	12 12.0	7 6.4	4 5.0
Often lack needed knowledge	18 3.9	6 3.6	2 2.0	6 5.5	4 5.0
Often seem disinterested	6 1.3	3 1.8	2 2.0	0 0.0	1 1.3
Don't know/No opinion	60 13.1	27 16.0	8 8.0	17 15.5	8 10.0

Evaluation of IASB Staff Responsiveness (Continued)

	Total	Northeast	North	Central	South
How do you feel about the voice-mail system at the IASB offices?					
I like it	66 14.3	26 15.2	13 12.9	17 15.5	10 12.5
I can tolerate it	185 40.0	66 38.6	47 46.5	36 32.7	36 45.0
I despise it	29 6.3	9 5.3	7 6.9	7 6.4	6 7.5
Undecided	48 10.4	24 14.0	9 8.9	7 6.4	8 10.0
I have not used it	134 29.0	46 26.9	25 24.8	43 39.1	20 25.0
How easy or difficult is it to register for an IASB workshop or meeting?					
Always easy and hassle-free	1244 54.9	351 56.8	292 51.2	359 53.7	242 59.3
Sometimes a challenge	96 4.2	27 4.4	38 6.7	22 3.3	9 2.2
Frequently unpleasant	10 0.4	4 0.6	3 0.5	1 0.1	2 0.5
Don't know/no opinion	915 40.4	236 38.2	237 41.6	287 42.9	155 38.0
If your school board has used an IASB in-district service, how do you feel about the outcome?					
Tried but unable to schedule	33 1.4	9 1.4	10 1.7	8 1.2	6 1.4
Met or exceeded all expectations	878 38.0	257 40.7	226 38.6	233 34.3	162 39.0
Did not meet all expectations	244 10.6	84 13.3	69 11.8	58 8.5	33 8.0
Unsatisfactory outcome	63 2.7	26 4.1	14 2.4	11 1.6	12 2.9
No service/Don't know	1093 47.3	255 40.4	267 45.6	369 54.3	202 48.7

Evaluation of IASB Staff Responsiveness (Continued)

	===== Total -----	===== Northeast -----	===== North -----	===== Central -----	===== South -----
Have you ever had any problems getting mail from IASB directed to your correct address?					
No problem	2208 95.0	593 94.3	560 95.1	651 94.6	404 96.4
Small problem	49 2.1	17 2.7	13 2.2	13 1.9	6 1.4
IASB rarely has correct address	19 0.8	2 0.3	8 1.4	6 0.9	3 0.7
What mail from IASB?	49 2.1	17 2.7	8 1.4	18 2.6	6 1.4