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AITKIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
RESIDENTIAL SURVEY  
FINAL APRIL 2015

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ of the Morris Leatherman Company, a national survey research firm located in Minneapolis. We are speaking with a random sample of residents about issues facing the Aitkin school system. Even if you do not have children currently in the Aitkin Public Schools, the School District is interested in your opinions and suggestions. I want to assure you that all individual responses will be held strictly confidential; only summaries of the entire sample will be reported.

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| 1. Approximately, how many years have you lived in the Aitkin School District? | LESS THAN FIVE YEARS...8% |
|  | 5.1 TO TEN YEARS.....23%  |
|  | 10.1 TO TWENTY YRS....21% |
|  | 20.1 TO THIRTY YRS....20% |
|  | OVER THIRTY YEARS.....28% |
|  | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0% |

As you may know, there are many types of elections. In even-numbered years there are Presidential elections and Gubernatorial elections. In odd-numbered years, there are local and special elections.

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| 2. In past local and special elections, would you say you have always voted, often voted, rarely voted or never voted? | ALWAYS VOTED.....32%      |
|  | OFTEN VOTED.....45%       |
|  | RARELY VOTED.....19%      |
|  | NEVER VOTED.....4%        |
|  | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0% |

If the School District proposed an election in 2015....

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| 3. How likely are you to vote in a 2015 election - absolutely certain, very likely, 1/2-1/2, not too likely, or not at all likely? | ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN...32% |
|  | VERY LIKELY.....32%      |
|  | 1/2-1/2.....21%          |
|  | NOT TOO LIKELY.....8%    |
|  | NOT AT ALL LIKELY.....7% |
|  | DON'T KNOW/REF.....1%    |

Continuing....

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| 4. How would you rate the quality of education provided by the Aitkin Public Schools - excellent, good, only fair or poor? | EXCELLENT.....21%         |
|  | GOOD.....69%              |
|  | ONLY FAIR.....9%          |
|  | POOR.....0%               |
|  | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2% |

5. What do you like most about the Aitkin Public Schools?
- DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....6%
  - NOTHING.....6%
  - EXCELLENT ACADEMICS...15%
  - GOOD ACADEMICS.....12%
  - GOOD TEACHERS.....22%
  - BROAD CURRICULUM.....9%
  - VARIETY OF PROGRAMS....8%
  - PARENT INVOLVEMENT.....9%
  - GOOD COMMUNICATION.....7%
  - SMALL SCHOOLS.....3%
  - SCATTERED.....3%
6. What do you think is the most serious issue the School District?
- DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....13%
  - NOTHING.....17%
  - LACK OF FUNDING.....15%
  - HIGH TAXES.....14%
  - LARGE CLASS SIZES.....5%
  - LACK OF DISCIPLINE.....4%
  - POOR SPENDING.....8%
  - AGING FACILITIES.....18%
  - SCATTERED.....6%
7. Overall, do you think the Aitkin Public Schools meet the learning needs of all students, most students, only some students, or very few students?
- ALL.....45%
  - MOST.....46%
  - ONLY SOME.....5%
  - VERY FEW.....0%
  - DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%
- IF "MOST," "ONLY SOME" OR "VERY FEW," ASK: (n=204)
8. What students do not have their learning needs met?
- DON'T KNOW/REFUSED....25%
  - AVERAGE.....11%
  - GIFTED AND TALENTED....4%
  - STRUGGLING.....23%
  - UNDERACHIEVERS.....24%
  - ESL.....5%
  - SPECIAL EDUCATION.....7%
  - SCATTERED.....2%
9. Do you think the overall quality of education provided by the Aitkin Public Schools is much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse than five years ago?
- MUCH BETTER.....9%
  - SOMEWHAT BETTER.....25%
  - ABOUT THE SAME.....59%
  - SOMEWHAT WORSE.....3%
  - MUCH WORSE.....0%
  - DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5%

IF "SOMEWHAT WORSE" OR "MUCH WORSE," ASK: (n=12)

10. Why do you feel that way?	POOR SPENDING.....8%
	LARGE CLASS SIZES.....8%
	DECLINING QUALITY.....59%
	POOR SPECIAL ED.....8%
	BETTER TEACHERS.....16%

Turning to school buildings and facilities....

11. From what you have heard or seen, how would you rate the Aitkin School District buildings and facilities - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	EXCELLENT.....7%
	GOOD.....56%
	ONLY FAIR.....26%
	POOR.....11%
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "ONLY FAIR" OR "POOR," ASK: (n=148)

12. Why did you rate them as only fair or poor?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
	LARGE CLASS SIZES.....10%
	OUTDATED.....30%
	NEEDS MAINTENANCE.....31%
	OLD.....29%

Now, I would like to read you a short list of Aitkin School District characteristics and instructional programs for students. From what you have seen or heard, please rate each one as excellent, good, only fair, or poor. If you have no opinion, just say so.... (ROTATE)

	EXC	GOO	FAI	POO	DKR
13. Class sizes?	10%	60%	22%	3%	5%
14. Instruction in regular academics including reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies?	34%	54%	11%	0%	2%
15. Elementary specialists including library media, music, art, science and physical education?	31%	53%	9%	1%	7%
16. Special education programs and services?	20%	55%	12%	2%	11%
17. Educational opportunities for gifted and talented students?	30%	48%	12%	2%	8%
18. Educational opportunities for students in career tech and vocational programs?	25%	48%	16%	2%	9%
19. District vocal and instrumental music programs, including the musical?	28%	60%	10%	0%	3%
20. Elementary after-school activities, such as ASK and Extra?	32%	47%	12%	0%	9%

	EXC	GOO	FAI	POO	DKR
21. High school non-athletic after-school activities, such as BPA, FFA and Speech?	25%	55%	10%	1%	9%
22. High school athletic after-school activities?	29%	57%	6%	1%	7%

I would like to read you a short list of statements others have told us. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree. If you don't know, just say so.

23. During the last couple of years, the Aitkin School District Administration and Board have spent tax money effectively and efficiently.	STRONGLY AGREE.....	3%			
	AGREE.....	57%			
	DISAGREE.....	26%			
	STRONGLY DISAGREE.....	9%			
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	5%			
24. Our community receives a good value from its investment in the Aitkin Public Schools?	STRONGLY AGREE.....	23%			
	AGREE.....	60%			
	DISAGREE.....	12%			
	STRONGLY DISAGREE.....	2%			
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	3%			
25. When the Aitkin Public Schools ask voters to approve a property tax increase, it is only as a last resort after the Administration and School Board have considered all other budget alternatives.	STRONGLY AGREE.....	15%			
	AGREE.....	46%			
	DISAGREE.....	26%			
	STRONGLY DISAGREE.....	9%			
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	4%			
26. The Aitkin Public Schools are a good investment and I would support a property tax increase to protect that investment.	STRONGLY AGREE.....	18%			
	AGREE.....	46%			
	DISAGREE.....	19%			
	STRONGLY DISAGREE.....	11%			
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	5%			
27. The Aitkin Public School District Board and Administration do a good job of involving community leaders, parents, and interested citizens in decisions about the schools.	STRONGLY AGREE.....	13%			
	AGREE.....	63%			
	DISAGREE.....	15%			
	STRONGLY DISAGREE.....	7%			
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....	3%			

Let's shift the conversation to talk about the management of our local schools.

28.	Would you say that you follow the work of the School Board and Administration in the Aitkin Public Schools - very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or do you really not follow their work at all?	VERY CLOSELY.....9% SOMEWHAT CLOSELY.....45% NOT VERY CLOSELY.....36% NOT AT ALL.....10% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
29.	Overall, how would you rate the job performance of the Aitkin School Board members - excellent, good, only fair or poor?	EXCELLENT.....14% GOOD.....56% ONLY FAIR.....25% POOR.....4% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%
IF A RATING IS GIVEN, ASK: (n=387)		
30.	Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3% GOOD JOB.....20% GOOD COMMUNICATION...17% LISTEN.....9% GOOD SPENDING.....2% POOR SPENDING.....17% DON'T LISTEN.....5% COULD IMPROVE.....6% NO PROBLEMS.....12% PROVIDE QUALITY ED.....5% POOR COMMUNICATION.....2% SCATTERED.....2%
31.	How would you rate the performance of the District's Administration, including the Superintendent -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?	EXCELLENT.....9% GOOD.....63% ONLY FAIR.....19% POOR.....4% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....6%
32.	How would you rate the performance of the elementary school principal - excellent, good, only fair or poor?	EXCELLENT.....26% GOOD.....59% ONLY FAIR.....8% POOR.....1% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%
33.	How would you rate the performance of the high school principal -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?	EXCELLENT.....18% GOOD.....57% ONLY FAIR.....11% POOR.....6% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....9%

34.	And, how would you rate the performance of the teachers and instructional staff in the Aitkin Public Schools - excellent, good, only fair or poor?	EXCELLENT.....33%
		GOOD.....58%
		ONLY FAIR.....6%
		POOR.....0%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%
35.	How would you rate the financial management of the Aitkin Public Schools - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	EXCELLENT.....9%
		GOOD.....47%
		ONLY FAIR.....30%
		POOR.....11%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%

Moving on....

36.	Compared to neighboring areas, do you consider total property taxes in your community to be very high, somewhat high, about average, somewhat low, or very low?	VERY HIGH.....18%
		SOMEWHAT HIGH.....35%
		ABOUT AVERAGE.....43%
		SOMEWHAT LOW.....2%
		VERY LOW.....1%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
37.	Compared to other neighboring school districts, do you think that school taxes in the Aitkin Public School District are very high, somewhat high, about average, somewhat low, or very low?	VERY HIGH.....17%
		SOMEWHAT HIGH.....32%
		ABOUT AVERAGE.....45%
		SOMEWHAT LOW.....3%
		VERY LOW.....1%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%

Changing topics....

As you may know, the Aitkin School District placed two bond referendum questions on the January 6<sup>th</sup> ballot.

38.	Did you, yourself, vote in the January 6 <sup>th</sup> election?	YES.....32%
		NO.....68%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "NO," ASK: (n=271)

39.	Can you tell me one or two reasons why you did not vote in the January 6 <sup>th</sup> election?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
		AGE/HEALTH.....21%
		NO TIME/TOO BUSY.....22%
		FORGOT.....20%
		NOT AWARE.....16%
		OUT OF TOWN.....18%
		NO INTEREST.....3%

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a bond referendum for remodeling and expanding classroom space and deferred maintenance projects at district schools. The second question asked residents to provide funding through a bond referendum for construction of athletic fields.

40. Would you have voted in favor of both referendum questions, voted in favor of the first question but against the second question, voted against the first question but for the second question or voted against both referendum questions?

	IN FAVOR OF BOTH.....	34%
	FOR FIRST/AGAINST SEC..	9%
	AGAINST FIRST/FOR SEC..	2%
	AGAINST BOTH.....	28%
	UNSURE.....	22%
	REFUSED.....	4%

SKIP TO QUESTION #43.

IF "YES," IN QUESTION #38, ASK: (n=127)

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41. Did you vote in favor of both referendum questions, vote in favor of the first question but against the second question, vote against the first question but for the second question, or vote against both referendum questions?

	IN FAVOR OF BOTH.....	32%
	FOR FIRST/AGAINST SEC..	17%
	AGAINST FIRST/FOR SEC..	3%
	AGAINST BOTH.....	40%
	UNSURE.....	5%
	REFUSED.....	4%

IF A RESPONSE IS GIVEN, ASK: (n=116)

42. Could you give me one or two reasons for your decision?

UNSURE, 1%; EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT, 9%; NEEDED, 16%; COST WAS REASONABLE, 2%; TAXES ARE TOO HIGH, 20%; COST WAS TOO HIGH, 12%; NOT NEEDED, 4%; POOR SPENDING, 6%; CHILDREN IN DISTRICT, 4%; NEED IMPROVEMENTS FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS, 6%; NOT NEEDED FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS, 12%; NEED MORE INFORMATION, 3%; TOO OLD TOO FIX/BUILD NEW, 4%.

Moving on....

Suppose you heard that the Aitkin School Board was considering a bond referendum in the next year.

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| 43. | Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion on that idea?  | STATEMENT A.....23%       |
|     |  | STATEMENT B.....56%       |
|     |  | STATEMENT C.....19%       |
|     |  | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2% |
|     | A) I would vote against almost any proposal to increase local property taxes for education;  |                           |
|     | B) I would vote for some proposals to increase local property taxes for education, but there are others that I would not vote for; OR  |                           |
|     | C) I would vote in favor of nearly any proposal to increase local property taxes to provide more funding for local schools.  |                           |
| 44. | How much would you be willing to pay in additional property taxes in order to fund a bond referendum in the Aitkin Public School District? [SELECT RANDOM STARTING POINT; MOVE UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON ANSWER] How about _____? [REPEAT] | NOTHING.....33%           |
|     |  | \$8 A MONTH.....20%       |
|     |  | \$16 A MONTH.....21%      |
|     |  | \$24 A MONTH.....12%      |
|     |  | \$32 A MONTH.....4%       |
|     |  | \$40 A MONTH.....2%       |
|     |  | \$48 A MONTH.....0%       |
|     |  | \$56 A MONTH.....0%       |
|     |  | OVER \$56 A MONTH.....1%  |
|     |  | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8% |

I would like to discuss four options the School Board and Administration are exploring....

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**PHONERS ROTATE OPTIONS**

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The (first/second/third/fourth) option is a \$70 million bond referendum for twenty years. The funds would be used for the construction of a new PreK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school. This option would replace existing school facilities.

If voters approved a bond referendum to fund these improvements, the owner of a \$100,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$20 or \$241 per year, while the owner of \$200,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$50 or \$606 per year.



45.	If the election were today, would you support or oppose this bond referendum? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? that way?	STRONGLY SUPPORT.....14%
		SUPPORT.....24%
		OPPOSE.....28%
		STRONGLY OPPOSE.....31%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%

IF A POSITION IS TAKEN, ASK: (n=389)

46.	Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
		EDUCATION IS IMPORT...11%
		NEEDED.....15%
		COST IS REASONABLE.....4%
		TAXES ARE TOO HIGH....15%
		COST IS TOO HIGH.....28%
		NOT NEEDED.....7%
		POOR DISTRICT SPENDING.6%
		CHILDREN IN SD.....3%
		NO CHILDREN IN SD.....4%
		NEED NEW SCHOOL.....5%
		SCATTERED.....3%

The (first/second/third/fourth) option is a \$55 million bond referendum for twenty years. The funds would be used for the construction of a new 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school. They would also be used for deferred maintenance projects at the elementary school, which would be used for PreK through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

If voters approved a bond referendum to fund these improvements, the owner of a \$100,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$16 or \$189 per year, while the owner of \$200,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$40 or \$476 per year.

47.	If the election were today, would you support or oppose this bond referendum? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? that way?	STRONGLY SUPPORT.....14%
		SUPPORT.....26%
		OPPOSE.....40%
		STRONGLY OPPOSE.....20%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

IF A POSITION IS TAKEN, ASK: (n=397)

48.	Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
		EDUCATION IS IMPORT.....9%
		NEEDED.....16%
		COST IS REASONABLE.....8%
		TAXES ARE TOO HIGH....13%
		COST IS TOO HIGH.....22%
		NOT NEEDED.....8%
		POOR DISTRICT SPENDING.7%
		CHILDREN IN SD.....4%
		NO CHILDREN IN SD.....5%
		NEED NEW SCHOOL.....3%
		DOESN'T SOLVE ISSUES...2%
		SCATTERED.....2%

The (first/second/third/fourth) option is a \$24 million bond referendum for twenty years. The funds would be used to remodel existing buildings and expand classroom space for the early childhood program. The funding would also be used for the construction of a multi-purpose gymnasium at the High School, as well as deferred maintenance projects at all district schools.

If voters approved a bond referendum to fund these improvements, the owner of a \$100,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$7 or \$80 per year, while the owner of \$200,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$17 or \$202 per year.

49.	If the election were today, would you support or oppose this bond referendum? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? that way?	STRONGLY SUPPORT.....20%
		SUPPORT.....32%
		OPPOSE.....30%
		STRONGLY OPPOSE.....13%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5%

IF A POSITION IS TAKEN, ASK: (n=382)

50.	Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
		EDUCATION IS IMPORT.....9%
		NEEDED.....16%
		COST IS REASONABLE....27%
		TAXES ARE TOO HIGH....13%
		COST IS TOO HIGH.....7%
		NOT NEEDED.....6%
		POOR DISTRICT SPENDING.8%
		CHILDREN IN SD.....3%
		NO CHILDREN IN SD.....4%
		TOO OLD TO REMODEL.....3%
		DOESN'T SOLVE ISSUES...2%
		SCATTERED.....2%

The (first/second/third/fourth) option is a \$18 million bond referendum for twenty years. The funds would be used for deferred maintenance projects at all district schools.

If voters approved a bond referendum to fund these improvements, the owner of a \$100,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$5 or \$62 per year, while the owner of \$200,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$13 or \$156 per year.

51. If the election were today, would you support or oppose this bond referendum? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way? that way?	STRONGLY SUPPORT.....15% SUPPORT.....35% OPPOSE.....28% STRONGLY OPPOSE.....19% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%
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IF A POSITION IS TAKEN, ASK: (n=385)

52. Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1% EDUCATION IS IMPORT.....8% NEEDED.....16% COST IS REASONABLE.....26% TAXES ARE TOO HIGH.....13% COST IS TOO HIGH.....7% NOT NEEDED.....9% POOR DISTRICT SPEND...10% NO CHILDREN IN SD.....3% DOESN'T SOLVE ISSUES...5% SCATTERED.....2%
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Now, when you consider the options, generally....

53. Which option do you most support: A) Construction of a new facility; OR B) Remodel existing facilities? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?	STATEMENT A/STRONGLY..15% STATEMENT A.....14% STATEMENT B/STRONGLY..23% STATEMENT B.....21% NONE (VOL.).....26% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%
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IF "STATEMENT A," ASK: (n=112)

54. Which option do you most support:	STATEMENT A/STRONGLY..48%
A) Construction of a new PreK through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade school for \$70 million; OR	STATEMENT A.....26%
B) Construction of a new 5 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade school for \$55 million?	STATEMENT B/STRONGLY..13%
(WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?	STATEMENT B.....13%
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "STATEMENT B," ASK: (n=176)

55. Which option do you most support:	STATEMENT A/STRONGLY..28%
A) Remodeling existing facilities for \$24 million; OR	STATEMENT A.....20%
B) Deferred maintenance projects for \$18 million?	STATEMENT B/STRONGLY..24%
(WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?	STATEMENT B.....25%
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%

The School District could consider a second referendum question for a \$3.2 million bond referendum for constructing and updating athletic fields.

If voters approved a bond referendum to fund these improvements, the owner of a \$100,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$1.00 or \$11 per year, while the owner of \$200,000 home would see a monthly property tax increase of about \$2.00 or \$28 per year.

56. If the election were today, would you support or oppose this bond referendum? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?	STRONGLY SUPPORT.....18%
	SUPPORT.....23%
	OPPOSE.....28%
	STRONGLY OPPOSE.....25%
	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....6%

IF A POSITION IS TAKEN, ASK: (n=375)

57.	Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
		EDUCATION IS IMPORT....6%
		NEEDED.....14%
		COST IS REASONABLE....18%
		TAXES ARE TOO HIGH.....9%
		COST IS TOO HIGH.....3%
		NOT NEEDED.....23%
		POOR DISTRICT SPEND...20%
		NEEDED FOR ATHLETICS...3%
		SCATTERED.....4%

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Turning to communications....

58.	What is your principal source of information about the Aitkin Public Schools?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
		NOTHING.....5%
		MAILED NEWSLETTER.....23%
		LOCAL NEWSPAPER.....27%
		DISTRICT WEBSITE.....14%
		CABLE TELEVISION.....2%
		WORD OF MOUTH.....9%
		TEACHERS/STAFF.....14%
		E-MAIL.....4%
		SCATTERED.....2%
59.	What is the most effective way for you to receive information about the Aitkin Public Schools -- mailed newsletter, electronic newsletter, e-mail, School District website, specific school website, the Community Education catalog, local newspaper, local cable channel or something else? (IF "SOMETHING ELSE," ASK:) What would that be?	MAILED NEWSLETTER.....36%
		ELECTRN NEWSLETTER.....5%
		E-MAIL.....16%
		SCHL DIST WEBSITE.....7%
		SPECIFIC SCHL WEBSITE..2%
		COMMUNITY ED CATALOG...1%
		LOCAL NEWSPAPER.....24%
		LOCAL CABLE CHANNEL...3%
		WORD OF MOUTH.....4%
		SCATTERED.....2%
60.	Are you satisfied with the amount of information you receive from the Aitkin Public Schools? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is that because you receive too little information about the issues you are most concerned about OR too much information about issues you are not concerned about?	YES.....82%
		NO/TOO LITTLE.....17%
		NO/TOO MUCH.....0%
		NO/UNSURE.....1%
		DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

Now, just a few more questions for demographic purposes....

61.	Which of the following ranges contains your age? Please stop me when I reach the correct one.	18-24.....7% 25-34.....13% 35-44.....17% 45-54.....20% 55-64.....16% 65 AND OVER.....27% REFUSED.....0%
62.	Does your household contain any pre-schoolers or infants?	YES.....12% NO.....87% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
63.	Are there school-aged children in your household (IF "YES," ASK:) Do they attend the Aitkin Public Schools, public schools in other districts, parochial or private schools, charter schools, or home school?	NO.....70% YES/AITKIN.....26% YES/OTHER PUBLIC.....2% YES/PAROCHIAL/PRIVATE..1% YES/CHARTER.....1% YES/HOME SCHOOL.....1% YES/COMBINATION.....0% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
64.	What is the highest level of formal education you completed?	LESS THAN HS GRAD.....6% HIGH SCHOOL GRAD.....29% VO-TECH SCH/TCH COLL..17% SOME COLLEGE.....20% COLLEGE GRADUATE.....22% POST-GRADUATE.....5% REFUSED.....2%
65.	Do you own or rent your present residence? (IF "OWN," ASK:) Which of the following categories contains the approximate value of your residential property -- under \$100,000, \$100,001-\$150,000, \$150,001-\$200,000, \$200,001-\$250,000 or over \$250,000?	RENT.....21% OWN/UNDER \$100,000.....9% OWN/\$100K-\$150K.....26% OWN/\$150K-\$200K.....21% OWN/\$200K-\$250K.....10% OWN/OVER \$250K.....8% OWN/UNSURE.....5% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
66.	Do you live in the City of Aitkin, another town, in a rural non-farm area, or on a farm?	AITKIN.....30% ANOTHER TOWN.....9% RURAL NON-FARM AREA...50% FARM.....10% SOMETHING ELSE (VOL.)..1% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

67.	Finally, thinking about your household finances, how would you describe your financial situation, would you say that --	STATEMENT A.....2%
	A) Your monthly expenses are exceeding your income;	STATEMENT B.....37%
	B) You are meeting your monthly expenses but are putting aside little or no savings;	STATEMENT C.....47%
	C) You are managing comfortably while putting some money aside;	STATEMENT D.....11%
	D) Managing very well?	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%
68.	Gender [BY OBSERVATION]	MALE.....48%
		FEMALE.....52%