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SURVEY RESULTS INDICATE POSITIVE PARENT PERCEPTIONS OF DORCHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

During the first semester, the **2010 Parent Survey** was conducted by the **Dorchester County Public School District**. The objective of this annual survey is to solicit the input of the parents as the school district makes critical **budget decisions** on behalf of the students. The results of the survey will be used by the **Board of Education** to develop a realistic school budget that focuses on the areas that are most important for the students, as well as establish priorities for future school programs and projects.

This year's statistical data presents a high degree of **favorable feedback** with respect to vitally important issues, such as *academic standards, rigorous and challenging programs, quality of instruction, quality of instructional content areas, class size, audio-visual equipment, textbooks, and technology*. Furthermore, the overwhelming majority of parents see services in the areas of *guidance, health, food services, transportation, and facilities* as either good or excellent.

Also, as is almost always the case with surveys of this type, parents used the comments portion of the survey as an opportunity to raise specific concerns. The Board of Education and Superintendent's Staff have spent hours exploring the themes of this feedback in the spirit of continuous improvement. This information will also be of great value as budget decisions are made in this time of scarce financial resources.

The community can access the specific survey data by going to the Dorchester County Public Schools website and clicking on the "**2010 Frequency Report**" link.