

Exit Poll Results

In an effort to increase communication between the district and its constituents, GESD conducted an exit poll during voting hours on May 17, 2011. The poll contained 5 questions and a comment section. Tables were placed outside of the voting area with signs and pencils for voters to voluntarily take advantage of as they exited the polling locations. Results were tallied and compiled into a comprehensive report available here.

Overview:

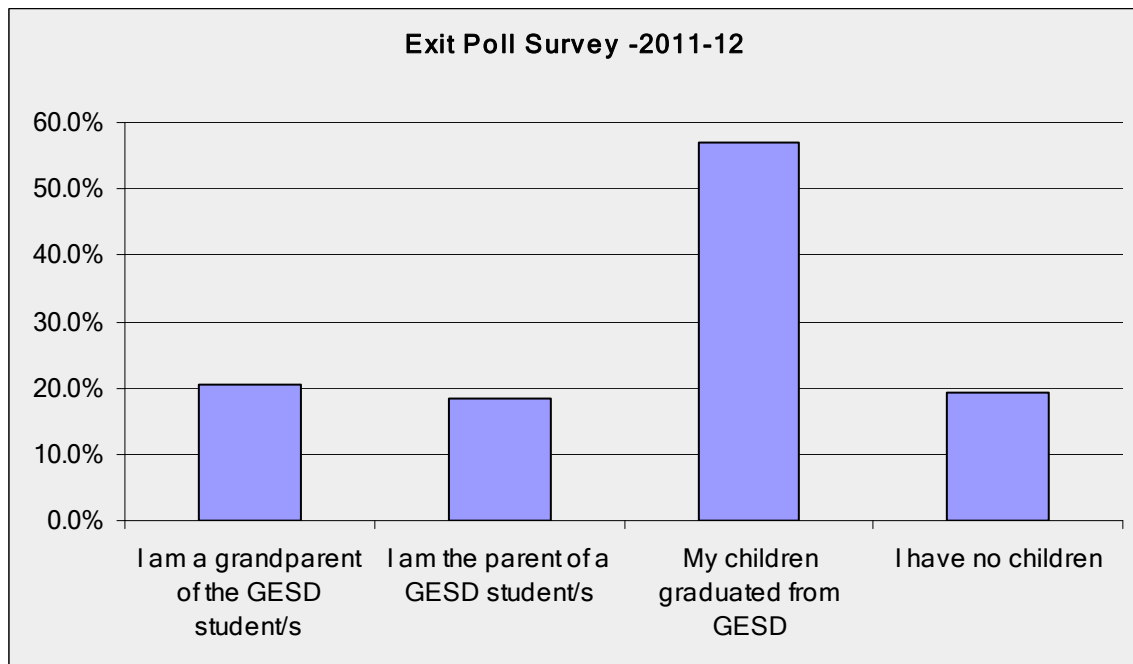
A total of 247 voters chose to take the exit poll survey out of the 1,140 who cast their votes on May 17, a response rate of 22%. Of those who voted, 663 residents voted "yes" and 447 voted "no."

Results:

While these results do not represent the opinions of all voters, they do provide 247 residents' perceptions about the district and its proposed budget.

Question 1

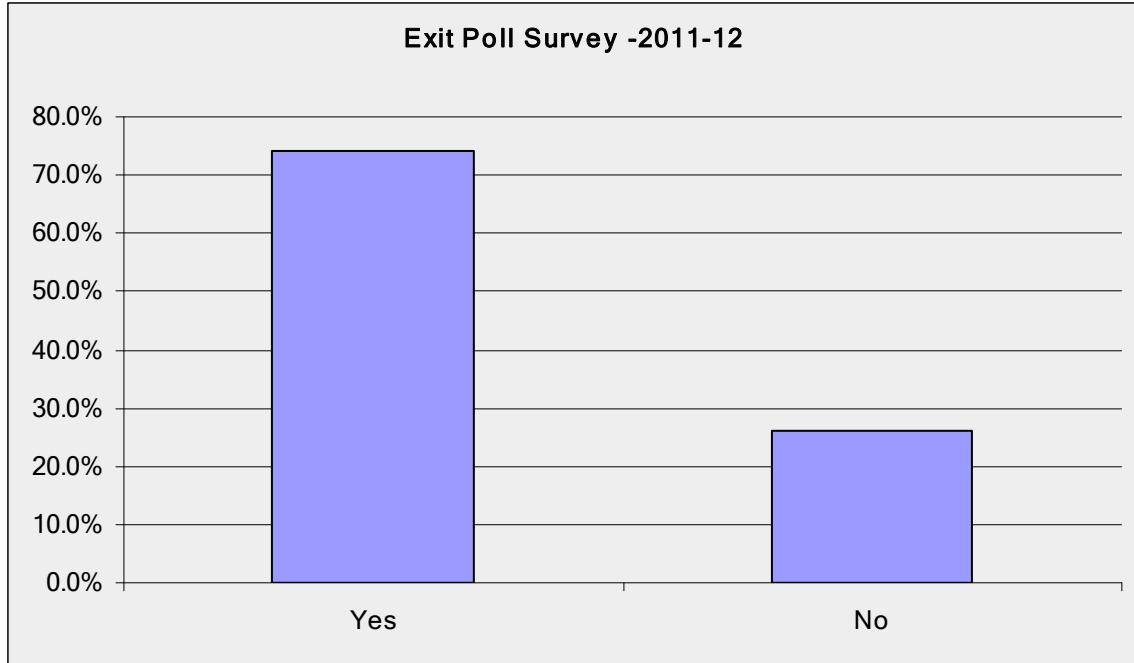
Check all that apply:



Question 2

Do you feel you had adequate information about the proposed budget?

74.2% of those surveyed felt that they had received adequate information regarding the budget, with the remaining 26.2% felt that they didn't.



Question 3

Where did you receive the majority of your information from?

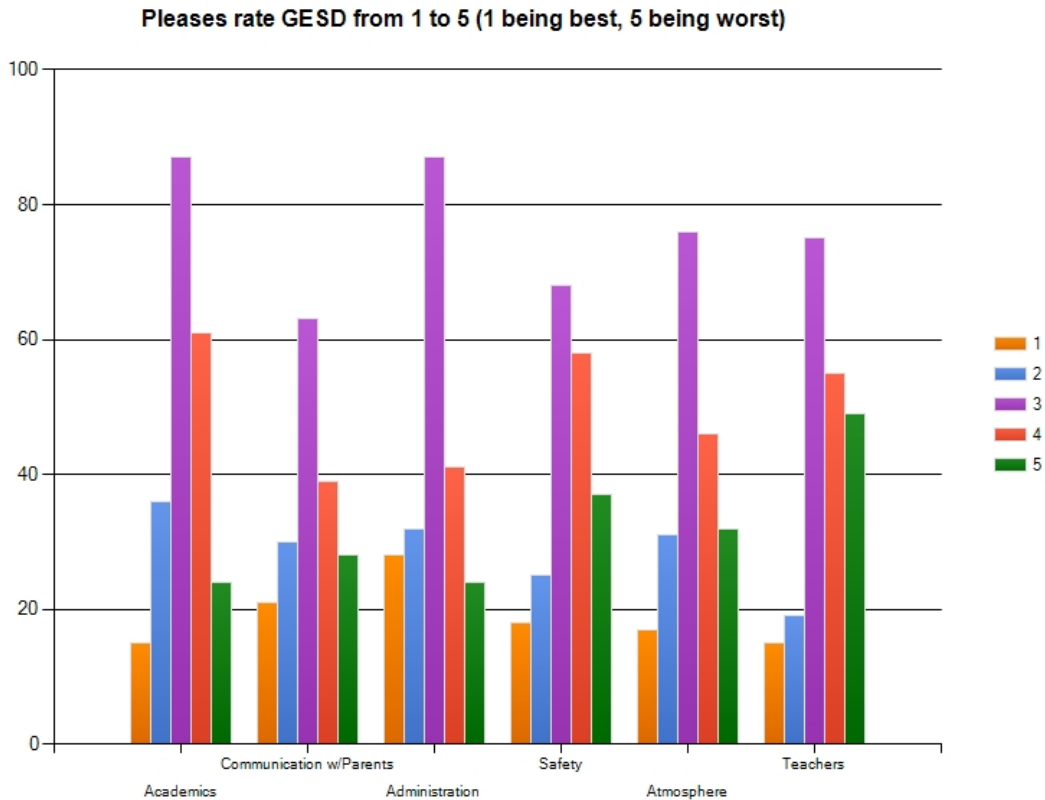
The Leader-Herald Newspaper was sited as being the most used source of information, with 72.6% of people saying that was where they obtained their information.

The Leader-Herald Newspaper	72.6%
Gloversville District Website	18.5%
Radio	19.3%
BOE meetings	4.2%
Budget mailings	24.3%
Word of mouth	19.3%
Television news	5.0%
Other	4.6%

Question 4

Please rate GESD from 1 to 5 in the following areas: (1 being the best, 5 being the worst)

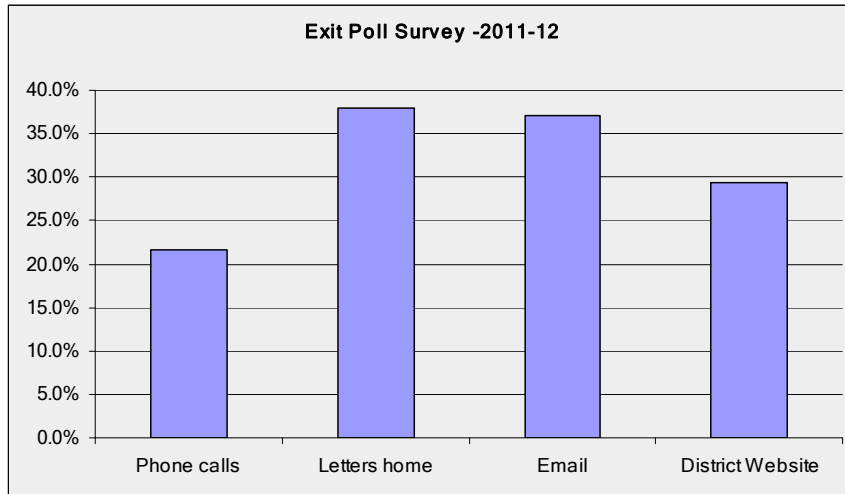
The majority people surveyed rated GESD at an average of “3” in all of the following areas: Academics, Communications w/parents, Administration, Safety, Atmosphere, and Teachers.



Question 5

If you are a parent, what is your preferred method of receiving information?

The majority of parents who filed out the survey preferred letters home and email (as opposed to phone calls and the district website) as the preferred method of communication. This was by a close margin, with most people selecting all of the above methods.



Please write any additional comments below:

Too many secretaries. Don't need Vice Principals. Keep the arts in the schools. Teach, not feed, entertain, sports, feel good classes. Teens have no vocabulary, cannot spell, do math in their heads... try, well - maybe LATIN!

I hope they don't get rid of the art & music programs, they are very beneficial to the children.

District TV Channel (as source of information).

Shouldn't try to hide bus purchases in general budget - should have been up for a separate vote as in the past - very sneaky!

Need to increase graduation rate. Very discouraging not to receive emails back from Guidance at High School level.

These children need to learn that there are consequences for their actions.

With the recent budget constraints, extracurricular activities may be more dependent on support from the local business community. I feel that the board should consider a policy to support local businesses... a large amount of money is leaving our school area when the prom/morp is allowed to leave Fulton County. Let's support our local businesses who have been so generous to us!!

Kingsborough communications very good - GMS poor.

Wake up to the drug and bullying problems.

Get a grip on paying administrators, teachers, aides a price on what they are worth not by what some other district pays. 1. Students are the future - put them first. 2. No education to the fullest means more welfare for Fulton County, not NYCity.

It's time to cut spending. Priority is education without the frills - logic, common sense and think of the taxpayers.

More communication in general needs to happen. The district needs to take the initiative and bolster it's communications. (something I can subscribe to via RSS).

It costs money to run a public school. We have not had a huge increase in our taxes, all taxes not just property. The BOE and administration will now have to become politically involved to change the way public education is funded. Taking away the rights of employees will not change how ed. is funded.

Respect and equality starts with staff.

Glad my kids graduated years ago. Seems the school is going downhill.

Hire some teachers and administrators from places different from Gloversville to get a wider possibility more dynamic than provincial views.

I want GESD to maintain the greatness it had when I attended. And want my grandchildren to have as well.

Disappointed in grades for school system.

Bullying exits! Program cuts stink!!

I regret that our grandchildren will not have the same advantages educationally as did our children - particularly musically!

Proud of the Gloversville schools and the offerings to my children.

A difficult job in these trying times!

Many difficulties to be faced - lack of funding is the least of the problems! Apathy, disinterest, lack of parental concern about the education of their children (not among all, but among enough that it affects many others), lack of realization of the value of education for children's future. Too many teens getting pregnant! Children having children.

Graduation rate at GMS and GHS

Less football coaches!

Ratings really do vary based on which school and teachers are being considered. I have however seen decrease morale over the last four years among the three different schools that all of my children attend.

I can't rate the academics or the teachers because we don't have any children. It would be nice if you relate info to people like us.

Board has lost all common sense. We can not afford to pick up kids by school bus but we can afford to send them away to South Glens Falls, etc. School should be academics first, extra stuff last! That is why we will never compete w/other schools academically.

Don't know much about the school since my son left in 1985.

Teacher rating a -10.

Obviously, this survey was not written for voters w/out children in the district!

Teachers need more concern for students.

Too much money is being spent on sports/new gym - should consolidate with middle school. Taxes are way too high!!

It's bad when a child does not have his own text books to bring home and work from. Parents are expected to teach their children on subjects they have no knowledge of. Get the teachers more involved.

No kids in this school district. The only recent graduate of G'ville schools that I know can't spell words or use good grammer. Yet, he graduated! It's disgraceful.

Teachers paid too much. Retirements too high. Benefits too high. How can you pay people for not being sick?

Very little communication!

Gloversville is a great place to grow up - and it has great safety features. It needs the ability to keep more citizens here as adults.

My ratings depend on what school.

I have been volunteering some time at one school and thought the education process was excellent. I am an ex-teacher. I am a grandparent who would like more letter material about this election and the schools.

I voted for the budget but I am not happy with all the cuts that have had to be made. I think school boards need to do more advocating for our schools with the state governments. Downstate schools are getting a much bigger piece of the state pie than we are. Aren't our children just as important, smart & deserving? Please, as a group, try to convince the state that our children deserve more!

I was appalled at the budget notice. Other districts in the area sent much more information to homes in an easier to read format. You have a communications person- you should use her to create your budget mailing.