



## Learning With Public Purpose Community Member Survey

*Learning with Public Purpose* (LPP) is a way to address the issues of rural community development and school improvement at the same time. When student work in school helps to improve conditions in the community, young people develop the habits of service while deepening their understanding of content in core subjects.

You participated in an LPP project in your area during the fall of 2005 or the spring of 2006. We would like to thank you for the investment you made in your community and school by contributing to that project. Please help us improve on future student work in the community by taking 10-15 minutes to complete the following survey. If you are not completing the survey online, please return it to Dr. Emeka Emekauwa at POB 28627, Raleigh, NC 27611. Your response will be held in strict confidence.

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### I. Individual Information

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. During what semester(s) did you work with an LPP project? Select all that apply.

- Fall 2005
- Spring 2006
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your organizational status?

- Public
- Private

5. What are the major focus areas of your organization? Select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce          | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development  | <input type="checkbox"/> Education       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment       | <input type="checkbox"/> Government            | <input type="checkbox"/> Health          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeland Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety            | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Family Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____     |

## II. Your LPP Experience

1. How did your interactions with the school, teachers, and students influence your capacity to fulfill your organizational mission?
  - Gained new insights about the organization and its operation
  - Changed organizational direction
  - Increased number of clients served
  - Enhanced offerings and services
  - Increased leverage/networks with other community groups
  - Increased connections between the school and the community
  - No influence
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. What are some of the challenges you encountered in working with the school, teachers, and students? Select all that apply.
  - Demands on staff time
  - Insufficient project time period
  - Students not well prepared
  - Mismatch between project and organizational goals
  - School policies and practices limited organization role in the project
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Were you able to overcome the challenges to participate fully in the project?
  - Yes
  - No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What impacts did the project have on the community?
  - Increased or added new services
  - Increased understanding across racial, ethnic, age, gender, socioeconomic and other boundaries
  - Developed new products and materials that were of use to the community
  - Influenced local decision making in an important area of public concern
  - Opened new business or otherwise provided opportunity to increase spending within the community
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. In what ways do you feel you were able to influence students, teachers, and the school?
  - Influenced course content
  - Influenced school policy or practice
  - Increased \_\_ student and \_\_ teacher awareness of the community
  - Increased student learning and engagement
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

6. How has LPP participation affected your perception of the school and students?
- Increased understanding of the challenges the school faces in student achievement
  - Increased awareness of how schools can contribute to community improvement
  - Increased awareness of how organization can contribute to school improvement
  - Increased awareness of the value of youth voice in important community issues
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you plan on working with the school and students on any other LPP-type activity?
- Yes
  - No

If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**III. Please rate your level of satisfaction with your participation with the school, teachers, and students in the following areas:**

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
1. Overall communication with students, teachers, and administrators				
2. Level and quality of interaction with students, teachers, and administrators				
3. Quality of student work				
4. Feedback and input into project planning				
5. Scope and timing of activities				
6. Level of trust with students, teachers, and administrators				
7. Importance of project activities to community development agenda				

8. What aspect of this experience was most beneficial to your organization? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What aspect of this experience was most beneficial to the community? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What aspects of this experience would you change? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Please add any additional comments you would like to make: \_\_\_\_\_  
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