



Learning With Public Purpose Partner Survey

Learning with Public Purpose (LPP) is a bold strategy that simultaneously addresses the interrelated challenges of rural community renewal and school improvement. When student learning contributes to the larger public purposes of the community, young people develop the habits of citizenship and service while deepening their understanding of content in core courses.

Your agency partnered with an LPP project in your area during the fall of 2005 or the spring of 2006. We would like first to thank you for the investment you made in your rural community and school by contributing to that project. We would like also to know what you think about your experience as a community partner. Please assist us by taking 10-15 minutes to complete the following survey. Return it to Dr. Emeka Emekauwa at POB 28627, Raleigh, NC 27611. If you are answering this survey online, please return it to emekaeze@nc.rr.com. Your responses will be held in strict confidence.

I. Organizational Information

1. Name of Organization: _____
Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

2. Name/Position of Person Completing the Survey: _____

Were you the person in your organization who authorized this partnership? Yes No

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 | Other _____ |

II. Your LPP Experience

6. How did your interactions with the school, teachers, and students influence your capacity to fulfill your organizational mission? Check all that apply.

- 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
 - Not at all
 - Other _____
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7. What are some of the challenges you encountered in working with the school, teachers, and students? Check all that apply.

- Demands on staff time
 - Incompatibility of schedules
 - Insufficient project time period
 - Students not well prepared
 - Mismatch between project and organizational goals
 - School policies and practices limited organization's role in the project
 - Other _____
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8. Were you able to overcome the challenges to participate fully in the project?

- Yes No

Explain: _____

9. What impacts did the project have on the community? Check all that apply.

- 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 _____

10. In what ways do you feel you were able to influence students, teachers, and the school? Check all that apply.

- Influenced course content
 - Influenced school policy or practice
 - Increased ___ student and ___ teacher awareness of the community
 - Increased student learning and engagement
 - Other _____
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11. How has LPP participation affected your perception of the school and students? Check all that apply.

- 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 _____
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12. Is this your first experience working with students on course-related community projects?

- Yes No

13. Now that you have participated in this project with the school, would you ...? Check all that apply?

- Recommend the project to another organization?
- Continue with the project for another semester?
- Partner with the school and students on other projects:

If not, why? _____

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	Not Applicable
14. Overall communication with students	○	○	○	○	○
15. Overall communication with teachers and administrators	○	○	○	○	○
16. Organization of the project	○	○	○	○	○
17. Level and quality of interaction with students	○	○	○	○	○
18. Quality of student work	○	○	○	○	○
19. Level and quality of interaction with teachers	○	○	○	○	○
20. Feedback and input into project planning	○	○	○	○	○
21. Scope and timing of activities	○	○	○	○	○
22. Level of trust with students, teachers, and administrators	○	○	○	○	○
23. Importance of project activities to community development agenda	○	○	○	○	○

24. What aspect of this experience was most beneficial to your organization? _____

25. What aspect of this experience was most beneficial to the community? _____

26. What were your original expectations of this project relative to the goals and objectives of your organization? _____

27. What aspect(s) of this experience would you change? _____

Thank you.