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Section I: Demographic Information

Completed surveys were received from 289 respondents. The figure to the left of each option is the number of people who selected the option.

- (01) 1. Please check the age category below that describes you.
- 23 1. 18-30
 - 52 2. 31-40
 - 86 3. 41-50
 - 70 4. 51-60
 - 55 5. over 60
2. Which of the following categories describe(s) your household? Check ALL that apply.
- (02) 134 Students in grades PreK-12 who attend Alburnett Community School
- (03) 23 Students who are open enrolled into Alburnett Community School
- (04) 9 Students who are open enrolled out or attend private schools
- (05) 262 Students ages 5-18 being home schooled
- (06) 109 Students who have graduated from high school
- (07) 53 No children
- (08) 26 Preschool-aged children
- (09) 13 Expect to have children in the future
- (10) 3. If you are a parent/guardian of school-age children, check the category that most closely describes your situation.
- 12 1. Single parent/guardian home
 - 141 2. Two parent/guardian home
 - 3 3. Multi-generation home (grandparent/parent/child)
 - 94 4. Does not apply
- (11) 4. Do you own your home or rent it?
- 262 1. Own my home
 - 20 2. Rent my home
 - 1 3. Currently rent but plan to buy a home in the district
- (12) 5. How long have you been a resident of the Alburnett Community School district?
- 37 1. 0-5 years
 - 35 2. 6-10 years
 - 193 3. Over 10 years
 - 20 4. Non-resident

Section II: Opinion

The figure on the blank line to the left of each option is the percent of people who selected the option. The numbers in bold are the percent of people other than those who had no opinion or no response who selected the option.

- (13) 1. How satisfied are you, in general, with the education that the children in Alburnett Schools are receiving?

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	45	<u>35</u>	1. Satisfied		14	<u>11</u>	3. Somewhat dissatisfied	<u>17</u>		5.	No opinion
	39	<u>30</u>	2. Somewhat satisfied		2	<u>1</u>	4. Dissatisfied	<u>6</u>			No response
(14)	2.	How satisfied are you with the way technology (computers, graphing calculators, etc.) is being used as a tool in the education of our students?									
	31	<u>22</u>	1. Satisfied		19	<u>13</u>	3. Somewhat dissatisfied	<u>24</u>		5.	No opinion
	43	<u>30</u>	2. Somewhat satisfied		6	<u>4</u>	4. Dissatisfied	<u>6</u>			No response
(15)	3.	Discipline in grades K-6 is:									
	2	<u>1</u>	1. Too strict		33	<u>18</u>	3. Not strict enough	<u>9</u>			No response
	65	<u>35</u>	2. About right			<u>37</u>	4. Not applicable				
(16)	4.	Discipline in grades 7-12 is:									
	11	<u>5</u>	1. Too strict		39	<u>18</u>	3. Not strict enough	<u>10</u>			No response
	50	<u>23</u>	2. About right			<u>44</u>	4. Not applicable				
(17)	5.	How would you describe the amount of homework assigned to children in grades K-6 ?									
	14	<u>7</u>	1. Too much		10	<u>5</u>	3. Not enough	<u>8</u>			No response
	76	<u>39</u>	2. About right			<u>42</u>	4. Not applicable				
(18)	6.	How would you describe the amount of homework assigned to children in grades 7-12 ?									
	19	<u>8</u>	1. Too much		11	<u>5</u>	3. Not enough	<u>9</u>			No response
	70	<u>30</u>	2. About right			<u>48</u>	4. Not applicable				
(19)	7.	Is the district's web site (www.alburnett.k12.ia.us) helpful to you?									
	48	<u>45</u>	1. Yes	15	<u>14</u>	2. No	<u>34</u>	3. No opinion	<u>7</u>		No response
(20)	8.	Is the student information system (SIPS/Centerpoint) helpful to parents and students?									
	49	<u>45</u>	1. Yes	10	<u>5</u>	2. No	<u>40</u>	3. No opinion	<u>9</u>		No response
(21)	9.	How well is our school providing students with academic programs to meet their individual needs?									
	11	<u>7</u>	1. Excellent		44	<u>29</u>	3. Average	<u>27</u>		5.	No opinion
	36	<u>24</u>	2. Good		9	<u>6</u>	4. Poor	<u>7</u>			No response
(22)	10.	How well is our school preparing students who do NOT plan to further their education after high school?									
	7	<u>3</u>	1. Excellent		49	<u>22</u>	3. Average	<u>47</u>		5.	No opinion
	20	<u>9</u>	2. Good		22	<u>10</u>	4. Poor	<u>8</u>			No response

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- (23) 11. How well is our school preparing students for education and training after high school?
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| | 9 | <u>5</u> | 1. Excellent | | 41 | <u>24</u> | 3. Average | | 35 | <u>5</u> | 5. No opinion |
| | 38 | <u>22</u> | 2. Good | | 12 | <u>7</u> | 4. Poor | | 7 | | No response |
12. How would you rate extra-curricular offerings (non-required student activities such as sports, band, chorus, FFA, speech, etc.) at each of the following levels?
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| (24)Middle School | 11 | <u>7</u> | 1. Too few | 83 | <u>55</u> | 2. Adequate | 6 | <u>4</u> | | 34 | <u>3</u> | 3. Too Many | | 34 | <u>No</u> | response |
| (25)High School | 7 | <u>5</u> | 1. Too few | 88 | <u>60</u> | 2. Adequate | 6 | <u>4</u> | | 32 | <u>3</u> | 3. Too Many | | 32 | <u>No</u> | response |
- (26) 13. How effectively are the administrators (superintendent and principals) communicating with parents/guardians and the community?
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|--|-----------|-----------|--------------|--|-----------|-----------|------------|--|-----------|----------|---------------|
| | 70 | <u>5</u> | 1. Excellent | | 51 | <u>36</u> | 3. Average | | 22 | <u>5</u> | 5. No opinion |
| | 17 | <u>12</u> | 2. Good | | 25 | <u>18</u> | 4. Poor | | 7 | | No response |
- (27) 14. How effectively are the teachers and counselor communicating with parents/guardians of the students in grades **K-6**?
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|--|-----------|-----------|--------------|--|-----------|-----------|------------|--|-----------|----------|---------------|
| | 16 | <u>8</u> | 1. Excellent | | 37 | <u>19</u> | 3. Average | | 41 | <u>5</u> | 5. No opinion |
| | 39 | <u>20</u> | 2. Good | | 8 | <u>4</u> | 4. Poor | | 8 | | No response |
- (28) 15. How effectively are the teachers and counselor communicating with parents/guardians of the students in grades **7-12**?
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| | 4 | <u>2</u> | 1. Excellent | | 43 | <u>20</u> | 3. Average | | 46 | <u>5</u> | 5. No opinion |
| | 26 | <u>12</u> | 2. Good | | 24 | <u>11</u> | 4. Poor | | 8 | | No response |
- (29) 16. What schedule would you prefer (realizing we must always have 180 school days and the number of minutes in a day would not change)?
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| | 32 | <u>22</u> | 1. Later start in the fall (e.g. Sept. 1) and later ending date (e.g. June 6). |
| | 46 | <u>31</u> | 2. Earlier start in the fall (e.g. Aug. 18) and earlier ending date (e.g. May 23) |
| | 22 | <u>15</u> | 3. Year round school with longer and more frequent breaks. (e.g. 6 weeks off in the summer, 2 weeks in the winter, 2 weeks in the spring) |
| | | <u>24</u> | 4. No opinion |
| | | <u>9</u> | No response |
- (30) 17. To attract and retain a quality faculty I would approve of a raise in taxes by one of the following methods.
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| | 24 | <u>21</u> | 1. Additional property tax levy | | 61 | <u>53</u> | 3. No additional taxes for this purpose |
| | 15 | <u>13</u> | 2. Income sur tax | | | <u>13</u> | No response |
18. If you open enroll out of the Alburnett Community School district, attend a private school, or are home schooling, what describe(s) your reasons? (Check ALL that apply.)
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| (31-36) | <u>1</u> | 1. Religious reasons | | <u>1</u> | 6. Day Care |
| (32-37) | <u>2</u> | 2. Extra-curricular opportunities | | <u>2</u> | 7. School size |

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(33-38)	<u>2</u>	3. Class offerings	<u>1</u>	8. Class size
(34-39)	<u>3</u>	4. Meeting individual needs	<u>2</u>	9. Other (please specify)
(35-40)	<u>1</u>	5. Convenience	<u>68</u>	10. Not applicable

19. If you open enroll into the Alburnett Community School district, attend a private school, or are home schooling, what describe(s) your reasons? (Check ALL that apply.)

(41-46)	<u>1</u>	1. College scholarship (Rockford Trust)	<u>1</u>	6. Day Care
(42-47)	<u>2</u>	2. Extra-curricular opportunities	<u>6</u>	7. School size
(43-48)	<u>1</u>	3. Class offerings	<u>6</u>	8. Class size
(44-49)	<u>2</u>	4. Meeting individual needs	<u>2</u>	9. Other (please specify)
(45-50)	<u>1</u>	5. Convenience	<u>66</u>	10. Not applicable

(51) 20. Should the district start a program to provide fee-based childcare before and after school?

73 45 1. Yes **56** 18 2. No 32 3. No opinion 6 No response

(52) 21. Should the district start a fee-based preschool program?

78 51 1. Yes **22** 14 2. No 29 3. No opinion 7 No response

(53) 22. Should the district start an alternative kindergarten program?

69 42 1. Yes **31** 19 2. No 32 3. No opinion 7 No response

23. In an effort to expand the class offerings in the high school, which of these choices should be investigated?

(54)	ICN classes	90	<u>62</u>	1. Yes	10	<u>7</u>	2. No	<u>31</u>	No response
(55)	Internet classes	87	<u>67</u>	1. Yes	15	<u>10</u>	2. No	<u>23</u>	No response
(56)	Sharing teachers with other schools	64	<u>47</u>	1. Yes	36	<u>26</u>	2. No	<u>27</u>	No response
(57)	Our students traveling to other schools for shared classes	35	<u>25</u>	1. Yes	64	<u>44</u>	2. No	<u>31</u>	No response
(58)	Merging with another district	19	<u>13</u>	1. Yes	81	<u>56</u>	2. No	<u>31</u>	No response
(59)	We do not need to expand class offerings	27	<u>13</u>	1. Yes	73	<u>35</u>	2. No	<u>52</u>	No response

24. In an effort to provide college credit for our high school students, which of these choices should be investigated?

(60)	College ICN classes	90	<u>63</u>	1. Yes	10	<u>7</u>	2. No	<u>30</u>	No response
(61)	College Internet classes	88	<u>66</u>	1. Yes	13	<u>10</u>	2. No	<u>25</u>	No response
(62)	College level classes taken at the high school	88	<u>69</u>	1. Yes	12	<u>9</u>	2. No	<u>22</u>	No response
(63)	College level classes taken off-site	80	<u>56</u>	1. Yes	20	<u>14</u>	2. No	<u>30</u>	No response
(64)	We do not need to offer college classes	11	<u>5</u>	1. Yes	89	<u>40</u>	2. No	<u>55</u>	No response

If you have any comments or concerns, will you please place them here.

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See attached sheets.

Thank you for your cooperation. Using the enclosed business-reply envelope, return your completed questionnaire within two weeks of receipt.