



January 26, 2009

Daniel A. Nerad, *Superintendent of Schools*

Dear Parents/Guardian and/or Student:

The Madison Metropolitan School District is contacting those families who have chosen to attend a Madison area private school. It is the district's sincere desire to seek feedback from these families as a way of assessing how we might better serve parents and students in Madison Schools. More specifically, it would be helpful if those who have chosen to attend a private school would identify the reason(s). Through this type of feedback, it may be possible to consider new district initiatives, which would help us improve our service to students and the community in general.

Your participation is voluntary and any responses need not have a signed name. We have provided a space for you to sign your name if you wish so that, if we need clarification, we may contact you.

Our primary goal is to seek ways to improve our schools. It should be repeated that any responses are voluntary and whether or not you return a survey will not affect your status in our district.

Please return the survey in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope by Friday, February 13, 2009, or you can take this survey online at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228P4SEU6A9>. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Nerad, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures

**Your reason(s) for attending a private school in the Madison area was/were (check as many as apply to your decision):**

- The school is closer to where we live.
- The school is closer to my place of work.
- The school is closer to my daycare.
- The school has curricular programs which don't exist in our school of residence or we were dissatisfied with curricular programs at our school of residence. If you checked this item, please identify what program(s) in the school/district influenced your choice:

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- The desire to participate in an after school program/activity in the school. Identify the specific program/activity:

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- The desire to attend school with a friend(s).
- Concern about environment of other schools including safety, drugs, or negative peer pressure.
- To provide religious or moral instruction.
- It was the child's choice.
- Other: (Please identify the other reason(s) below.)

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Were there specific things you were dissatisfied within the Madison Metropolitan School District which caused you to attend a private school?  Yes  No  Does not apply      If yes, please identify the specifics below:

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If Madison had a full time online school would you consider that option?  Yes  No

If your child(ren) were given the option to attend a different MMSD school other than their home attendance area school on a transfer would you be interested?  Yes  No

If yes, which school(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Voluntary Section:**

In what school is your child(ren) currently enrolled? \_\_\_\_\_

At what grade level did your child(ren) begin attending this school? \_\_\_\_\_

Has (Have) your child(ren) ever attended an MMSD school?  Yes  No

If yes, for how many years did they attend MMSD schools? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide any additional comments/suggestions below or attach an additional sheet:

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Name (voluntary)

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Phone Number (voluntary)

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Email (voluntary)