

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SURVEY

What You're Thinking

The results of *Scholastic Administr@tor's* first-ever 2004 School Leadership Survey are in. And you were more than happy to tell us what's on your mind. More than 500 superintendents, principals, technology directors, and other administrators took the time to share their thoughts, their successes, and, yes, their frustrations. To see where you fit in, read on.

INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY

WHERE YOU'VE HAD THE MOST AND LEAST SUCCESS

MOST

1. Your Own Day-to-Day Work
2. Library Management
3. District/Networking Issues
4. Integrating Technology into Administrative Functions

LEAST

1. ESL
2. Test Taking
3. Reading
4. Math

YOUR 8 BIGGEST CHALLENGES

1. Insufficient School Funding
2. Bureaucracy
3. Implementing NCLB
4. The Achievement Gap
5. Managing Your Time
6. Adequate Yearly Progress
7. Special Education
8. Keeping At-Risk Kids in School

ABOUT NCLB

- 33% think NCLB has a negative impact on students.
- 79% believe softening the rules improves the law.
- 84% say the education system is too focused on test results.
- 87% complain that NCLB isn't being adequately funded.

ABOUT YOUR JOB

- 94% of you love your job.
- 95% are proud of what you do for a living.
- 91% believe that children today are getting a better education than they were 10 years ago.
- 83% are optimistic about the future of public education.
- 78% say that you'll still be an administrator 5 years from now.
- 86% believe that your jobs are more difficult than those of your friends/family in the private sector.

TOP 10 PLANNED PURCHASES

PLAN TO BUY

1. Desktops	62%
2. Printers	60%
3. Literacy Tools	47%
4. Math Products	46%
5. Assessment Products	45%
6. Notebooks/Tablet PCs	44%
7. Professional Development Tools	40%
8. Wireless Tools	35%
9. Science Products	33%
10. Data-Driven Decision-Making Tools	32%

ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

- 95% say technology is critical to the success of education.
- 78% of your districts are increasing their tech spending.
- 92% believe that technology will live up to its promise within the next decade.