



## ConVal Strategic Plan Update Community Survey Questions

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The ConVal School District is in the process of updating its current Strategic Plan to make sure the plan continues to align well with the needs of our schools and the values of our community. This stakeholder survey is one important part of that process.

Please share your thoughts by completing this important survey concerning our school system. Complete as many questions as you can to the best of your ability. If you are unsure, or don't know the answer, you can skip the question. The results of this survey will be carefully considered, along with school based data, and used to guide collaborative discussions that will determine the direction of the ConVal School District over the next five years.

This survey consists of 23 questions and takes approximately five to fifteen minutes to complete, depending on how many comments you choose to include. Your contribution to the Strategic Planning Process, through this survey, will be greatly appreciated. Only one paper survey is being mailed to your residence. If you have questions about this survey or need another survey for someone else in your home, contact the ConVal School District at **924-3336** or you may visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JRW2RZJ>

Please complete the online survey or mail the completed survey back as soon as possible but no later than **May 8, 2015** by placing it in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope included with the survey.

### Section 1. Communications, Schools, and Personnel

1. What are your THREE (✓ CHECK ONLY THREE) most frequent sources of information about the ConVal District/Schools?

|                                         |  |
|-----------------------------------------|--|
| Print media                             |  |
| Written communications from the schools |  |
| School conferences/calls                |  |
| School Board and Committee meetings     |  |
| Word of mouth                           |  |
| District or school website              |  |
| Email                                   |  |
| Other online or social media sources    |  |

2. Receiving information from ConVal Schools/Administrators/School Board is easy and I receive information that is clear and meets my needs. ✓ check one of the boxes under each - “ConVal Schools”, “Administrators” and/or “School Board” based on your experience.

|                   | Conval Schools | Administrators | School Board |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Strongly Agree    |                |                |              |
| Agree             |                |                |              |
| Neutral           |                |                |              |
| Disagree          |                |                |              |
| Strongly Disagree |                |                |              |

3. In your experience, if you have something to communicate with ConVal Schools/ Administrators/School Board, it is: (✓ check the box under “ConVal Schools”, “Administrators” and/or “School Board” based on your experience.)

|                                                                                | ConVal Schools | Administrators | School Board |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Easy to communicate and the process is simple                                  |                |                |              |
| Not always easy and somewhat involved process                                  |                |                |              |
| Difficult and a complicated process                                            |                |                |              |
| I have never tried to communicate with the schools/administrators/school board |                |                |              |

4. How well does ConVal do the following? (Place a number from 1 to 5 in the box next to each of the following: 5 = Strongly Agree; 4 = Agree; 3 = Neutral (do not agree/do not disagree); 2= Disagree; 1 = Strongly Disagree; N/A = Not Applicable)

|           |                                            |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
|           | Retain highly qualified staff              |
|           | Maintain state of the art facilities       |
|           | Provide an academically rigorous curricula |
|           | Maintain public support for budgets        |
| Comments: |                                            |

5. It is important to have a local school in my community:( ✓check one of the following)

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Strongly Agree                 |  |
| Agree                          |  |
| Neutral (don't agree/disagree) |  |
| Disagree                       |  |
| Strongly Disagree              |  |

6. Over the last several years, the student enrollment has declined in the ConVal School District causing cuts to positions and programs. If enrollment continues to decline significantly in the future, what should be the response? (Rank your top choices from 1 - 8) 1 = first choice; 2= second choice, 3 = third choice; 4 =fourth choice, 5 = Fifth choice, 6 = sixth choice, 7 = seventh choice, 8 = eighth choice.) *You can add your own idea(s) and rank it in the "Other/Comment" section.*

|                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
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| Close one or more elementary schools                                                                                                                               |  |
| Reduce staff in schools where enrollments have dropped                                                                                                             |  |
| Close one of the middle schools                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Maintain all current schools                                                                                                                                       |  |
| Adopt "soft" borders policy to allow students to attend lower population schools in the District                                                                   |  |
| Modify town policies to allow increased construction of new housing                                                                                                |  |
| Modify town planning policies and strategies to attract new employers to the region                                                                                |  |
| Specialize certain elementary schools to focus on certain topics, such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Fine and Performing Arts, etc. |  |
| Other (Comments):                                                                                                                                                  |  |

## Section 2. Student Academics & Achievement

7. Rank the quality of the following academic areas at Conval from 1-5: (5 = Excellent; 4 = Good; 3 = Fair; 2 = Below Average; 1 = Poor); note some academics are not available in elementary or middle schools. Place your answer in the appropriate box under each school level.

|                       | Elementary | Middle School | High School |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Foreign Language      |            |               |             |
| English/Language Arts |            |               |             |
| Science               |            |               |             |
| Math                  |            |               |             |
| Music                 |            |               |             |
| Technology            |            |               |             |
| Social Studies/Civics |            |               |             |
| Applied Technologies  |            |               |             |
| Art/Drama             |            |               |             |
| Other (Comments):     |            |               |             |

8. Rank each of the following according to how important you believe each item is to student growth and achievement: (5 = Very Important; 4 = Important; 3 = Somewhat Important; 2 = Less Important; 1 = Not Important). Place your answer next to each item in the list.

|                                                                    | Elementary | Middle School | High School |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Rigorous Curricula                                                 |            |               |             |
| Standardized Testing                                               |            |               |             |
| Project-based (experiential) learning                              |            |               |             |
| Academic support in classroom                                      |            |               |             |
| Sports/extra-curricular activities                                 |            |               |             |
| Enrichment programs (like Cornucopia Project, Harris Center, etc.) |            |               |             |

|                   |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| School Counseling |  |  |  |
| Career Counseling |  |  |  |

9. How important are the following areas when preparing students for success?  
 (5 = Very important, 4 = important, 3 = somewhat important, 2 = less important, 1 = not important)  
 Place your answer next to each item in the list.

|                                                |  |
|------------------------------------------------|--|
| Building leadership skills                     |  |
| Being an effective team member                 |  |
| Creativity and innovation                      |  |
| Understanding civics and community involvement |  |
| Ability to communicate effectively             |  |

10. To what extent do you agree with the following: 5 = Strongly Agree; 4 = Agree; 3 = Neutral (Do not Agree or Do not Disagree); 2 = Disagree; 1 = Strongly Disagree)

|                                                  | Elementary | Middle School | High School |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Schools are well supervised                      |            |               |             |
| ConVal staff model safe and respectful behaviors |            |               |             |
| Students are actively involved with their school |            |               |             |

11. Please rate your agreement with each of the following statements: (5 = Strongly Agree; 4 = Agree; 3 = Neutral (Do not Agree or Do not Disagree); 2 = Disagree; 1 = Strongly Disagree)

|  |                                                   |
|--|---------------------------------------------------|
|  | I am proud of ConVal                              |
|  | I believe ConVal has a strong positive reputation |
|  | I am engaged and care about ConVal                |

## Infrastructure Services (Facilities/Capital/Technology)

12. What do you think are the THREE most important factors for attracting and retaining high quality personnel? (✓ CHECK ONLY THREE)

|  |                                         |
|--|-----------------------------------------|
|  | Collaborative work environment          |
|  | Challenging and rich curricula/programs |
|  | Opportunities for professional growth   |
|  | Competitive salaries and benefits       |
|  | Community support for proposed budgets  |
|  | Parent involvement                      |
|  | Other (please indicate):                |

13. Please rate the quality of ConVal facilities you are familiar with: (5 = Excellent; 4 = Good; 3 = Average; 2 = Below Average; 1 = Poor). Place your answer next to each item in the list.

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| General classrooms                    |  |
| Science labs                          |  |
| Computer labs                         |  |
| Libraries                             |  |
| Theater/stages                        |  |
| Gym facilities                        |  |
| Playgrounds                           |  |
| Athletic fields                       |  |
| Online Learning                       |  |
| Grounds (lighting, parking, security) |  |

14. Over the next five years how important is it to invest in the following facilities? Place your answer next to each item in the list. (5 = Very Important; 4 = Important; 3 = Neutral (Neither Important nor Unimportant); 2 = Less Important; 1 = Not Important)

|                                          |  |
|------------------------------------------|--|
| General classrooms                       |  |
| Science labs                             |  |
| Computer labs                            |  |
| Libraries                                |  |
| Theater/stages                           |  |
| Gym facilities                           |  |
| Playgrounds                              |  |
| Athletic fields                          |  |
| Online Learning                          |  |
| Grounds (lighting,<br>parking, security) |  |

15. Please rate your agreement with each of the following statements. Place your answer next to each statement: (5 = Strongly Agree; 4 = Agree; 3 = Neutral (Do not Agree or Do not Disagree); 2 = Disagree; 1 = Strongly Disagree)

|                                                                                         |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Effective use of technology is essential to the success of our students                 |  |
| My student has access to the technology required to support their learning              |  |
| ConVal uses technology effectively                                                      |  |
| ConVal's current technology infrastructure is modern and appropriate                    |  |
| The District and school websites are well designed and effective sources of information |  |

16. Please rank the following by order of importance: 5 = Very Important; 4 = Important; 3 = Neutral (Neither Important or Unimportant); 2 = Less Important; 1 = Not Important)

|                                        |  |
|----------------------------------------|--|
| Student achievement and growth         |  |
| Effective use of technology            |  |
| Quality of learning facilities         |  |
| Attracting and retaining quality staff |  |

### **ConVal School District: Strengths, Challenges, Priorities**

17. What do you think is the greatest strength of the ConVal School District?

18. What do you think is the greatest challenge facing the ConVal School District?

19. What do you think is the single most important priority for the ConVal School District over the next five years?

## Demographic/General Information

20. In which ConVal community do you currently reside?

|                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CHECK THE TOWN YOU RESIDE IN: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| ANTRIM                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| BENNINGTON                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| DUBLIN                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| GREENFIELD                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| FRANCESTOWN                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| HANCOCK                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| PETERBOROUGH                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| SHARON                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| TEMPLE                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

21. Please check all that apply. I am a:

|                                                        |                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Parent/guardian of a future student (not yet enrolled) | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Parent/guardian of student(s)                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Parent/guardian of a former student                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Current student at CVHS                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Alumni of ConVal School District                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Staff member of the ConVal School District             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 18 to 25 years old                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 25 to 40 years old                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 40 to 65 years old                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over 65                                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

|                                        |  |
|----------------------------------------|--|
| Area businessperson/employer           |  |
| Public official (elected or appointed) |  |

22. Please check all that apply. I am a parent/guardian and have children in the following schools:

|                                                     |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--|
| Elementary                                          |  |
| Middle School                                       |  |
| High School                                         |  |
| I previously had children in the ConVal Schools     |  |
| I do not have children in any of the ConVal schools |  |

23. Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback: Now that you have completed the survey, please take a few minutes to rank, by order of importance, the following seven areas. Please Rank the following areas using numbers between 1-7, where 1 is the area you feel is the least important and 7 is the area you feel is the most important.

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| community involvement          |  |
| student achievement and growth |  |
| 21 century learning            |  |
| Technology                     |  |
| Personnel                      |  |
| Facilities and Operations      |  |
| Organizational Structure       |  |