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# ASSESSING CONCERNS AFFECTING EDUCATION PROGRAM DECISIONS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL AND TEACHER EDUCATION 


#### Abstract

INTRODUCTION Traditionally, Stephen $F$. Austin University has been active in promoting, informing, and demonstrating how rescarch can assist public schools in becomung aware of educational problems and how research may contribute toward finding solutions for these problems. Personnel in the various departments of the University are continuously offering their expertise to school personnel to aid in resolving these conflicts concerning educational programs. The University, through the teacher education programs, seeks to assist public schools in testing and implementing educational improvement projects involving both pre-service and in-service personnel.


> Purpose of the Study

This study is an attempt to assist both the public schools and the University in developing fast, effieient techniques for needs assessment, whereby the programs of both public education and higher education may be improved to meet the needs of the clientele which each serves.

The current study is the third in a series of studies sponsored by the Graduate Research Council, Stephen F. State University, to assist public school administrators to determine the concerns of professional school personnel in the area served by the University and to identify ways by which the University may be more helpful in meeting the concerns.

The first study (Cooksey \& Moses) involving forty-six school districts was designed to determine the concerns of school personnel in this region.

The second study (Eddins) was devoted to the development of an instrument which might be used easily and effectively to assess the concerns of various populations within a single school district.

The present study is directed toward the actual utilization of the instrument in two large school districts to assist those districts and the University in comparing the opinions of various populations of the local community and University in refation to specific concerns related to the educational program. The study reflects the opinions of the populations surveyed, areas of agreement and disagreement are identified, and hopefully the information will be used to improve the programs of the two public schools and the University teacher education programs. It is also hoped that the study will serve as a model for other public schools in the region to use in identifying concerns of various populations and determining areas of agreement and disagreement in opinion by using a systematic process.

## Background of the Study

There are certain tensions or concerns existing in communities that affect the schools. These tensions spring from the varied and sumetimes contradictory roles that education is expected to fuifill in modern society. These tensions are, as well, a springboord for change in society, and education is expected to facilitate thus change. However, as an agent of the state, a school is also charged with the responsibility of preserving culture.

Mass media, such as newspapers, television, radio, and other outlets of public opinion, has taken an increasingly critical stand toward education. Leaders in every field, professionals, politicians, academicians, educators, military, and industrial, save all expressed profound public statements concerning educational problems. Out of this cauldron of public and professional controversy a wide range of beliefs, opinions, facts, and proposals has evolved. These forces of opinion coupled with the anxieties resulting from desegregation, turmoil within educational institutions, crime, drug abuse, econontic inflation, and an ever-increasing tax burden at all levels of government, have resulted in greater demands from the citizen and taxpayer for more productive resuts and greater efficiency from the schools.

Educators have traditionally dealt with difficult issues, but never before have they been forced to make decisions in such a spotlight of public opinion. School boards and administrators, as well as local, state, and national officials must make these decisions in the midst of conflicting demands. They are further handicapped by the lack of any explicit educational goals based on the needs and concerns of the s ciety which the school serves.

Much of this turmoil in education has resulted from the failure of responsible officials to recognize and implement the concept of planning for educational changes based on societal and professional concerns, which requires
that schools continually study attitudes of all segments of the community toward issues which arise. Information gained from these kinds of studies should be invaluable to boards of education, administrators, and advisory committers in developing consensus on critical issues and in formulating more realistic educational goals. Information pained from these kinds of studies should atso be of gieat value to those responsible for designing, implementing, and evaluating teacher eduation programs in colleges and universities.

## PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTING DATA

Two large school systems in this area participated in the current study. The specific populations to be sampled were identified. The instrument, Assessing Social Educational Concerns designed by Dr. Ralph Eddins, Department of Secondary Education. Stephen F. Austin State University, was used to gather the data. The instrument was administered to approximately 150 individuals including parents, high school students, high schoo! teachers, administrators. and student teachers in each school district being surveyed. There were approximately twenty-five individuals in each category. A comprehensive sample was employed in the high school student and parent category to include a balance of various socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. The university student population was taken from junior-level students in the secondary school certification.

The responses of the participants in School I and Il were placed on computer cards. The mean response and total mean response were tablated for each population in each school. The university students responses were used for comparisons in both School I and II. The tabulations are presented in the analysis section of the study.

## PROCEDURES FOR ANALYZING DATA

The instiument used in this study was designed to survey six areas of concerns that affect schools of today. These six areas of concern are: (1) societal, (2) educational program, (3) professional staff, (4) administrative roles, $(5)$ students, and $(6)$ index of attitude toward change.

Selected statements were used to determine the opinions of the various populations relating to the diffe ent areas of concerns. These statements are presented by table in each part, as well as the percentage of the population that (A) agree with the statement, (PA) partly agree with the statement, (PD) partly disagree with the statement, and (D) disagree with the statement. The composite total percentage of agreement and disagreement is also shown in the tables.

A table was cionstructed for each area of concern surveyed, making a total of six tables for each school. The tables are presented in the Appendix. Tables I through VI represents responses for School I, and Tables VI through XII represent responses for School II. The data in each table is analyzed in an effort to identify differences in opinions and possible implications in each area of concern for each school. The data from each school is considered coliectively, and the data from beth schools will be analyzed for conclusions and recommendations.

## ANALYSIS OF DATA

The primary purpose of this study was to determine areas of agreement and disagreement between and within the six pupulations on certain concerns. The responses of these populations to each concern have been analyzed and presented in five parts:

Part I complete agreement.
Parl II - divided between agreement and disagreement.
Part III - disagreement
Part IV - narrative summary of items.
Part V conflicts within each population.

Part I
School I
All the populations in School I completely agree with the following statements identified from an analysis of Tables I through VI. The number of each statement coincides with the number of ine statement in the tables and in the survey instrument.
9. Drup abose among lectagers is callase for alarm in our community.
3.1. Children ate strongly influenced in thar attitudes by what they see on telveision.

S3. Unstable families, divoree, and broken homes is a serous social problem.

> Educational Progran Concerns

1. What the school teaches should be changed to meet the needs of the times.
2. The school should prepare children to accept social change.
3. Courses to help children understand our economic system is urgently needed.
4. Special classes should be provided for all children with learning disabilities.
5. Subject matter taught by the school should be directly related to the needs of children in present day society.
6. The school should have a well planned program of instruction on the harmful effects of the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacoo.
7. Our school should provide a kindergarten program for all children age five to six.
i2. Courses in problems of marriage and family life should be provided for high school students of both sexes.

## Educational Concerns

46. Vocational programs should be designed to train people for work in occupations that have the best job opportunities.
47. Sex edu:ation appropriate for each age level should be provided.

55 . The school should provide adult basic education progranes.

## Professional Staff Concerns

77. Children would learn better if each teacher had fewer pupils.
78. School board policy should provide for due process of law in dismissing a teacher.
79. Teachers know too little about the socio-economic background of their students.
80. Teachers should try new methods, maierials, or instructional devices that show reasonable promise even at the risk of failure.
81. I would like to have conferences with teachers of my children and participate in decisions related to their individual problems.

## Student Related Concerns.

The grom ps surveyed were not in strong agreemert on any item in this category.

## Altitude Toward Change

1. What the school teaches must be changed to meet the needs of the times.
2. The school should prepare children to accept change.
3. Subject natter taught by the school should be directly related to the needs of children in present day society.
4. Teachers should try new methods, materials, or instructional devises that show reasonable promise even at the risk of failure.
5. The school should change its organization or programs if such change promises a better education for children.
6. Sex education appropriate for each age level should be provided.

## Part 11

All populations in the study agree with the following statements. In some instances the groups tend to be di-
vided between agreement and disagreement as indicated by the percentage being near the same in agreement and disagreement. These differences were identified from an analysis of Tables $1-6$ and will be noted following each statement.

## Societal Concerns

44. Improved relationships between blacks and whi'es is a matter of urgent concern in our community. All groups tend to agree strongly except parents and femares.
45. A disturbing number of people do not possess the skills or education to be fully employed or make wise economic choices. All groups tend to agree strongly except administra, ors and university students.
46. The U S should solve its own social problems instead of becoming involved in foreign political and military committments. Student teachers and blacks tend to agree more strongly than other groups.

## Educational Program Concerns

5. The schools should offer courses for adults that teach them things they can enjoy in their leisure time. University studeñts and student teachers tend to strongly agree. High school students, parents, and blacks are divided between agreement and disagreement.

## Administrative Concerns

6. The schon! board should make policies based on expert advise and let the professional staff operate the school within the bounds of the policies. High school students tend to be divided between agreement and disagreenent. All other groups agree with the statement.
7. Schools should provide a year round instructional program. Administrators. high school students, rarents, and blacks were divided between agreement and disagreement. Other groups agree with the statement
8. Parents should be more directly involved in shaping school policies and programs. All agree.
9. I would vole to raise taxes to improve the school program if school leaders said it would take a great deal more money. High school students and blacks are divided between agreement and disagreement. Other groups agree.
10. Students should be giver national tests to compare their achievement with students in other parts of the country. Higir school students, parents, and blacks strongly agree. Others agree.

> Professional S'aff Concerns
32. Teachers ano administrators should be held accountable for the progress of each student. Administrators, teachers, high school students, whites, and males tend to agree more strongly than the other groups.

## Student Related Concerns

15. Students should help make rules, decisions and plan courses. High school students, university students, student teachers, blacks and females tend to agree more strongly than other groups.
16. Children and youth are entitled to the same basic freedoms under law as adults. Teachers and parents do not agree as strongly as the other groups. Others agree.
17. A student shomld be suspended only when his presence will reduce the school'seffectiveness in teaching other students. All agree.

## Attitude Toward Change

15. Students should help make rules, decisions and plan courses. High school students, university students, blacks, and females tend to agree more strongly than other groups. Administrators, teacheis, and parents tend to bold some reservation toward agreement.
16. Schools should provide a year round instructional program. Administrators, high school students, parents, and blacks were divided between agreement and disagreement.

## Part 111

Disagreement between the populations were identified in the following statements from an analysis of Tables

I 6. The differences will be noted following each statement. In some instances the groups tend to be divided between agrement and disagreement as indicated by the percentages being near the same in agreement and disagreement.

## Societal Concerns

11. Permissive attitudes of adults toward moral standards and sexual behavior is cause for alarn among parents and educators. Administrators, teachers, parents, blacks, and males are strongly in agreement. High schoot students, student teachers, and university students disagree yet are divided between agreement and disagreement.
12. Most people are not concerned with prublems of others and prefer not to be involved in civic affairs. Administrators disagree with the statement: parents strongly agree, and tne other groups agree but not strongly.
13. Law and order must be preserved even at the risk of depriving certann individuals of their rights. University students strongly disagree; teachers agree strongly, other groups agree High school students and student teachers are divided between agreement and disagıeement.
14. Todays youth are guided by material values, lack of sense of responsibility, pride in achievement, self discipline, and respect for authority. Administrators, high school students, university students, whites, and females tend to disagree with the position, but divided between agreement and disagreement. Teachers, student teachers. parents, blacks, and males tend to agree, although divided between agreement and disagreement.

## Educational Program Concerns

4. Our schools prepare children to make a successful living. Administrators, high school students, parents, and blacks tend to agree with the view strongly. University students and student teachers disagree but somewhat divided in their opinions. Teachers, whites, males, and females agree although divided between agreement and disarree nient.

## Administrative Concerns

8. Our schools keep us well informed on the decisions and activities of the schools. Administrators and teachers agree stromply with the position. University students, and parents tend to show disagreement with the statement. High school students, whites, blacks, males, and females tend toward agreement while student teachers are evenly divided between agree ment and disagreement.
9. Our scamol buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of our children. Administrators, parcuts, blacks. and males tend to agree with the statement but with reservation. Teachers were evenly divided between agreement and disagreement. High school students, university students, student teachers, whites, and females tend to disagree with the view.

## Administrative Concerns

14. The school's role is to bring about social change. Administrators tend toward strong agreement. High school students tend toward strong disagreement. Teachers, student teachers, whites, blacks, and males tend to agree, yet divided between agreement and disagreement. University students, parents, and females tend toward disagreement with the idea.
15. School costs should be reduced by eliminating some programs. Teachers, student teachers, whites, and fe males strongly disagree with the position. Administrators, high school students, university students, blacks, and males disagree. Parents are d: ided between agreement and disagreement.

## Professional Staff Concerns

2. Most teachers are interested in their pupil as individuals. Administrators, teachers, high sehool students, student teachers, parents, white, male, female strongly agree with the statement. Blacks agree. University students tend to disagree.
3. Teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student. Administrators and blacks agree strongly with the view. Teachers, high school students, student teachers, parents, whites, males, and females disagree.
4. My contacts with teachers through visits, conferences, P.T.A., etc. lead me to see the school as a friendly and stimulating place for children to learn. Administrators, teachers, parents, whites, blacks, and males tend to strongly agree with the statement. Females agree. High school students and student teachers tend to agree with some division between agreement and disagreement. University students disagree with the position.

## Professional Staff Concerns

44. The superintendent and his staff are providing leadership that gives our community an educational program that meets the needs of all children. Administrators, teachers, parents, blacks, whites, males strongly agree with the statement. Females agree. High school students and student teachers are near evenly divided on aagreement and disagrement. University students disagree with the position.

## Student Related Concerns

16. Married students should have the same privileges as other students. Administration, high school students, university students, student teachers, and males strongly agree with the position. Teachers, whites, blacks, and females agree, parents tend to disagree but about evenly divided between agreement and disagreement.
17. Student protest demonstrations are acceptable if they are orderly and do not violate the law. University students and student teachers strongly agree with the statement. High schnol students, parents, whites, blacks, males, and females agree. Teachers tend to disagree. Administrators strongly disagree.
18. The school should set reasonable but specific codes for dress and appearance of students. Administration, teachers, parents, whites, blacks, male, and female tend to agree strongly on the position. High school students, student teachers agree but divided between agreement and disagreement. University students tend to disagree but divided.
19. High school students should be allowed to hear speakers whose views on religion, politics, and morals differ radically from those of their parents and community. High school students, university students, st mdent teachers, strongly agree. Administrators, teachers, were divided between agreement and disagreement. Parents, whites, blacks, males, females tended to agree.
20. Corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems. Administrators, teachers, parents, and males, tend toward agreement, but divided between agreement and disagreement. High school students, university students, student teachers tend toward strong disagreement while whites, blacks, and females disigree but divided between agreement and disagreement.
21. Most cnildren respect the rights of those with whom the disagree. Administrators, teachers, parents, whites, blacks, and males agree with the position. University students, student teachers, and females disagree with the statement. High school students tend to agree, but are divided between agreement and disagreement.
22. All students should meet the same requirements for graduation. High school students and parents, strongly agree. Whites, blacks, males, females agree with the position. Administrators strongly disagree. Teachers and university student teachers disagree with the position.

## Attitude Toward Change

14. The school's role is to bring about social change. Administrators tend toward strong agreement. High school students tend toward strong disagreement. Teachers, student teachers, whites, blacks, and males agree but divided between agreement and disagreement. University students, parents, and females tend toward disagree. ment with the idea.
15. High school students should be allowed to hear speakers whose views on religion, politics, and morals differ radically from those of their parents and community. High school students, university students, and student teachers strongly agree with the statement. Administrators and teachers tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. Parents, whites, blacks, males, and females agree with the statement.

## Part IV

## Narrative Summary

Societal concerns: All groups tend to strongly agree or agree that drug abuse is cause for alarm in the community; that improved relationships between blacks and whites is a matter of urgent concern to the community that more skill or education is needed for many people to be fully employed or make wise economic choices; that unstable families or broken homes is a serious social problem; that the U.S. should solve its own social problems instead of becoming involved in foreign political and military committments; and that televisionstrongly influences the attitudes of children.

All groups agree except admmistrators that most people are not concerned with problems of others and prefer mot to be involved in civic affairs. Administrators disagree. All groups agree except university students that law and order must be pre $\imath$ rved even at the risk of depriving certain individuals of their rights. University students disagree. All groups except high school students, university students, and student teachers agree that permissive attitudes of adults toward moral standards and sexual behavior is cause for alarm among parents and educators. The student groups were divided between agreement and disagreement. All groups are divided on the position that today's youth are guided by material values and lack a sense of́ responsibility, achievement, self discipline and respect for authority. Administrators, high school students, university students, whites and females tend to disagree. Other groups tend to agree with the view.

Educational Progranı Concerns: All groups tend to agree that what the school teaches must be changed to meet the needs of the times; prepare the young to accept change, develop courses to help the young understand our economic system: provide special classes for students with learning disabilities; teach subject matter that relates directly to the needs of the young in present day society; have a well planned program of instruction on the harmful effects of the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco: provide a kindergarten program for all children age five to six: provide courses in problems of marriage and family for both sexes; provide vocational programs designed to train people for work in oceupations that have the best job opportunities; provide adult basic education programs, and offer courses for adults that teach them things they can enjoy in their leisure time.

There is strong agreement among administrators, high school students, parents and blacks that the schools prepare the young to make a successful living. Teachers, university students, students teachers, whites, males and females are divided between agreement and disagreement.

Administrative Concerns: All groups agree or strongly agree that the school should offer enough courses to meet the needs of all students even if school districts must be consolidated; that the school should change its organization of programs if such change promises a better education for the young; that the teachers should have time during the day to prepare materials for classroom use: that parents should be more directly involved in shaping. school policies and programs; that students should be given national tests to compare their achievement with students in other parts of the country. High school students, parents and blacks most strongly agree on this particular statement.

Definite divisions concerning administration of the schools begin to appear when high school students are divided between agreement and disagreement that the school board should make policies based on expert advise and let the professional staff operate the schools within bounds of the policies. Administrators, higin school students, parents and blacks are divided between agreement and disagreement that the school should provide a year round instructional program. High school students and blacks are divided between agreement and disagreement on voting to raise taxes to improve the school program.

University students, student teachers, and parents do not agree with the position that schools keep them well informed on decisions and activities of the schools.

All groups tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement that the school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of the young.

Administrators and teachers indicate strongly that the role of the school is to bring about social change. High school students, university students, parents and females disagree. Whites, blacks and males are divided.

All groups disagree with the idea of reducing school costs by eliminating some programs.
Professional Staff Concernṣ. All groups agree that children would learn better if each teacher had fewer pupils; that school board policy should provide for due process of law in dismissing a teacher; that teachers know too little about the socio-economic background of their students; that teachers should try new methods, materials, and instructional devices even at the risk of failure: that parent teacher conferences to participate in decisions related to individua! student problenis is wanted.

There is strong agreement among administrators, teachers, high school students, whites and males that administrators and teachers should be held accountable for the progress of each student.

University students do not agree with the other groups that most teachers are interested in their pupils as individuals and that school is a friendly and stimulating place for children to learn. University students do not agree that teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student. All the other groups except administraters and teithers, are divided be tween agreement and disagreenent.

University students disagree that the superintendent and his staff are providing leadership that gives the community an educational program that meets the needs of all children. High school students, student teachers, and females tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.

Student Related Concerns: All groups except administrators tend to strongly agree that students should help make rules, de cisions and plan courses. Administrators were divided. All groups except teachers and parents agree
that students are entitled to the same basic freedoms under lay as adults. Teachers and parents were divided. All groups agree that a student should be suspended only when his presence will reduce the schools effectiveness in teaching other students.

All groups agree except parents that married students should have the same priviledges as other students.
All groups agree except administrators and teachers that student protest demonstrators are acceptable if they are ordetly and within the law.

All groups except university students agree that the board should set reasonable but specific codes for dress and apperance of students.

All groups agree except administrators and teachers that high school students should be allowed to hear speakers whose views on religion, politics and morals differ radically from those of their parents and community. Administrators and teachers were divided between agreement and disagreement.

All student groups disagree that enrporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems. All the other groups were divided between agreement and disagreement.

University students and student teachers do not agree that most students respect the rights of those with whom they disagree. High school students are divided on this position.

High school students and parents strongly agree that all students should meet the same requirements for graduation. Administrators, teachers, university student and student teachers disagree.

Attitude Toward Change: There is strong agreement among all.groups that what the school teaches must be changed to meet the needs of the times; that the school should prepare children to accept change; that subject natter of the school should be directly to the needs of children in present day society; that teachers should try new methods, materials, or instructional divices that show reasonable promise even at the risk of failure; change the organization if change promises a better education for children, that appropriate sex education be provided for each age level.

All groups agree that students should help make rules, decisions and plan courses; however, administrators and teaciers tend to have some reservation toward agreement.

Administrators, high school students, parents and blacks are divided between agreement on the provision for a year round school program.

High school students, university students, parents and females do not agree that the role of the school is to bring about social change. Administrators and teachers tend to agree with the position. All other groups are divided.

Administrators and teachers are divided between agreement and disagreement on allowing youth to hear radically opposing views on religion, morals and politics.

## Part V

## School I

## Conflicts Within the Populations

A second purpose of the study was to determine possible areas of conflict within each group in the study. The areas of conflict within the groups is preseited for each group separately in the.following paragraphs.

School I

## Parents:

Parents agree but tend to be divided on the views that the schools should offer courses for aduits that teach them things they can enjoy in their leisure time: that schools should offer a year round instructional program: that children and youth are entitled to the same basic freedoms under the law as adults; that today's youth are guided by nuaterial values, lack self discipline, a sense of responsibility, pride in achievement, and respect for authority; that the school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of our children; that teachers keep parents well informed_ontthe problems and progress of each student: and that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problens.

Parents disagree but tend to be dividid on the views that married students should have the same privileges as other students; that the school keeps us well informed on decisions and activities; that the role of the school is to help bring about social change; and that school costs should be reduced by eliminating programs.

Iligh School Students:
High school students agree but tend to be divided on the statements that the school should offer courses for adults to help them enjoy their leisure time; that the school board should make policies based on expert advise and let the professional staff operate the schools within the bounds of the policy; that the school should provide a year round instructional program; that permissive attitudes of adults toward moral standards and sexual behavior is cause for alarm among parents and educators; that law and order must be preserved even at the risk of depriving certain individuals of their rights; teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student; that school is a friendly and stimulating place to learn: and that most children respect the right of those with whom they disagree; that the superintendent and his staff are providing leadership in developing a program to meet the needs of all children.

High school students disagree but tend to be divided on the positions that youth are guided by material values. lack self discipline, a sense of responsibility, pride in achievement, respect for authority; that school buildings and equipment is adequate for good education; that school costs should be reduced by eliminating some programs.

High school students disagree with the views that the school's role is to help bring about sucial change and that the use of corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems. It is interesting to note that the high school students strongly agree with the statement that students should be allowed views on religion, politics, and morals differ radically from those of their parents and community yet do not see the role of the school as helping bring about social change.

Teachers:

- Teachers agiee but tend to be divided on the views that today's youth are guided by material values, lack self discipline, sense of responsibility, pride in achievement, and respect for authority; that schools prepare children to makc a successful living: that school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of the children: that the school's role is to bring about social change; that high school students should be allowed to hear speakers whose view's on religion, politics, and morals differ radically from those of their parents and community; and that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems.


## Administrators:

Administrators agree yet are divided on the positionsthat the school should provide a year round instructional program; and that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems.

Administrators tend to disagree yet are divided on the view that today's youth are guided by material values. lack self discipline, sense of responsibility, pride in achievement, and respect for authority; that high school students should be allowed to hear speakers whose views on religion, politics, and moral differ radically from those of their parents and community; and that thost people are not concerned with problems of others and prefer not to be involved in civic alfairs.

Administrators disagree with the statements that some school programs should be eliminated to reduce costs: that student protest demonstrations are acceptable if they are orderly and within the law; and that all students should meet the same requirements for graduation.

## Blacks:

Blacks tend to agree yet are divided on the statements that the schools should offer courses for adults that teach them things they can enjoy in their leisure time: that schools should provide a year round instructional program: that today's youth are guided by material values, lack self discipline, and respect for authority: that the buildings are good enough for the education of choldren; and that the school's role is tohelp bring about social change.

Blacks tend to disagree yet are divided on the view that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline protlems.

Blacks disagree with the idea of reducins school costs by eliminating some programs.

## Whites:

Whites agree yet are divided on the views that the schools prepare children to make a successful living; that the school's role is to bring about social change, that teachers keep parents well informed on the proble ns and progiess of each student; and that all students should meet the same requirements for graduation.

Whites tend to disagree yet are divided on the positions that todays youth are guided by material values, lack self discipline, sense of responsibility, and respect for authority; that school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of the children; that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems.

Whites disagree with the view that some programs be eliminated to cut school costs

## Student Teachers:

Student teachers agree but tend to be divided on the statement that permissive attitudes of adults toward moral and sexual behavior is cause for alarm among parents and educators and that schools keep them well informed on the decisions and activities of the school; that the school keeps parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student; that the superintendent and his staff are providing leadership in developing a program that ineets the needs of all children.

Student teachers disagree with the statements that the buildings and equipment are adequate for a good education for children; that school costs should be reduced by eliminating programs; that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems and that children usually respect those with whom they disagree.

University Students:
University students disagree but tend to be divided on the statements that permissive attitudes of adults toward inoral standards and sexual behavior is cause for alarm among parents and educators; that the role of school is to bring about social change; that most teachers are interested in their pupils as individuals; that school is a friendly and stimulating place for children to learn; that the school should set reasonable but specific codes for dress and appearance of students; that most children respect the rights of those with whom they disagree.

University students disagree with the statements that law and order must be preserved even at the risk of depriving certain individuals of their rights; that today's youth are guided by material values, lack of self discipline. sense of responsibility, and respect for authority; that schools prepare children to make a successful living; that the schools keep us well informed on decisions and activities of the schools; that school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of children; that schcol costs should be reduced by eliminating some programs; that teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student; that the superintendent and his staff provide leadership for an educational program that meets the needs of all children; that gorporal purtishtnent is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems; and that all students should meet the same requireinents for graduation.
Males Females:
Males agree but are divided on the statements that today's youth are guided by material values and lack self discipline; that the school's role is to bring about social change; and that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems.

Males disagree with the idea that school costs should be reduced by eliminating some programs.
Females disagree but are divided on the statements that today's youth are guided by material valr and lack self discipline; that the school's role is to bring about social change; and that most children respect the rights of those with whom they disagree.

Feinales disagree with the views that school buildings and equpiment are adequate for the education of the the children; that school costs should be reduced by eliminating some programs; and that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems.

## Part 1

## School 11

All pupulations in School II strongly agree with the following statements. The statementswere identified from an analysis of Tables 7 12. The number to the lef: of each statement coincides with the number listed on the tables and on the survey instruinent.

## Societal Concerns

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33. Children are strongly influenced in their attitudes by what they see on television.
34. A disturbing number of people do not possess the skills or education to be fully employed or make wise economic closices.
35. Unstable limilies, divorce, and brol en homes is a serious social problem.

Educational Program Concerns

1. What the school teaches must be changed to meet the needs of the times.
2. The school should prepare children to accept social change.
3. Courses to help children understand our economic system are urgently needed.
4. Special classes should be provided for all children with learning disabilities.
5. Subject matter taught by the school should be directly related to the needs of children in present day society.
6. The scheol should have a well planned program of instruction on the harmful effects of the use of drugs, alcohol and tobaceo.
7. Our school should provide a kindergarten program for all children age five to six.
8. Courses in problems of marriage and family should be provided for high school students of both sexes.
9. Vocational programs should be designed to train people for work in occupations that have the best job opportunities.
10. The school should provide adult basic education prograns.

## Administrative Concerns

18. The school should offer enough courses to meet the needs of all students, even if districts have to consolidate to make enrollments large enough to do this.
19. The school should change its organization or programs if such change promises a better education for children,
20. Teachers should have time during the day to prepare materials for classroom use.

## Professional Staff Concerns

7. Children would learn better if each teacher had fewer pupils.
8. School board policy should provide for due process of law in dismissing a teacher.
9. Teachers know too little about the soci-economic background of their students.
10. Teachers slould try new methods, materials, or instructional devices that show reasonable promise even at the risk of failure.
11. I would like to have conferences with teachers of my children and participate in decisions related to their individual problems.

## Student Related Concerns

The groups surveyed were not in strong agreement on any item in this category,

## Attitude Toward Change

1. What the school teaches must be changed to meet the needs of the times.
2. The school should prepare children to accept social change.
3. Subject matter taught by the school should be directly related to the needs of children in present day society.
4. Tcachers should try new methods, materials, or instructional devices that show reasonable promise even at the risk of failure.
5. The school should change its organization of programs if such change promises a better education for children.

## Part II

All the populations in the study agree with the following statements. In some instances the group tend to be
divided between agreement and disagreement with near equal percentages on agreement and disagreement. These difierences were identified from an analysis of Tables $7-12$ and will be noted following each statement.

## Societal Concerns

9. Drug abuse among tecnagers is cause for alarm in our community. All groups agree strongly except administrators and teachers who are divided between agreement and disagreement with the statement.
10. Permissive attitudes of adults toward moral standards and sexual behavior is cause for alarm among parents and educators. Administrators, high school students and parents strongly agree. Other groups agree.
11. Most people are not concerned with problems of others and prefer not to be involved in civic affairs. High school students strongly agree. Other groups agree.
12. Inmproved relationships between blacks and whites is a matter of urgent concern in our community. All groups strongly agree except parents who tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.
13. The (1. S. should solve its own social problems instead of becoming involved in foreign political and military committments. Administrators, teachers, parents, blacks, and females strongly agree with the statement. The other groups tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.

## Educational Program Concerns

5. The schools should offer courses for adults that teach things they can enjoy in their leisure time. High school students, university students, student teachers, blacks and males strongly agree. Teachers, whites, and females agree. Administrators and parents tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.
6. Sex education appropriate for each age level should be provided. High school students, university students, student teachers, whites, blacks, males and females strongly agree. Administrators and teachers agree. Parents tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.

## Administrative Concerns

6. The school board should make policies based on'e:.pert advise and tet the professional staff operate the schools within the bounds of the policies. All groups strongly agree except high school students, university students and blacks who agree, but not strongly.
7. Schools should provide a year round instructional program. All groups agree on the position except administrators who tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.
8. Parents should be more directly involved in shaping school policies and programs. High school students, university students, parents, blacks, and females strongly agree. Other groups tend to agree but not strongly.
9. Students should be given national tests to compare their achieverrent with students in other parts of the country. Teachers, high school students, parents, and blacks strongly agree. Whites, males, and females agree but not strongly. Administrators, university students and student teachers tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.

## Professional Staff Concerns

The groups were not in general agreement on any item in this category.

## Student Related Concerns

15. Studunts should help make rules, decisions and plan courses. All groups strongly agree except parents who tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.
16. Children and youth are entitled to the same basic freedoms under law as adults. University students and student teachers strongly agree. Other groups agree except parents who tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.
17. A student should be suspended only when his presence will reduce the school's effectiveness in teaching other students. Administrators and student teachers strongly agree. All other groups tend to agree.

## Attitudes Toward Change

15. Students should help make rules, decisions and plan courses. All groups strongly agree except parents who tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.
16. Schools should provide a year roand instructional program. Ala groups agree on the position; however, ad. ministrators tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.
17. Sex education appropriate for each age level should be provided. High school students, university students, student teachers, whites, ${ }^{\cdot} \cdot \mathrm{ks}$, males, and females strongly agree. Administrators and teachers agree. Parents tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.

## Part III

Disagreement between the populations were identified on the following statements from an analysis of Tables
7 12. The differences will be noted following each statement.

## Societal Concerns

23. Law and order must be preserved even at the risk of dnpriving certain individuals of their rights. Administrators and parents strongly agree. Teachers, high school students, student teachers, and males agree. Whites blacks, and females agree but tend to be divided between agreenent and disagreement. University students strongly disagree with the statement.
24. Today's youth are guided by materal values, lack of sense of responsibility, pride in achievement, self discipline and respeet for authority. Teachere, high school students, student teachers, and blacks tend to agree. Administrators, university students, parents, whites, males, and feamales tend to disagree. All groups are divided between agreement and disagreemert concerning the statement.

## Educational Program Concerns

4. Our schools prepare children to make a successful living. Adninistrators, high school students, parents, and blacks strongly agree on the view. Teachers, whites, males, and females agree but tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. Unive, sity students and student teachers disagree with the statement.

## Administrative Concerns

8. Our schools keep us well informed on the decisions and activities of the schools. Administrators strongly agree with the statement. Teachers, high school students; parents, and blacks tend to agree, although each group is divided between agreement and disagreement. University students, student teachers, whites, males, and females disagree with the view.
9. Our school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of our children. Blacks agree but tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. Student teachers strongly disagree. Other groups disagree with the position.
10. The school's role is to help bring about social change. Administrators, teachers, student teachers, blacks and females agree: however, these groups tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. University students, high school students, parents, and males disagree but tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement, too.
11. School costs should be reduced by eliminating some programs. Parents agree. Administrators strongly disagree. The other groups disagree, but not strongly.
12. I woulu vote to raise taxes to improve the school program if school leaders said it would take a great deal more money. Administrators, teachers, university students, student teachers, whites, and males strongly agree. Blacks and females agree. High school students tend to disagree. Parents are evenly divided between agreement and disagreement.

## Professional Staff Concerns

2. Most teachers are interested in their pupils as individuals. Administrators strongly agree. Teachers, high school students, student teachers, parents, whites, and females agree. Blacks and males agree but tend to be divided. Uriversity students disagree but somewhat divided.
3. Teaci.ers and administrators should be held accountable for the progress of their students. Administrators tend toward strong agreement. University students, student teachers, blacks, and males agree with the position. Teachers, whites, and females tend to agree but tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. High school students, and parents tend to disagree but tend to be divided, too.
4. Teachers kepp parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student. Administrators and teachers agree but tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. Student teachers, parents, whites, blacks and females tend to disagree yet divided between agreement and disagreement. High school students, university students, males disagree with the statement.
5. My contacts with teachers through visits, conferences, P. T. A. etc., lead me to see the school as a friendly and stimulating place for children to learn. Administrators, teachers, high school students, parents, and blacks strongly agree. Student teachers, whites, males and females agree but divided between agreement and disagreement. University students disagree but tend to be divided on the statement.
6. The superintendent and his staff are providing leadership that gives our community an educational program that meets the needs of all children. Administrators, teachers, and parents strongly agree. High school students, blacks, and females agree. Student teachers, whites, and males agree but divided between agreement and disagreement. University students strongly disagree with the statement.

## Student Related Concerns

16. Married students should have the same privileges as other students. High school students, university students, student teachers, whites, and males strongly agree. Administrators, blacks, and females agree. Teachers agree yet tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. Parents disagree and tend to be divided with the statement.
17. Student protest demonstrations are acceptable if they are orderly and do not violate the law. University students and student teachers agree strongly. High school students, whites, blacks, and males agree. Parents and females tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. Administrators and teachers tend to disagree with the statement.
18. The school should set reasonable but specific codes for dress and appearance of students. Teachers and parents strongly agree. Administrators, whites, blacks, and females agree. High school students and males tend to agree but divided between agreement and disagreement. University students and student teachers tend to diasgree yet also divided.
19. High school students should be allowed to hear speakers whose views on religion, politics, and moral differ radically from those of their parents and community. High school students, university students, student teachers, males and blacks strongly agree. Parents, whites, and females agree. Administrators strongly disagree. Teachers disagree yet tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.
20. Corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems. Teachers agree yet tend to be divided between agreement and diagreement. University students strongly disagree with the position. Administrators, high school students, student teachers, whites, blacks, males, and females disagree. Parents disagree yet tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. Teachers agree but divided also.
21. Most children respect the rights of those with whom they disagree. Administrators and males agree. Teachers agree yet tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. Student teachers strongly disagree. High school students, university students, parents, whites, blacks, and females disagree yet tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.
22. All students should meet the same requirements for graduation. High school students and student teachers agree. Parents, whites, blacks, and females agree yet tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. Administrators, teachers, and males disagree yet tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement. University students disagree with the view.

## Attitude Toward Change

14. The school's role is to help bring about social change. Student teachers strongly agree. Administrators, teachers, high school students, whites, and females agree yet ten' to be divided between agreement and disagreement. University students, parents, blacks, and males disagree with the position yet tend to be divided between agree ment and disagreement.
15. High school students should be allowed to hear speakers whose views on religion, politics, and morals differ from those of their parents and community. Administrators strongly disagree. Teachers tend to disagree yet divided. Iligh school students, university students, student teachers, blacks, and males agree strongly. Parents, whites, females agree.

## Narrative Summary

Societal Concerns: All groups strongly agree that television strongly influences the attitudes of children; that alore skill or education is needed for many people to be fully employed or make wise economic choices; and that unstable lamilies or broken homes is a serious social problem. All groups agree that most people are not concerned with problems of others and prefer not to be involved in civic affairs.

All groups agree that drug abuse among teenagers is cause for alarm in our community; however, administrators and teachers are divided between agreement and disagreement. All groups agree that permissive attitudes of adults toward moral standards and sexual behavior is cause for alarm among parents. All groups strongly agree that improved relations between blacks and whites is a matter of urgent need. Parents were divided between agreement and disagreement. Administrators, teachers, parents, blacks, and females strongly agree that the U. S. should solve its uwil social problems instead of becoming involved in foreign conflicts. University students. student teachers. whites, and males were divided as to agreement and disagerenent with the statement.

Adninistrators, teacher, and parents strongly agree that law and order must be preserved even at the risk of depriving certain individuals of their rights. University students strongly disagree with the statement. Whites, blacks, and females are divided between agreement and disagreement. High school students, student teachers, and males agree with the position. Teachers, high school students, student teachers, and blacks tend to agree that today's youth are guided by material values, lack a sense of responsibility, pride in achievement, self discipline and respect for authority. Administrators, university students, parents, whites, male, and females tend to disagree with the statement.

Educational Program Concerns: All groups strongly agree that what the school teaches should be changed to meet the times; that the school should prepare children to accept change; that courses to help children understand our economic system are urgently needed; that special classes should be provided for all children with learning disabilities; that subject matter taught by the school should be directly related to the needs of children in presant day society; that the school should have a well-planned program of instruction on the harmful effects of the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco; that the school should provide a kindergarten program: for all children age five to six; that courses in problems of marriage and family should be provided for high school students of both sexes; that vocational programs should be designed to train people for work in occupations that have the best job opportunities; that the school program should provide adult basic education programs.

All groups strongly agree or agree that sex education appropriate to each age level should be provided and that the school should offer courses for adults that teach themthings they can enjoy in their leisure time. Parents tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement on teaching courses to adults for leisure.

University students and student teachers disagree with the idea that the schools should prepare children to make a successful living. Administrators, high school students, parents, blacks strongly agree. Other groups were divided between agrecment and disagreement.

Administrative Concerns: All groups strongly agree that the school should offer enough courses to meet the needs of all students, even if districts have to be consolidated to make enrollments large enough to do this; that the school should change its organization or programs if such change promises a better education for children; that teachers should have time during the day to prepare materials for classroom use.

All groups strongly agree or agree that the school board should nake policies based on expert advise and let the professional staff operate the schools within the bounds of the policies; and that parents should be more directly involved in shaping school policies and programs. Administrators are the only group to be divided between agreemerit and disagreement on the position of providing a year round instructional program. All other groups agree with the idea. Adninistrators, university students, student teachers, were divided between agreement and disagreement that students should be given national tests to compare their achievement with students in other parts of the country. Other groups agree with the position.

Administrators strongly agree that our schools keep us well informed on the decisions and activities of the schools. University students, student teachers, whites, males, and females disagree with the view. Teachers, high school students, parents, and blacks were divided between agreerrent and disagreement on the statement. All groups disagree except blacks.that the buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of our children.

All groups were divided between agreement and disagreement that the role of the school is to help bring about social change. Administrators, teachers, student teachers, whites, blacks, and females tend to agree. The other groups tend to disagree with the position. All groups except parents tend to disagree with the ideas of eliminating some school programs to reduce school costs. High school students and parents tend to disagree with the position that they would vote to raise taxes to improve the school program if school leaders said it would take more money.

Other groups indicated agreement with the statement.
Professional Staff Concernṣ: All groups strongly agree that children would learn better if each teacher had lewer pupils: that school board policy should provide for due process of law in dismissing a teacher; that teachers know too little about the socio-economic background of their students; that teachers should try new methods, materials. instructional devices that show reasonable promise even at the risk of failure and that parents should hold conferences with teachers concerning their children and participate in decisions relatea to individual problems.

Administrators strongly agree that most teachers are interested in their pupils as individuals. University students and student teachers disagree with the statement. All other groups agree although blacks and males are divided between agreement and disagreement. Administrators strongly agree that teachers and administrators should be held accountable for the progress of students. All other groups tend to disagree. Administrators, teachers, high schoul st udents, parents, and blacks strongly agree that contacts with teachors lead them to see the school as a friendly and stimulating place for children to learn. University students tend to disagree. (Their opinion is of schools in general.) Other groups tend to agree with the statement.

There is strong agreement among the administrators, teachers, and parents that the superintendent and his staff are providing leadership that gives the community an educational program that meets the needs of all children. Other groups agree with the position except university students who strongly disagree. (The university student opinions are of public schools in general.)

Student Related Concerns: There is no strong agreement on any statement among all groups in the area of student related concerns. There is strong agreement among all groups except parents that students should help make rules, decisions, and plan courses. Parents are divided between agreement and disagreement to the idea. University students and student teachers strongly agree that children are entitled to the same basic freedoms under law as adults. Parents are divided between agreement and disagreement on the view. All the other groups tend to agree. All the groups agree that a student should be suspended only when his presence will reduce the school's effectiveness in teaching other students. Administrators and student teachers agree with this strongly.

All the groups except parents agree or strongly agree that married students should have the same privileges as other students. All student gitoups, whires, blacks, and males agree that student protest demonstrations are acceptable if they are orderly and do not violate the law Administrators and teachers disagree with the position. Parents and females tend to be divided between agreement and disagreement.

All groups except high school students and student teachers agree that the school should set reasonable but specific codes for dress and appearance of students. Teachers and parents strongly agree with the position.

All student groups, blacks, and males strongly agree that high school students should be allowed to hear speakers whose views on religion, politics, and morals differ radically from those of their parents and community. Parents, whites, and females tend to agree. Administrators strongly disagree. Teachers disagree also; yet are somewhat divided on agrecment and disagreement.

Teachers tend to agree with the position that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipine problems. All of the other groups disagree with the view. Administrators, teachers, and males agree that most children respect the rights of those with whom they disagree. All of the other groups tend to disagree with the position. Student teachers strongly disagree with the statement.

Administrators, teachers, student teachers, and males disagree with the position that all students should meet the same requirements for graduation. All of the other groups tend to agree with the view. Parents, whites, and blacks are somewhat divided concerning agreement and disagreement.

Attitude Toward Change: All groups agree strongly that what the school teaches should be changed to meet the needs of the times; that the school should prepare children to accept change; that subject matter taught by the school should be directly related to the needs of children in present day society; that teachers should try new nethods. materials, or instructional devices that show reasonable promise even at the risk of failure; and that the school should change its organization or programs if such change promises a better education for children. All groups strongly agree except parents that students should help make rules, decisions and plan courses.. All groups agree except administrators who are somewhat divided on agreement and disagreement that schools should provide a year round instructional program. All groups except parents agree or strongly agree that a sex education program appropriate for cach age level should be provided.

Administrators, teachers, student teachers, whites, blacks and females agree that the role of the school is to help bring about social change. Other groups tend to disagree with this position.

All student groups, blacks, and males strongly agree that students should be allowed to hear speakers whose views on religion, politics, and morals differ radically from those of their parents and community. Parents, whites,
and females tend to agree. Administratois strongly diagree with the position.

## Part V

## Conflicts Within the Populations

A second purpose of the study was to determine possible areas of conflict within each group in the study. The possible areas of conflict within the groups will be presented for each group separately for easy analysis.

## Parents:

Parents tend to agree but are divided in their views that improved relations between blacks and whites is a matter of urgent concern in the community; that schools should offer courses for adults to teach them things to enjoy leisure time; that sex education appropriate for each age level should be provided; that students should help make the rules, decisions and plan courses; that children are entitled to the same basic freedroms under law as adults; that the schools keep them well informed on decisions and activities; that they would vote to raise taxes to improve the school program; that student protest demonstrations are acceptable if they are orderly and do not violate the law.

Parents tend to disagree but are divided in their views that today's youth are guided by material values, lack a sense of responsibility, pride in achievement, self discipline, and respect for authority; that the school's role is to bring about social change: that teachers and administrators should be held accountable for the progress of students; that teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student; that married students should have the same privileges as other students; that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems; that most children respect the rights of those with whom they disagree.

Parents disagree with the view that the school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of the children.

High School Students:
Students tend to agree yot divided on the view that today's youth are guided by matetial values, lack a sense of responsibility, pride, self discipline, and respect for authority; that our school keeps us well informed on decisions and activities of the school; that the school should set reasonable but specific codes for dress and appearance of students.

Students tend to disagree yet are divided on the position that the school's role is to bring about social change; that teachers and administrators should be held accountable for the progress of students; that most children respect the rights of those with whom they disagree; that buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of the children; that they would vote to raise taxes to improve the school program; that teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student. Students disagree with the view that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems.

## Teachers:

Teachers tend to agree but are divided in their views that drug abuse among teenagers is cause for alarm in our community; that today's youth are guided by material values, lack a sense of responsibility, pride in achievement, self discipline and respect for authority; that the school prepares children to make a successful living; that the school keeps us well informed on decisions and activities of the school; that the school's role is to bring about social change; that teachers and administrators should be held accountable for the progress of students; that teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student; that married students should have the same privileges as other students; that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems; and that most children respect the rights of those with whom they disagree.

Teachers tend to disagree yet are divided on the positions that high school students should be allowed to hear speakers whose views on religion, politics, and morals differ radically from those of their parents and community that all students should meet the same requirements for graduation.

Teachers disagree with the view that the school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of the children and that student protest demonstrations are acceptable if they are orderly and do not violate the law.

Administrators:
Administrators tend to agrec yet are divided on the positions that drug abuse among teenagers is cause for
alarm in the community; that the school should offer courses for adults that teach them things they can enjoy in leisure time; that schools whould provide a year round instructional program; that students should be given national tests to compare their achievement with students in other parts of the country; that the school's role is to help bring about social change; and that teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student.

Administhators tend to disagree vet are divided on the views that today's youth are guided by material values, lack of sense of responsibility, pride in achieve ment, self discipline and respect for authority; and that all students shoulu meet the same requirements for graduation.

Adninistrators disagree with the position that the school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of our children; that student protest demonstrations are acceptable if they are orderly and do not violate the law, and that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems.

Admunistrators tend to strongly disagree with the idea of reducing school costs by elimating some programs and allowing high school students to hear speakers whose views on religion, politics, and moral differ radically from those of their parents and community.

## Blacks:

Blacks tend to agree yet are divided on the positions that law and order must be preserved even at the risk of depriving certain individuals of their rights; that today's youth are guided by material ve'ues, lack of sense of responsibility, piide in achievement, self discipline and respect for authority; that schools keep us well informed on the de. cisions and activities of the schools; that the buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of children: that the school's role is to bring about social change; that most teachers are interested in their pupils as individuals; that all students should meet the same requirements for graduation.

Blacks tend to disagree yet are divided on the views that teachers keep parents weil informed on the problems and progress of each student; and that most children respect the rights of those with whom they disagree.

Blacks disagree with the idea that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of disciplire problems.

Whites:

Whites tend to agree yet are somewhat divided on the views that law and order must be preserved even at the risk of depriving certain individuals of their rights; that the schools prepare children to make a successful living; that the school's role is to help bring about social change; that teachers and administrators should be held accountable for the progress of students; that their contacts with the school lead them to see the school as a friendly and stimulating place for children to learn; that the superintendent and his staff are providing leadership that gives our community an educational program that meets the needs of all children; and that all students should meet the same requirements for graduation

Whites tend to disagree yet are divided on the positions that today's youth are guided by material values, lack self discipline, pride, and respect for authority; that teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progress of each student; that most children respect the rights of those with whom they disagree.

Whites disagree that schools keep them well informed on the decisions and activities of the schools; that the buildings and equipment are good enough to educate the children and that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems.

## Student Teachers:

Student teachers tend to agree yet are divided on the positions that the U. S. should solve its own social problenss rather than becoming involved in foreign committments; that students should be given national tests to compare their achievement with students in other parts of the country; that today's youth are guided by material values and lack self discipline, sense of responsibility, and respect for authority; and that contacts with the schools lead one to see the school as a stimulating, friendly place for children to learn.

Student teachers tend to disagree yet are divided on the views that the school should set reasonable but specitic codes for dress and appearance.

Student teachers disagree on the views that the schouls prepare children to make a successful living; that schools keep them well informed on the decisions and activities of the schools; that the buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of the children; that teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progtess of each student; and that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems.

Sludent teachers tend to strongly disugree with the view that most children respect the rights of those whon they disagree.

University Stuḍentṣ:
University students tend to agree yet are divided on the views that the U. S. should solve its own social problems instead of becoming involved in foreign committments; that students should be given national tests to compare their achievement with other parts of the country.

University students tend to disagree yet are divided on the views that most eachers are interested in their pupils as individuals: that contacts with the school lead them to see the school as a friendly and stimulating place children to learn; that the school should set reasonable but specific codes for dress and appearance of students: and that nows children respect the rights of those with whom they disagree.

University students disagree with the positions that law and order must be preserved even at the risk of depriv. ing certain individuals of their rights; that today's youth are guided by material values and lack a sense of responsibility, pride in achievement, self discipline, and respect for authority; that schools prepare children to make a successful living: that schools keep us well informed on decisions and activi: e es of the schools; that school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of the children; that teachers keep parents well informed on problems and progress of each student; the superintendent and his staff are providing leadership that gives the community an educational program that meets the needs of the children; that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems; and that all students should meet the same requirements for graduation.

Mates Females:

Both males and females tend to agree yet are divided on the positions that schools prepare children to make a living: that contact with the teachers lead me to see the school as a friendly and stımulating place for children to learn.

Both groups tend to disagiee yet are divided on the views that today's youth are guided by material values and lack self discipline, a sense of responsibility and respect for authority; that our school keeps us well informed on the decisions and activities of the schools: that the school buildings and equipment are good enough for the education of our children; that teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and piogress of each student; and that corporal punishment is usually effective in the solution of discipline problems.

Both groups are divided on their views that the school's role is to help bring about social change and that all students should meet the same requirements for graduation.

## CONCLUSIONS

An appraisal of all data collected in the study leads to the following conclusions.

1. The various populations surveyed tend to be in agreement on societal problems that drug abuse among teen agers and permissive adults toward moral standards are cause for alarm; that many people do not have the skills to be employed; that improved relationships between blacks and whites is a matter for urgent concern; and that unstable and broken homes is a serious social problem.
2. The various populations tend to be in agreement that school programs should be developed to explore and assit in the solution of social problems; that the school should change to meet the needs of people; and that the school should help prepare the young for change.
3. The various populations tend to be in agreement that school personnel should be held accountable for student learning and progress; that new methods to improve learning should be tried even at the risk of failure; and that improved communications between teachers and parents are needed.
4. There is disagreement among the various populations on the views that the schools prepare the young to make a successful living: that the schools keep prople well informed on decisions and activities: that teachers keep parents well informed on the problems and progress of their children; that teachers are interested in each student as an individual; that the school is a friendly and stimulating place for children to learn; that high school students should be allowed to hear speakers with radically different views than those held by parents and the community; that the buildings and equipment are adequate; and that leadership is being provided to develop programs to meet the needs of all children.
5. There is also disugreement on the views concerning narried student puvileges, reasonable dress, use of corporal punishment, holding the same requirements for all students for graduation; use of student protest demnnstration; and students do . it respect the rights of those with whom they disagree.
6. All groups agree that school programe should be designed to improve conditions in the area of social problems; however, there tends to be disagreetner: an the position that the role of the school is to bring about social change.
7. A general conclusion might be that the various groups recognize and are vitally concerned about the major problems or issues; that they expect the educational system to have the flexibility to provide the major basis and means for the resolution of current social, political, economic, and environmental problems; that the various populations see the need for improved communications, trust, understanding, and positive, coopera. tive action among different groups as necessary to resolve current problems and that all groups seek more active participation in decisions that affect them.
8. The educational institutions need to become much more effective in preparing concerned people to under. stand the role of the school in social change and how to effect the changes needed.
9. People are just beginning to realize the magnitude of their power in effecting change, either constructive or dedestructive.
10. All groups have a high regard for the schools in their communities; yet indicate an increased desire to be involved in decision making concerning goals, activities, and evaluation of progress.

## IMPLICATIONS

The following implications are based upon the analysis of data and conclusions drawn during the course of the investigation.

1. Schools shouid initiate a plan to assess the attitudes of the various groups in the school and community on a regular and systematic basis. School leaders in the past have attempted to face each conflict on an individual basis without a broad perspective of community feelings on issues and problems collected systematically.
2. Schools should make a careful analysis of the attitudes of the various school and community populations and devise means whereby differences may be explored in atmospheres conductive to clarification, communication, understanding, and constructive action. Schools before the influence of mass media were able to control the topics related to social issues and thereby were able to avoid rigorous inspection of social conflicts in school. Today, the school tends to be the place to test ideas. If the emerging role of the school is to assist in the solution of social problems, then the school needs to develop a kind of organization which can accomodate a wide range of demands in this area.
3. Teams of university personnel should be organized and developed to assist schools in attitude assessment of school and community populations and to follow up the assessment with continued assistance in designing means of improving understanding, communications, and developing constructive action proprams related to social problems. Institutions of higher learning need to use the personnel with expertise to wark cooperatively with public schools and other agencies in attacking significant social problems. This is truly an opportunity for academic discipline principles to be applied to the solution of social problems. Planned rotation of personnel between university and public schools might be of value to both agencies. Temporary joint appointments between a public school and university could also be helpful to both. In turn teacher education and educational research will become more school and community oriented. University educators must assist local schools and communities to become aware of promising alternatives to many present practices and how alternatives may be selected.
4. The university should consider providing leadership to serve the public schools of the region in the following three ways:
a. Sponsor conferences on national interest topics; such as, environmental and career education. Outstanding authorities would be available to provide specific and direct information to large audiences.
b. Sponsor the organization of public schools into clusters geographically to identify the problems and needs of the schools as a group, and offer specific programs to meet the needs of the public school and communities.
c. Sponsor the organization of teams of university and public school personnel to offer programs which are needed in the schools and communities.
5. University students should be provided opportunities to become active participants in identifying "real" concerns and using individual or grown creativeness and leadership in problem resolution.

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