

**Dunbarton AREA Agreement Survey Results
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The data are presented as is. There has been no statistical breakdown in regards to margin of error, standard deviation, etc.

The first section is the results in total w/ out regard to household type (Yes, No or Homeschool).

Library	20
School	48
Clerk	23
Email	2
Late	12

Total Responses: 105 10.00 % of 1050 sent out

Question 1:

Do you have or have you had a child in the SAU #19 School District?

	# of Responses	%
YES	70	67.31
NO	33	31.73
HOMESCHOOL	1	0.01
Total:	104	

Question 2:

Are you satisfied with the educational opportunities available to Dunbarton's student's grade 7-12 in Goffstown?

	# of Responses	%
YES	40	38.46
NO	48	46.15
N/A	16	15.38
Total:	104	

Question 4:

What is the maximum time a child should commute to school (1 way)?

	# of Responses	%
10 min	1	1.06
15 min	4	4.26
20 min	11	11.70
25 min	7	7.45
30 min	28	29.79
30 min PLUS	43	45.74
Total:	94	

Question 5:

On a scale of 1 - 5 (1 being not important and 5 being very important):

How important are these issues in your household?

	# of Responses	1	2	3	4	5	Average Importance
Class size	88	7	4	17	18	42	3.95
School size	83	11	7	18	22	25	3.52
Cost	91	10	11	32	12	26	3.36
Core Classes	88	4	3	11	14	56	4.31
Voc. Prog	89	10	10	31	18	20	3.31
Music/Arts/Specials	86	3	6	20	25	32	3.90
Sports	89	12	10	25	27	15	3.26
AP Classes	80	3	4	10	18	45	4.23
Student support serv	96	6	10	27	23	30	3.64
Advancement/College Opp	88	4	6	8	13	57	4.28
Total:	878	70	71	199	190	348	

Question 6:

Do you support the idea of looking at other school options other than Goffstown?

	# of Responses	%
Yes	77	77.78
No	20	20.20
N/A	2	2.02
Total:	99	

RECURRING THEMES OF CONCERN AND COMMENT:

COST BASED

Lack of information or misinformation: multiple instances citing concern of building MS or HS in Dunbarton
 Would support change as long as it doesn't affect tax rate
 Want best education for the money
 Would like to see competitive bids/explore all the options
 Worried about Dunbarton's ability to impact receiving districts budget/would like a voice in education decisions

QUALITY BASED

Many instances of "Goffstown is fine don't change anything/Ain't broke don't fix it" no complaints about high school specifically
 Very frequent expression of concerns about the quality of Mountain View Middle School education
 Concern that current education opportunities aren't geared towards college prep
 Bow was raised very frequently as a target for partnership- as a plus (as well as concern of increased expense)

CULTURE BASED

Concerns about a "culture of mediocrity" in Goffstown, specifically at Mountain View
 Frequent expressions of satisfaction or happiness w/ Goffstown
 Frequent expression of concern regarding Goffstown reputation
 Frequent expression of concern regarding the curriculum/challenging students

OVERALL

Cost and reputation seemed to be the biggest concerns

IN REGARDS TO THE DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLD TYPES

Households who responded YES to having a child in the SAU #19 school district replied as such:

Question 2:

Are you satisfied with the educational opportunities available to Dunbarton's student's grade 7-12 in Goffstown?

	# of Responses	%
YES	31	44.29
NO	34	48.57
N/A	5	7.14
Total:	70	

Question 4:

What is the maximum time a child should commute to school (1 way)?

	# of Responses	%
10 min	1	1.59
15 min	3	4.76
20 min	6	9.52
25 min	7	11.11
30 min	19	30.16
30 min PLUS	27	42.86
Total:	63	

Question 5:

On a scale of 1 - 5 (1 being not important and 5 being very important):

How important are these issues in your household?

	# of Responses	1	2	3	4	5	Average Importance
Class size	65	5	2	10	14	34	4.08
School size	60	10	1	10	21	18	3.60
Cost	64	7	7	27	10	13	3.23
Core Classes	64	3	2	8	10	41	4.31
Voc. Prog	65	6	7	23	14	15	3.38
Music/Arts/Specials	64	1	3	16	20	24	3.98
Sports	67	8	8	14	24	13	3.39
AP Classes	61	1	3	8	12	37	4.33
Student support serv	73	3	6	18	21	25	3.81

Advancement/College Opp	65	2	2	8	10	43
Total:	648	46	41	142	156	263

4.38

Question 6:

Do you support the idea of looking at other school options other than Goffstown?

	# of Responses	%
Yes	50	74.63
No	15	22.39
N/A	2	2.99
Total	67	

Households who responded **NO** to having a child in the SAU #19 school district replied as such:

Question 2:

Are you satisfied with the educational opportunities available to Dunbarton's student's grade 7-12 in Goffstown?

	# of Responses	%
YES	9	27.27
NO	13	39.39
N/A	11	33.33
Total:	33	

Question 4:

What is the maximum time a child should commute to school (1 way)?

	# of Responses	%
10 min	0	0.00
15 min	1	3.33
20 min	5	16.67
25 min	0	0.00
30 min	8	26.67
30 min PLUS	16	53.33
Total:	30	

Question 5:

On a scale of 1 - 5 (1 being not important and 5 being very important):

How important are these issues in your household?

	# of Responses	1	2	3	4	5
Class size	22	2	2	6	4	8
School size	22	1	6	7	1	7
Cost	26	3	4	5	2	12
Core Classes	23	1	1	3	4	14
Voc. Prog	23	4	3	8	4	4
Music/Arts/Specials	21	2	3	4	5	7
Sports	21	4	2	11	3	1
AP Classes	18	2	1	2	6	7
Student support serv	22	3	4	9	2	4
Advancement/College Opp	22	2	4	0	3	13
Total:	220	24	30	55	34	77

Average Importance

3.64
3.32
3.62
4.26
3.04
3.57
2.76
3.83
3.00
3.95

Question 6:

Do you support the idea of looking at other school options other than Goffstown?

	# of Responses	%
Yes	26	83.87
No	5	16.13
N/A	0	0.00
Total	31	

Households who responded **HOMESCHOOL** to having a child in the SAU #19 school district replied as such:

Question 2:

Are you satisfied with the educational opportunities available to Dunbarton's student's grade 7-12 in Goffstown?

	# of Responses	%
YES	0	0.00
NO	1	100.00
N/A	0	0.00
Total:	1	

Question 4:

What is the maximum time a child should commute to school (1 way)?

	# of Responses	%
10 min	0	0.00
15 min	0	0.00
20 min	0	0.00
25 min	0	0.00
30 min	1	100.00
30 min PLUS	0	0.00
Total:	1	

Question 5:

On a scale of 1 - 5 (1 being not important and 5 being very important):

How important are these issues in your household?

	# of Responses	1	2	3	4	5
Class size	1	0	0	1	0	0
School size	1	0	0	1	0	0
Cost	1	0	0	0	0	1
Core Classes	1	0	0	0	0	1
Voc. Prog	1	0	0	0	0	1
Music/Arts/Specials	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sports	1	0	0	0	0	1
AP Classes	1	0	0	0	0	1
Student support serv	1	0	0	0	0	1
Advancement/College Opp	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total:	10	0	0	2	0	8

Average Importance

3.00
3.00
5.00
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Question 6:

Do you support the idea of looking at other school options other than Goffstown?

	# of Responses	%
Yes	1	100.00
No	0	0.00
N/A	0	0.00
Total	1	