



# LAKESIDE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## 2009 Goals Community Survey

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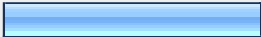
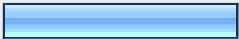
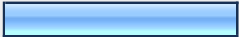
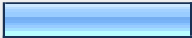
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# Lakeside Goals, 2009 Community Input

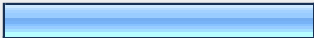
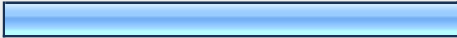



1. Which of the following best characterizes your role as you think about the goals of Lakeside?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Parent or guardian of one or more current Lakeside students		81.4%	35
Parent or guardian of one or more past Lakeside students		4.7%	2
School or district staff or volunteer		14.0%	6
Community member		0.0%	0
Other, please describe		0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>			<b>43</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>1</b>

2. Demographic Information: Please mark the grade level of your student(s)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Kindergarten		23.7%	9
Grade 1		15.8%	6
Grade 2		18.4%	7
<b>Grade 3</b>		<b>26.3%</b>	<b>10</b>
Grade 4		7.9%	3
Grade 5		23.7%	9
Grade 6		18.4%	7
Grade 7		7.9%	3
Grade 8		0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>			<b>38</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>6</b>

**3. Demographic Information: How long have you had students at Lakeside?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
0 - 2 years		28.2%	11
3 - 4 years		25.6%	10
5 - 6 years		25.6%	10
7 or more years		20.5%	8
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>39</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>5</b>

**4. Please tell us your agreement with the following statement: Lakeside currently provides everything I want from an elementary school**

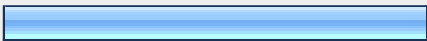

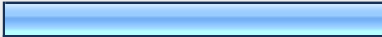

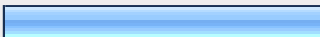
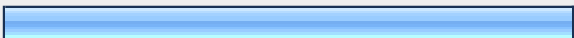
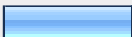
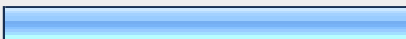


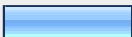

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		34.1%	15
<b>Agree</b>		<b>50.0%</b>	<b>22</b>
Neither agree nor disagree		4.5%	2
Disagree		6.8%	3
Strongly disagree		4.5%	2
		Please enter any additional comments here	13
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>44</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

5. Rank the following statements: The most important job of Lakeside Elementary School is to...				
	Most important	Medium importance	Least important	Response Count
Focus on academics such as reading, writing, mathematics, and science	<b>74.4% (29)</b>	17.9% (7)	7.7% (3)	39
Teach success skills such as organization, prioritization, planning, and decision making	12.8% (5)	41.0% (16)	<b>46.2% (18)</b>	39
Expose students to a wide variety of experiences such as art, music, literature, sports, and cultures	20.5% (8)	38.5% (15)	<b>41.0% (16)</b>	39
Please enter any additional comments here				16
<b><i>answered question</i></b>				<b>42</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>				<b>2</b>

6. What claim about Lakeside would make you the most proud? Examples might include “Lakeside has the highest academic test scores in Santa Clara County,” or “Lakeside focuses on the whole student, not just the test scores,” or “Lakeside teaches skills that will help students for the rest of their lives”	
	Response Count
	30
<b><i>answered question</i></b>	<b>30</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>	<b>14</b>

7. Please choose the TOP THREE goals you would like to see for Lakeside students

		Response Percent	Response Count
be a good communicator		4.5%	2
make good decisions		29.5%	13
be a critical thinker		43.2%	19
have good interpersonal skills		15.9%	7
be a team player		4.5%	2
understand others' styles		0.0%	0
understand others' culture		6.8%	3
<b>be a lifelong learner</b>		<b>70.5%</b>	<b>31</b>
have high self esteem		29.5%	13
be physically fit		18.2%	8
be well rounded		34.1%	15
be academically above peers when entering middle school		34.1%	15
know Spanish		6.8%	3
If any of your top three goals are not in the list above, please tell us what those goals are			3
			<b>answered question</b>
			<b>44</b>
			<b>skipped question</b>
			<b>0</b>

8. What are the TOP THREE things you want to KEEP if we need to reduce or eliminate items to achieve our goals?			Response Percent	Response Count
High scores on standardized tests			46.5%	20
Dance			9.3%	4
Music			41.9%	18
Daily opening activity including flag salute			9.3%	4
Recess			34.9%	15
<b>Physical education</b>			<b>62.8%</b>	<b>27</b>
Art projects			14.0%	6
Classroom aids			44.2%	19
School grounds maintenance			4.7%	2
Library collection			4.7%	2
Library aid (person)			14.0%	6
Frequency of custodial cleaning			7.0%	3
Please provide any additional comment here, or If you would prefer to give up something which is not on the list, above, please tell us what that is				11
<b>answered question</b>				<b>43</b>
<b>skipped question</b>				<b>1</b>

9. If we need to fund new goals with new sources of money, how would you suggest structuring this?		Response Count
		22
<b>answered question</b>		<b>22</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>22</b>

## Comments and Open Ended Responses from the Goals Survey 2009

Questions 1 - 3 were demographic type questions and did not allow comments.

Only comments are reproduced here. Quantitative results can be found elsewhere.

*Q4. Please tell us your agreement with the following statement: Lakeside currently provides everything I want from an elementary school*

- Curriculum is not transparent enough to answer this question. Lakeside is not just an elementary school. Lakeside is a district. Lakeside is a great elementary school. As a district, it fails to meet the in-district needs of it's middle schoolers.
- Thank you for so many wonderful programs. I even love the RULES at Lakeside School!
- I strongly agree as a school/district employee.
- this is more like a private run school than a public school. strong community ties and involvement.
- Do not like the split class ideas..not teaching all 3rd Graders the same curriculum.
- I would love to have Spanish back for free!!!!
- I think the music education is weak, and I can't say, for all the computers at the school, that [name redacted] ever learned much about computers. I'm prejudiced towards music and computers, though I think the staff is great and the outdoor activities have been strong. Too much homework, but I think that's the thing with education these days.
- Would love it if Spanish was part of the curriculum rather than an after school program.
- Everything I've seen at Lakeside so far has been great. I think it's a wonderful school.
- I want to make sure Lakeside is still going strong in 10 years
- would like to have a language program that is through the school
- Lakeside does not offer "honor" type classes and full music (instruments) as well as art.

*Q5. Rank the following statements: The most important job of Lakeside Elementary School is to...*

- *Focus on academics such as reading, writing, mathematics, and science*
- *Teach success skills such as organization, prioritization, planning, and decision making*
- *Expose students to a wide variety of experiences such as art, music, literature, sports, and cultures*

- As of right now, Lakeside is not excelling in any if the above categories. Teaching to the Star test is not good enough. Lower grades where the testing is not important, students benefit the most from academics and the mixture of things like music, art, PE. Upper grades need all these stepped up to their level more. Line dancing is not art, or music! PE at the upper grades needs to be more challenging. The running is good, but most kids do not do it at lunch. Upper grades could learn with their art projects about art history.
- the second idea is not exclusive of the other two - ideas #1 & #3 would imply idea #2! would prefer to say that each of the above is the most important. Of course, all three are very important.
- They are equally important. A balance of all three is the best!
- If the computer would let me, I'd rank these fairly evenly. I have a kindergartner who is learning to read and write, so right now - when I'm forced to choose - those skills seem most important. In two years, I think my priorities will be different, and I wonder whether the elementary school curriculum can shift accordingly (more success skills in the later years). It's also hard to think about this in isolation, without knowing what the driving priorities are and what the curriculum looks like at the intermediate school level. Finally - I wonder whether success skills (and social, interpersonal, team skills) can be taught in concert with academics - so that the educational strategies used to teach reading, writing, math, science - are deliberately designed to help students build "success skills". As a final editorial - again - my kid is little and needs to get some basics down - but in general, I think our society needs to put more emphasis on success skills - helping kids build emotional and social intelligence vs. simply preparing them to succeed on tests.
- I wouldn't make success skills as least important, I think Lakeside does all three very well, and the organization skills are a BIG part of the success of the students at Lakeside
- everything else should fall in place with the right teacher and his/her passion for what they are contributing to the child.
- These are all equally important- I don't like saying one is more important than the other!
- I tried to mark them all most important! I think the categories are equally as important depending on how you define "important". I think this question should be broken into several questions to answer it accurately.  
1) Immediate importance (child development) 2) Mid-term importance

(prior to college acceptance) 3) Long term importance (life). Overall, for long term life long success I feel exposure to a wide variety of experiences and skills such as decision making are most important. But for short term (up to college acceptance) success in academics is most important.

- Lakeside does a good job balancing these topics. I love some of the efforts towards art ([name redacted]) and the Robotics and other class offerings. It's nice to be aligned with running groups and soccer club, etc.
- They are all important.
- I think the most important job of Lakeside is a combination of 1 & 2.
- Reading/writing, math and science are all very important. But for my 5 year old, I think it's even more important to get "eased" into the academic world. Many studies have shown that music and art are very important in facilitating learning in general. Sports and other physical activities also have a very positive impact on learning, so I'm grateful that Lakeside offers that.
- Forced choice is a problem - none of the choices is least important
- They are all important
- I think to be successful in teaching the basics, things such as organization, planning and decision making are inherent in those topics.

Q6. What claim about Lakeside would make you the most proud? Examples might include "Lakeside has the highest academic test scores in Santa Clara County," or "Lakeside focuses on the whole student, not just the test scores," or "Lakeside teaches skills that will help students for the rest of their lives"

- The smallest school district with equal amounts of benefits and disadvantages.
- I would like to see lakeside focusing on academic development of the whole student, not just the test scores, even after the testing ends in mid May.
- Lakeside teaches skills that will help students for the rest of their lives
- Students and parents are highly satisfied with the school (nearly all are, with very rare exceptions).
- Lakeside has a top-notch teaching staff, quality enrichment programs, unique experiences (Age of Sail, May Day), and a small, nurturing environment where each child's unique gifts can unfold.
- Lakeside focuses on the whole student, not just the test scores
- Lakeside produces academically, socially and artistically diverse students.
- Lakeside achieves high academic scores and turns out well-rounded students. It is a great place to work and go to school!
- Either "focuses on the whole student..." OR "teaches skills that will help students for the rest of their lives" - but better yet: "Lakeside's approach to teaching enables students to build the social and organizational skills they'll need for the rest of their lives - as they work to master fundamental academic skills. Another editorial: We rely on test scores because

they're tangible, easy to measure... It would be wonderful to develop another set of valid outcomes to follow.

- Lakeside focuses on the whole student, teaching skills that will help for the rest of their lives
- children first
- Lakeside focuses on the experiences of my children, in conjunction with their academic progress.
- Students are very close together because of the small community
- Lakeside provides an excellent learning and growing environment that follows students throughout their lives.
- Test scores is probably the most tangible thing but not the best aspect of Lakeside for the students in the school. We like that it feels like a small private school. A place for mountain kids to be mountain kids and to be with other mountain kids.
- Test scores are impressive, but it's a great group of kids and teachers and parents and staff. Student interaction (friends) is fantastic. The entire scene was extremely positive socially and intellectually for [name redacted], and we're very encouraged for [name redacted]. Great job you all!
- Lakeside has the best teachers in Santa Clara County.
- Focuses on the student, not test scores
- Lakeside focuses on the whole student, not just the test scores
- Lakeside focuses on the whole student, not just the test scores
- Lakeside is a unique and valuable place
- Lakeside focuses on the whole student, not just the test scores
- Lakeside students and families are a community.
- lakeside gives individual attention to all students
- Lakeside focuses on the whole student, not just the test scores
- Lakeside teaches skills that will help students for the rest of their lives
- Lakeside does an outstanding job preparing students for the next stage of their education, in whichever direction their skills, aptitudes, and interests take them. Lakeside students will have their pick of opportunities for further development once they leave.
- None
- Lakeside provides a unequaled positive learning environment.
- My son learned the fundamentals of planning and executing work, which will apply throughout his life including all school years and his future career.

Q7. Please choose the TOP THREE goals you would like to see for Lakeside students. If any of your top three goals are not in the list above, please tell us what those goals are

- All these are important, why does one has to exclude the other? These all go together if we want to be proud of Lakeside, like the previous question asks. A well rounded individual that is going to make it in the future will have to develop in all these areas equally!
- be prepared for middle school
- Have an excellent understanding of the FUNDAMENTALS behind reading (phonics), Math, and Science.

Q8. What are the TOP THREE things you want to KEEP if we need to reduce or eliminate items to achieve our goals? Please provide any additional comment here, or If you would prefer to give up something which is not on the list, above, please tell us what that is

- I am sorry. What is the question? Is this about time or economics? For the sake of both, cut dance please! Seen very little art this year from one kid. Library and bookmobile cover two things. It is good to have the physical space to study in the library, but the time to visit in both? Keeping track of the books from all the different places is hard too. Compare classromm aid usage with area schools.
- -- some of the maintenance jobs could be delegated to volunteer parents -- Aids are not goals - they are means -- Opening activity would be kept anyway, it does not cost anything, why list here? --Recess supervision could be also delegated to volunteer parents
- This list contains items that are mandatory and also contains items that cannot be assigned a monetary value and/or are currently paid for by parents, Foundation, and PTA.
- How about a daily opening activity (announcements, songs) that does not involve flag salute? Would like to put two or three checks on Physical Education. I'm a pediatrician - kids need to learn to build physical activity into their daily lives. I did not choose "physically fit" on the top three list above - because I think the outcome should not be fitness, but physical-mental balance and understanding of the importance of regular exercise.
- We wouldn't want to eliminate any of these things, but we'd need to see the budget for each to make an informed choice. If possible, it would be better to cut back a little across all areas rather than one specific area. Library collection is important but this would be a good place to ask for book donations from parents.
- I find these multi-choice questions to be a little limiting; kind of black-or-white. I don't see why you have to eliminate "Art projects" just because lots of parents want to see Lakeside continually doing well on tests. Instead of 3 choices, why not make it 6+ choices?!?
- in order for the library to work, it needs a person to maintain it, so those two things go together I think.
- This was very hard to prioritize.

- When I marked classroom aids I mean a person
- PE only if a more robust program led by a professional traditional physical education leader could be employed
- Flag salute is more than informative, it also teaches team discipline and offers team recognition.

Q9. If we need to fund new goals with new sources of money, how would you suggest structuring this?

- Be more open about your budget - parent would possibly more open on donations.
- I suggest using volunteers to implement new goals. Once the goals are announced, parents and teachers will need to meet to determine how to implement or fund the goals.
- appeal to the community
- I'm not sure what you mean by "structure this". The best option: parcel tax to raise money for infrastructure. Fight back aggressively against [name redacted] bleeding the district.
- Consider merging with Los Gatos Unified School district. 2. Consider a general donation per child of \$600.00 per year in addition to fundraising.
- ?
- This is outside my realm of experience, expertise...but I will think about it some more.
- Collect more from parents who do volunteer at all and collect some from volunteering parents.
- Donation from each student's family
- Spanish classes!! For Free
  - Fundraisers are good - make money and kids have fun - children's fair (like Los Gatos preschool fair). 2) Taxes
- This is a tough question. The economy is down, and I don't suspect the Xmas tree farms (your neighbors) want to sell their trees at the school for a percentage. I am curious about your biggest (non-staff and facilities) costs. Thinking outside the box; do you have an option to "rent" the multi-purpose room for basketball games/tournaments or other events? Could Lakeside manage the clubhouse itself; especially for "summer school" at some cost to parents? How about supporting a new internet broadband (or cell phone) mast at the corner of the campus and taking a percentage for improved connectivity from local residents? OK, this is too weird, but how about opening a tiny store for commercial necessities up here? Or make Lakeside a model self-sustaining school; crops, animals. The tv networks would love it. OK, I'm a little out on some of this, but cake-sales I don't suspect generate the kind of monetary amount you need. I figure if you think outside, you can get to the right thoughts after a while.
- Form a prioritized list of goals with their estimated costs. See how much can be funded, and show the parents how much money needs to be raised to add the next item on the list.

- Holiday Faire at school and have a percentage of sales go to the school. More community outreach (corporations, individuals) Local musicians play concerts w/proceeds going to school (Blues and BBQ :-)
- Auctions, concerts/entertainment nights where ticket sale proceeds go to Lakeside (I've volunteered to perform with my band for free). Encourage community members that sell things on eBay to donate a percentage of the sale to Lakeside. You can set up donations to most kinds of charities, so I assume you could arrange to donate money to Lakeside. Corporate sponsorships. Advertise in MNN and SSA and solicit sponsors, donations, volunteers, etc. Rent out parts of the school facilities for evening activities (clubs, meetings, social events, etc).
- Try to get more parent participation with fundraisers, instead of the same parents helping for every single event
- win the lottery
- What a vague question! Let the new sources of money fund the new goals.
- A capital outreach program to build a Lakeside endowment
- Appeal to a broader group of parents by balancing activities such as sports and arts. Avoid partisanship whether it be in politics or any other area. The more non polarizing the more participation can be expected in volunteering and donations. Avoid being a "clubhouse" for some.
- My believe is to move the annual auction to an off site evening event that includes a dinner, drinks, and an auction and perhap some form of entertainment. Attendees pay \$75-\$100 to attend plus bid on items from the auction. I have discussed with mother's from other schools who have seen a 3x increase in funds raised by making this type of event.
- Perhaps offer some pay-as-you-go modules during the day or after school (like the current Spanish program). Could we have a fundraiser where the kids sell something (wrapping paper, etc.) where credit for the funds go directly to that student's extra programs? That way, a parent could fund it entirely, or reach out to friends and family.

A copy of the survey  
as fielded

# Lakeside Goals, 2009 Community Input

Thank you for taking the time to help Lakeside develop a meaningful set of goals. Your input will be used by the School Site Council in the formation of goals and plans.

1. Which of the following best characterizes your role as you think about the goals of Lakeside?

Parent or guardian of one or more current Lakeside students

Parent or guardian of one or more past Lakeside students

School or district staff or volunteer

Community member

Other, please describe

2. Demographic Information: Please mark the grade level of your student(s)

Kindergarten

Grade 3

Grade 6

Grade 1

Grade 4

Grade 7

Grade 2

Grade 5

Grade 8

3. Demographic Information: How long have you had students at Lakeside?

0 - 2 years

3 - 4 years

5 - 6 years

7 or more years

4. Please tell us your agreement with the following statement:

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Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please enter any additional comments here

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5. Rank the following statements:

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	Most important	Medium importance	Least important
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Please enter any additional comments here

6. What claim about Lakeside would make you the most proud?

Examples might include "Lakeside has the highest academic test scores in Santa Clara County," or "Lakeside focuses on the whole student, not just the test scores," or "Lakeside teaches skills that will help students for the rest of their lives"

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- be a good communicator
- be a team player
- make good decisions
- be well rounded
- have good interpersonal skills
- know Spanish
- be academically above peers when entering middle school
- be a lifelong learner
- have high self esteem
- be a critical thinker
- understand others' culture

If any of your top three goals are not in the list above, please tell us what those goals are

# Lakeside Goals, 2009 Community Input

8. What are the TOP THREE things you want to KEEP if we need to reduce or eliminate items to achieve our goals?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Library collection                | <input type="radio"/> Recess                                       |
| <input type="radio"/> High scores on standardized tests | <input type="radio"/> Physical education                           |
| <input type="radio"/> Classroom aids                    | <input type="radio"/> Daily opening activity including flag salute |
| <input type="radio"/> School grounds maintenance        | <input type="radio"/> Library aid (person)                         |
| <input type="radio"/> Art projects                      | <input type="radio"/> Dance  |
| <input type="radio"/> Frequency of custodial cleaning   | <input type="radio"/> Music  |

Please provide any additional comment here, or If you would prefer to give up something which is not on the list, above, please tell us what that is

9. If we need to fund new goals with new sources of money, how would you suggest structuring this?

Survey input will close on February 1 and results will be posted on the school website by February 10, with a link to results in that edition of the Lakeside Letter.

You can return to your survey and change any of your answers prior to the February 1 close date, providing the link to this survey is accessed on the same computer and that cookies have not been cleared (if you don't know what "cookies" are, you probably won't be clearing them). To preserve anonymity, we do not collect your name and do not ask you to sign in with a personal identification number, so if you are unable to alter your answers, please accept our apologies.

ALMOST DONE.

JUST CLICK ON THE BUTTON BELOW TO SAVE YOUR ANSWERS.

THANK YOU!