

BASSWOOD RESEARCH
SURVEY OF SOUTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2007

Q1. - ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA THAT SERVE AS
RESOURCES FOR, OR PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO, CHARTER SCHOOLS?

- 16 Total
- 16 100.0 YES

Q2. - WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE VERY FAMILIAR, SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR, OR ONLY
SLIGHTLY FAMILIAR WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS?

- 16 Total
- 11 68.8 VERY FAMILIAR
- 5 31.3 SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
- 0 0.0 SLIGHTLY FAMILIAR

Q3. - WHAT CHARTER SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YOU HEARD OF?

- 16 Total
- 7 43.8 SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
- 6 37.5 SOUTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
- 2 12.5 NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION
- 2 12.5 MIDLAND VALLEY PREP
- 2 12.5 LLOYD KENNEDY CHARTER SCHOOL
- 1 6.3 CENTER FOR EDUCATION REFORM
- 1 6.3 ACADIA FINANCIAL
- 1 6.3 STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Q4. - HAVE YOU EVER USED THE SERVICES OF ANY OF THESE CHARTER SCHOOL
SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS?

- 16 Total
- 13 81.3 YES
- 3 18.8 NO

Q5. - WHAT IS THE MAIN REASON YOU HAVE NOT USED THE SERVICES OF A CHARTER
SCHOOL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION?

- 3 Total
- 1 33.3 NOT IN BUDGET
- 1 33.3 ALL QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 1 33.3 NO REASON

Q6. - WHICH CHARTER SCHOOL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION HAVE YOU USED MOST?

- 13 Total
- 6 46.2 SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
- 4 30.8 SOUTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION
- 2 15.4 LLOYD KENNEDY CHARTER SCHOOL
- 1 7.7 CENTER FOR EDUCATION REFORM

Q7. - DURING THE PAST YEAR, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU USED THE SERVICES OF A CHARTER
SCHOOL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION? WOULD YOU SAY YOU HAVE USED THOSE SERVICES
ONE TIME, BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE TIMES, OR MORE THAN FIVE TIMES IN THE LAST
YEAR?

- 13 Total
- 6 46.2 MORE THAN 5 TIMES
- 6 46.2 BETWEEN 2 AND 5 TIMES
- 0 0.0 ONE TIME
- 1 7.7 DK/REFUSED

Q8. - DID YOU RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS?

-	13	Total
-	9	69.2 YES
-	3	23.1 NO
-	1	7.7 DK/REFUSED

Q9. - DID YOU RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE?

-	13	Total
-	5	38.5 YES
-	7	53.8 NO
-	1	7.7 DK/REFUSED

Q10. - DID YOU RECEIVE ASSISTANCE WITH MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES?

-	13	Total
-	8	61.5 YES
-	4	30.8 NO
-	1	7.7 DK/REFUSED

Q11. - DID YOU RECEIVE ASSISTANCE REGARDING SPECIAL ED?

-	13	Total
-	5	38.5 YES
-	7	53.8 NO
-	1	7.7 DK/REFUSED

Q12. - DID YOU RECEIVE CURRICULUM ASSISTANCE?

-	13	Total
-	3	23.1 YES
-	9	69.2 NO
-	1	7.7 DK/REFUSED

Q13. - WERE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED?

-	13	Total
-	11	84.6 YES
-	1	7.7 NO
-	1	7.7 DK/REFUSED

Q14. - WHAT ONE ASPECT OF THE SERVICES YOU RECEIVED DID YOU FIND MOST HELPFUL?

-	13	Total
-	5	38.5 BOARD TRAINING
-	2	15.4 KNOWLEDGE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS/STATE
-	2	15.4 SPECIAL ED
-	1	7.7 EFFICIENTLY RELAYING INFO.
-	1	7.7 PHYSICAL MANAGEMENT
-	1	7.7 NOTHING SPECIFIC
-	1	7.7 NONE

Q15. - WHAT ONE ASPECT OF THE SERVICES YOU RECEIVED WAS MOST DISSATISFYING OR UNHELPFUL?

-	13	Total
-	10	76.9 NONE
-	2	15.4 NOT FREQUENT ENOUGH/NOT SPECIFIC TO SCHOOL
-	1	7.7 OVERCHARGED

Q16. - IS THE LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE YOUR SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING FROM CHARTER SCHOOL SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS SUFFICIENT, OR IS YOUR SCHOOL IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE?

-	13	Total
-	7	53.8 SUFFICIENT
-	4	30.8 NEED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE
-	1	7.7 DK/REFUSED

Q17. - DID THE CHARTER SCHOOL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION FIRST CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL,
OR DID YOUR SCHOOL FIRST CONTACT THEM?

-	13	Total
-	7	53.8 SUPPORT ORGANIZATION FIRST CONTACTED SCHOOL
-	6	46.2 SCHOOL FIRST CONTACTED SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

Q18. - WHEN LOOKING TO FIND CHARTER SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES WOULD YOU GO
MOSTLY TO THE INTERNET, TO COLLEAGUES, TO UNIVERSITIES OR COLLEGES,
TO OTHER SUPPORT GROUPS, OR SOMEPLACE ELSE?

-	16	Total
-	9	56.3 COLLEAGUES
-	3	18.8 INTERNET
-	2	12.5 OTHER SUPPORT GROUPS
-	2	12.5 SOMEPLACE ELSE
-	0	0.0 UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Q19. - IS THERE ANY OTHER PERSON OR GROUP THAT HELPS YOUR SCHOOL WITH
ISSUES OR STRATEGIES?

-	16	Total
-	12	75.0 YES
-	4	25.0 NO

Q20. - SPECIFICALLY, WHO HELPS YOU?

-	12	Total
-	4	33.3 SCHOOL DISTRICT
-	2	16.7 OTHER CHARTER SCHOOLS
-	2	16.7 ATTORNEY
-	1	8.3 ACCOUNTANT
-	1	8.3 STATE DIRECTOR
-	1	8.3 NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS
-	1	8.3 GREENVILLE TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Q21. - AND WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE DO THEY PROVIDE?

-	12	Total
-	3	25.0 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
-	2	16.7 LEGAL
-	1	8.3 CURRICULUM
-	1	8.3 POLICIES
-	1	8.3 SPECIAL ED
-	1	8.3 STATE TESTING
-	1	8.3 GOVERNANCE
-	1	8.3 BOARD TRAINING
-	1	8.3 NETWORKING

IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS, PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU RATE YOUR NEED
FOR ASSISTANCE AS VERY IMPORTANT, SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, NOT VERY IMPORTANT
OR NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT?

Q22. - "SPECIAL EDUCATION"

-	16	Total
-	8	50.9 VERY IMPORTANT
-	5	31.3 SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
-	3	18.8 NOT VERY IMPORTANT
-	0	0.0 NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT

Q23. - "ACCOUNTING"

-	16	Total
-	6	37.5 VERY IMPORTANT
-	4	25.0 SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
-	6	37.5 NOT VERY IMPORTANT
-	0	0.0 NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT

Q24. - "MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES"

-	16	Total
-	4	25.0 VERY IMPORTANT
-	5	31.3 SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
-	6	37.5 NOT VERY IMPORTANT
-	1	6.3 NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT

Q25. - "TEACHER RECRUITMENT"

-	16	Total	
-	6	37.5	VERY IMPORTANT
-	6	37.5	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
-	4	25.0	NOT VERY IMPORTANT
-	0	0.0	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT

Q26. - "BOARD ISSUES"

-	16	Total	
-	6	37.5	VERY IMPORTANT
-	6	37.5	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
-	3	18.8	NOT VERY IMPORTANT
-	1	6.3	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT

Q27. - "LEGAL ADVICE"

-	16	Total	
-	6	37.5	VERY IMPORTANT
-	6	37.5	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
-	3	18.8	NOT VERY IMPORTANT
-	1	6.3	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT

Q28. - "START-UP ASSISTANCE"

-	16	Total	
-	11	68.8	VERY IMPORTANT
-	0	0.0	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
-	3	18.6	NOT VERY IMPORTANT
-	2	12.5	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT

Q29. - "NETWORKING WITH LEGISLATORS AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS"

-	16	Total	
-	9	56.3	VERY IMPORTANT
-	5	31.3	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
-	1	6.3	NOT VERY IMPORTANT
-	1	6.3	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT

Q30. - "PUBLIC RELATIONS"

-	16	Total	
-	7	43.8	VERY IMPORTANT
-	5	31.3	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
-	3	18.8	NOT VERY IMPORTANT
-	1	6.3	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT

Q31. - WOULD YOU SAY THE GREATEST CHALLENGE FACING YOUR SCHOOL RIGHT NOW IS ENROLLMENT, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, THE IMAGE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, THE QUALITY OF YOUR FACILITIES, OR LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES?

-	16	Total	
-	5	31.3	QUALITY OF FACILITIES
-	5	31.3	LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES
-	3	18.8	IMAGE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS
-	1	6.3	ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
-	0	0.0	ENROLLMENT
-	2	12.5	DK/REFUSED

Q32. - WHAT GRADE LEVELS DOES YOUR SCHOOL INCLUDE?

-	16	Total	
-	9	56.3	ELEMENTARY
-	6	37.5	HIGH SCHOOL
-	5	31.3	MIDDLE SCHOOL
-	5	31.3	PRE-K AND/OR KINDERGARTEN

Q33. - WHAT IS THE CURRENT ENROLLMENT IN YOUR SCHOOL?

-	16	Total	
-	1	6.3	OVER 500
-	3	18.8	251-500
-	6	37.5	101-250
-	3	18.8	50-100
-	3	18.8	UNDER 50

Q34. - HOW LONG HAS YOUR SCHOOL EXISTED?

-	16		Total
-	0	0.0	OVER 10 YEARS
-	4	25.0	6-10 YEARS
-	7	43.8	3-5 YEARS
-	4	25.0	1-2 YEARS
-	1	6.3	LESS THAN 1 YEAR

Q35. - WHAT IS YOUR TITLE?

-	16		Total
-	8	50.0	PRINCIPAL
-	5	31.3	DIRECTOR
-	1	6.3	ADMINISTRATOR
-	1	6.3	TEACHER
-	1	6.3	FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR