

HCSD Survey by Peter Meyer

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What's Going on at HCSD?

A magazine I used to work for, *Education Next*, has asked me to write a story about what's happening at the Hudson City School District – including, but not only, about dropping enrollment, terrible reading and math scores, multiple superintendents, and a huge budget gap – and why it's happening.

If you have a moment, please fill out this brief questionnaire and let me know if I can interview you further. Phone # _____ and/or email _____, and NAME _____

I'd love to hear from you. I'd certainly like to have you speak for the record and for attribution, but I will certainly respect your request to NOT use your name (i.e. NFA, not for attribution) or simply use what you say for background (NFR, not for the record). And if I do intend to use what you tell me, I will check with you what I use before publication.

If you are using a computer, please execute a "Save As" with your initials at the end of the file name. And include your contact info if you want me to followup and/or quote you (or not) in the story. _____ You can find a copy of this survey [here](#). Feel free to give a copy of this to friends and/or send them the link.

Since this is a Microsoft Word Document you have plenty of opportunity to go off-script when and where you wish. If you're filling this in by pen or pencil, feel free to write outside the lines (including the back of the paper or additional pages) and mail to 330 Allen Street, Hudson NY 12534.

1. Check all that apply: ☐ current HCSD Parent, ☐ Taxpayer ☐ Teacher ☐ District Employee. ☐ Former Student ☐ Former student, ☐ Resident ☐ Former employee of HCSD, ☐ Do not live in the District, ☐ Other (please explain)
2. Profession _____, Job _____, Unemployed ____, Retired____,
3. Education level finished by grade level # []
4. Ethnic origin: _____ Would you like a translation of this survey? _____
5. Do you have an opinion about what's happening in HCSD at the moment? On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is "not very informed" and 10 "very informed" _____
6. If you have an opinion, what is it? (between 25 and 250 words use extra space) _____
7. Is it the job of the HCSD to teach students to read and write? [yes/no] What is the role of the parents or caregivers in the job of teaching children to read and write? (50 words): _____

8. Is it acceptable that 2/3 of all HCSD students read below grade level?
9. Should all children have to go to school? Up to what age should school be mandatory?
10. What's the primary responsibility of the school?