Schools should stress job skills, parents say

Michigan residents want changes in pub-lic education — but they want them for adults and older students more than for children.

No doubt reflecting the alumping economy, 61 percent of those who responded to this year's Michigan Education Poll said that job skills should also be a top educa-

Nearly two-thirds said schools should toake adult reading skills a top priority.
Lesser percentages, listed college preparation (57 percent) and pre-school education (45 percent) as key goals.

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While 41 percent of those polled said they favored substantial or radical change in the state public education system, most nonetheless gave good grades to their local schools.

Local schools were given an A by 11 per-cent of those who responded, the highest percentage in the past decade. Overall, 83 percent gave their schools a grade of C or better.

better.
State Board of Education President Dorothy Beardmore warned, however, that the
good grades could actually be a roadblock
to the kind of changes being sought.

"ONE OF the biggest problems is that

there's too much satisfaction from adults," the Rochester resident said. "There's the feeling that we need change, but our local schools are just fine."

Despite the generally good grades, eardmore said local school boards should

Opinions were taken from 800 Michigan residents, nearly 40 percent from Detroit suburbs. Among the findings:

e More than three in every five respondents favor "schools of choice" — letting students choose any schools they wish within their local district. Less than half would allow students to choose schools in other districts. That figure shot up to £4 percent, however, if students would attend programs is entirely and church vertal exhools.

Other widely-approved changes in-

cluded extending the school year to 200 days (61 percent), student skill guarantees (59 percent) and bonus pay for proficient teachers (58 percent). Charter schools—letting teachers form their own schools—only received 32 percent support, though Sederberg acknowledged it was the least publicated of the reforms proposed by the support.

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• Depatie the call for change, respondents were loath to raise taxes. Fewer than 20 percent would approve schools of choice, guarafaced skills, bonus pay or an extended school year II it meant a tax increase. Four years would improve test scores.

• The overall call for change was great-stranged petrolt residents: 16 percent favored abolishing the local district outright, while 52 percent called for substantial change.

In contrast, only five percent of auburbanites would abolish their local schools. Still, 37 percent said they favored substantial change.

Not surprisingly, parents with children in public classrooms saw a realer future for public education than those who send their children to private schools. A third of public school parents saw their local schools getting better, compared with 7 percent of those who send their children elsewhere. At the same time, 18 percent of public school parents, and 25 percent of private school parents, saw their local public schools getting worse.

Respondents were evenly divided between males and females. The margin of error was plus or mious 3.7 percent on any the public schools.

answer.

Due to state budget-cutting, this year's survey was underwritten by the Upjohn Co.

County medical society elects officers

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professional organization. Kraal is a urologist with a practice in Pontiac. Dr. Kenneth Gitlin will serve for a year as the president-elect of the OCMS. Gitlin is an orthopedic surgeon with offices in Southfield and West Bloomfield.

Dr. David Harold was elected as





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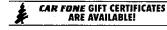
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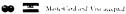


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