

SURVEY

Shaping Our Future together

Thank you for taking this short survey. As part of a statewide campaign, we are conducting a survey to learn more about people's ideas regarding education and learning in our community. Hazen Union is one of six schools in Vermont participating in this effort to build public understanding and support for Act 77, Flexible Pathways. Your input will help us communicate effectively about upcoming changes at our school. This survey is anonymous; you will not be asked for your name.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Ellen Brooks or Sam Smith .

Please complete all four pages!

1. Please indicate your role in our community.

- Student
- Educator
- Parent/Guardian
- School Board Member
- Community Member (not a parent of a student(s) currently in the school system)

2. How would you describe your current knowledge of efforts to change teaching and learning practices in Vermont?

- Little or no familiarity
- Some familiarity
- A lot of familiarity

3. How would you describe your current understanding of Act 77?

- I have little or no understanding of Act 77
- I have some understanding of Act 77
- I understand quite a bit about Act 77

4. Recent findings from science give us a much better understanding about how learning happens. Do you think teaching methods need to change to address this new knowledge?

- Teaching methods do not need to change
- Teaching methods should change some
- Teaching methods should change a lot

5. Which of the following statements best reflects your ideas about the nature of an individual's ability to learn?

- The ability to learn is largely fixed at birth, but can be influenced somewhat by the environment.
- The ability to learn is largely fixed at birth.
- The ability to learn is largely not fixed at birth. It grows through effort, use, and the right kinds of support.

6. Please indicate how these statements reflect your beliefs about the purpose of education, with **your first choice being the most important purpose of education**. Next, identify your second choice to describe your belief about the purpose of education, followed by your third choice.

Write 1, 2, and 3 in the blanks accordingly.

#_____ To ensure a person will get a good job after graduation from high school or college.

#_____ To ensure citizens engage thoughtfully in their community, state, country and world.

#_____ To ensure a successful future for our communities, state, country and world.

7. The most effective approach to education is to focus on reading, writing and arithmetic, known as the “3 Rs” or “the basics.”

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Somewhat
Agree

Somewhat
Disagree

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

8. Successful learning depends on students taking an active role to make new knowledge their own.

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Somewhat
Agree

Somewhat
Disagree

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

15. Listening to teachers share their area of expertise in presentations and lectures is the most effective way to learn.

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree

16. Students involved in varied hands-on learning options (eg. technical school, internships, self-designed studies) generally do not perform well in a classroom environment.

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree

17. The focus of learning should be helping students master basic knowledge in traditional school subject areas (math, English, science, etc.).

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree

18. Grades motivate students more than any other factor.

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree

19. In general, high school students have the motivation to design and direct their own learning, with the support of adults.

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Thank you! **for taking this survey. We appreciate it.**

—*Shaping Our Future Together at Hazen Union*