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1. Survey Overview:	number or percentage
Total number of elementary schools responding to survey	940
Percentage of elementary schools in province responding	23%
% of repeat schools (also completed survey in 2006/07)	38%
# of school boards with schools participating in survey	71%
plus # of school authorities	15%
% of schools in Eastern postal code K	19%
% of schools in Central postal code L	24%
% of schools in Toronto postal code M	19%
% of schools in Southwest postal code N	20%
% of schools in Northern postal code P	18%
% of schools JK — Grade 6	25%
% of schools JK — Grade 8	55%
% of schools with other grade combinations that include Grades 7 and 8	10%
% Schools with 1—120 students	10%
% Schools with 121—271 students	38%
% Schools with 272—363	19%
% Schools with 364—768	30%
% Schools with 769 or more students	3%

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School Overview continued	number or percentage
Size of Schools	
Range on number of students per school	1 to 1,162
Average number of students per school	310
% of schools with 364 students or more	32%
% of schools with 272 students or more	52%
% of schools with 769 students or more	3%
School Staff	
% of schools reporting a principal, either full or part-time	99.00%
% of schools reporting a full-time principal	88%
% of schools reporting a part-time principal	11%
% of schools reporting a vice principal, either full or part-time	38%
% of schools reporting a part-time vice principal	23%
% of schools reporting one full time vice principal or more	13%
% of schools reporting some office staff, either full or part-time	99%
% of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff	96%
% of schools reporting office staff part-time	3%
Note: FTE = full time equivalent	

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School Overview—Regional Results	number or percentage
<i>Eastern Ontario (K postal code)</i>	
Average number of students per school	271
% of schools reporting a full-time principal	77%
% of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff	89%
<i>Central Ontario (L postal code not including the GTA)</i>	
Average number of students per school	329
% of schools reporting a full-time principal	93%
% of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff	100%
<i>Greater Toronto Area (GTA) (M and part of L postal code)</i>	
Average number of students per school	398
% of schools reporting a full-time principal	97%
% of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff	98%
<i>Southwestern Ontario (N postal code)</i>	
Average number of students per school	317
% of schools reporting a full-time principal	96%
% of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff	100%
<i>Northern Ontario (P postal code)</i>	
Average number of students per school	181
% of schools reporting a full-time principal	72%
% of schools reporting at least one full-time office staff	94%
Note: The GTA includes Toronto, Durham, Peel, Halton and York.	

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2. Class Size:	number or percentage
% schools reporting split grade classes , containing 2 or more grades	78%
% Grade 4 — Grade 8 classes with 20 students or fewer	10%
% Grade 4 — Grade 8 classes with 21-25 students	38%
% Grade 4 — Grade 8 classes with 26-30 students	45%
% Grade 4 — Grade 8 classes with 31 students or more	8%

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3. Specialist Teachers:	number or percentage
% reporting a physical education teacher either full or part-time	40%
% reporting a full-time physical education teacher	24%
% of schools reporting phys ed teacher is teaching all students	52%
% reporting music teacher either full or part-time	46%
% reporting a full-time music teacher	17%
% reporting a part-time music teacher	29%
% reporting an itinerant music teacher	25%
% reporting visual arts teacher either full or part-time	15%
% reporting family studies teacher either full or part-time	3%
% reporting design & technology teacher either full or part-time	6%
% reporting guidance teacher either full or part-time	11%
% reporting math specialist teacher either full or part-time	6%
% reporting science specialist teacher either full or part-time	12%
Average size of schools reporting full-time specialists:	
Average size of schools reporting at least one full-time phys-ed teacher	417
Average size of schools reporting at least one full-time music teacher	501
Average size of schools reporting at least one full-time drama teacher	516
Average size of schools reporting at least one full-time visual arts teacher	543

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4b. Daily Physical Activity (DPA) in Schools:	number or percentage
Percentage of schools delivering DPA during class time	87%
Percentage of schools delivering DPA during recess	11%
Percentage of schools delivering DPA during phys ed classes	66%
Percentage of schools delivering DPA during lunch hour	8%
Schools were asked about the resources needed to deliver DPA:	
% of schools reporting teacher training is needed	44%
% of schools reporting more spaces needed	27%
% of schools reporting more time is needed in the school day	32%
% of schools reporting no additional supports or resources are needed	27%

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5. Library:	number or percentage
% schools with a teacher-librarian	55%
% schools with library technician, no teacher librarian	33%
% schools with no staff in library (may have students or volunteers)	5%
% schools in sample with at least one FTE T-L	12%
% schools in sample with only a part-time T-L	42%
Average ratio per school of students to each full-time teacher-library	724
% schools reporting a library technician	39%
% schools reporting volunteers in library	31%
% reporting students staffing libraries	14%

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7. Special Education (S/E):	number or percentage
% reporting some students receive assistance from S/E dept	Nearly 100%
% of student population who receive sp. Ed mean/ratio	15.0%
Average ratio per school of spec ed students to spec ed teachers	30
Range of students, per school, waiting for assessment	0-43
Range of students, per school, waiting for IPRC	0-29
Range of students, per school, waiting for placement	0-25
% of waiting list waiting for assessment	71%
% of waiting list waiting for IPRC	22%
% of waiting list waiting for placement	8%
Number of students on waiting lists for special education services extrapolated province-wide	29,000
% schools reporting that not all identified students are receiving recommended special education support	32%

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8. Facilities for Hands-on Programs:	number or percentage
% of schools reporting they have facilities for hands-on programs	15%
% of schools reporting those facilities are being used for the corresponding program during school hours	77%
Eastern Region of Ontario	
% of schools reporting they have facilities for hands-on programs	12%
% reporting those facilities are being used for those programs	79%
Central Region of Ontario	
% of school reporting they have facilities for hands-on programs	6%
% reporting of those facilities are being used for those programs	100%
GTA	
% of school reporting they have facilities for hands-on programs	21%
% reporting of those facilities are being used for those programs	74%
Southwestern Region of Ontario	
% of school reporting they have facilities for hands-on programs	13%
% reporting of those facilities are being used for those programs	80%
Northern Region of Ontario	
% of school reporting they have facilities for hands-on programs	14%
% reporting of those facilities are being used for those programs	77%

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9. Volunteer participation in schools:	number or percentage
% of schools reporting some volunteers	96%
% of schools reporting they have 10 volunteers or fewer	28%
% of schools reporting they have between 11 and 20 volunteers	26%
% of schools reporting they have between 21 and 30 volunteers	20%
% of schools reporting they have 30 volunteers or more	27%
Volunteer Tasks:	
% of schools reporting volunteers for field trips	83%
% of schools reporting volunteers in the classroom	74%
% of schools reporting volunteers in the office	18%
% of schools reporting volunteer tasks include lunchtime supervision	10%
% of schools reporting volunteer tasks include fundraising	78%
% of schools reporting volunteer tasks include school council	86%

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