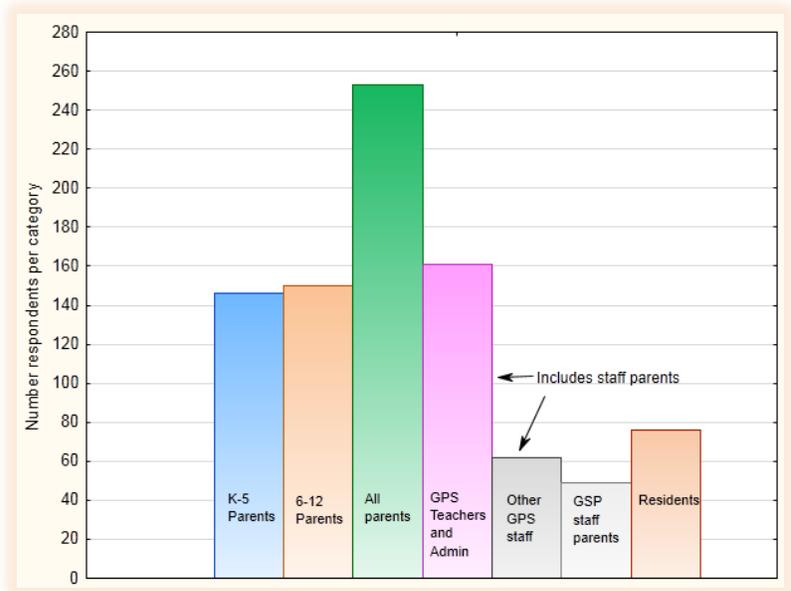


# Gloucester Community Survey on Attitudes towards use of Fuller School as an Elementary School

## Overview of Fuller Survey Results

The Fuller School options survey was open to Gloucester residents. 507 persons responded. Parents were the largest category of respondents (n=253), followed closely by GPS staff members (n=223). 76 respondents were residents of Gloucester who were neither parents of GPS students nor GPS staff members.



Small schools were judged better for providing students and parents *with access to teachers, a safe learning environment, parent involvement, individual attention, and pride in school*. Larger schools were somewhat more often judged better at providing *after school activities*.

When asked whether they preferred smaller or larger schools for elementary education, an overwhelmingly majority said they preferred smaller schools. These patterns of responses were essentially the same among all groups-- parents, GPS staff, and Gloucester residents with no direct link to the schools (non-parent non-staff).

Respondents were asked to share their thoughts about using the Fuller building as an elementary school. 185 comments were coded as indicating a clear opinion either for or against the idea. Of these, 134 were opposed and 51 were in favor. Of the respondents who opposed the idea, many said the school was never suitable as an elementary school building.

## Detailed Results

In the second section of the survey, respondents were asked to rate for several dimensions of (elementary) school quality, whether smaller schools or larger schools better met students' needs. In addition to "smaller" and "larger", response options include "no difference" and "don't know". The collection of figures shown below shows how the three different groups of respondents evaluated each of these questions.

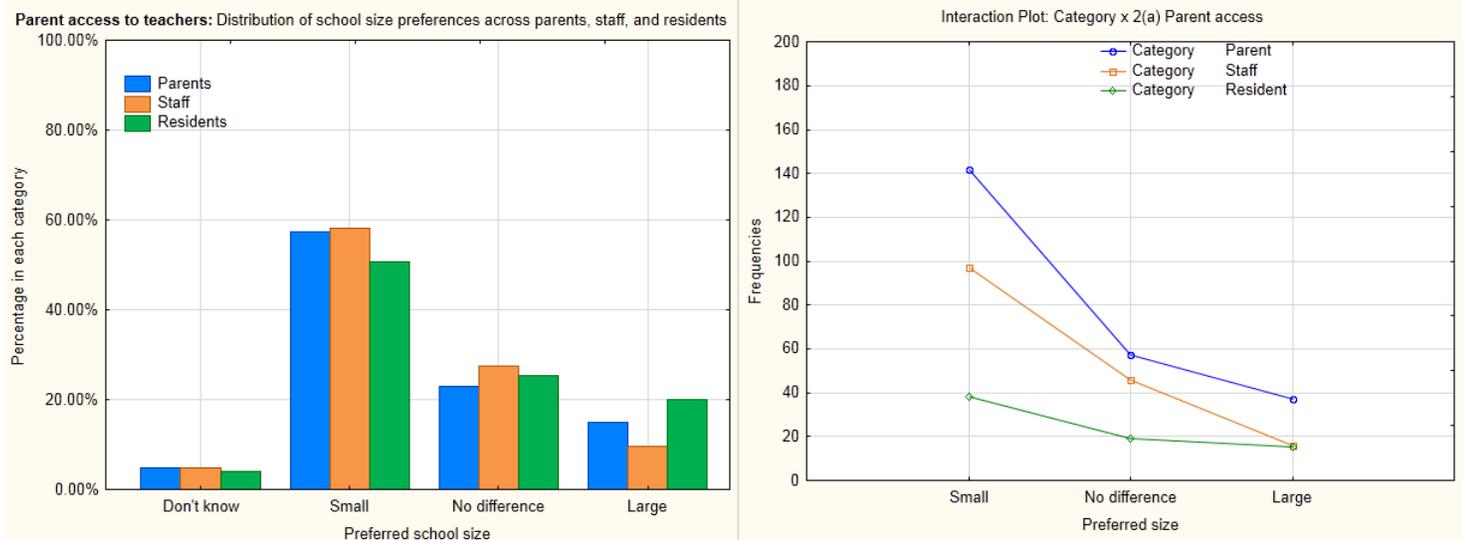


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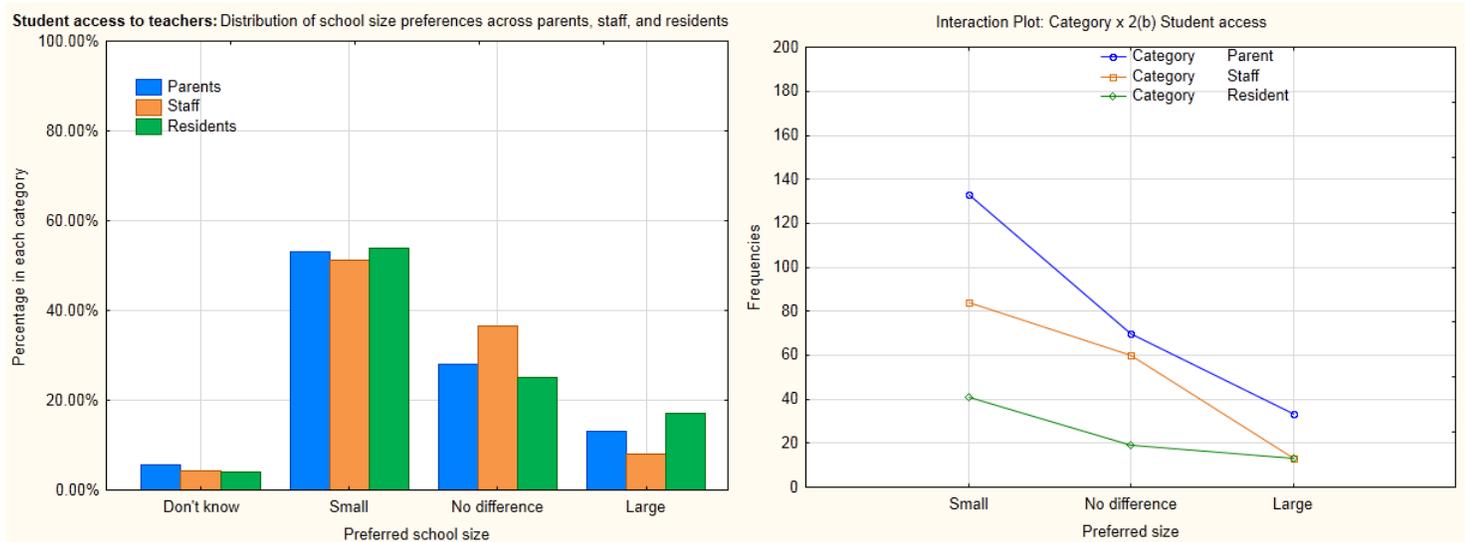


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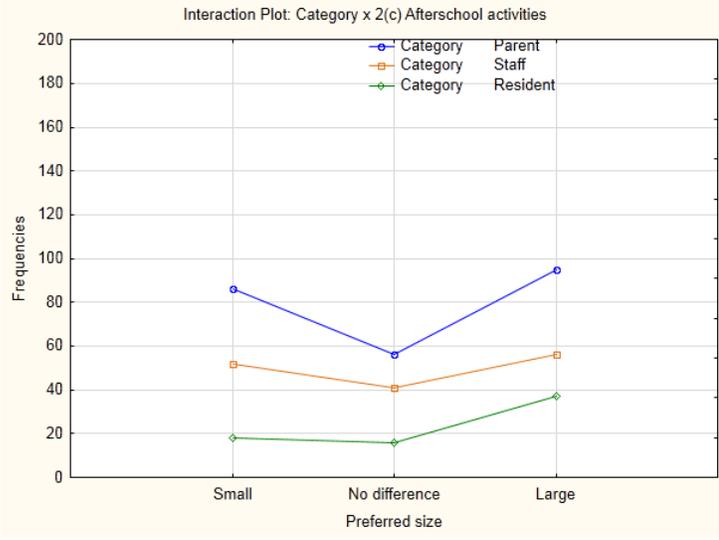
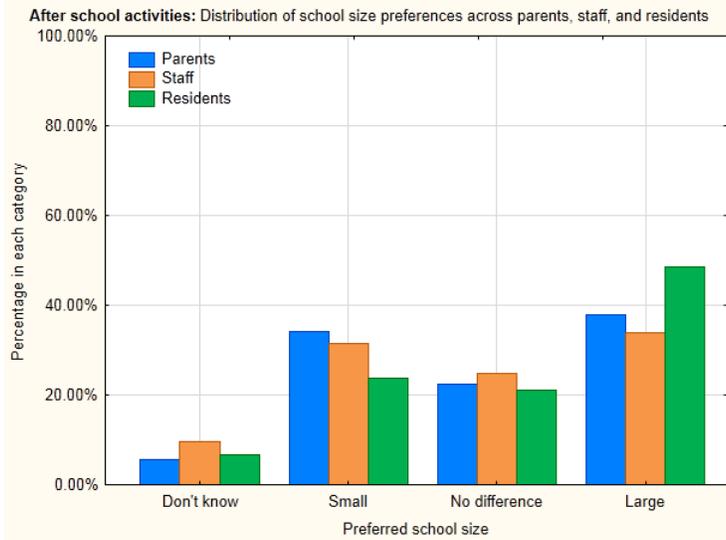


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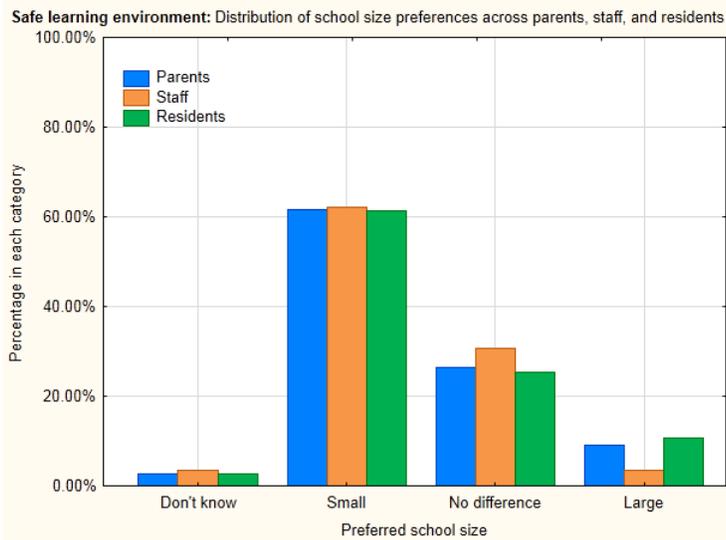


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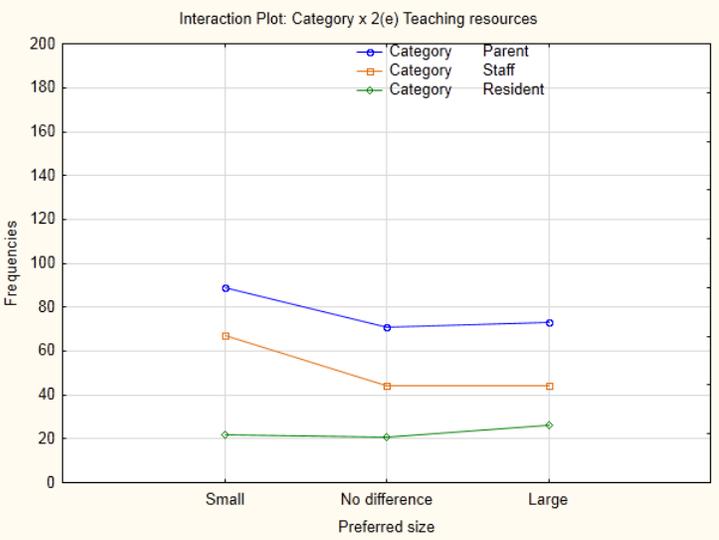
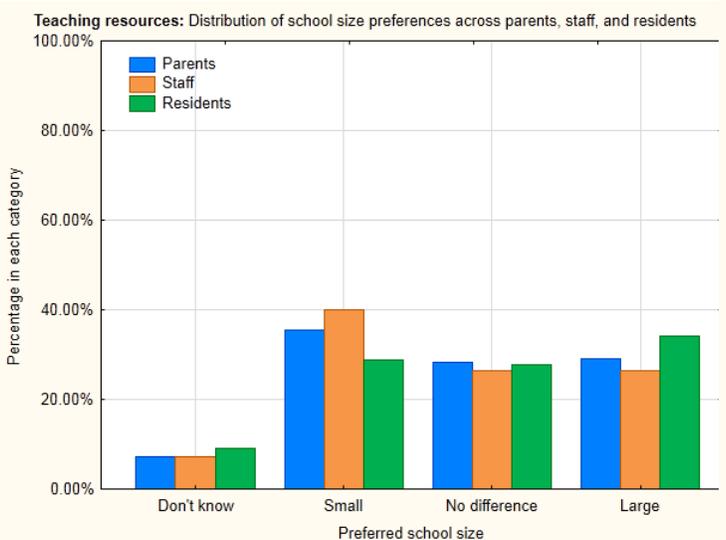


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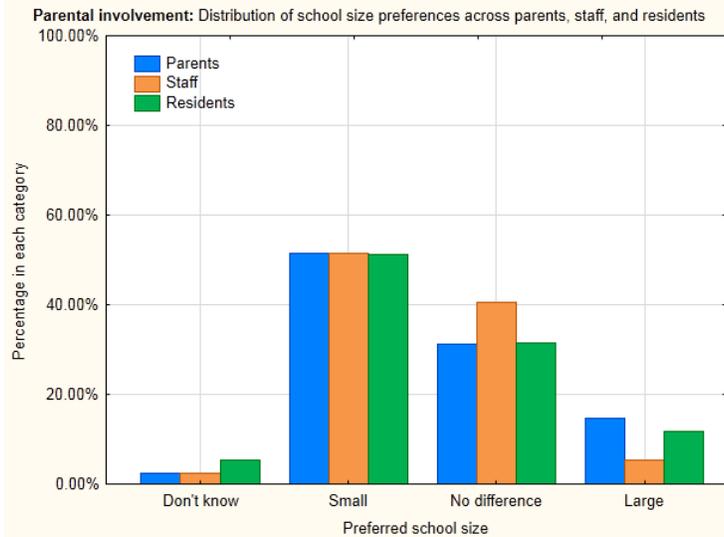


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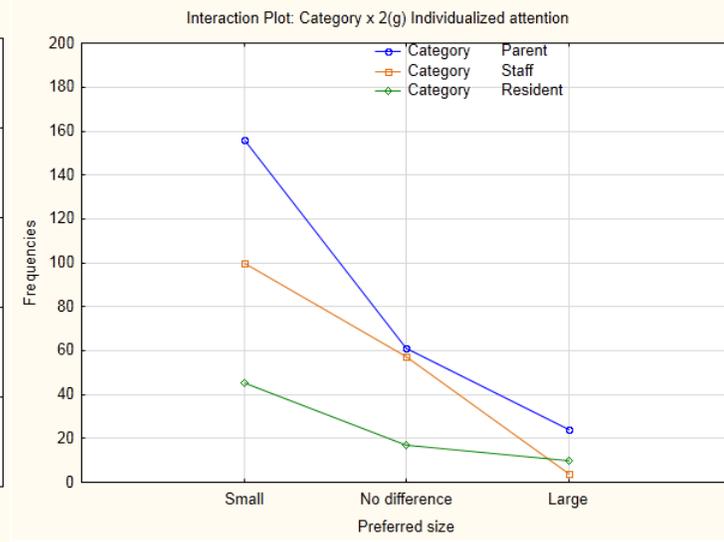
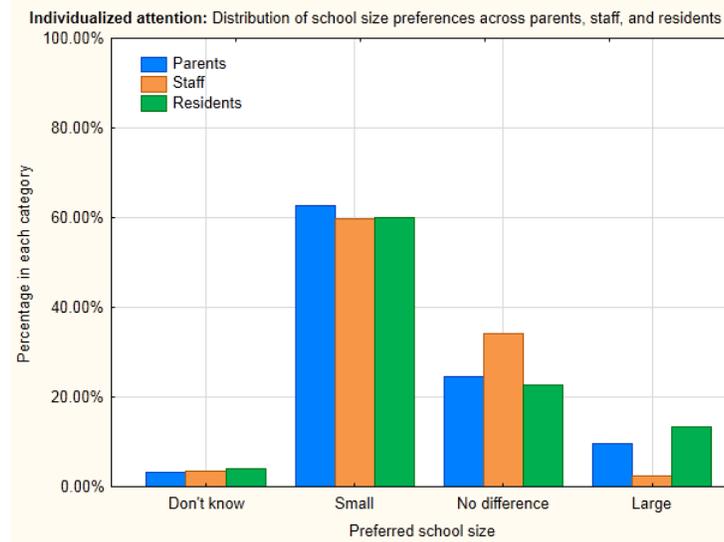


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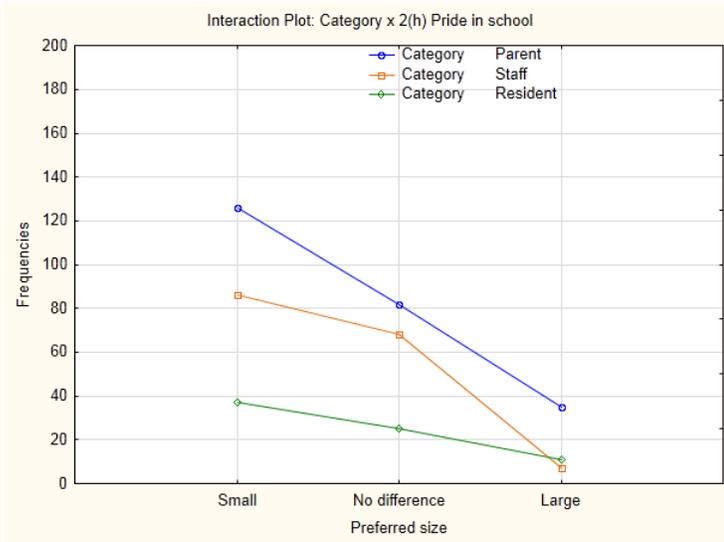
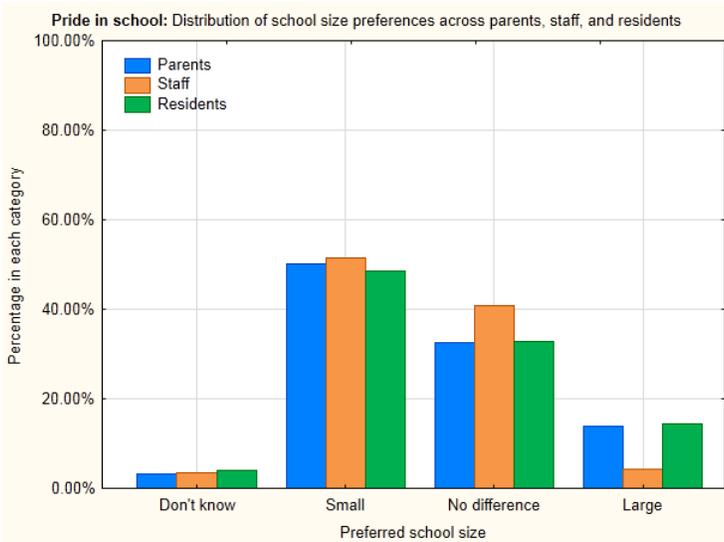
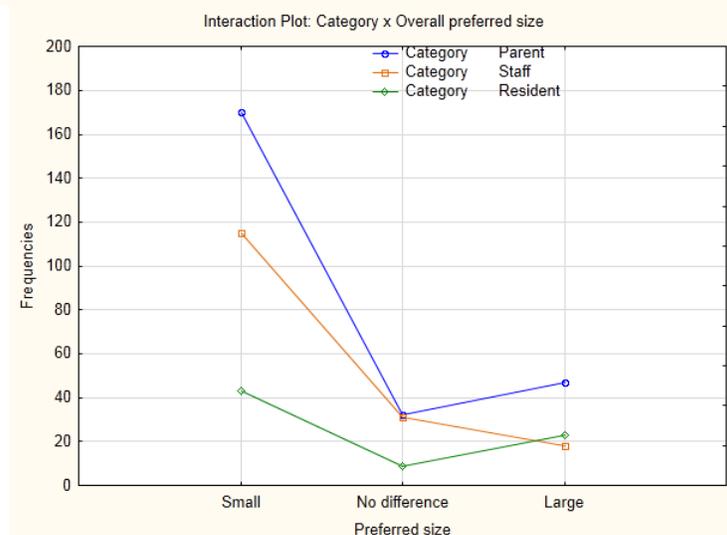
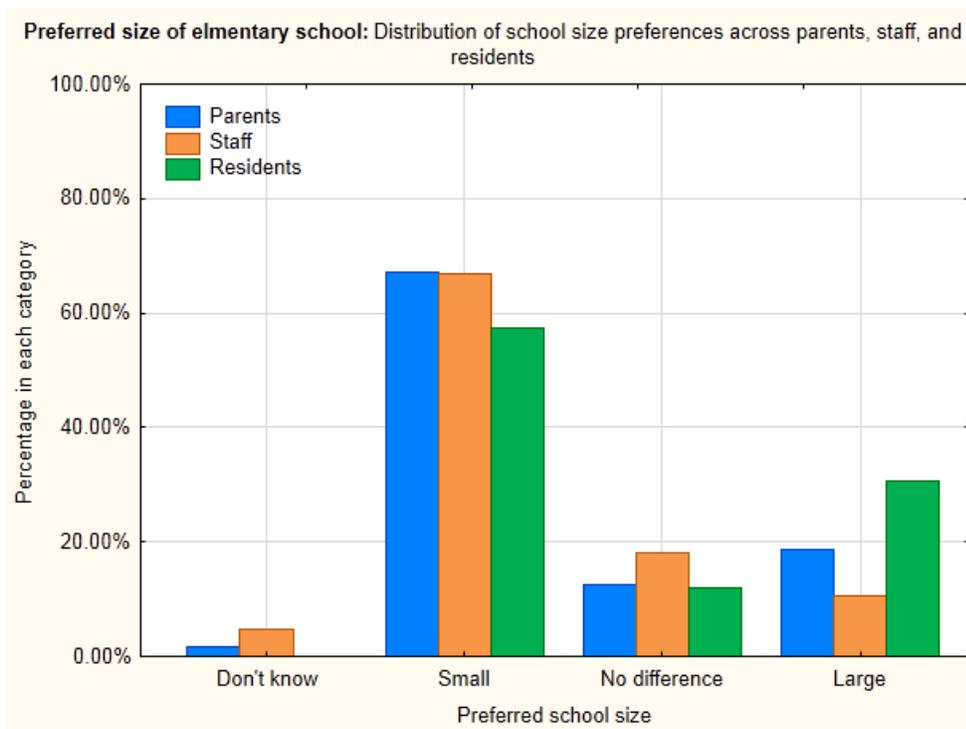


Figure 8: Pride in School

The last question in this section asks respondents simply whether they prefer that elementary students be educated in a smaller or a larger school setting. The response to this item mirrors the patterns seen in the individual attributes.

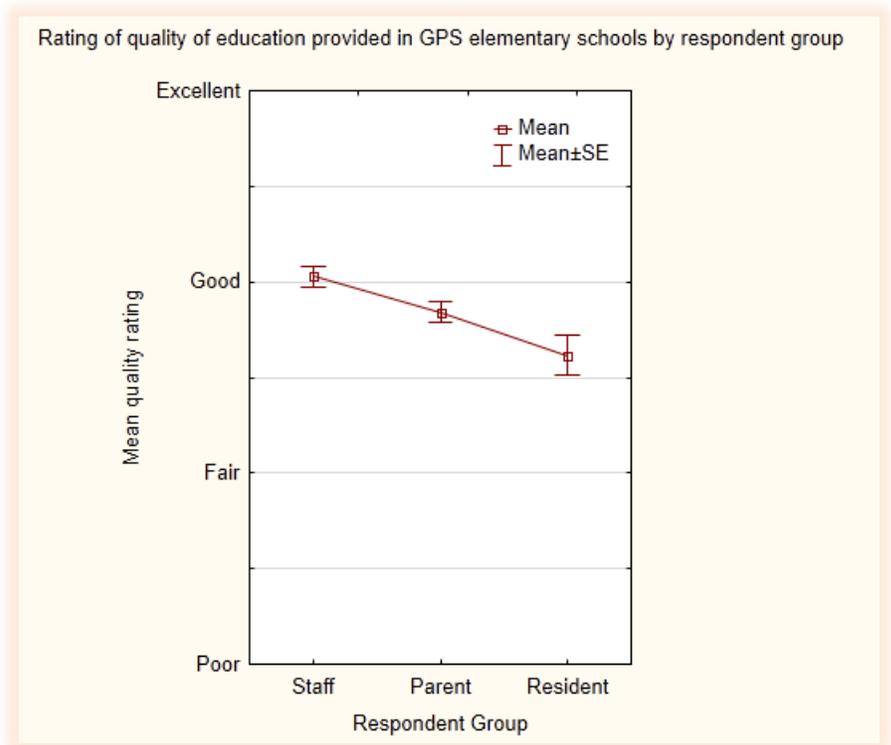
**Conclusion:** The items in this section suggest that for this sample of respondents, representatives of parents, staff, and residents with no direct connection with the district all share essentially similar evaluations of the educational value of smaller schools. The patterns for each group are similar for each item.

For all but two items, results suggest that smaller schools are seen as preferred by a plurality of respondents in all respondent groups. On only a single item do respondents show a (small) preference for larger schools: the *provision of afterschool activities*. Opinions were mixed on the link between size of school and the availability of teaching resources.



The initial survey item asked respondents to consider the changes made in the district since the closing of Fuller School in 2008. Then respondents were asked to rate the quality of education being provided at the elementary schools since that time. The figure at the right shows the mean response to this question by each respondent group.

All groups rated the quality of education above the mid-point on the quality scale. Residents (non-parents non-staff) rated the schools below the parent and staff groups. Resident ratings were more variable than those of the other two groups. Ratings of all groups were reliably above the mid-point on the quality scale.



### Responses to open-ended item

Item 17 was an open-ended item that asked respondents to share their thoughts about using the Fuller as an elementary school. 185 comments were coded as expressing either a clear positive or a clear negative attitude towards a move towards making the Fuller surplus. Of these, 134 responses were coded as positive towards making Fuller surplus. 51 were coded as negative.

Many respondents who were believed the Fuller should be declared surplus thought that the school was unsuitable as an elementary school. Other respondents thought that Fuller could have served as an elementary school, but believed that events following the closure of Fuller hampered resumption of its use as a school (deferred maintenance, investment in smaller school build-out). Comments for this majority of respondents is shown in Appendix I.

## Appendix I: Reasons provided by the majority of respondents for declaring Fuller surplus

The following comments were provided by approximately 134 respondents. These comments were provided in response to the question: *17. Please share any thoughts you have about the Fuller Building as an elementary school.* From the comments collected, the following appeared to suggest the respondent believed that making Fuller surplus.

[<Internals\\Survey results>](#) - § 134 references coded [11.55% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.10% Coverage

Not a good choice. It's not a good set up even in better condition to be an elementary school.

Reference 2 - 0.06% Coverage

If it means other schools would be closed then I do not support reopening it.

Reference 3 - 0.10% Coverage

i do not believe that fuller school was built or intended to serve duty as an elementary school. i feel this building is better suited for use in other ways.

Reference 4 - 0.03% Coverage

Other elementary schools should not close!

Reference 5 - 0.10% Coverage

It's too big for a school.

Reference 6 - 0.05% Coverage

I find it hard to imagine any cost reduction being worth the loss of community that has come with the neighborhood schools.

Reference 7 - 0.10% Coverage

Fuller School is too large to be an elementary school. No single elementary schools should house 750 students. The mold and mildew problem has been ongoing--even before moving the Fuller students to other elementary schools. If this problem could not be addressed then how will it be addressed in the future? By being such a large elementary school, it is impersonal and the students won't feel ownership and pride of the building since the building is so large. Do the renovation costs guarantee remedying the problems at the building or is it just money being thrown away?

Reference 8 - 0.10% Coverage

Money should be put into a new school, not band-aiding an old run down building.

Reference 9 - 0.10% Coverage

The school was built as a high school and does not compliment elementary age students. The size of the school can be very daunting for younger children.

Reference 10 - 0.10% Coverage

I think that the original decision to close Fuller and dump money into the other smaller schools was a bad idea. I feel the school committee gave in to the parent pressure of wanting smaller neighborhood schools. Now it is too late to go back and spend money to fix Fuller when we have spent all that money to repair the smaller schools.

Reference 11 - 0.10% Coverage

It doesn't appear cost effective to get Fuller back to the type of shape it would need to be in to house/educate students. I would rather the resources be devoted to improving the existing schools in use.

References 12-13 - 0.10% Coverage

Demolish this school. Stop wasting money to poorly maintain. Keeping kids in neighborhood schools are a part of community and benefit everyone.

Reference 14 - 0.10% Coverage

As a parent and citizen of Gloucester it doesn't make much financial sense to move the children to fuller school after putting a substantial investment in upgrading the smaller schools. The smaller schools should be utilized after the school roof investment. I believe it's important to ensure that each of the smaller schools are adequately utilized and functional for the students and faculty.

Reference 15 - 0.10% Coverage

City can't afford these expenditures when better alternatives , the smaller schools, already exist.

Reference 16 - 0.10% Coverage

It was not designed for elementary students and has so many issues that it seems illogical that millions of dollars should be spent to rehabilitate when a new school, specifically tailored for elementary students, could be built. I think there are other, better uses for the building.

Reference 17 - 0.10% Coverage

should not be used as an elementary school

Reference 18 - 0.10% Coverage

it is not an appropriate setting for an elementary school.  
Please keep the 4 smaller schools as is, and spend the money to replace/renovate West Parish

Reference 19 - 0.10% Coverage

As I had worked at Fuller, even at that time I felt it was way too large for a K-5 school. Grades 4-6 would have better been served in this environment or turning it into a middle school. There were many features that many staff were concerned about in relation to small children specifically the stairs, railing near the stairwells where a student could easily slip through and have a major accident, in addition to time lost in learning because it take so long to get from the back of the building to the buses in order to arrive and leave. (Arrival and dismissal time could easily take up to 10-15 minutes.) Access to any part of the school by strangers was always a concern even if the doors were locked. The office was not directly in front of the doors so there was not noticeable security. Unfortunately, in our society, we are no longer have a mom and dad living with their own children. MANY people are involved in a students' life which is very complicated.

Reference 20 - 0.10% Coverage

Fuller has been used as an elementary school, students survived but those in smaller schools did better. We have let Fuller go down, it will cost too much now to make it a school building. Offices will take less work to fix up.

Reference 21 - 0.10% Coverage

We need new schools forget the Fuller.

Reference 22 - 0.01% Coverage

It's too small for a middle school, it's too big for an elementary school. It's surrounded by highway.

References 23-24 - 0.10% Coverage

At this point, I'm not in favor. My son spent 1-1/2 there as part of the Y afterschool program. To be honest, I found the building heavy, dark and depressing. Some clever renovation might fix this but I suspect this would jack up the cost. And, while I understand the financial pressures of supporting neighborhood schools, you'd have to drag me kicking and screaming from our school...

References 25-26 - 0.10% Coverage

I do not feel the Fuller Building should be used as an elementary school. The cost of repairs is an issue, but more importantly I do not feel elementary school age children would benefit in any way from attending a large, central school. At the elementary level, the intimacy and comfort of neighborhood schools is essential to the student in establishing positive feelings about school and learning. In my opinion, it would be a great disservice to the children of Gloucester if the Fuller Building was used to house a city wide elementary school.

References 27-28 - 0.09% Coverage

The idea of it being converted back to an elementary school, now that is located a stone's throw away from a major shopping center with all the ensuing traffic, makes me cringe. I feel it is no longer an appropriate location for a school. In addition, now that the building has been allowed to more or less disintegrate for 5 years I have serious concerns about health issues relating to mold and air quality. The school committee turned the school districting upside down in 2008. It would be wrong and unfair of them to do so again, now that children/families are just getting settled into the new districting. Should Fuller school be re-opened and my children's school closed, I would choose the Charter School, school choice to Rockport, or a private school option. They would not attend Fuller.

Reference 29 - 0.04% Coverage

I don't think it should be used as a school any longer. I think all critical city services like transportation, police, (and ideally fire-though I understand this is more complex construction) could ideally be CENTRALIZED there.

Reference 30 - 0.10% Coverage

I think that it should be given to the city as a surplus

Reference 31 - 0.10% Coverage

I think that ship has sailed!

Reference 32 - 0.10% Coverage

If the smaller schools are not overcrowded, look at other options for Fuller.

Reference 33 - 0.10% Coverage

Make it the central fire station

Reference 34 - 0.03% Coverage

I support the idea of declaring the Fuller building to be surplus,

Reference 35 - 0.02% Coverage

I thought the decision was made during the Fuller 5th year that it was too costly to repair. That is why they supposedly chose to stay with O'Maley. What

Reference 36 - 0.01% Coverage

Fix the other schools and sell Fuller or rent it to make some money and at least have it used.

References 37-38 - 0.10% Coverage

It wasn't good before, why and how would it get better. It was a private boys school. Designed as a campus, it may be better suited in private hands or community out reach. Put more into your middle school by way of people who care. Kids need more intervention there at that age than any other time. Central Grammar was a prison and OMaley is just newer.

Reference 39 - 0.10% Coverage

Fuller would be better suited to an administration building or a middle or high school. Its too large to be an elementary school.

Reference 40 - 0.10% Coverage

It would be crazy to move to the fuller and have to reimburse the state for those roofs!

Reference 41 - 0.10% Coverage

Having an elementary school with 750 students I feel will not benefit the students. If there is a need to consolidate the schools in the future because of costs of maintaining the buildings perhaps we should think about three elementary schools, West Parish, Beeman and East Gloucester to be refurbished or rebuilt to hold up to 500 students at the most

Reference 42 - 0.07% Coverage

The smaller schools are working and we need to invest in them. I have children who went through Beeman and upon high school graduation still had pride, and respect for their elementary experience and a very real sense of "belonging" to that group of kids. I think that happens at West Parish, East Gloucester and I don't know about Veteran's ..(i would invest there.. they need some help!)

Reference 43 - 0.10% Coverage

Completely inadequate, not a viable option.

Reference 44 - 0.10% Coverage

No way! It is a relic of the past...let another organization with deeper pockets have access to the site.

References 45-46 - 0.10% Coverage

Fuller wasn't built as an elementary school in the first place, and investing in making it one now doesn't seem to be in Gloucester's best interest.

Reference 47 - 0.10% Coverage

There is no reason to transfer all elementary students to Fuller. I suggest moving West Parish to Fuller and to plan the building to be used for other functions as well. I seriously question the \$20 million figure as inflated and would rather see existing structures being used than torn down and replaced from an environmental perspective.

Reference 48 - 0.10% Coverage

Given facts listed above, I conclude that returning the building to use as an elementary school would be a bad idea for many reasons

Reference 49 - 0.10% Coverage

Do not use Fuller as a school.

References 50-51 - 0.10% Coverage

I think Fuller is too large to be used as an elementary school. It would best be used as a middle school or some other city use.

Reference 52 - 0.02% Coverage

- Overall, I really believe that choosing O'Maley over Fuller a few years back was a big mistake, and now unfortunately I don't think we can go back :(

References 53-54 - 0.10% Coverage

think the smaller more local schools are a better bet than Fuller as an elementary school. maybe it could become a performance center.

Reference 55 - 0.10% Coverage

Inappropriate, not in scale to prospective students, poor location and campus. Better suited to a fire/police central station.

Reference 56 - 0.10% Coverage

Architecturally Fuller School was not designed to be an elementary school. My son's experience as a 5th grader at this facility was horrible. For a child who wears hearing aids, this building is an acoustic nightmare. All buildings reach the end of their useful life and often times need to be re-purposed or repositioned. Clearly it is time to relieve the school system from the burden of this building.

Reference 57 - 0.10% Coverage

As the final principal of Fuller as an operational elementary school I understand only too well the level of deterioration of the building. Systems such as plumbing, heating and electrical would all need to be updated. Even the fire alarm system was not fully operational and my understanding is that the study alone to upgrade it (no equipment purchase - study only) would cost over \$200K to complete. There is no

question that the building was extremely well built. The building could and should be used for something else that does not have the strict codes and building requirements as a school.

Reference 58 - 0.10% Coverage

We should continue our commitment to improve the smaller community schools.

Reference 59 - 0.10% Coverage

The building should be declared as surplus by the School Committee, and the City Council can then determine its best fate. I for one feel it should either be utilized for a Municipality Building, and the Police, and Fire departments moved into it, as well as the City Hall Annex. Gloucester is currently wasting a lot of money maintaining all of these facilities. If this not an option, sell it off, before it is too far gone to be able to sell.

Reference 60 - 0.10% Coverage

It's abandoned. let's leave it that way

Reference 61 - 0.10% Coverage

the physical location of Fuller School is an excellent real estate location for city offices, city fire & police, or commercial. Finding a parking spot to go to City Hall is a great task on many occasions.

Reference 62 - 0.10% Coverage

I think it is too costly for the city to invest in Fuller to become an elementary school because of its significant disrepair and the many concerns related to mold, mildew and air quality that would impact the health and education of our children.

Reference 63 - 0.10% Coverage

Based on the above information, it would appear that Fuller is not a good option as a future elementary school. The City needs to do what's best with that facility, and the size of the physical school plant is not what's important.

Reference 64 - 0.10% Coverage

NOT the way to go.

Reference 65 - 0.10% Coverage

It is totally inappropriate to consider this building as a possible Elementary School venue for the city.

Reference 66 - 0.05% Coverage

What once was a servicable building has been left in utter disrepair and now deplorable conditions which apparently will be too costly to renovate for appropriate educational use. A STRATEGIC long term plan for effectively housing ALL programs and populations of the district was seemingly either not or not effectively developed as it has left the district with imminent issues for housing other programs and/or offices

Reference 67 - 0.10% Coverage

The Fuller requires too much work, and frankly, I do not want my children roaming the halls with 750 other children. I would probably move or school choice to Rockport if my children were assigned to Fuller. Sell

it to the Y and create an incredible facility that the entire town can utilize.

Reference 68 - 0.10% Coverage

I have been into the Fuller building for a variety of different events and meetings, and it is clearly in poor condition. I cannot see the building being used as a school again. It does not seem worth renovating.

Reference 69 - 0.10% Coverage

In December I had an opportunity to enter the Fuller School building and had an instant asthma attack. The mold, odors and poor conditions were visible but had more of an impact on my health. I'm concerned that the Cape Ann Symphony continues to utilize this venue and wonder if the condition of the building affects concert goers.

Reference 70 - 0.10% Coverage

I Have been in that building many times since being closed and have had my eyes water do to the air quality and the very strong smell of the mold.

Reference 71 - 0.10% Coverage

I never liked the idea of a city-wide elementary, and am happy that the city is evolving and returning back to the idea of smaller schools. Fuller is isolated and lacks context of community.

Reference 72 - 0.10% Coverage

I think the Fuller School would have been a better choice for a relocated middle school.

Reference 73 - 0.10% Coverage

I find the notion of a school that size for elementary students to be completely overwhelming. I also do not like the setting being so close to Gloucester Crossings - just seems to close to random traffic.

Reference 74 - 0.10% Coverage

I think Fuller's time as an elementary school is over.

Reference 75 - 0.10% Coverage

If the City were to reopen Fuller School, I would consider sending my child to a private school. There is no need to awaken this dinosaur.

Reference 76 - 0.10% Coverage

Fuller should never have been used as an elementary school in the first place and personally I think it would be a terrible idea to go backwards and try to make it work as an elementary school again now. I happen to think one of the biggest obstacles facing the school system continues to be some parents reaction, and ultimately their choice to avoid, the O'Maley physical plant. Depending on how Fuller could be restored it might represent an attractive alternative and appropriately change the focus of the discussion to how to either sell O'Maley or reuse the building for City administrative offices.

Reference 77 - 0.10% Coverage

With the information above my conclusion is to invest money in the current schools.

Reference 78 - 0.04% Coverage

Since the city has already invested a great deal of money and moved forward with an initiative to concentrate on the smaller schools it probably doesn't make sense to move the elementary students back there.

Reference 79 - 0.10% Coverage

It was not built to be an elementary school. Fuller staff and teachers did an excellent job with what they had while it was used for that purpose, but there were many issues throughout its use for smaller/younger children that would need to be resolved, including bathrooms in classrooms for the youngest children and replacement of high school lockers with more elementary-friendly cubbies, etc. I believe the use of Fuller again comes down to a value issue: do we warehouse children with good-enough, close-enough-for-government-work space and herd them on, or do we invest in them fully as part of our commitment to public education? That to me seems to be the split in our community. It's sad

Reference 80 - 0.10% Coverage

I dont beleive it is worth the expense to bring students back to Fuller nor do I blieve that the size ofthe school is appropriate for elementary students.

Reference 81 - 0.10% Coverage

I feel it is too big of an enviornment for the elementary children. It is the size of a middle school, not made for elementary school age kids and they will lose their sense of the neighborhood schools.

Reference 82 - 0.10% Coverage

Too large of a building. The quality of the teachers is paramount to the size of the school. The quantity of computers, playground space etc. shouldn't be a priority. When I think back to my education in a upper/middle class town it was not the building, playground or access to extra-curricula activities I remember, it was the teachers. They took the time to make me feel important through their caring relationship and excited about learning through their love for the profession.

Reference 83 - 0.10% Coverage

Its too big a school. it is not designed for elementary school children. its too close to the highway and there is not enough open space for playground etc.

Reference 84 - 0.10% Coverage

I do not feel placing all the elementary school students in one building is a good idea. They are young and feel more secure in a smaller school in their own neighborhood in familiar surroundings with familiar faces.

Reference 85 - 0.10% Coverage

Fuller is not appropriate for use as an elementary school. The smaller neighborhood schools we have established are essential to a high quality elementary education. We should continue to invest our resources in the neighborhood schools, including building a new West Parish.

Reference 86 - 0.10% Coverage

Too large for elementary school environment, outdated building. Renovation feels like pouring good money after bad, and the end result of a large consolidated elementary school goes against the desires of the school board and administration to provide more, smaller neighborhood schools. Seems like a lose, lose situation.

Reference 87 - 0.10% Coverage

I don't like the idea. Give it up!

Reference 88 - 0.10% Coverage

Keep the children in the smaller schools they are the future of our city and should have the best education we may give them. The city should look at other options for the Fuller Building.

Reference 89 - 0.10% Coverage

It was built as a high school. It is too big and not appropriate for our youngest children.

Reference 90 - 0.10% Coverage

I hope it will be used for another purpose

Reference 91 - 0.10% Coverage

I don't feel that the capacity of 750 students warrants the renovation costs, and it seems like the property could be utilized somehow as a city resource to benefit all residents.

Reference 92 - 0.10% Coverage

Don't do it.

Reference 93 - 0.10% Coverage

No, it's too much money to recreate the Fuller School. Is it possible to build a new smaller school, somewhere, for less than \$20-\$35 million? My main concern (maybe it will be addressed in the next pages?) is the relocation of the preschool. It was VITAL to my son's education. My daughter is almost 2 and I really want her to go to the preschool. If the Fuller school is declared as surplus, can it be guaranteed that the Preschool remains open there until a new location is found and moved into?

Reference 94 - 0.10% Coverage

I am adamantly against the idea of having Fuller as an elementary school, first and foremost because an elementary school with over 750 children will create a very negative learning environment overall for our youngest students. I am also very concerned about the current state of the structure and how much of a safety concern it represents for our students and faculty alike. I believe the costs to the city and tax payers to make Fuller an elementary school are outrageously exorbitant and reason enough not to let this happen.

Reference 95 - 0.10% Coverage

I like the idea of building a new YMCA on this site (like Beverly's Sterling Center) - Teen center, afterschool activities, etc.

Reference 96 - 0.10% Coverage

It was crowded with everyone before - some students did well and there were others that appeared 'lost.'

Reference 97 - 0.10% Coverage

Don't do it.

Reference 98 - 0.10% Coverage

The Fuller School has had its day in the sun. Sell or reuse the property .

Reference 99 - 0.10% Coverage

Too big and too costly!

Reference 100 - 0.10% Coverage

Fuller school is in such disrepair it would take too much money to create a clean and safe environment.

Reference 101 - 0.10% Coverage

I taught in Fuller for 16 years. The building is extremely noisy due to the cement baffles in the ceiling. The mold and mildew were problems in corners of the building even in the 80's.

Reference 102 - 0.10% Coverage

Having attended Fuller School I believe that it could meet the needs of the elementary school population in Gloucester. However, with the provided information it does not make a lot of sense to pursue renovating Fuller. It sounds to me that it should be torn down.

Reference 103 - 0.10% Coverage

It seems that using the Fuller Building would come at a significant cost to the school district and it makes the most sense to declare Fuller as surplus and build a new West Parish school.

Reference 104 - 0.10% Coverage

Don't think it is necessary, should use the building for a City Hall office

Reference 105 - 0.10% Coverage

Better use can be made of this area/building.

Reference 106 - 0.10% Coverage

The school smells inside, is in such need of repair, it is absurd to try to use it.

Reference 107 - 0.10% Coverage

The city should stay with the smaller elementary schools.

Reference 108 - 0.10% Coverage

Fuller School was never intended to be an elementary school. Unless it was demolished and a state of the art school could be built I am strongly against Fuller being used as an elementary school.

Reference 109 - 0.10% Coverage

The building was not designed for elementary aged children.

Reference 110 - 0.10% Coverage

The building is too big for elementary students.

Reference 111 - 0.08% Coverage

Fuller was not designed to be an elementary school. It has an echo effect that makes walking in the halls and use of some classrooms very disruptive. The noise level increases without much effort. The boards are too high in some rooms. The structure of the building creates pockets of areas that are difficult to use. There are locker rooms, showers, and offices that need redesigning.

Reference 112 - 0.10% Coverage

It was too big and impersonal for it to function as an elementary school before and it hasn't changed.

Reference 113 - 0.10% Coverage

I believe that smaller-scale buildings are a more appropriate facilities for younger students. If the state wants districts to consolidate, why does it compel us to support a charter school that advertises itself as a small school?

Reference 114 - 0.10% Coverage

No!

Reference 115 - 0.10% Coverage

I have seen the inside of Fuller and it is in terrible condition. I would not like to see an outpouring of money be used to fix this building in order to be a huge school with many hundreds of students. I think the money should be spent fixing and enlarging the existing elementary schools. My question would be where the preschool would be located. Fuller school is no longer an appropriate place for the preschool.

Reference 116 - 0.10% Coverage

Not built as an elementary school

Reference 117 - 0.10% Coverage

I attended Fuller myself close to forty years ago. I have concerns about health issues and spending money on a facility that is not beneficial any longer to Gloucester's children.

Reference 118 - 0.10% Coverage

Fuller's time as an elementary school (in this fiscal climate) is up. I believe the facility should be used as an income generating entity for the city.

Reference 119 - 0.10% Coverage

I am not in favor of using that school as an elementary school.

Reference 120 - 0.10% Coverage

It's not appropriate as an elementary school

Reference 121 - 0.10% Coverage

Our family had a wonderful experience while attending Fuller School and disagreed with the decision to close it. I think it's too costly and too late to bring Fuller back as an elementary school. The city should,

however, think long and hard about the future use of this property.

Reference 122 - 0.10% Coverage

Per the Superintendent's shared research regarding school renovations in other districts, a renovation of Fuller would require substantial funding and is not currently large enough to accommodate all elementary students, so there would be a surplus and several independent neighborhood schools (which would impact equity)

Reference 123 - 0.10% Coverage

it was built as a high school, it did not function well as an elementary. infrastructure is not very good for young kids. traffic pattern and playground are very bad. building would be better as a community center with auditorium, gym and cafe etc.

Reference 124 - 0.10% Coverage

The Fuller Building was not built as an elementary school in the first place, reinstating it as one would not only be cost-ineffective, but also produce a building that doesn't fit the needs of students and educators.

Reference 125 - 0.10% Coverage

Let Fuller School be sold.

Reference 126 - 0.10% Coverage

Sounds like it is beyond financial repair to house 5 schools into Fuller

Reference 127 - 0.10% Coverage

I am all for Fuller being used as an ADDITIONAL elementary school. I am AGAINST closing the neighborhood school. Redistrict the students fairly so that there adequate space for the students and staff that need to support those students. It should NOT be an either/or choice!!!!

Reference 128 - 0.10% Coverage

I have taught at Fuller School before it was closed and even at that point there were real concerns about safety issues. Many parts of the ceilings were leaking and in fact the skylight in the lobby actually collapsed moments after a kindergarten class crossed it to access the cafeteria.

Reference 129 - 0.10% Coverage

time to let it go...it is too big for an elementary school...and would cost far too much to clean & renovate

Reference 130 - 0.10% Coverage

The current building isn't suitable, and it would be a crime to empty the other elementary schools to make one large one.

Reference 131 - 0.10% Coverage

It had not been designed as an elementary school, and so was a loose fit for the K-5 population.

Reference 132 - 0.10% Coverage

Between the massive updating the school would need and potential health hazards to students, staff and

families, this would be cost prohibitive. Reimbursing the state for the recent roof work only adds to the dilemma.

Reference 133 - 0.06% Coverage

.The destruction of the Fuller Community was very difficult for teachers, parents and students alike. Now that these changes have occurred and we are moved to smaller schools it would be yet another difficult journey to combine elementary schools once again.

Reference 134 - 0.06% Coverage

It has a huge gym, small gym, an art room, 2 music rooms, an auditorium, cafeteria, lots of land etc. Not that it has fallen into total direpair it's too late, what a waste.

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