



Why a Survey?

With more than 6,000,000 members, the National PTA is the largest children's advocacy group in the world. That means that more than 6 million people across the nation are speaking up on the behalf of children and youth. In Iowa, the 16,000-plus members of the Iowa PTA advocate for the more than 480,000 students in public schools across the state.

With budget cuts, declining enrollments, and aging facilities, the needs of each school district and building varies. Legislative mandates have also created some unique needs in recent years. The best way for the Iowa PTA to find out what the most pressing needs are in each school district is to ask. To accomplish this, a survey was created to ask each superintendent and principal to tell us what their top three concerns are for the current school year.

When the surveys are returned, the information is compiled and the results are reported to the local PTA units. The results can then be used by PTA members across the state to talk to state legislators about the needs of Iowa's schools. Focusing on the same issues in this way, the Iowa PTA is able to add its voice to the voices of school administrators and educators across the state in advocating to lawmakers for improvements to the public education system in Iowa.