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Poll: Most parents like city schools

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Most city parents give their kids' public schools a good grade at a time when hundreds of thousands of students flunk state standards, a Board of Education survey found.

The first-ever poll of 20,000 parents showed 72 percent giving schools a grade of A or B.

The remaining 28 percent rate them poorly with grades of C through F.

More than three quarters, 78 percent, approved of the school climate.

A whopping 80 percent answered that their school principal was doing a good job running the school.

About 77 percent of the parents said their kids' school was safe.

The results on safety were nearly the same when queried about kids going to and from school.

But many parents in poorer neighborhoods said their child's school "is not a safe environment."

The poll by KPMG Consulting was done before the trade center attacks. The survey was mailed to 125,000 parents, or 10 percent of all parents.

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