Appendix N
Additional Parent Satisfaction Survey Responses

Very nice program -- so glad it's free. A big summer help!

I'm very pleased with my daughter's progress last summer. Thank you.

Better communication is needed between teacher and parents. Also, progress reports should be more frequent and areas of weakness clearly identified along with an action plan to address/improve weaknesses. More hands-on experiments in science along with field trips to reinforce and introduce students to the world of science.

This is a good program for middle school students. Please continue the program to help enrich and reemphasize what was taught in regular school. Thank you for the program. It was a benefit for my daughter.

My child only participated briefly because she was involved with the National Youth Sports Program at V. C. U. The session times were conflicting and the transportation system was prohibiting. It was a very difficult decision to make since my child needs to be more physically active and I didn’t want her to be sedentary by sitting in the classroom without any physical activities. I hoped this would stimulate her mentally, but with her grades for the 1999-2000 school year, I kind of wonder if I should have put more emphasis on her academics. According to statistics, I'm above the poverty level so I don’t qualify for certain programs, but my situation says I'm below the poverty level and can't afford the proper benefits without assistance. I hope there are enhancements to this program that would allow both physical and educational benefits.

The program did little to help my son. He was taking all advanced classes, but was having some difficulty with the advanced math. He thought the program would help him prepare for 8th grade math. He was placed in a class of mostly six graders. The math and science taught was basically a review of the information for him. He became discouraged and I withdrew him from the program.

My child enjoyed the program and the teachers but he has asthma and had to walk to Laburnum to catch the bus. He did attend but it made him very tired and sometimes sick.

I feel my child did enjoy the summer program very much. The only problem I have is I also like for him to be in other activities such as Boys' Club, basketball camps, and vacation. I found it hard to balance out the schedule I wanted for him. I also had a hard time getting him from Laburnum Elementary at 12:00 noon. I wished the bus stops were like the regular school year where he could walk from the corner stop. Otherwise, the program was excellent and very helpful. It kept him focused and ready when school opened.

I feel that it could be an all day program combining both trips as well as educational classes. It would really help the students instead of having to learn and then go to another school for recreational activities. Maybe four days or even three days for classes and one day for a field trip. Thank you for the summer. My daughter enjoyed it.