

1. What do you think of the length of the day of the program?
2. What do you think of the transportation available to your child to and from the program?
3. What do you think the program would be worth if there were a cost attached?
4. What do you think of the types of classroom activities your child was involved in during the program?
5. What do you think of the beginning and ending dates of the program?
6. What do you think of the communication you received before the program?
7. What should be continued but fine-tuned?
8. What type of communication should you receive about your child's progress after the program?
9. How do you feel about your child participating in the program free of charge?
10. What do you think of the assessment instruments used during the program to determine your child's progress?
11. What do you think of your child's teachers during the program?
12. What do you think should be eliminated from the program?
13. Do you think your child would have been able to participate in the program without the bus transportation?
14. What do you expect your child to gain from participating in the program?
15. What do you think of the communication you received about your child's progress during the program?

August 15, 1999

Dear Parent

I am writing to invite you to participate in a focus group interview to discuss the Extended School Year (ESY) at L. Douglas Wilder Middle School. The focus group is part of an evaluative dissertation being conducted by me on the ESY program. The group will be held on Thursday, October 15, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. at L. Douglas Wilder Middle School. A box dinner will be provided for each participant.

You were selected to participate in the focus group interview because your son or daughter recently participated in the 1999 ESY program at L. Douglas Wilder Middle School.

The purpose of the focus group is to gain information from you on your thoughts about your child's experience in the ESY program. Come prepared to enjoy dinner and share your views regarding your child's experience in the program.

Participation is voluntary and your attendance at the focus group will serve as your consent to participate in this evaluation. Please contact Alice Overton at 328-4000 if you plan to attend. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, October 15, 1999, to hear your comments about the ESY program.

Sincerely,

William Hite