

Table 3: Descriptive statistics for Items 1-10, by community type
(minimum=1 [Strongly Disagree]; maximum=5 [Strongly Agree] for all items)

Item		City	Suburb	Town	Rural	Total
My child's school offers parents training about special education issues.	N	566	1149	1084	1569	4368
	Mean	3.20	3.36	3.36	3.30	3.32
	SD	1.300	1.229	1.245	1.247	1.249
Teachers/professionals at school informed me about disability support organizations.	N	567	1147	1086	1570	4370
	Mean	3.35	3.38	3.37	3.31	3.35
	SD	1.375	1.279	1.286	1.307	1.304
School provides info on agencies that can assist my child with school to work/career transition.	N	559	1126	1075	1549	4309
	Mean	3.27	3.25	3.37	3.34	3.32
	SD	1.282	1.169	1.140	1.182	1.182
School explains what options parents have if they disagree with a decision of the school.	N	564	1148	1088	1570	4370
	Mean	3.59	3.55	3.67	3.64	3.62
	SD	1.250	1.217	1.163	1.212	1.207
Teachers/professionals have asked my opinion about how spec. ed. services meet child's needs.	N	565	1151	1087	1569	4372
	Mean	3.80	3.75	3.84	3.80	3.80
	SD	1.251	1.295	1.199	1.246	1.249
Teachers/administrators encourage me to participate in the decision-making process.	N	565	1152	1090	1573	4380
	Mean	4.12	4.17	4.13	4.07	4.12
	SD	1.046	1.048	.998	1.097	1.054
Teachers/professionals at school communicate with me regarding my child's progress on IEP goals.	N	565	1155	1088	1571	4379
	Mean	4.19	4.28	4.26	4.20	4.24
	SD	1.082	1.042	.956	1.043	1.027
I am considered an equal partner with teachers/professionals in planning my child's program.	N	563	1151	1080	1574	4368
	Mean	4.02	4.12	4.00	3.98	4.03
	SD	1.095	1.096	1.104	1.140	1.115
My involvement in my child's education has improved his/her achievement.	N	567	1149	1087	1567	4370
	Mean	4.33	4.37	4.31	4.28	4.32
	SD	.909	.890	.847	.897	.885
My child's school encourages parents to be involved.	N	567	1154	1089	1568	4378
	Mean	4.20	4.25	4.19	4.14	4.19
	SD	1.080	1.062	1.008	1.056	1.050

Table 4: Descriptive statistics for Items 1-10, by school size
 (minimum=1 [Strongly Disagree]; maximum=5 [Strongly Agree] for all items)

Item		1-250	251-500	501 +	Total
My child's school offers parents training about special education issues.	N	632	1801	1826	4259
	Mean	3.38	3.33	3.22	3.29
	SD	1.212	1.244	1.252	1.244
Teachers/professionals at school informed me about disability support organizations.	N	632	1807	1821	4260
	Mean	3.38	3.35	3.29	3.33
	SD	1.292	1.276	1.323	1.299
School provides info on agencies that can assist my child with school to work/career transition.	N	617	1780	1808	4205
	Mean	3.45	3.28	3.29	3.31
	SD	1.175	1.145	1.213	1.181
School explains what options parents have if they disagree with a decision of the school.	N	631	1806	1823	4260
	Mean	3.72	3.62	3.55	3.61
	SD	1.206	1.185	1.224	1.206
Teachers/professionals have asked my opinion about how spec. ed. services meet child's needs.	N	632	1809	1824	4265
	Mean	3.92	3.79	3.74	3.79
	SD	1.171	1.249	1.269	1.247
Teachers/administrators encourage me to participate in the decision-making process.	N	632	1812	1827	4271
	Mean	4.10	4.11	4.10	4.11
	SD	1.078	1.033	1.062	1.052
Teachers/professionals at school communicate with me regarding my child's progress on IEP goals.	N	634	1809	1828	4271
	Mean	4.21	4.26	4.20	4.23
	SD	1.040	1.002	1.048	1.028
I am considered an equal partner with teachers/professionals in planning my child's program.	N	633	1803	1822	4258
	Mean	4.03	4.03	4.00	4.02
	SD	1.121	1.099	1.123	1.112
My involvement in my child's education has improved his/her achievement.	N	632	1810	1822	4264
	Mean	4.28	4.29	4.33	4.30
	SD	.931	.870	.890	.888
My child's school encourages parents to be involved.	N	631	1813	1825	4269
	Mean	4.20	4.20	4.17	4.19
	SD	1.037	1.021	1.073	1.046