

## Keys to Excellence for Your Schools

North Putnam Community School Corporation is looking at how we can better serve our students and parents, and we need your help. This year, in preparation for an accreditation visit from the North Central Association (NCA), we are reaching out to all members of the community for their input.

We will be using a survey called KEYS that was developed by the National Education Association (NEA) in partnership with NCA. The KEYS survey takes just a few minutes to complete, and it is available online through the North Putnam Community School Corporation website. Teachers, staff, parents, and community members can complete the survey at their convenience. Responses will be compiled and analyzed to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each school, determine how we compare to other schools, pinpoint areas of needed improvement, and create an informed blueprint for change. The survey focuses on six KEY indicators of school success:

1. Shared Understanding and Commitment to High Goals
2. Open Communication and Collaborative Problem Solving
3. Continuous Assessment for Teaching and Learning
4. Personal and Professional Learning
5. Resources to Support Teaching and Learning
6. Curriculum and Instruction

The online survey can be completed from any computer and will be available from February 1 through February 21. To take the survey, go the North Putnam Community School

Corporation's website at [www.nputnam.k12.in.us](http://www.nputnam.k12.in.us), click on the  KEYS icon

and follow the directions. If you do not have access to a computer or to the internet, please call one of our schools, and arrangements will be made for you to access the online survey. Results will be shared with our teachers, staff, parents and community members prior to the close of the 2009-2010 school year.