

**Table 76.—Percent of public school teachers who reported opinions on various aspects of their schools:
1987 and 1997**

Aspect of school	1987				1997			
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
The qualifications and competence of teachers in your school	45	48	7	—	54	41	4	—
The relations between parents and teachers in your school	15	53	25	6	13	58	24	4
The availability and responsiveness of parents when you need to contact them	14	38	37	11	16	47	27	10
The amount of support for the school shown by the parents	17	40	30	12	19	44	28	10
The overall quality of the education that students receive at your school	26	64	9	1	37	55	7	1

—Data not available.

SOURCE: Metropolitan Life/Louis Harris Associates, Inc., *The Metropolitan Life Survey of The American Teacher, 1998*, "Building Family-School Partnerships: Views of Teachers and Students." (This table was prepared September 1998.)