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I've outlined below some of the questions that I would like to try to answer in evaluating Berkeley's school choice program.

I. *What were BUSD's original goals in developing a school choice program, and how well is the program working?*

1. Are people getting their preferences?
2. How many people choose to travel outside of their neighborhood?
3. What information are parents/students using to make their choices?
- no 4. Has anything been done to give higher preference to people living in close proximity to a school?
5. Why are some people repeatedly going through the application process and never enrolling?
6. What was the racial makeup of each school before and after school choice was implemented?

II. *What are the effects of BUSD's school choice program?*

1. Have schools (esp. those that have been the least popular choices) changed their behavior to attract more students? (new programs, more "advertising"--what do they advertise?)
2. Are school personnel more accountable for the popularity of their schools?
3. Have any changes in student achievement been observed?
4. Has school choice had any effect on the proportion of Berkeley students who go to private schools?
5. Has school choice increased parent involvement in the schools (once the student has been placed and the school year has begun)?
6. Has school choice had an effect on the stability of school populations?

III. *Other Questions*

1. Do school personnel favor this policy? Why/Why not?
2. What other districts have controlled choice? What problems, effects have been observed?
3. Who are some good people to interview (administrators, teachers, parents)?