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**“Excellent Schools” is #1 Reason for Living in N.Va.  
According to Recent Online Survey**

What do you like best about living in Northern Virginia? When given four choices, respondents to a recent survey said “excellent schools” was the number one reason they like living in Northern Virginia.

According to the results of an opinion survey posted on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission’s web site during October, the most popular reasons for living in Northern Virginia are:

46.1 %	excellent schools
40.8 %	many cultural and recreational opportunities
7.9 %	proximity to DC
5.3 %	great shopping and restaurants

“While the survey is unscientific, the results do provide a snapshot of opinions about Northern Virginia,” said G. Mark Gibb, Executive Director of NVRC. A new multiple-choice question will be posted on the web site each month and those responding to the poll will learn immediately the percentage of “votes” for each of the options to the question.

The question for November is “What are your Thanksgiving holiday plans?” (Celebrate with family, travel, go shopping, etc.) To respond to the survey visit <http://www.novaregion.org/index.asp>

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission is a coalition of 14 cities, towns and counties which work together on regional issues including environmental programs and projects, emergency preparedness, demographics, health and human services, legislative programs, and international partnerships.

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