



National Parents Union Survey
Survey of N=1,006 parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade
Sample from online web panels
Field Dates: September 9-13, 2021

This document provides a partial topline summary of the poll results. The questions focused on the federal funding (ARP-ESSR) are included.

PRIORITIES AND FUNDING

ASK ALL:

- 1. [QFocusTradeoff] Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
 1. Schools should be focused on trying to get back to the way things were before the COVID-19 crisis as soon as it is safe to do so 36%
 2. Schools should be focused on rethinking how we educate students, coming up with new ways to teach children moving forward as a result of the COVID-19 crisis 60%
 3. Unsure 4%

- 2. [QStatewideTest] There has been some debate about whether or not schools should administer statewide academic tests this school year. Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
 1. Even though we are in challenging times, we should continue to assess how well students are learning using statewide tests so that we can compare results to previous years and schools can identify areas students may be falling behind or need support. 55%
 2. Since we are in challenging times, we should take a break from statewide testing this year so that teachers and students have one less thing to worry about. 39%
 3. Unsure 6%

- 3. [QParentOption] For the remainder of this school year, which of the following do you think public schools should do? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
 1. Offer one way for students to attend school, meaning have all students in person, all students remote/online, or all hybrid 24%
 2. Offer multiple ways for students to attend school and allow 70%

- parents to decide if their child does in-person, remote/online, or hybrid learning
3. Unsure 6%
 4. **[QFundAware] As part of stimulus packages, public schools are receiving additional federal funding to help address challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. How much have you heard about this additional funding for schools and the ways it can be used?**

A LOT/SOME	46%
NOT MUCH/NOTHING AT ALL	51%
1. A lot	13%
2. Some	33%
3. Not much	32%
4. Nothing at all	18%
5. Unsure	4%
 5. **[QFundUse] The vast majority of school districts across the country have received additional funding to address challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Have you seen or heard anything about additional resources in your child’s school or classroom being used for this purpose?**

1. Yes	31%
2. No	56%
3. Unsure	13%
 6. **[QFundInv] Who do you think should be involved in deciding how this additional funding should be used in schools? Choose all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-7]**

1. Teachers	61%
2. Parents	56%
3. School district leaders (superintendent, school board)	50%
4. School principals	50%
5. Students	32%
6. State government	27%
7. Federal government	17%
8. Other (Please specify)	*%
9. Unsure	5%
 7. **[QFundingInput] Have your children’s schools asked parents to give input or feedback on how any additional federal funding they have received should be used?**

1. Yes	21%
2. No	67%
3. Unsure	12%

8. [QFundTradeOff] Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. The additional federal funding opens the door to making bold changes in public education; we should take advantage of this opportunity | 57% |
| 2. Now is not the time to make major changes in public education; we should focus on funding existing programs and getting things back to normal | 34% |
| 3. Unsure | 10% |

9. [Funding Battery] How much of a priority do you think providing each of the following should be when schools are deciding how to use the additional federal funding? [DISPLAY AS GRID OVER 3 PAGES, RANDOMIZE]

1. One of the top priorities 2. Very important, but not a top priority 3. Somewhat important 4. Not that important 5. Not at all important 6. Unsure

	ONE OF TOP/VERY IMP.	NOT THAT/NOT AT ALL IMP.	1. One of the top priorities	2. Very important, but not a top priority	3. Somewhat important	4. Not that important	5. Not at all important	6. Unsure
A. Computers and high-speed internet access for students	79%	4%	50%	29%	16%	2%	1%	1%
B. Services and support for students with disabilities	79%	3%	51%	29%	15%	3%	1%	2%
C. Face masks, hand sanitizer, and hand soap for students and staff	78%	7%	54%	24%	14%	4%	3%	1%
D. Free breakfast and lunch program	78%	5%	49%	30%	15%	4%	1%	2%
E. Guidance counselors, social workers, or school psychologists to support students	75%	5%	46%	28%	19%	3%	2%	2%
F. Access to career, trade, and college preparation opportunities	74%	4%	37%	37%	19%	3%	1%	3%
G. Curriculum and staff training to provide an inclusive environment for students of all abilities and backgrounds	74%	5%	38%	36%	19%	4%	2%	2%
H. Individualized learning plan for each student	73%	5%	37%	36%	20%	4%	2%	1%
I. More learning opportunities before and after school	70%	5%	36%	35%	23%	4%	1%	1%
J. Communication about student progress in the language their parents speak	65%	8%	33%	31%	25%	4%	3%	3%
K. Direct grants to parents of \$500 per child for educational needs	64%	11%	36%	28%	21%	7%	4%	3%
L. Extended learning time through longer school days or school year	44%	30%	19%	25%	22%	17%	13%	4%

10. [QHelpful] Which two of the following do you think would be MOST helpful for your children? Please select two. [SELECT TWO] [RANDOMIZE 1-12]

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| 1. Individualized learning plan for each student | 23% |
| 2. Face masks, hand sanitizer, and hand soap for students and staff | 23% |
| 3. Providing direct grants to parents of \$500 per child for educational needs | 22% |
| 4. Computers and high-speed internet access for students | 21% |
| 5. Free breakfast and lunch program | 20% |
| 6. More learning opportunities (e.g. tutoring) before and after school | 19% |
| 7. Access to career, trade, and college preparation opportunities | 16% |
| 8. Guidance counselors, social workers, or school psychologists to support students | 15% |
| 9. Curriculum and staff training to provide an inclusive environment for students of all abilities and backgrounds | 15% |
| 10. Services and support for students with disabilities | 9% |
| 11. Communication about student progress in the language their parents speak | 7% |
| 12. Extending learning time through longer school days or school year | 7% |
| 13. None of these | 2% |

[EXCLUSIVE]

DEMOGRAPHICS

ASK ALL:

Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes.

**11. [QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a ... ?
[RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]**

STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG REPUBLICAN	26%
STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT	44%
1. Strong Republican	16%
2. Not very strong Republican	10%
3. Independent	26%
4. Not very strong Democrat	17%
5. Strong Democrat	27%
6. A member of another party	1%
7. Unsure	4%

IF INDEPENDENT OR UNSURE [QParty=3 OR 7], ASK:

12. [QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?

(N=296)

TOTAL VOTES FOR REPUBLICANS	13%
TOTAL VOTES FOR DEMOCRATS	30%
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates	2%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats	11%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans	23%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates	7%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	25%
6. Unsure	32%

ASK ALL:

13. [QIdeology] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself to be...? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]

VERY/SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	27%
VERY/SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	27%
1. Very conservative	14%
2. Somewhat conservative	13%
3. Moderate	42%
4. Somewhat liberal	14%
5. Very liberal	13%
6. Unsure	5%

**14. [QSocial] Which social media platforms or apps do you use? [SELECT MULTIPLE]
[RANDOMIZE 1-10]**

1. Facebook	84%
2. YouTube	79%
3. Instagram	56%
4. Twitter	39%
5. TikTok	36%
6. Snapchat	35%
7. Pinterest	34%
8. WhatsApp	26%
9. LinkedIn	20%
10. Reddit	17%
11. Something else (Please specify)	*%
12. None of these	1%

15. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?

1. Employed full-time	59%
2. Employed part-time	9%
3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work	2%
4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer	1%
5. Unemployed and looking for work	5%
6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work	2%
7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver	16%
8. Full time student	1%
9. Retired	3%
10. Something else (Please specify)	1%
11. Prefer not to say	*%

IF EMPLOYED [QEmployment=1-3], ASK:

16. [QWorkplace] Are you currently working from your home, or do you go to work at an office or other workplace? If you are working from an office or other workplace, do you have the option to work from home, or not? [RANDOMIZE 1-3, 3-1]

(N=727)

1. I currently work from home	23%
2. I currently go to work at an office or workplace, but I have the option to work from home	24%
3. I currently go to work at an office or workplace and do NOT have the option to work from home	51%
4. Prefer not to say	1%

ASK ALL:

17. [QIncome] Which range includes your annual household income?

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| 1. Less than \$30,000 per year | 23% |
| 2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year | 21% |
| 3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year | 20% |
| 4. \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year | 22% |
| 5. More than \$125,000 per year | 13% |
| 6. Prefer not to say | 1% |

18. [QState] In what state do you live?

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| 1. States in the Northeast | 17% |
| 2. States in the Midwest | 21% |
| 3. States in the South | 38% |
| 4. States in the West | 23% |

19. [QUrbanRural] How would you describe the area in which you live?

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| 1. City | 40% |
| 2. Suburb near a city | 38% |
| 3. Small town not near a city | 7% |
| 4. Rural or country area | 16% |

20. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?

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| 1. Single, never married | 19% |
| 2. Married | 58% |
| 3. Living with a partner | 12% |
| 4. Separated | 3% |
| 5. Divorced | 6% |
| 6. Widowed | 1% |
| 7. Prefer not to say | *% |

SCREENER AND INITIAL DEMOGRAPHICS MODULE (ASKED AT BEGINNING OF SURVEY)

21. [QIndustry] Do you or does anyone in your household work in any of the following industries? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-8]

1. Technology		7%
2. Sales		5%
3. Healthcare		8%
4. Education or early childhood development		6%
5. Journalism or the media	TERMINATE	-
6. Food service or the restaurant industry		6%
7. Market research	TERMINATE	-
8. Public relations	TERMINATE	-
9. None of these		75%

22. [QParentScreener] Are you the parent or guardian of a child or children currently in grades kindergarten through 12th grade (2021–2022 school year)?

1. Yes		100%
2. No	TERMINATE	-
3. Prefer not to say	TERMINATE	-

23. [QPublicScreener] What type of school do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade attend?

1. Public school		100%
2. Private school	TERMINATE	-
3. Homeschool	TERMINATE	-
4. Prefer not to say	TERMINATE	-

24. [QHomeScreener] Where do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade live?

1. Full-time with me in my home		91%
2. Split between my home and the home of another parent or family member		9%
3. Not with me	TERMINATE	-

25. [QInPerson] Are any of your children currently attending school in-person on their school campus, either all or part of the time?

1. Yes		93%
2. No		7%

26. [QGender] Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?

1. Man		43%
2. Woman		57%
3. Some other way		-

27. [QRace] What is your race or ethnicity? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-6]

1. White	65%
2. Black or African American	15%
3. Hispanic or Latino	23%
4. Asian	6%
5. Native American or Alaska Native	2%
6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*%
7. Something else (Please specify)	1%

28. [QEducation] What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1. High school or less	37%
2. Some college	22%
3. Associate degree	10%
4. Bachelor's degree	20%
5. Graduate degree	12%
6. Prefer not to say	-

29. [QAge] What is your age?

1. 18-29	12%
2. 30-39	40%
3. 40-49	32%
4. 50-64	15%
5. 65+	1%

30. [QKidNum] How many children do you have in public school in grades kindergarten through 12th grade?

1. 1	52%
2. 2	33%
3. 3	10%
4. 4	3%
5. 5	1%
6. 6	*%
7. 7	*%
8. 8	-
9. 9	-
10. 10 or more	-

31. [QKidAge] Please select your child or children's age(s). (If you have multiple children, please select all of their ages.) [LIMIT NUMBER OF SELECTIONS BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN]

1. 4	6%
2. 5	12%
3. 6	12%
4. 7	11%
5. 8	14%
6. 9	12%
7. 10	11%
8. 11	13%
9. 12	11%
10. 13	12%
11. 14	12%
12. 15	12%
13. 16	9%
14. 17	12%

32. [QKidGrade_1A] IF QKidNum=1: Please select your child's current grade level.

IF QKidNum=2-6: Please select the current grade level of each of your children, in birth order from oldest to youngest: [REPEAT FOR EACH CHILD, INCLUDE CHILD TEXT]

- [QKidGrade_1B] First Child**
- [QKidGrade_2] Second Child**
- [QKidGrade_3] Third Child**
- [QKidGrade_4] Fourth Child**
- [QKidGrade_5] Fifth Child**
- [QKidGrade_6] Sixth Child**
- [QKidGrade_7] Seventh Child**
- [QKidGrade_8] Eighth Child**
- [QKidGrade_9] Ninth Child**
- [QKidGrade_10] Tenth Child**

1. Kindergarten	19%
2. 1st grade	12%
3. 2nd grade	12%
4. 3rd grade	13%
5. 4th grade	14%
6. 5th grade	11%
7. 6th grade	13%
8. 7th grade	12%
9. 8th grade	11%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	11%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	12%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	9%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	12%