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Interviews: 1,502 registered voters nationwide including 558 public school parents  
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**FINAL**

Study #14463  
AFT National Education Survey  
December 2022

***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.***

S2. Are you currently registered to vote?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>	
Registered to vote .....	100	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>
Not registered to vote .....	-	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>
Not sure about registration status .....	-	-	

S10a. Are you the parent of any children ages five to 18 who are in any grade between kindergarten and 12th grade during this 2022-2023 school year?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>	
Yes, have five- to 18-year-old child/children in grades K to 12 .....	23	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>
No, do not have five- to 18-year-old(s) .....	77	-	<b>Skip to Q.1</b>

**PARENT OVERSAMPLE: MUST SAY YES IN Q.S10a TO CONTINUE**

**(ASK ONLY OF PARENTS IN Q.S10a.)**

S10b. Please indicate whether your child or children attend any of the following type(s) of schools. *Check as many as apply.*

	<u>Parents</u>
A regular public school .....	93
A public charter school .....	10
A private or religious school .....	2

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Strongly approve .....	17	15
Somewhat approve.....	29	32
Somewhat disapprove.....	14	17
Strongly disapprove.....	41	37
<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total Disapprove</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>

2. Did you vote in the elections that just took place in **(STATE)** for Congress and state and local offices?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>	
Yes, voted .....	88	88	<b>CONTINUE</b>
No, did not get a chance to vote .....	12	12	<b>Skip to Q.5a</b>

***Due to rounding, not all tables will add to 100. When totaled responses differ from individual responses, totaled responses are more precise.***

**(ASK ONLY OF 2022 VOTERS IN GOVERNOR STATES)**

3a. In the election for governor of **(STATE)** that just took place, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Voted for the Democratic candidate .....	49	51
Voted for the Republican candidate .....	49	47
Voted for someone else .....	2	2

**(ASK ONLY OF 2022 VOTERS IN SENATE STATES)**

3b. In the election for U.S. senator that just took place, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Voted for the Democratic candidate .....	50	51
Voted for the Republican candidate .....	48	47
Voted for someone else .....	2	2

**(ASK OF ALL 2022 VOTERS)**

3c. In the election for U.S. House of Representatives that just took place, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Voted for the Democratic candidate .....	48	51
Voted for the Republican candidate .....	50	47
Voted for someone else .....	2	2

**(ASK OF ALL 2022 VOTERS)**

4a. In deciding your vote for **congressional candidates**, how important was the issue of education and the public schools to you?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
One of the most important issues .....	17	30
Very important, but several other issues are more important .	43	49
Somewhat important.....	24	17
A little bit important.....	11	2
Not important.....	5	2
<b>Total Very/One of the Most Important Issues</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>79</b>

**(ASK ONLY OF 2022 VOTERS IN GOVERNOR STATES)**

4b. In deciding your vote for **governor**, how important was the issue of education and the public schools to you?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
One of the most important issues .....	19	33
Very important, but several other issues are more important .	41	43
Somewhat important.....	25	20
A little bit important.....	11	2
Not important.....	4	2
<b>Total Very/One of the Most Important Issues</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>77</b>

**Now we have some questions about education and the public schools.**

5a. How would you rate the quality of education in the public schools in your community?

	Voters	Parents			
	12/22	12/22	12/21	4/21	8/17
Excellent .....	11	16	26	31	23
Good .....	38	49	46	47	50
Adequate .....	29	23	21	18	20
Not so good .....	13	8	5	3	7
Poor .....	6	4	2	1	-
Not sure .....	2	-	-	NA	NA
<b>Total Excellent/Good</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Total Not So Good/Poor</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>

5b. How would you rate the overall quality and performance of teachers in your local public schools--excellent, good, just adequate, not so good, or poor?

	Voters	Parents			
	12/22	12/22	12/21	7/13	4/10
Excellent .....	15	22	28	27	21
Good .....	46	51	50	44	41
Adequate .....	25	18	17	20	29
Not so good .....	6	6	3	5	6
Poor .....	4	4	2	2	2
Not sure .....	4	-	-	2	1
<b>Total Excellent/Good</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Total Not So Good/Poor</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>

6b. Below is a list of several different goals that public schools might try to achieve. Please read the entire list and then rank the four goals that you feel are most important for schools today to focus on

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP 4 OF VOTERS*

	Voters		Parents	
	Combined Top 3 Most Important Goals	Combined Top 4 Most Important Goals	Combined Top 3 Most Important Goals	Combined Top 4 Most Important Goals
Making sure students have strong fundamental skills in reading, math, and science .....	55	67	46	59
Ensuring that all children, regardless of background, have the opportunity to succeed .....	43	54	45	54
Providing a safe and welcoming environment for children .....	42	53	46	60
Developing students' critical thinking and reasoning skills .....	38	52	36	50
Teaching practical life skills, like how to balance a checkbook and deal with money .....	37	52	37	51
Preparing students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in college or careers .....	35	50	37	52
Making sure schools do not teach a "woke" political agenda .....	15	22	14	21
Giving parents more say over what children are taught .....	14	19	16	21
Making sure that schools do not teach Critical Race Theory .....	13	18	13	18
Removing books and curriculum materials on topics like gender identity that some families consider offensive or inappropriate .....	9	13	10	15

7. In dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, do you think public schools in your area...?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Moved too quickly to resume in-person instruction .....	16	16
Waited too long to resume in-person instruction .....	31	28
Struck a good balance on this issue .....	53	56

8a. Which of these two statements do you think better describes your local public schools? \*

(A) Our public schools often go too far in promoting a “woke” political agenda in the classroom.

(B) Our public schools generally stick to teaching appropriate academic content and skills.

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Statement A--much more .....	14	14
Statement A--somewhat more .....	17	14
Statement B--somewhat more .....	29	31
Statement B--much more .....	31	34
Not sure .....	9	6
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

8b. Which of these two statements do you think better describes your local public schools? \*\*

(A) The teachers in our public schools often go too far in promoting a “woke” political agenda in the classroom.

(B) The teachers in our public schools generally stick to teaching appropriate academic content and skills.

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Statement A--much more .....	14	8
Statement A--somewhat more .....	13	13
Statement B--somewhat more .....	26	32
Statement B--much more .....	39	41
Not sure .....	8	5
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>74</b>

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

9a. Now you will see things that some people may feel are problems in public schools today. For each one, please indicate whether you feel this is a serious problem for the public schools in your area.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY SERIOUS PROBLEM*

	<b>Total Serious Problem</b>	<b>Very Serious Problem</b>	<b>Fairly Serious Problem</b>	<b>Just Somewhat Serious Problem</b>	<b>Not A Serious Problem</b>	<b>Not Sure</b>
<b>Students falling behind academically during the pandemic</b>						
Voters.....	<b>74</b>	42	33	15	6	5
Parents.....	<b>69</b>	38	31	18	10	3
<b>Shortages of teachers, guidance counselors, and nurses</b>						
Voters.....	<b>70</b>	41	29	17	8	5
Parents.....	<b>71</b>	43	28	19	8	2
<b>A lack of support and respect for teachers</b>						
Voters.....	<b>62</b>	34	28	20	14	4
Parents.....	<b>58</b>	31	27	23	15	3
<b>Students not getting enough individual attention</b>						
Voters.....	<b>59</b>	24	34	24	10	7
Parents.....	<b>58</b>	26	33	27	13	2
<b>Inadequate funding for schools</b>						
Voters.....	<b>62</b>	34	28	18	15	5
Parents.....	<b>70</b>	39	32	15	12	3
<b>Schools are not safe and there is too much violence in schools</b>						
Voters.....	<b>58</b>	35	23	21	18	3
Parents.....	<b>56</b>	32	24	21	21	2
<b>School buildings and facilities that are in poor condition and need repair</b>						
Voters.....	<b>51</b>	24	27	24	21	4
Parents.....	<b>53</b>	28	25	23	21	3
<b>Students being taught that America is a racist country</b>						
Voters.....	<b>44</b>	28	16	13	32	11
Parents.....	<b>46</b>	28	18	13	34	7
<b>Parents not having enough say in what children are being taught</b>						
Voters.....	<b>42</b>	21	21	19	32	7
Parents.....	<b>45</b>	21	24	21	31	3
<b>Parents and students not having enough choice of schools</b>						
Voters.....	<b>40</b>	17	23	26	27	7
Parents.....	<b>44</b>	18	26	21	32	3
<b>Transgender students who were born as males competing in girls' athletics</b>						
Voters.....	<b>38</b>	25	14	11	36	15
Parents.....	<b>41</b>	25	16	14	34	11

Q.9a (cont'd)

	<b>Total Serious Problem</b>	<u>Very Serious Problem</u>	<u>Fairly Serious Problem</u>	<u>Just Somewhat Serious Problem</u>	<u>Not A Serious Problem</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
<b>White students being shamed over issues of race and racism</b>						
Voters.....	<b>37</b>	20	17	17	34	13
Parents.....	<b>38</b>	20	18	17	36	9
<b>Schools teaching Critical Race Theory, or “CRT”</b>						
Voters.....	<b>36</b>	23	13	13	31	19
Parents.....	<b>40</b>	23	17	14	30	16
<b>Schools going too far in requiring COVID safety measures that aren't really necessary</b>						
Voters.....	<b>29</b>	13	16	19	45	7
Parents.....	<b>27</b>	10	17	20	49	4

9b. Below is that same list of problems. Please rank the four items that you think are the most important for elected leaders to address.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP 4 OF VOTERS*

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
	<u>Combined Top 4 Most Important</u>	<u>Combined Top 4 Most Important</u>
Shortages of teachers, guidance counselors, and nurses .....	54	51
Inadequate funding for schools.....	45	46
Students falling behind academically during the pandemic .....	42	39
Schools are not safe and there is too much violence in schools.....	42	41
A lack of support and respect for teachers .....	38	37
Students not getting enough individual attention .....	33	39
School buildings and facilities that are in poor condition and need repair ....	27	30
Students being taught that America is a racist country.....	23	21
Parents not having enough say in what children are being taught.....	21	21
Schools teaching Critical Race Theory, or “CRT” .....	19	19
White students being shamed over issues of race and racism.....	17	14
Transgender students who were born as males competing in girls' athletics	16	17
Parents and students not having enough choice of schools.....	14	15
Schools going too far in requiring COVID safety measures that aren't really necessary .....	10	10

10a. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? \*\*

- (A) Parents should have more say in what children are taught in school.
- (B) Teachers and education professionals should mainly determine the public school curriculum, with input from parents.

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Statement A--much more .....	18	15
Statement A--somewhat more .....	22	20
Statement B--somewhat more .....	25	34
Statement B--much more .....	35	30
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/D).

10b. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? \*\*

- (A) Teachers should avoid politically sensitive topics in the classroom because they can offend some families.
- (B) Teachers need to teach history and current events to prepare students to be informed citizens in a democracy.

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Statement A--much more .....	8	14
Statement A--somewhat more .....	10	12
Statement B--somewhat more .....	29	29
Statement B--much more .....	53	44
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>74</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (B/C).

11. Which of these two approaches do you think should be the higher priority for improving education?

A: Giving parents more say in what children are taught and stopping schools from teaching a woke liberal agenda.

B: Making sure schools and teachers have the support and resources they need to meet the needs of all students.

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
A--much higher priority .....	19	15
A--somewhat higher priority.....	14	14
B--somewhat higher priority.....	21	26
B--much higher priority .....	45	45
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>71</b>

**Q.12a AND Q.12b ARE ROTATED.**

12a. Which of these two approaches do you think Republican officials are more focused on right now when it comes to education?

A: Giving parents more say in what children are taught and stopping schools from teaching a woke liberal agenda.

B: Making sure schools and teachers have the support and resources they need to meet the needs of students.

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Republicans are focused more on approach A .....	57	51
Republicans are focused more on approach B .....	26	34
Not sure .....	16	16

12b. Which of these two approaches do you think Democratic officials are more focused on right now when it comes to education?

A: Indoctrinating students with a woke liberal agenda.

B: Making sure schools and teachers have the support and resources they need to meet the needs of students.

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Democrats are focused more on approach A .....	39	38
Democrats are focused more on approach B .....	49	51
Not sure .....	12	11



13a. Now you will see some specific positions on education issues that a candidate for office might take. For each one, please indicate whether that position makes you more likely to vote for that candidate, makes you less likely to vote for that candidate, or does not make a difference either way.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS WHO SAY MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR*

	<u>More Likely</u>	<u>Less Likely</u>	<u>No Difference</u>
<b>Favors expanding literacy and reading programs for struggling students</b>			
Voters .....	87	5	8
Parents .....	86	4	9
<b>Favors expanding access to career and technical education and other vocational programs that prepare students for jobs</b>			
Voters .....	86	4	10
Parents .....	84	7	9
<b>Favors helping schools to address shortages of qualified teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, and nurses</b>			
Voters .....	83	5	12
Parents .....	84	7	10
<b>Favors reducing class sizes, especially in the early grades, to allow more individualized instruction and attention</b>			
Voters .....	79	5	16
Parents .....	78	7	15
<b>Favors improving and modernizing school buildings, including ventilation systems, to create a safe and healthy environment</b>			
Voters .....	78	5	18
Parents .....	80	8	13
<b>Wants to increase teacher salaries to address the teacher shortage and reduce class sizes</b>			
Voters .....	71	12	17
Parents .....	75	9	15
<b>Favors banning the teaching of critical race theory or “CRT” in public schools</b>			
Voters .....	47	31	22
Parents .....	45	30	25
<b>Says that parents should be given the right to decide what children learn in local schools</b>			
Voters .....	42	33	25
Parents .....	43	34	22
<b>Favors criminally prosecuting teachers as child abusers if they teach critical race theory or gender identity in public schools</b>			
Voters .....	31	52	17
Parents .....	34	50	16
<b>Says schools should not be allowed to teach students they may face obstacles due to their race or ethnic background</b>			
Voters .....	29	45	26
Parents .....	30	44	26
<b>Favors allowing parents to have books they consider offensive removed from school libraries</b>			
Voters .....	28	53	20
Parents .....	29	49	22

13b. Below is that same list of positions. Please rank the four items that you think should be the highest education priorities for your elected leaders.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP 4 OF VOTERS

	Voters	Parents
	Combined Top 4 Highest Priorities	Combined Top 4 Highest Priorities
Expanding access to career and technical education and other vocational programs that prepare students for jobs.....	56	54
Helping schools to address shortages of qualified teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, and nurses.....	56	55
Reducing class sizes, especially in the early grades, to allow more individualized instruction and attention.....	55	59
Expanding literacy and reading programs for struggling students .....	55	49
Increasing teacher salaries, to address the teacher shortage and reduce class sizes.....	49	50
Improving and modernizing school buildings, including ventilation systems, to create a safe and healthy environment.....	41	45
Ban the teaching of critical race theory or “CRT” in public schools .....	24	24
Give parents the right to decide what children learn in local schools .....	21	23
Criminally prosecute teachers as child abusers if they teach critical race theory or gender identity in public schools.....	17	15
Do not allow schools to teach students they may face obstacles due to their race or ethnic background.....	14	13
Allowing parents to have books they consider offensive removed from school libraries .....	10	11

14a. Which of these statements better describes your own view of recent efforts to stop schools from teaching certain topics related to race and gender?

A: These efforts are a necessary step to prevent children from being indoctrinated with a liberal agenda.

B: These culture war battles distract public schools from their core mission of educating students.

	Voters	Parents
Statement A--much more .....	18	19
Statement A--somewhat more.....	16	19
Statement B--somewhat more.....	26	25
Statement B--much more .....	40	37
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>62</b>

14b. And do you think candidates who focus on stopping schools from teaching certain topics related to race and gender are doing this mainly for their own political benefit or mainly to improve our public schools?

	Voters	Parents
Mainly for own political benefit.....	64	57
Mainly to improve our public schools .....	36	43

**Turning to some related issues...**

15. Below are some different groups and people involved with public education. For each one, please indicate how much confidence you have in that person or group to have the right ideas for public schools.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OR FAIR AMOUNT OF CONFIDENCE*

	<b>Total Great Deal/ Fair Amount Confidence</b>	<u>A Great Deal Of Confidence</u>	<u>A Fair Amount Of Confidence</u>	<u>Just Some Confidence</u>	<u>Very Little Or No Confidence</u>
<b>Public school teachers</b>					
Voters					
December 2022 <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>76</b>	35	41	18	6
Parents					
December 2022 <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>77</b>	36	42	17	6
December 2021.....	<b>80</b>	38	42	15	5
August 2017.....	<b>79</b>	33	46	17	4
<b>Principals</b>					
Voters					
December 2022.....	<b>67</b>	23	44	23	9
Parents					
December 2022.....	<b>74</b>	27	46	18	9
December 2021.....	<b>69</b>	27	42	23	8
August 2017.....	<b>71</b>	26	45	23	6
<b>Your local school board</b>					
Voters					
December 2022 <sup>2</sup> .....	<b>55</b>	13	42	28	17
Parents					
December 2022 <sup>2</sup> .....	<b>60</b>	16	44	26	13
December 2021.....	<b>54</b>	17	37	29	17
<b>Parent organizations</b>					
Voters					
December 2022 *.....	<b>57</b>	17	40	34	9
Parents					
December 2022 *.....	<b>59</b>	21	38	30	10
December 2021.....	<b>67</b>	26	41	23	10
August 2017.....	<b>71</b>	25	46	23	6
<b>Your state's governor</b>					
Voters					
December 2022.....	<b>49</b>	21	29	24	27
Parents					
December 2022.....	<b>49</b>	15	34	25	26

<sup>1</sup>Prior to December 2022 the item was phrased, "Teachers."

Q.15 (cont'd)	<b>Total Great Deal/ Fair Amount Confidence</b>	<u>A Great Deal Of Confidence</u>	<u>A Fair Amount Of Confidence</u>	<u>Just Some Confidence</u>	<u>Very Little Or No Confidence</u>
<b>Your state legislature</b>					
Voters					
December 2022.....	<b>43</b>	10	34	32	24
Parents					
December 2022.....	<b>41</b>	9	31	35	25
December 2021.....	<b>54</b>	18	36	30	16
August 2017.....	<b>38</b>	10	28	38	24
<b>Conservative parent groups</b>					
Voters					
December 2022 **.....	<b>42</b>	16	26	23	35
Parents					
December 2022 **.....	<b>44</b>	15	30	24	32
<b>Politicians</b>					
Voters					
December 2022.....	<b>20</b>	5	16	33	46
Parents					
December 2022.....	<b>22</b>	5	17	36	42

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).  
 \*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).  
<sup>2</sup>Prior to December 2022 the item was phrased, "School board."

16. Thinking about priorities for elected officials in the next couple of years, how important a priority do you think improving public education should be?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Very important priority.....	60	63
Fairly important priority.....	33	32
Just somewhat important priority.....	7	4
Not important priority.....	1	1
<b>Total Very/Fairly Important Priority</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>95</b>

17a. Do you think that the federal government spends too much on public education, spends too little on public education, or spends the right amount on public education?

	<u>Voters</u>		<u>Parents</u>
	<u>12/22</u>	<u>6/17</u>	<u>12/22</u>
Too much.....	12	15	8
Too little.....	66	62	74
The right amount.....	22	23	17

17b. Looking forward, do you think that the federal government should increase funding for public education, keep the current level of funding, or decrease funding for public education?

	Voters		Parents
	12/22	6/17	12/22
Increase funding .....	69	55	81
Keep the current level of funding .....	26	28	16
Decrease funding .....	5	11	3
No opinion .....	NA	6	NA

18a. Which of these do you feel should be the higher educational priority today?

	Voters	Parents
Improving the quality of education in the public schools .....	80	80
Giving parents more choice over which schools their children attend, including private schools .....	20	20

18b. Below are two different approaches that the new Congress could take on education issues next year. Please indicate which set of priorities you feel is the better approach for Congress to take. **(ROTATE STATEMENTS.)**

A: Congress should focus on providing schools with the support and resources they need to raise academic achievement, expand and improve literacy programs, provide quality technical and vocational education, address teacher shortages, and provide equal opportunity to all kids.

B: Congress should focus on determining whether public schools stayed closed too long during the pandemic, and on investigating whether the federal government has tried to erase scientific definitions of gender or has promoted Critical Race Theory and other woke educational doctrines.

	Voters	Parents
Statement A--much better .....	63	59
Statement A--somewhat better .....	22	25
Statement B--somewhat better .....	8	10
Statement B--much better .....	7	6
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

19. Now you'll see some specific proposals related to public education. For each one, please indicate whether you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of that proposal.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY APPROVE*

	<u>Total Approve</u>	<u>Total Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>
<b>Expand access to career and technical education and other vocational programs that prepare students for jobs</b>						
Voters.....	94	6	64	30	5	2
Parents.....	93	7	66	27	5	2
<b>Expand literacy and reading programs for struggling students</b>						
Voters.....	93	7	68	26	5	2
Parents.....	93	7	67	25	4	3
<b>Improve and modernize school buildings, including ventilation systems, to create safe and healthy environments for students and educators</b>						
Voters.....	93	7	56	36	6	1
Parents.....	93	7	59	34	5	2
<b>Reduce class sizes, especially in the early grades, to allow more individualized instruction and attention</b>						
Voters.....	91	9	56	36	7	1
Parents.....	93	7	58	34	5	2
<b>Expand and improve mentoring programs for new and struggling teachers</b>						
Voters.....	91	9	49	42	6	2
Parents.....	92	8	55	37	5	3
<b>Increase availability of after-school programs</b>						
Voters.....	91	9	52	39	6	3
Parents.....	92	8	54	37	5	3
<b>Provide health and nutrition services to low-income children through their public school</b>						
Voters.....	91	9	59	33	7	2
Parents.....	90	10	63	27	8	2
<b>Create more community schools that serve as neighborhood hubs, stay open longer, and provide extra academic enrichment for students</b>						
Voters.....	90	10	48	41	8	2
Parents.....	89	11	50	39	9	2
<b>Increase funding for public education including tripling Title One funding, fully funding IDEA, expanding the number of community schools, and providing universal pre-K</b>						
Voters.....	82	18	41	41	14	4
Parents.....	87	13	51	37	10	3

Q.19 (cont'd)	<u>Total Approve</u>	<u>Total Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>
<b>Increase teacher salaries to address the teacher shortage and reduce class sizes</b>						
Voters.....	84	16	53	31	10	6
Parents.....	89	11	57	32	7	4
<b>Provide high-quality preschool for all three- and four-year-olds</b>						
Voters.....	84	16	47	37	12	4
Parents.....	87	13	52	34	10	3
<b>Increase racial diversity in the teacher workforce</b>						
Voters.....	76	24	39	37	14	10
Parents.....	80	20	41	40	13	7
<b>Increase funding for public colleges and universities</b>						
Voters.....	73	27	40	34	15	11
Parents.....	81	19	46	35	11	7

**FACTUALS: These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.**

F1. In general, which of these best describes your voting?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Voted for Democrats in nearly all elections.....	30	29
Voted for Democrats much more often than for Republicans.	10	10
Voted for Democrats a little more often than for Republicans	5	6
Split your votes pretty evenly between Democrats and Republicans .....	9	11
Voted for Republicans a little more often than for Democrats	6	7
Voted for Republicans much more often than for Democrats.	11	14
Voted for Republicans in nearly all elections.....	28	22
<b>Total Voted More For Democrats</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Voted More For Republicans</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>

F2. On most issues related to government and politics, do you consider yourself...?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Very liberal .....	11	11
Somewhat liberal.....	17	15
Moderate .....	33	40
Somewhat conservative .....	21	20
Very conservative.....	17	14
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>

F3. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2020 election for president, if any? +

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Joe Biden, the Democrat .....	48	49
Donald Trump, the Republican .....	44	44
Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian .....	1	1
Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate .....	-	-
Did not vote in the 2020 election.....	6	6

+ Asked only in states where Howie Hawkins was on the ballot.

F4. Which of the following best describes the area where you live?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
A large city.....	20	20
A small city .....	14	15
A suburb.....	43	41
A small town.....	9	6
A rural area.....	15	18
<b>Total City</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total Small Town/Rural</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>

F5. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, what would the total be?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Less than \$10,000.....	4	4
Between \$10,000 and \$19,999.....	6	3
Between \$20,000 and \$29,999.....	10	6
Between \$30,000 and \$39,999.....	9	7
Between \$40,000 and \$49,999.....	10	9
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999.....	22	20
Between \$75,000 and \$99,999.....	15	17
Between \$100,000 and \$149,999.....	15	20
\$150,000 or more .....	10	14

**(ASK ONLY OF OS PARENTS)**

F6. For each of the following, please indicate whether or not it applies to you.

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>
<b>I have a child who has fallen behind academically during the pandemic</b>		
Parents.....	39	61
<b>I have a child whose emotional and social well-being was negatively affected during the pandemic</b>		
Parents.....	41	59



**Q.S3 through Q.S9ab were asked at the beginning of the questionnaire**

S3. In which state are you registered to vote?

REGION		
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Northeast.....	21	20
South.....	34	35
Midwest.....	22	22
West.....	23	23

S4. For statistical purposes only, are you...?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Male.....	47	45
Female.....	53	55
Non-binary/other.....	-	-

Sbirthyr. For statistical purposes only and to ensure that we have a representative sample, in what year were you born?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>	
Under 18.....	-	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>
18-24.....	6	2	<b>CONTINUE</b>
25-29.....	11	8	
30-34.....	7	13	
35-39.....	9	23	
40-44.....	7	19	
45-49.....	8	16	
50-54.....	8	9	
55-59.....	10	5	
60-64.....	6	2	
65-69.....	12	2	
70-74.....	7	1	
75 or older.....	9	-	

S5. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Did not graduate high school.....	2	2
High school graduate.....	27	24
Attended technical or vocational school.....	3	3
Attended some college, but no degree.....	18	18
Graduated 2-year college with an associate's degree.....	12	14
Graduated 4-year college with a bachelor's degree.....	23	26
Obtained a master's, PhD, or professional degree.....	15	13

S6. Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Employed full time.....	46	67
Employed part time (less than 35 hours per week) .....	14	11
Laid off/unemployed but looking for work.....	3	1
Disabled, unable to work.....	3	2
Stay-at-home parent .....	8	17
Full-time student .....	3	-
Retired .....	24	2

S7. Are you...?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Now married .....	55	73
Widowed .....	5	1
Divorced .....	10	7
Separated .....	2	3
Never married .....	28	17

S8abc. In politics, do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, or an independent? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent with no party leaning at all? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN) or not that strong a (DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN)?

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Strong Democrat.....	26	25
Not that strong Democrat.....	12	15
Closer to the Democratic Party .....	7	7
Strictly independent/do not lean toward either party .....	10	11
Closer to the Republican Party .....	4	5
Not that strong Republican.....	16	16
Strong Republican .....	25	21
<b>Total Democrat</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Independent</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37</b>

S9ab. Again, for statistical purposes only, are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? And to ensure that we have a representative sample, please indicate your race.

	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Asian or Asian American .....	4	5
Black or African American .....	12	13
Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin .....	10	13
American Indian or Native American .....	1	1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander .....	-	-
White .....	71	66
Another race .....	1	1