



National Parents Union Survey Of K–12 Public School Parents

September 2021

N=1,006 parents of K-12 public school students
September 9–13, 2021



Methodology

We have conducted monthly online surveys of parents of K-12 public school students throughout the 2020–2021 school year and now beginning the 2021–2022 school year to better understand their experiences and challenges they may be facing, as well as their views on education and other issues affecting families. From April through June 2020, we conducted weekly surveys. Results are weighted by gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and region to reflect known population demographics.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2021–2022 School Year Field Dates and Sample Sizes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 9–13, 2021 (N=1,006) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2020–2021 School Year Field Dates and Sample Sizes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 21–29, 2020 (N=1,140)• October 19–27, 2020 (N=1,000)• November 13–18, 2020 (N=1,000)• December 10–18, 2020 (N=1,008)• January 14–19, 2021 (N=1,001)• February 12–22, 2021 (N=1,002)• March 11–23, 2021 (N=1,029)• April 9–22, 2021 (N=1,151)• May 14–25, 2021 (N=1,006)• June 11–20, 2021 (N=1,013) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earlier 2020 Field Dates, N=500 Each Week:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 1: April 27–29, 2020• Week 2: May 4–5, 2020• Week 3: May 11–12, 2020• Week 4: May 18–20, 2020• Week 5: May 25–27, 2020• Week 6: June 1–3, 2020• Week 7: June 8–11, 2020• Week 8: June 15–18, 2020 |
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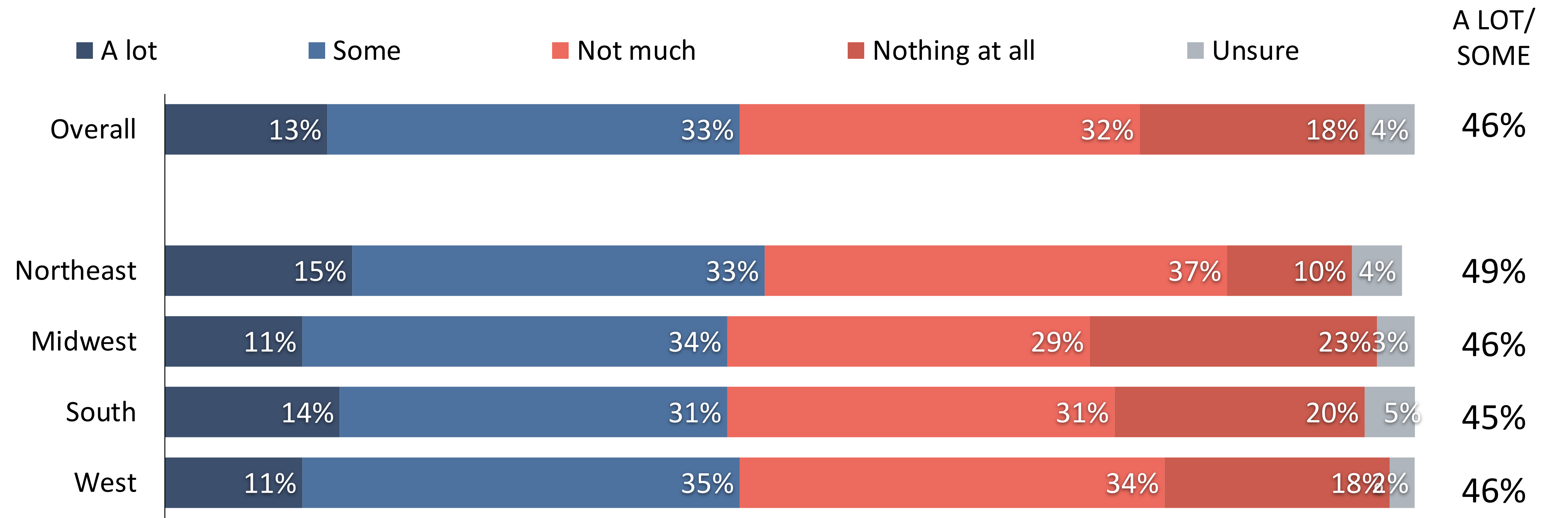


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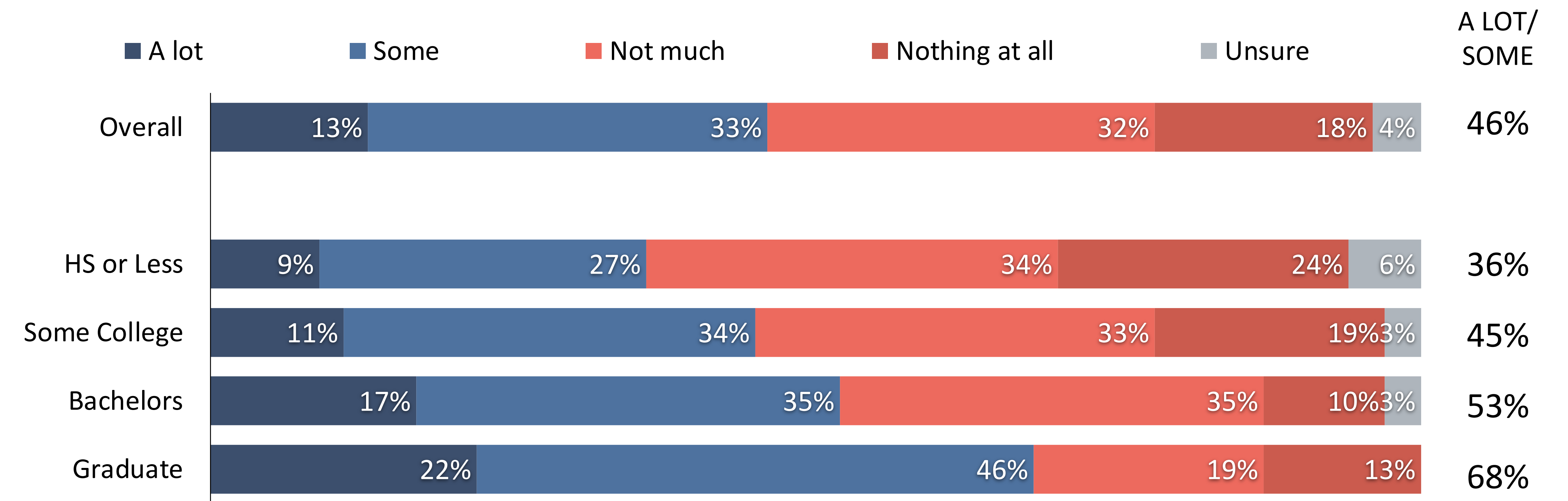
Less Than Half Have Heard Of School Funding From COVID Stimulus

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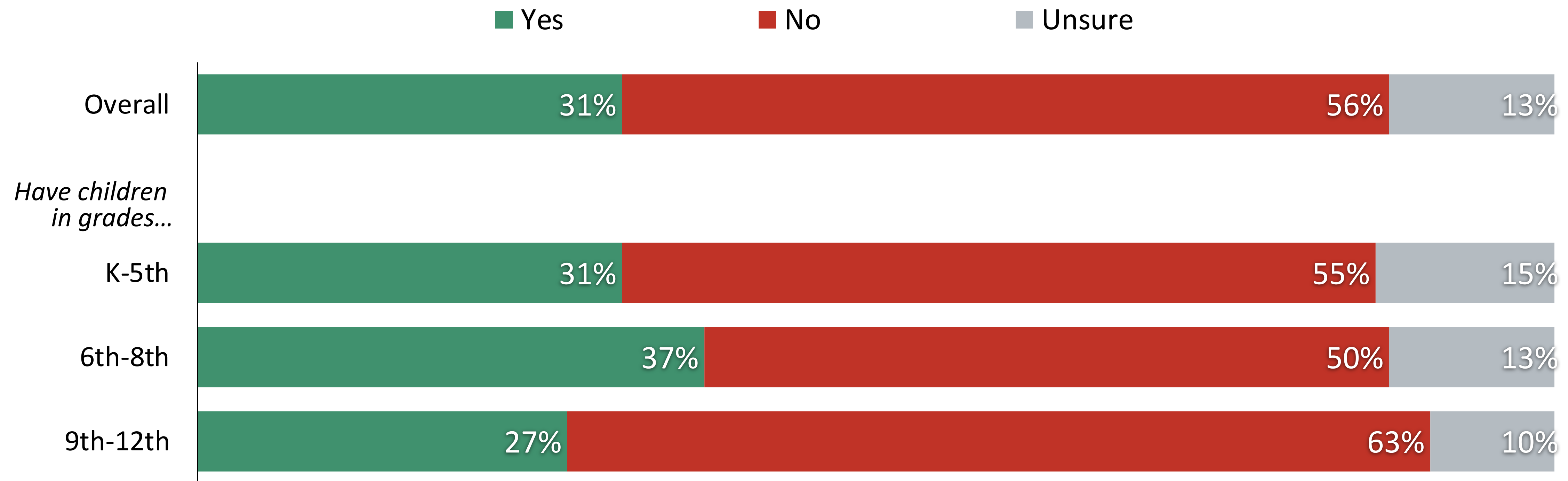
More Educated Parents More Likely To Have Heard

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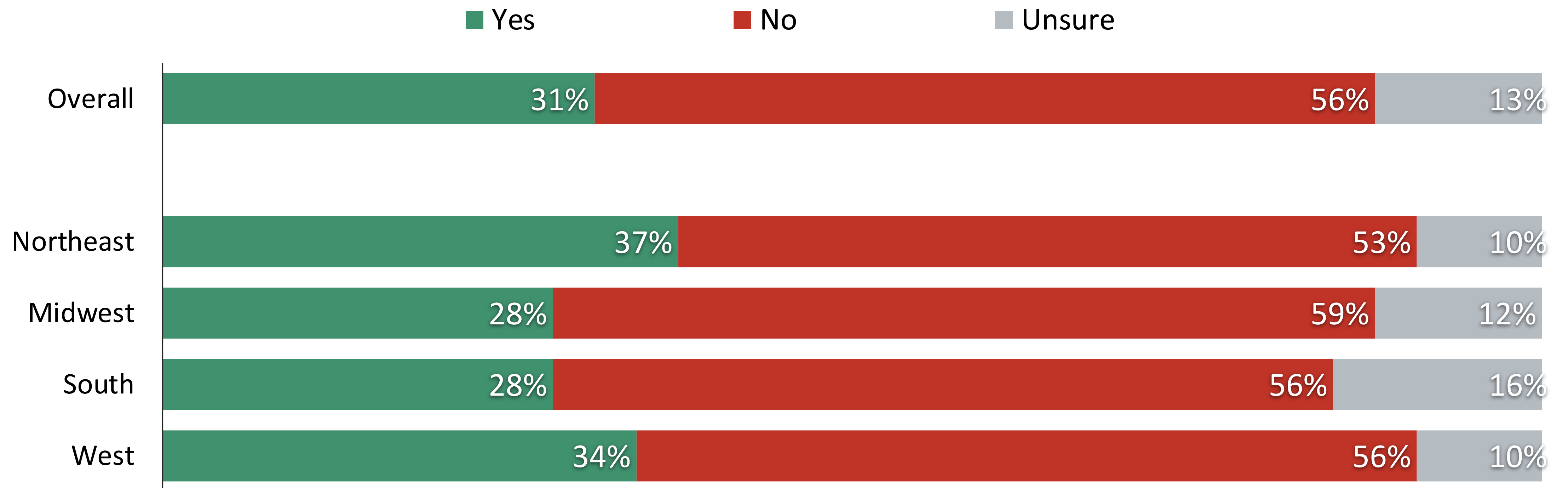
Most Have Not Heard Anything About Recent Additional Funding...

Q. 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?



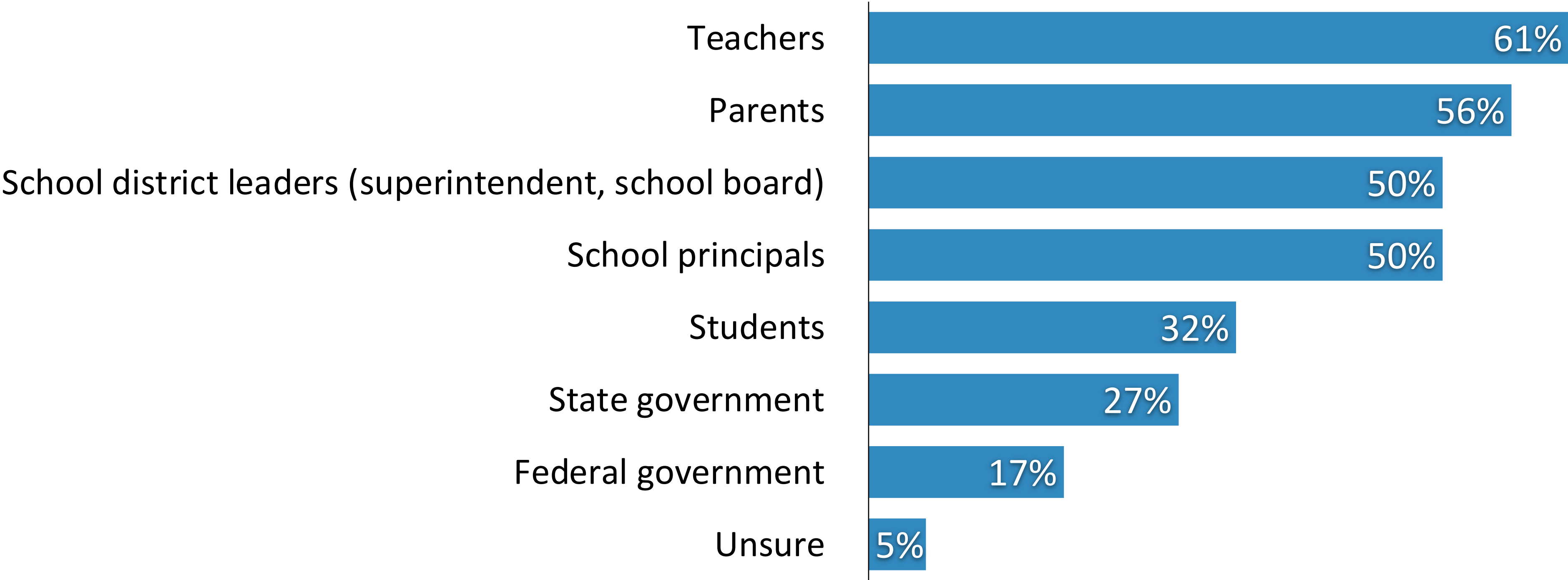
...And A Similar Trend Regionally

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Majority Think Parents Should Be Included In Decisions About Funding, Along With Teachers

Q. Who do you think should be involved in deciding how this additional funding should be used in schools? Choose all that apply.

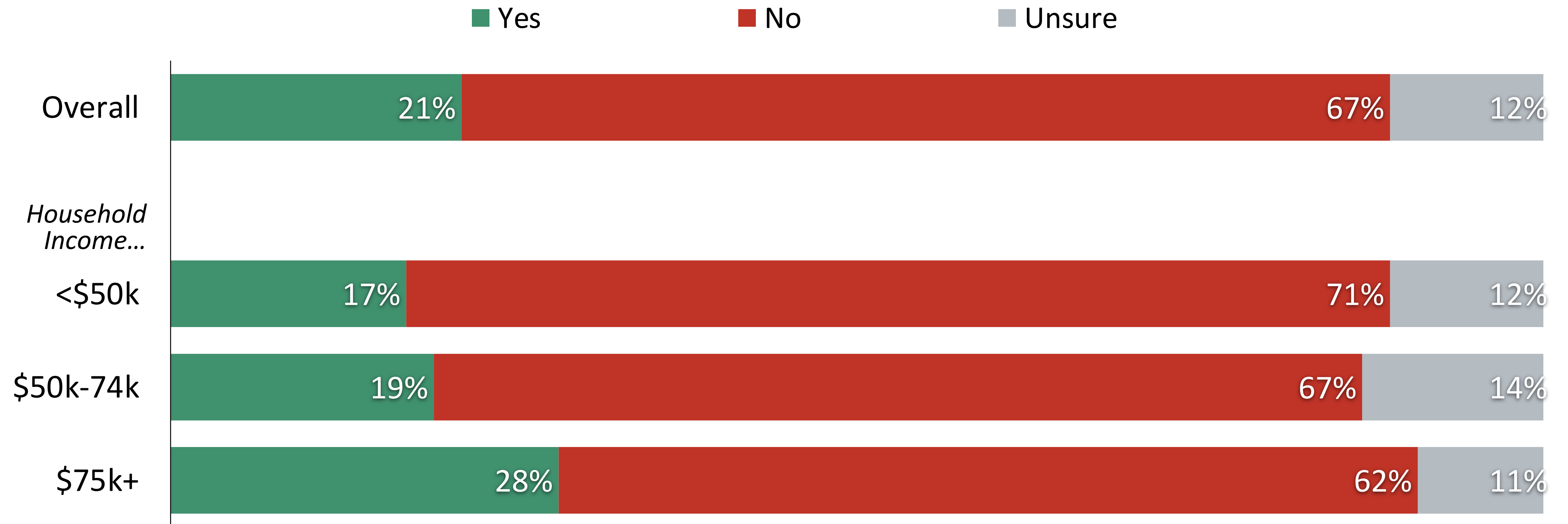


Note: "Other" was <1%.



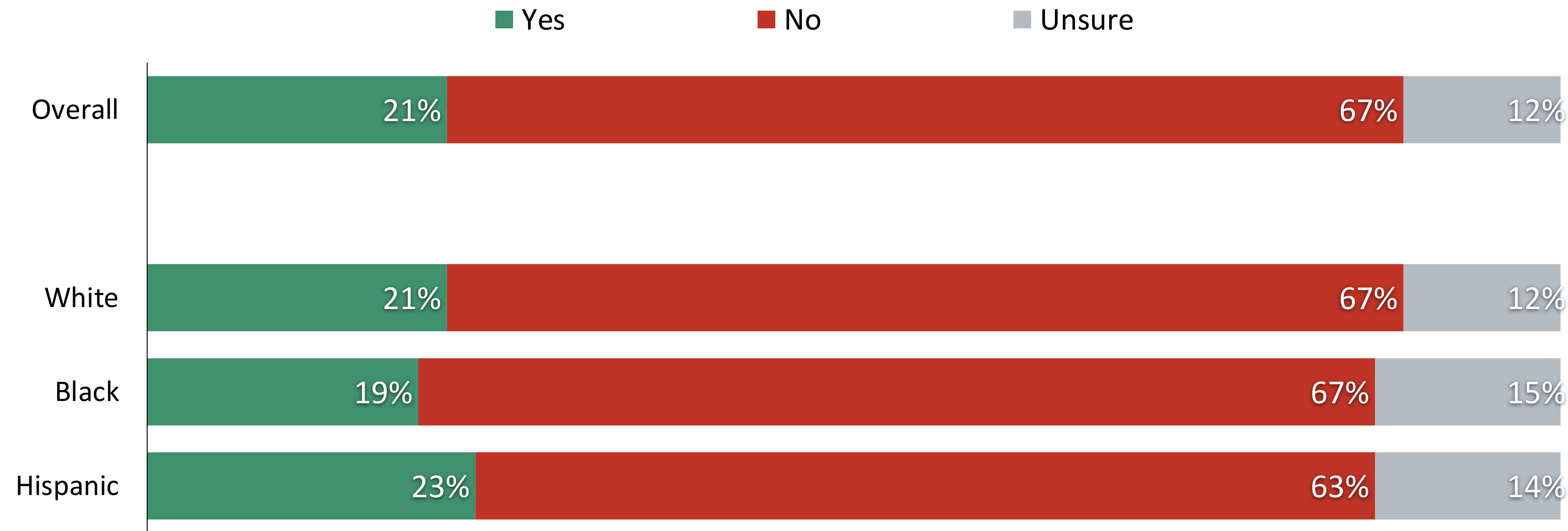
... But Most Say Schools Have Not Asked For Their Input

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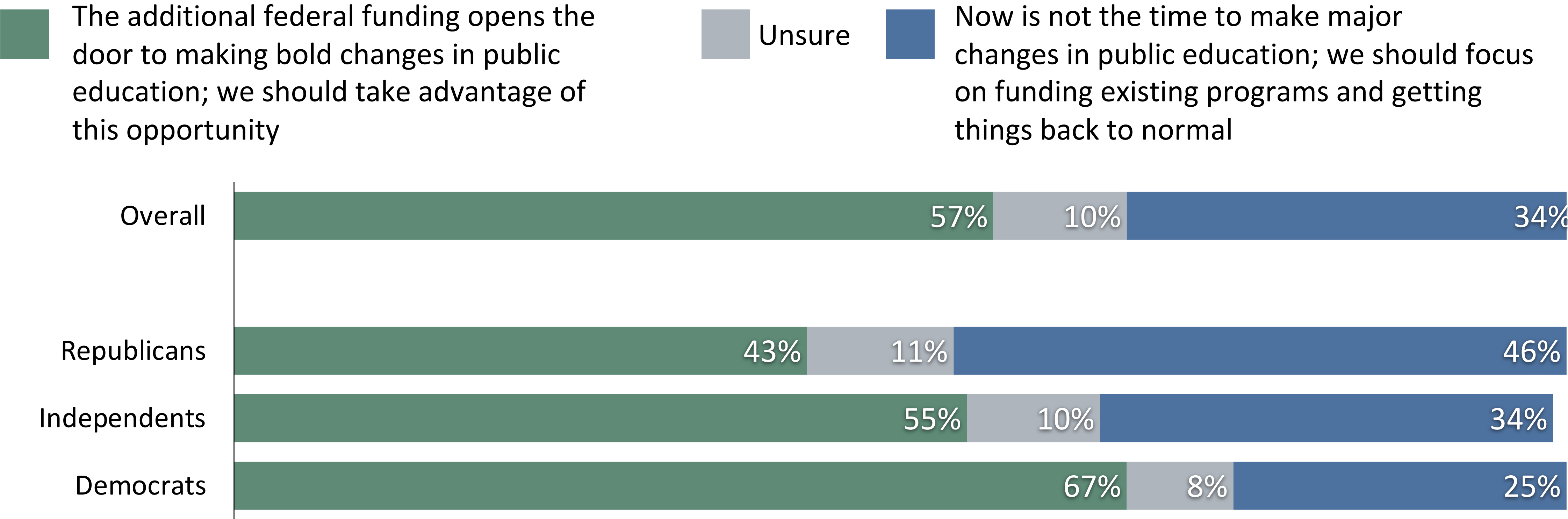
Schools Haven't Asked For Parent's Input Regardless Of Race

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Most K-12 Parents Feel We Should Take Advantage Of Opportunity To Make Changes In Public Education

Q. Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more?

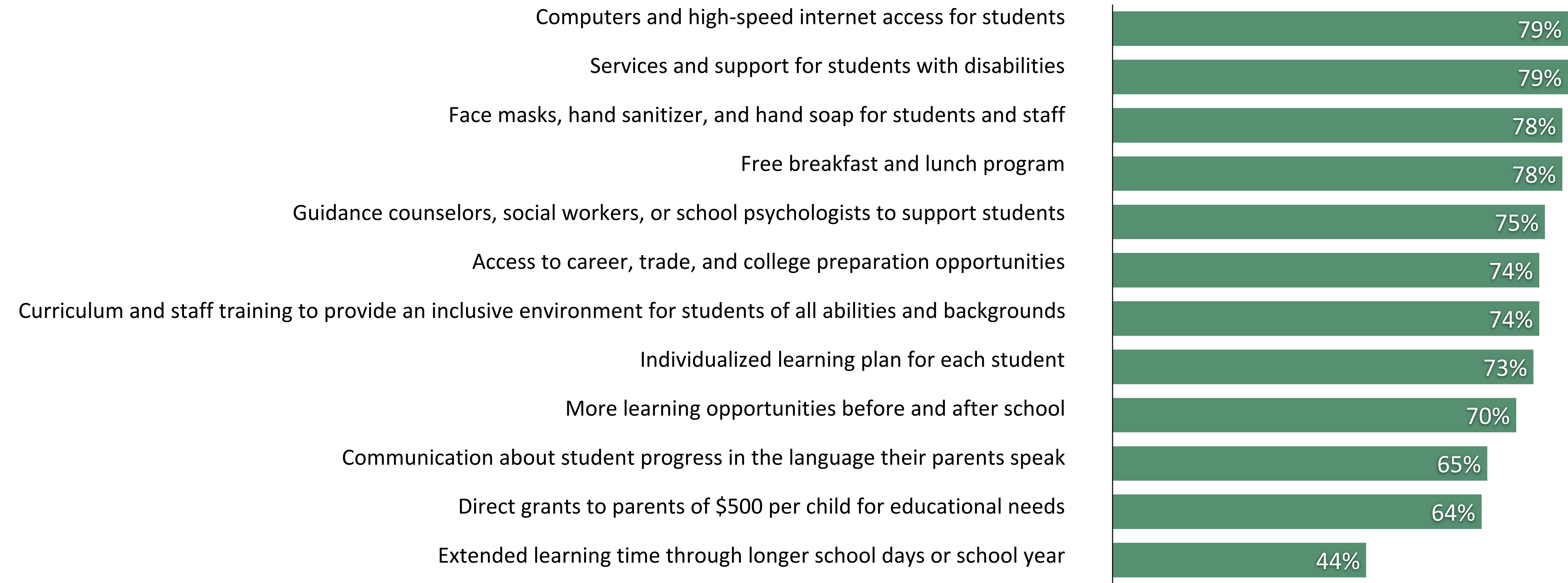


Computer/High-Speed Internet And Support For Students With Disabilities

Top Funding Priorities

Q. 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?

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Few Regional Differences Of Parents Funding Priorities

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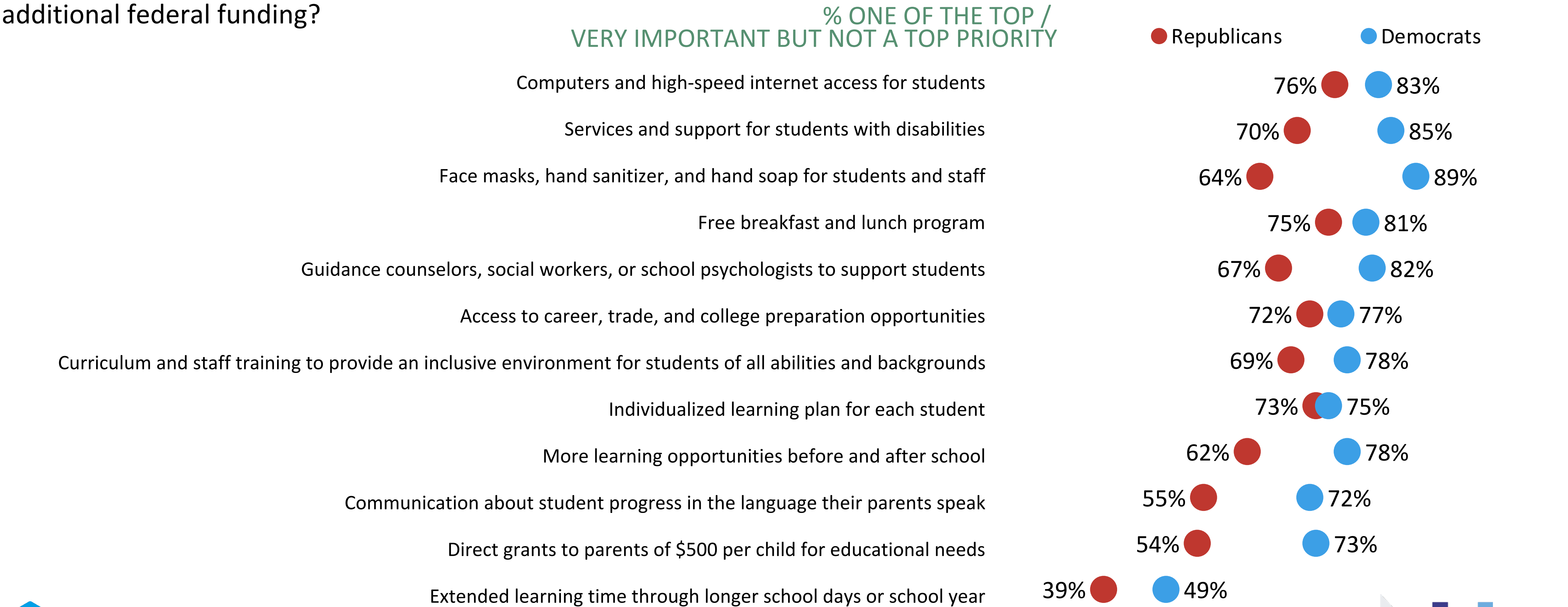
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	NORTHEAST	MIDWEST	SOUTH	WEST
Computers and high-speed internet access for students	79%	81%	76%	81%
Services and support for students with disabilities	78%	82%	80%	78%
Face masks, hand sanitizer, and hand soap for students and staff	81%	74%	77%	79%
Free breakfast and lunch program	75%	83%	80%	74%
Guidance counselors, social workers, or school psychologists to support students	73%	76%	78%	69%
Access to career, trade, and college preparation opportunities	76%	74%	75%	71%
Curriculum and staff training to provide an inclusive environment for students of all abilities and backgrounds	74%	77%	73%	72%
Individualized learning plan for each student	70%	79%	73%	68%
More learning opportunities before and after school	68%	75%	70%	69%
Communication about student progress in the language their parents speak	65%	63%	66%	64%
Direct grants to parents of \$500 per child for educational needs	68%	63%	61%	68%
Extended learning time through longer school days or school year	51%	36%	42%	51%



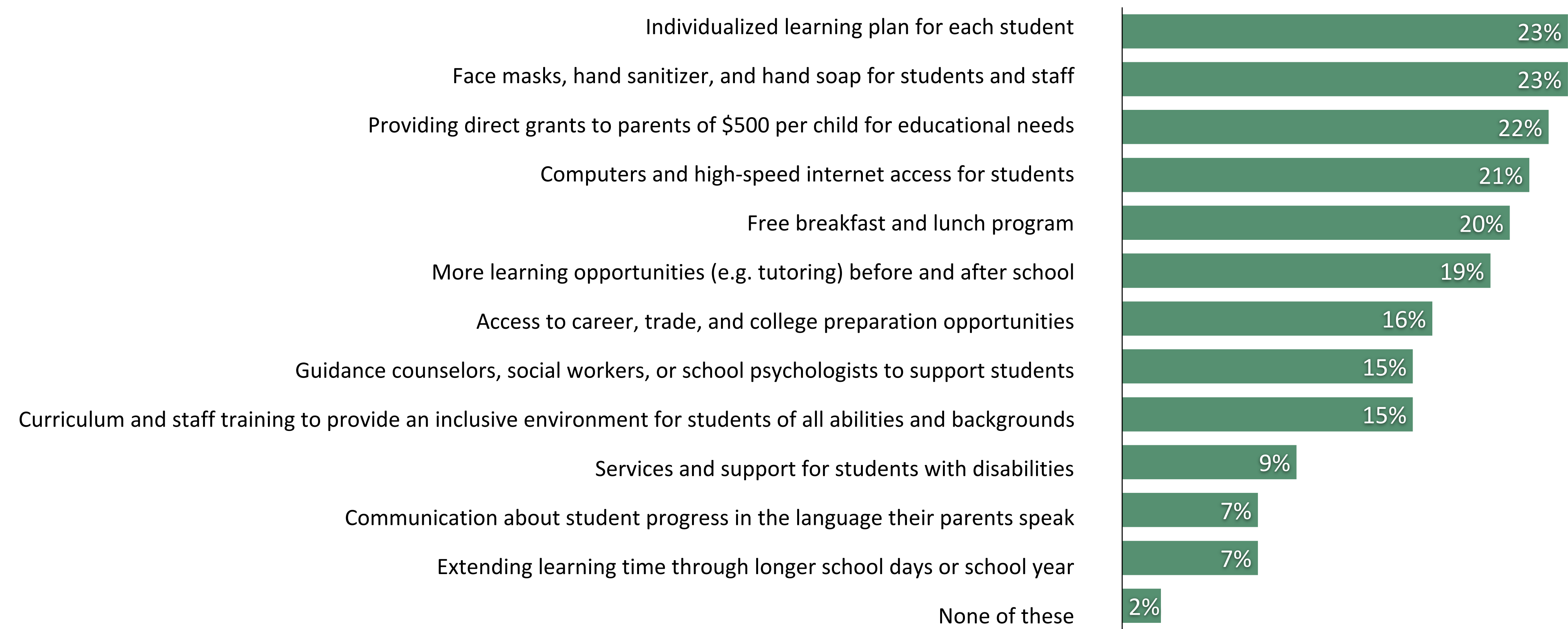
Most Parents Across Party Lines Think Each Item Is At Least Very Important When Schools Are Deciding How To Use Federal Funding

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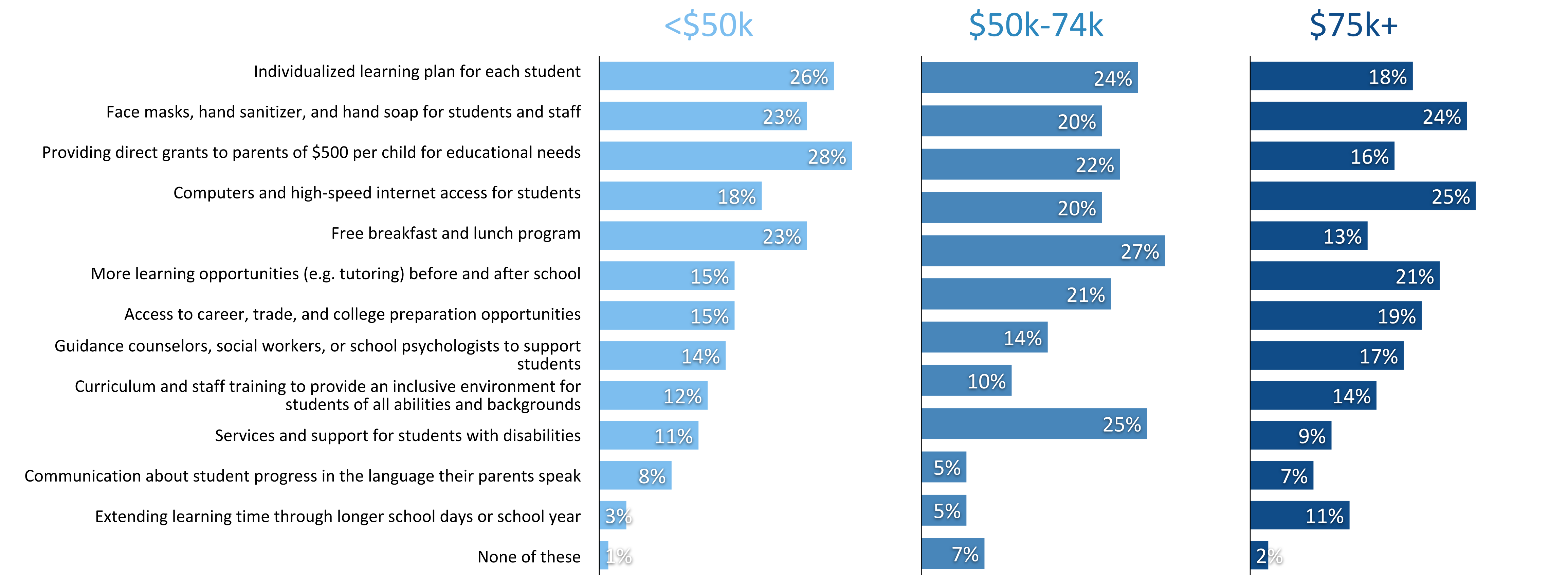
Parents Say Most Helpful Is Individualized Learning Plan And Schools Providing Face Masks, Hand Sanitizer, And Hand Soap For Students And Staff

Q. Which two of the following do you think would be MOST helpful for your children? Please select two.



Lower Income Parents More Interested In School Providing \$500 Grant For Educational Needs

Q. Which two of the following do you think would be MOST helpful for your children? Please select two.





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