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]

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]

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<td>C. Face masks, hand sanitizer, and hand soap for students and staff</td>
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<td>D. Free breakfast and lunch program</td>
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<td>E. Guidance counselors, social workers, or school psychologists to support students</td>
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<td>F. Access to career, trade, and college preparation opportunities</td>
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<td>G. Curriculum and staff training to provide an inclusive environment for students of all abilities and backgrounds</td>
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<td>H. Individualized learning plan for each student</td>
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<td>I. More learning opportunities before and after school</td>
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<td>J. Communication about student progress in the language their parents speak</td>
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<td>K. Direct grants to parents of $500 per child for educational needs</td>
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<td>L. Extended learning time through longer school days or school year</td>
<td>44%</td>
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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]

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 [EXCLUSIVE] 2%
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?
   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?
   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?
   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?
   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
   2. Sales
   3. Healthcare
   4. Education or early childhood development
   5. Journalism or the media
   6. Food service or the restaurant industry
   7. Market research
   8. Public relations
   9. None of these

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
   2. No
   3. Prefer not to say

23. [QPublicScreener] What type of school do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade attend?
   1. Public school
   2. Private school
   3. Homeschool
   4. Prefer not to say

24. [QHomeScreener] Where do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade live?
   1. Full-time with me in my home
   2. Split between my home and the home of another parent or family member
   3. Not with me

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
   2. No

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

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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
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