



**National Parents Union - November 2021 Survey**  
**Survey of N=1,002 parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade**  
**Sample from Dynata web panel**  
**Field Dates: November 3-8, 2021**

**COVID-19 AND CURRENT CONCERNS**

**1. [Concern Battery] With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian? [RANDOMIZE A-E]**

1. Worry a lot      2. Worry some      3. Worry a little bit      4. Do not worry much      5. Do not worry at all      6. Unsure

	DO NOT WORRY		1. Worry a lot	2. Worry some	3. Worry a little bit	4. Do not worry much	5. Do not worry at all	6. Unsure
	A LOT/SOME	MUCH/AT ALL						
<b>A. Making sure your child or children stay on track in school</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>17%</b>	39%	26%	17%	10%	6%	1%
<b>B. You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>23%</b>	32%	24%	21%	12%	11%	1%
<b>C. Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>20%</b>	28%	29%	22%	12%	8%	1%
<b>D. How the situation is affecting your children's mental health and emotional wellbeing</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>21%</b>	28%	27%	24%	12%	9%	1%

**2. [QVacParent] Have you been vaccinated against COVID-19, or do you plan to get vaccinated?**

TOTAL YES	75%
1. Yes, I have already been vaccinated	63%
2. Yes, I plan to get vaccinated right away	4%
3. Yes, I plan to get vaccinated, but not right away	8%
4. No, will not	21%
5. Unsure	4%

**IF HAS CHILDREN AGES 12-17, ASK:**

- 3. [QVac1217] Thinking about your child or children who are between the ages of 12 and 17, have they been vaccinated against COVID-19, or do you plan to get them vaccinated?**

	<b>(N=572)</b>
TOTAL YES	71%
1. Yes, they have already been vaccinated	49%
2. Yes, I plan to get them vaccinated right away	7%
3. Yes, I plan to get them vaccinated, but not right away	14%
4. No, will not	23%
5. Unsure	6%

**IF HAS CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN AGE 12, ASK:**

- 4. [QVacYoungv2] Thinking about your child or children who are between the ages of 5 and 11, have they been vaccinated against COVID-19, or do you plan to get them vaccinated?**

	<b>(N=677)</b>
TOTAL YES	62%
1. Yes, right away	15%
2. Yes, but not right away	27%
3. No, will not	20%
4. Unsure	29%

**IF HAS AT LEAST ONE CHILD THEY DO NOT PLAN TO GET VACCINATED [QVac1217=4 OR QVacYoungv2=4], ASK:**

- 5. [QWhyNoVac] What is the main reason you do not plan to get your child or children vaccinated?**

**[OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE]**

	<b>(N=258)</b>
1. Don't know enough about it / Not tested or in use long enough	26%
2. Concerned about side effects/safety	22%
3. Just don't trust the vaccine	22%
4. Don't think it's necessary/Not worried about child getting COVID-19	17%
5. Don't think it is effective / People still get COVID-19	6%
6. Religious reasons	4%
7. Don't trust government	4%
8. Against or don't trust vaccines in general/Don't have children get other vaccines	3%
9. Other	4%
10. Didn't give reason / Unsure	5%



9. [Vaccine Battery] Do you think the following groups should be required or encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine if they are at school in person? [RANDOMIZE A-C]

	1. Should be required	2. Should be encouraged, but not required	3. Should not be encouraged nor required	4. Unsure
<b>A. Public school K-12 students</b>	43%	29%	21%	6%
<b>B. Public school teachers and staff</b>	51%	24%	20%	6%
<b>C. Anyone visiting or volunteering at a public school</b>	45%	28%	20%	6%

## EDUCATION QUALITY

IF HAS TWO OR MORE CHILDREN IN GRADES K-12 [QKidNum=2-6], INSERT:

[ParentIntroText] For the following questions, please respond regarding your [INSERT FIRST/SECOND/ETC] child in birth order from oldest to youngest, who is in <INSERT RESPONSE FOR APPROPRIATE CHILD FROM QKidGrade>.

[RANDOMIZE WHICH CHILD IS ASKED ABOUT, SPLITTING EVENLY BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR PARENTS OF TWO CHILDREN, ASK 50% ABOUT FIRST CHILD (IN BIRTH ORDER FROM OLDEST TO YOUNGEST) WHO ATTENDS K-12 SCHOOL, 50% ABOUT SECOND CHILD WHO ATTENDS K-12 SCHOOL. PROGRAM FOR UP TO SIX CHILDREN.]

ASK ALL:

10. [QDisability] Does your child have a disability for which they usually receive specialized instruction or therapy?

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|-----------|-----|
| 1. Yes    | 14% |
| 2. No     | 84% |
| 3. Unsure | 1%  |

IF CHILD HAS A DISABILITY [QDisability=1], ASK:

11. [QIEP] If your child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), do you feel your child's school has done a good job updating their IEP this year to reflect your child's current needs and any challenges or changes that may have resulted from the pandemic?

- (N=156)
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| 1. Yes, has done a good job                       | 80% |
| 2. No, has not done a good job                    | 11% |
| 3. Not applicable – My child does not have an IEP | 7%  |
| 4. Unsure   | 2%  |

ASK ALL:

12. [QKidSchoolType] How is your child currently attending school? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

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| 1. Only in person, on their school campus            | 83% |
| 2. Only remotely or online                           | 8%  |
| 3. Part-time in person, part-time remotely or online | 9%  |
| 4. Something else (Please specify)                   | *%  |



**15. [School Issues Battery] How much of a problem, if at all, do you think each of the following is at your child's school right now? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS] [DISPLAY AS GRID OVER 2 PAGES]**

	1. Major problem	2. Moderate problem	3. Minor problem	4. Not a problem	5. Unsure			
	<b>MAJOR/ MOD. PROB.</b>	<b>MINOR/ NOT A PROB.</b>	1. Major prob.	2. Mod. prob.	3. Minor prob.	4. Not a prob.	5. Unsure	
<b>A. Not having enough teachers or staff</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>54%</b>	17%	24%	22%	32%	6%	
<b>B. Student behavioral issues affecting learning</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>54%</b>	14%	24%	25%	28%	8%	
<b>C. Conflicts about school policies related to COVID-19 (e.g., about face masks, vaccines, quarantine)</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>55%</b>	16%	23%	23%	31%	6%	
<b>D. Not having enough tutoring or other academic support for students</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>55%</b>	15%	22%	22%	33%	8%	
<b>E. Challenges with student transportation to and from school</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>58%</b>	14%	21%	20%	38%	6%	
<b>F. Student behavioral issues creating safety risks</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>60%</b>	15%	20%	26%	34%	6%	
<b>G. Difficulty offering good meals for students due to supply-chain issues</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>62%</b>	14%	19%	21%	41%	6%	

**[QUESTIONS 16-18 HELD FOR INTERNAL USE]**

**TRANSITION TEXT: IF HAS MORE THAN ONE CHILD: For the following questions, you may consider any and all children in your household when answering the questions.**

## PRIORITIES AND FUNDING

### ASK ALL:

**19. [QFocusTradeoff] 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. 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                             | 40% |
| 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 | 53% |
| 3. Unsure   | 6%  |

**20. [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]**

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| 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. | 56% |
| 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.   | 37% |
| 3. Unsure   | 7%  |

**21. [QPoliceTradeoff] 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. In disciplinary situations, schools should rely less on school police officers and move toward providing social and emotional supports to address student needs with staff like counselors, psychologists, and social workers | 55% |
| 2. In disciplinary situations, schools should continue to rely on school police officers in the way they do now  | 36% |
| 3. Unsure  | 9%  |



**22. [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	44%
NOT MUCH/NOTHING AT ALL	51%
1. A lot	14%
2. Some	30%
3. Not much	30%
4. Nothing at all	20%
5. Unsure	5%

**23. [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	28%
2. No	59%
3. Unsure	13%

**24. [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	52%
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	39%
3. Unsure	9%

## POLICY QUESTIONS

### ASK ALL:

**25. [QPubSchoolAccess] Would you support or oppose changing laws to establish a right to quality public education as a civil right in the same way that the right to vote is, meaning the government would be obligated by law to provide every child access to a quality education, and that the government could be challenged in court if that right is infringed upon?**

STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	73%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	12%
1. Strongly support	40%
2. Somewhat support	33%
3. Somewhat oppose	8%
4. Strongly oppose	4%
5. Unsure	15%

## REPORT CARD – EDUCATION ACTORS

26. [General Report Card Battery] What grade would you give each of the following for how they are handling the public education response to the COVID-19 pandemic? “A” is the best grade you can give, and “F” is a failing grade. [RANDOMIZE ITEMS] [DISPLAY AS GRID]

	1. A	2. B	3. C	4. D	5. F	6. Unsure			
						6.			
		<b>A-B</b>	<b>C-F</b>	1. A	2. B	3. C	4. D	5. F	Unsure
<b>A. Your children’s teachers</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>22%</b>	39%	35%	13%	6%	3%	3%	
<b>B. Your children’s school principals</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>27%</b>	33%	35%	16%	7%	5%	4%	
<b>C. Your district superintendent and school board</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>37%</b>	25%	31%	21%	9%	8%	7%	
<b>D. Your state governor</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>48%</b>	20%	25%	21%	8%	18%	7%	
<b>E. President Joe Biden</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>57%</b>	18%	21%	19%	9%	29%	5%	
<b>F. U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>41%</b>	13%	24%	22%	7%	12%	23%	

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### ASK ALL:

Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes.

#### 27. [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	28%
STRONG/NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT	36%
1. Strong Republican	18%
2. Not very strong Republican	10%
3. Independent	28%
4. Not very strong Democrat	12%
5. Strong Democrat	24%
6. A member of another party	2%
7. Unsure	7%

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

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

	(N=351)
TOTAL VOTES FOR REPUBLICANS	14%
TOTAL VOTES FOR DEMOCRATS	23%
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates	3%
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	16%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates	7%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	26%
6. Unsure	36%

#### [QPartyConsolidated] QParty and QPartyLean

1. Total Republican+Republican- leaning Independents	33%
2. Total Democratic+Democratic- leaning Independents	44%
3. Total Independent	9%
4. Total Member of Another Party	2%
5. Unsure	12%

**ASK ALL:**

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

VERY/SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	29%
VERY/SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	24%
1. Very conservative	16%
2. Somewhat conservative	13%
3. Moderate	40%
4. Somewhat liberal	11%
5. Very liberal	13%
6. Unsure	7%

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

1. Facebook	82%
2. YouTube	79%
3. Instagram	58%
4. TikTok	40%
5. Twitter	35%
6. Snapchat	34%
7. Pinterest	32%
8. WhatsApp	25%
9. LinkedIn	24%
10. Reddit	17%
11. Something else (Please specify)	1%
12. None of these	2%

**31. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?**

1. Employed full-time	57%
2. Employed part-time	10%
3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work	4%
4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer	*%
5. Unemployed and looking for work	5%
6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work	3%
7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver	15%
8. Full time student	1%
9. Retired	3%
10. Something else (Please specify)	2%
11. Prefer not to say	1%

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

**32. [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=716)**

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| 1. I currently work from home  | 24% |
| 2. I currently go to work at an office or workplace, but I have the option to work from home     | 26% |
| 3. I currently go to work at an office or workplace and do NOT have the option to work from home | 49% |
| 4. Prefer not to say   | 1%  |

**ASK ALL:**

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

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Less than \$30,000 per year    | 22% |
| 2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year  | 19% |
| 3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year  | 21% |
| 4. \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year | 23% |
| 5. More than \$125,000 per year   | 14% |
| 6. Prefer not to say              | 2%  |

**34. [QState] In what state do you live?**

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|----------------------------|-----|
| 1. States in the Northeast | 15% |
| 2. States in the Midwest   | 19% |
| 3. States in the South     | 40% |
| 4. States in the West      | 26% |

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

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. City                       | 38% |
| 2. Suburb near a city         | 39% |
| 3. Small town not near a city | 9%  |
| 4. Rural or country area      | 15% |

**36. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?**

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Single, never married | 16% |
| 2. Married               | 59% |
| 3. Living with a partner | 13% |
| 4. Separated             | 2%  |
| 5. Divorced              | 8%  |
| 6. Widowed               | 1%  |
| 7. Prefer not to say     | *%  |

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

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

1. Technology	5%
2. Sales	8%
3. Healthcare	10%
4. Education or early childhood development	6%
5. Journalism or the media	-
6. Food service or the restaurant industry	8%
7. Market research	-
8. Public relations	-
9. None of these	69%

**38. [QParentScreeener] 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	-
3. Prefer not to say	-

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

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

**40. [QHomeScreeener] 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	-

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

1. Yes	95%
2. No	5%

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

1. Man	44%
2. Woman	56%
3. Some other way	*%

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

1. White	61%
2. Black or African American	13%
3. Hispanic or Latino	22%
4. Asian	7%
5. Native American or Alaska Native	2%
6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1%
7. Something else (Please specify)	1%

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

1. High school or less	35%
2. Some college	21%
3. Associate degree	10%
4. Bachelor's degree	21%
5. Graduate degree	13%
6. Prefer not to say	*%

**45. [QAge] What is your age?**

1. 18-29	8%
2. 30-39	39%
3. 40-49	38%
4. 50-64	14%
5. 65+	2%

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

1. 1	50%
2. 2	33%
3. 3	11%
4. 4	4%
5. 5	1%
6. 6	*%
7. 7	1%
8. 8	*%
9. 9	*%
10. 10 or more	*%



**47. [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. 5	11%
2. 6	11%
3. 7	11%
4. 8	12%
5. 9	14%
6. 10	12%
7. 11	13%
8. 12	14%
9. 13	14%
10. 14	13%
11. 15	14%
12. 16	11%
13. 17	12%

**48. [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	14%
2. 1st grade	11%
3. 2nd grade	11%
4. 3rd grade	12%
5. 4th grade	13%
6. 5th grade	13%
7. 6th grade	13%
8. 7th grade	13%
9. 8th grade	12%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	14%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	14%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	11%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	11%