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**CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE
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Topline Results

801 Parents with Children Ages 18 or Younger Including 683 Parents with School-Aged Children

Hello, we're conducting a survey about issues that concern people in California. We are an independent research firm, and the results will be completely confidential.

(ZIP) Please enter the zip code where you live.

(RECORD ZIPCODE)

1. First, are you registered to vote at this address?

Yes	100%
No	TERMINATE
DON'T KNOW	TERMINATE

(PTY) Are you registered to vote as a: **(ROTATE 1-4)**

Democrat	50%
Republican	21%
Independent/No Party Preference	26%
Other party member	1%
DON'T KNOW	2%

2. Do you or does anyone in your household work for a newspaper or TV station, a news website or blog, a political consulting firm, or an elected official?

Yes	TERMINATE
No	100%
DON'T KNOW	TERMINATE

(KIDS) Do you have any children aged 18 or younger living at home?

Yes	100%
No	0%
DON'T KNOW	0%

3. In November of this year, there will be a general election for Governor, U.S. Senate, and other offices. While it is some ways off, how likely would you say you are to vote in that election: Will you definitely vote, probably vote, are the chances 50-50, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

Definitely vote	70%
Probably vote	18%
50-50	10%
Probably not vote	1%
Definitely not vote	1%
DON'T KNOW	1%

APPROVALS & OVERALL THOUGHTS ON THINGS

4. Please indicate whether you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of how each of the following individuals is doing their job.

(RANDOMIZE)	STR APP	S.W. APP	S.W. DISAPP	STR APP	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL APP	TOTAL DISAPP	APP – DISAPP
_a. (ALWAYS ASK FIRST) Joe Biden as President	31%	28%	16%	23%	2%	60%	39%	+21
_b. Gavin Newsom as Governor	29%	34%	12%	20%	4%	64%	32%	+31
_c. Miguel Cardona as U.S. Secretary of Education	15%	32%	13%	10%	30%	47%	23%	+25
_d. Tony Thurmond as California Superintendent of Public Instruction	15%	31%	15%	8%	31%	46%	23%	+22

5. **(SPLIT A)** Please indicate whether you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of how each of the following individuals or organizations have handled operating schools and educating students throughout the pandemic.

(RANDOMIZE)	STR APP	S.W. APP	S.W. DISAPP	STR APP	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL APP	TOTAL DISAPP	APP – DISAPP
_a. Your local school district superintendent	25%	43%	15%	9%	9%	68%	23%	+44
_b. Your local school board	26%	42%	17%	8%	7%	68%	25%	+43

6. **(SPLIT B)** Please indicate whether you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of how each of the following individuals or organizations have handled operating schools and educating students over the last couple of years.

(RANDOMIZE)	STR APP	S.W. APP	S.W. DISAPP	STR APP	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL APP	TOTAL DISAPP	APP – DISAPP
_a. Your local school district superintendent	21%	43%	14%	9%	13%	64%	23%	+42
_b. Your local school board	21%	44%	16%	7%	12%	65%	23%	+43

7. There are many educational issues currently facing the state. For each of the following issues, please indicate how important each one is for you on a scale from ONE to TEN with TEN being VERY important and ONE being NOT AT ALL important. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(RANKED BY MEAN)		Mean	10	6-9	5	1-4	DK
_a.	Reducing gun violence in schools	9.23	70%	25%	3%	2%	1%
_b.	(SPLIT A) Making college more affordable	9.07	58%	37%	2%	2%	1%
_d.	(SPLIT A) Improving education funding	8.86	50%	45%	2%	2%	1%
_f.	(SPLIT A) Supporting struggling schools	8.83	47%	49%	1%	2%	1%
_c.	Reducing teacher shortages	8.63	46%	46%	3%	3%	1%
_l.	(SPLIT B) Improving services for students with disabilities	8.51	47%	44%	3%	5%	1%
_i.	(SPLIT B) Increasing access to early education	8.44	41%	49%	3%	6%	1%
_e.	(SPLIT B) Increasing the number of students who finish college	8.33	43%	47%	5%	5%	0%
_h.	(SPLIT A) Improving school discipline	8.23	39%	48%	5%	6%	2%
_j.	(SPLIT A) Improving services for English learners	8.20	37%	49%	8%	5%	2%
_g.	(SPLIT B) Holding charter schools accountable	8.10	32%	52%	6%	5%	6%
_k.	(SPLIT B) Increasing the diversity of the public-school teaching workforce	7.77	34%	47%	5%	12%	2%

8. Here is a list of concerns some people have had regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath on students. On a scale from 1-10, please indicate how serious of a concern each is for you personally, with a 10 meaning it is a very serious concern, and a 1 meaning it is not a concern at all. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(RANKED BY MEAN)		Mean	10	6-9	5	1-4	DK
_g.	Students feeling unsafe in school	8.63	50%	41%	3%	5%	1%
_b.	The impact on students' emotional and mental health	8.55	48%	43%	3%	5%	1%
_c.	Students falling behind academically	8.43	44%	46%	4%	6%	1%
_a.	Students feeling disengaged and disconnected from school	8.31	39%	50%	4%	5%	1%
_f.	The impact on students with special needs, such as students with disabilities and students learning English	8.24	39%	49%	4%	7%	2%
_d.	The unequal impact on students of different economic backgrounds	8.02	34%	51%	5%	8%	2%
_e.	The unequal impact on students of different racial backgrounds	7.90	35%	49%	4%	10%	2%

9. **(SPLIT A)** Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D and F to rate the quality of their work at school. Suppose California public schools were graded in the same manner. What grade would you give California's public schools?

A	12%
B	29%
C	38%
D	9%
F for Fail	9%
DON'T KNOW	3%

10. **(SPLIT B)** Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D and F to rate the quality of their work at school. Suppose your local public schools were graded in the same manner. What grade would you give your local public schools?

A	18%
B	39%
C	26%
D	9%
F for Fail	7%
DON'T KNOW	2%

OWN CHILD'S EXPERIENCE [ASK ONLY AMONGST PARENTS]

- (KIDS SCL) (ASK ONLY IF PUNCH 1 "YES" IN (KIDS))** Do you have any school-aged (grades pre-K through 12) children?

Yes	85%
No	15%
DON'T KNOW	0%

ASK QUESTIONS KIDS SCL # THROUGH Q29 ONLY IF PUNCH 1 IN (KIDS SCL)

- (KIDS SCL #)** How many school-aged (grades pre-K through 12) children do you have?

1	51%
2	35%
3	11%
4	2%
5	1%
Greater than 5	1%
DON'T KNOW	0%

(KIDS SCL TYPE) What type of school(s) do your children attend? **(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)**

Traditional public schools	67%
Public charter schools	19%
Private schools	18%
Parochial schools	1%
Home schooled	5%
None of the above	0%
DON'T KNOW	0%

11. In the 2021-2022 school year, which grade level was your child(ren) in? If you have more than one child, please select all that apply **(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)**

Pre-kindergarten	13%
Kindergarten	13%
1 st grade	11%
2 nd grade	11%
3 rd grade	14%
4 th grade	12%
5 th grade	14%
6 th grade	13%
7 th grade	13%
8 th grade	14%
9 th grade	11%
10 th grade	8%
11 th grade	8%
12 th grade	5%
DON'T KNOW	0%

INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUESTIONS 12 THROUGH 29

- IF PUNCH 1 IN (KIDS SCL #), LIST GRADE RESPONSE FROM Q11 IN QUESTIONS 12 THROUGH Q29
- IF PUNCH 2-6 IN (KIDS SCL #), RANDOMLY SELECT ONE GRADE FROM THE MULTIPLE RESPONSES IN Q11 AND LIST THAT GRADE ONLY IN QUESTIONS 12 THROUGH 29
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR Q11: IF RESPONDENT ONLY SELECTS PUNCH 1 (PRE-K), THEY SKIP TO Q30. IF RESPONDENT SELECTS PUNCH 1 (PRE-K) AND ONE OR MORE CHOICES, RANDOMLY SELECT BETWEEN THE NON-PUNCH 1 RESPONSES FOR Q12 THROUGH 29

12. Has your **[X GRADE]** child received any special education services based on a 504 or Individualized Education Plan, or IEP?

Yes	29%
No	68%
DON'T KNOW	3%
Yes - No	-39

13. Would you say your **[X GRADE]** child's behavioral health and emotional well-being is much better, somewhat better, somewhat worse or much worse now than it was before the pandemic, or is it about the same?

Much better	21%
Somewhat better	29%
Somewhat worse	17%
Much worse	5%
About the same	28%
DON'T KNOW	1%
Total Better	50%
Total Worse	21%
Better - Worse	+29

14. Would you say your **[X GRADE]** child's academic performance is much better, somewhat better, somewhat worse or much worse now than it was before the pandemic, or is it about the same?

Much better	20%
Somewhat better	34%
Somewhat worse	17%
Much worse	6%
About the same	22%
DON'T KNOW	1%
Total Better	54%
Total Worse	23%
Better - Worse	+31

15. How would you rate your **[X GRADE]** child's school at responding to their needs since the return to in-person learning? Would you rate it excellent, good, just fair or poor?

Excellent	30%
Good	45%
Just Fair	19%
Poor	5%
DON'T KNOW	1%
Excellent/Good	75%
Just Fair/Poor	24%
Exc/Good – Fair/Poor	+51

16. Thinking about the last year, which of the following would you have liked to see your [X GRADE] child's school provide more of? **(RANDOMIZE) (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)**

Support for emotional and mental health	41%
Arts & music programs	35%
Healthy meal and snack options	34%
Opportunities for my child to socialize with their classmates	32%
Instruction that engaged my child's interests and culture	30%
Tutoring	30%
Opportunities for my child to build relationships with trusted school staff	25%
Access to technology like computers and internet access	25%
Physical education	24%
Outreach with parents	24%
Rigorous academic instruction	19%
Afterschool care	19%
Recess and break times	19%
DON'T KNOW	5%

17. Compared to you, do you think your [X GRADE] child will have a better quality of life, about the same quality of life, or a worse quality of life than you have now when they reach your age? **(ROTATE "BETTER" AND "WORSE," KEEPING "ABOUT THE SAME" IN THE MIDDLE)**

Better	52%
About the same	29%
Worse	12%
DON'T KNOW	7%

18. On a scale from 1 to 10, please indicate to what extent each of the following disrupted your [X GRADE] child's learning this last year, with a 10 meaning it caused VERY SERIOUS disruptions to your child's learning, and a 1 meaning it caused NO DISRUPTIONS AT ALL. You can choose any number between 1 and 10. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(RANKED BY MEAN)		Mean	10	6-9	5	1-4	DK
_h.	Misbehavior of other students	5.80	14%	39%	11%	33%	3%
_i.	My child's learning falling behind and the difficulties in trying to help them keep up	5.67	17%	38%	7%	38%	2%
_j.	Other students learning falling behind	5.66	12%	40%	11%	32%	5%
_d.	A lack of qualified substitute teachers in my child's classroom	5.62	14%	38%	8%	36%	4%
_c.	My child's lack of motivation for school	5.54	16%	36%	7%	40%	1%
_a.	My child's absences related to COVID 19	5.51	15%	37%	8%	39%	1%
_o.	The negative impacts of social media on my child	5.47	14%	37%	8%	39%	2%
_e.	Teacher absences in my child's school	5.40	13%	37%	8%	38%	4%
_b.	My child's mental health challenges	5.32	13%	36%	8%	41%	2%
_f.	Bullying or social conflict between my child and other students	5.22	14%	32%	8%	43%	2%
_m.	Concerns about my family's finances	5.14	12%	35%	9%	42%	1%
_k.	Violence or threats of violence in my child's school	5.05	15%	29%	8%	44%	3%
_g.	My child misbehaving	4.60	10%	30%	9%	50%	1%
_l.	Drug and alcohol use in my child's school	4.59	12%	27%	5%	50%	7%
_n.	Concerns over my housing security	4.36	9%	30%	7%	53%	1%
_p.	My child having additional responsibilities at home	4.36	6%	31%	9%	53%	1%
_q.	My child's job responsibilities outside of school	4.35	7%	29%	10%	51%	2%

ENGAGEMENT AND SATISFACTION WITH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

19. How often would you say your [X GRADE] child's school communicates with you about their academic progress?

More than once a week	33%
Once a week	26%
Once every other week	14%
Once a month	13%
Less than once a month	12%
Never	1%
DON'T KNOW	1%

20. When you reach out to your **[X GRADE]** child's school with a serious concern or issue, how responsive would you say they are in addressing your needs? Would you say they are very responsive, somewhat responsive, not too responsive or not responsive at all?

Very responsive	46%
Somewhat responsive	36%
Not too responsive	11%
Not responsive at all	2%
I haven't reached out to my child's school with a serious concern or issue	5%
DON'T KNOW	0%
Total Responsive	82%
Total Not Responsive	13%
Responsive – Not	+70

SCHOOL SWITCHING

21. Have you changed your **[X GRADE]** child's school since the start of the pandemic in March of 2020 for reasons other than traditional transitions that students make such as from preschool to elementary school or middle school to high school?

Yes	27%
No	72%
DON'T KNOW	2%
Yes - No	-45

22. **(ONLY IF PUNCH 1 "YES" IN Q21)** Which type of school was your **[X GRADE]** child in before you changed schools?

Traditional public school	52%
Public charter school	15%
Private school	28%
Parochial school	2%
Home school	3%
None of the above	1%
DON'T KNOW	0%

23. **(ONLY IF PUNCH 1 "YES" IN Q21)** Which type of school is your **[X GRADE]** child in now?

Traditional public school	41%
Public charter school	23%
Private school	28%
Parochial school	2%
Home school	7%
Neither	1%
DON'T KNOW	0%

24. **(ONLY IF PUNCH 1 “YES” IN Q21)** What were the main reasons you changed your **[X GRADE]** child’s school? **(RANDOMIZE) (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)**

I wanted a different educational experience for my child	38%
I was dissatisfied with the COVID related safety measures at my child’s prior school	31%
I was dissatisfied with the individual support my child was receiving, such as mental health support or one-on-one learning help	30%
We moved to a different area	28%
I was dissatisfied with the overall safety at my child’s prior school	25%
My child was not doing well in school	23%
I was dissatisfied with the quality of instruction at my child’s prior school	21%
Other (SPECIFY)	4%
DON’T KNOW	2%

25. **(ONLY IF PUNCH 2 “NO” IN Q21)** Are you considering changing your **[X GRADE]** child’s school in the near future for reasons other than traditional transitions that students make from one level of schooling to the next? **(IF YES)** Are you considering changing their school strongly, somewhat, or only a little?

Yes, strongly	7%
Yes, somewhat	12%
Yes, only a little	9%
No	69%
DON’T KNOW	3%
Yes - No	-41

26. **(ONLY IF PUNCH 1-3 “TOTAL YES” IN Q25)** What are the main reasons you are considering changing your **[X GRADE]** child’s school? **(RANDOMIZE) (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)**

I want a different educational experience for my child	40%
I am dissatisfied with the quality of instruction at my child’s school	31%
I am dissatisfied with the individual support my child is receiving, such as mental health support or one-on-one learning help	26%
I am dissatisfied with the overall safety at my child’s school	23%
My child is not doing well in school	21%
We plan to relocate to another part of the state	17%
I am dissatisfied with the COVID related safety measures at my child’s school	17%
Other (SPECIFY)	10%
DON’T KNOW	1%

27. **(ONLY IF PUNCH 11 THROUGH 14 IN Q11 - GRADES)** Do you think your **[X GRADE]** child is very prepared, somewhat prepared, not too prepared, or not prepared at all for life after they graduate from high school?

Very prepared	29%
Somewhat prepared	47%
Not too prepared	14%
Not prepared at all	5%
DON'T KNOW	5%
Total Prepared	76%
Total Not Prepared	19%
Prepared – Not	+57

28. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement?

*“Going to college would be a good investment in your **[X GRADE]** child’s future”*

Strongly agree	58%
Somewhat agree	33%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	2%
DON'T KNOW	3%
Total Agree	92%
Total Disagree	6%
Agree – Disagree	+86

29. Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried or not at all worried about having enough money to pay for your **[X GRADE]** child’s college education?

Very worried	23%
Somewhat worried	34%
Not too worried	25%
Not at all worried	16%
DON'T KNOW	2%
Total Worried	57%
Total Not Worried	41%
Worried – Not	+16

RESUME ASKING Q30 AND BEYOND OF EVERYONE

FEELINGS ABOUT THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

30. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements. **(RANDOMIZE)**

		STRNG AGREE	SMWT AGREE	SMWT DIS AGREE	STRNG DIS AGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOT AGREE	TOT DIS AGREE	AGREE - DIS AGREE
	(RANKED BY TOTAL AGREE)								
_c.	(SPLIT A) California's pandemic school closures caused children social and emotional distress.	43%	38%	9%	6%	4%	81%	15%	+66
_b.	(SPLIT B) California's pandemic school closures caused children to fall far behind in reading and math.	35%	40%	15%	5%	5%	75%	20%	+54
_d.	(SPLIT B) California's pandemic school closures helped keep California children and families safe.	39%	36%	15%	8%	2%	74%	23%	+51
_e.	(SPLIT A) California's educators have done the best they could during the pandemic to keep schools open and keep children safe and learning.	31%	42%	15%	7%	4%	73%	23%	+50
_l.	(SPLIT B) I trust my local school district to spend their pandemic recovery money responsibly to address student needs.	27%	41%	15%	13%	4%	68%	28%	+40
_a.	(SPLIT A) California public schools were kept closed for in-person learning for too long during the pandemic.	27%	31%	22%	16%	4%	59%	38%	+21
_j.	(SPLIT B) California school districts have not received enough money to address the negative impacts of the pandemic.	26%	33%	18%	14%	10%	58%	32%	+27
_f.	(SPLIT B) California prioritized the safety of teachers over the needs of children during the pandemic.	25%	32%	20%	15%	8%	57%	35%	+22
_g.	(SPLIT A) I trust California's public schools to keep children safe.	21%	35%	23%	15%	5%	56%	39%	+17
_i.	(SPLIT A) California school districts have received enough money to address the negative impacts of the pandemic.	25%	29%	19%	14%	12%	55%	33%	+21
_k.	(SPLIT A) My local school district has communicated well about how they are using their pandemic recovery money to address student needs.	22%	31%	17%	21%	8%	53%	39%	+14
_h.	(SPLIT B) I trust California's public schools to keep children safe from gun violence.	21%	29%	27%	19%	4%	51%	45%	+5

31. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(RANKED BY TOTAL AGREE)		STRNG AGREE	SMWT AGREE	SMWT DIS AGREE	STRNG DIS AGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOT AGREE	TOT DIS AGREE	AGREE - DIS AGREE
_a.	We cannot have an effective democracy without good public education.	47%	35%	9%	4%	5%	82%	13%	+69
_b.	Public school teachers should keep their personal views out of the classroom.	44%	36%	13%	4%	3%	80%	17%	+63
_f.	(SPLIT B) The public education system should do a better job reflecting parents' preferences.	25%	44%	18%	7%	7%	69%	25%	+44
_i.	(SPLIT B) Parents should be able to opt their children out of books assigned by teachers if they think the content is inappropriate.	29%	40%	18%	12%	2%	69%	29%	+39
_c.	Public education is under attack in the United States.	32%	36%	18%	8%	6%	68%	25%	+43
_g.	Public schools are being unfairly asked to solve society's problems.	26%	35%	23%	9%	7%	61%	32%	+28
_e.	(SPLIT A) The public education system does a poor job reflecting parents' preferences.	21%	37%	26%	7%	10%	57%	33%	+25
_d.	The public education system indoctrinates children.	22%	33%	20%	11%	14%	55%	31%	+24
_h.	(SPLIT A) Books containing content that some parents find inappropriate should be removed from school libraries.	22%	25%	20%	29%	5%	47%	48%	-1

32. In your view, do you believe schools should spend much more time, somewhat more time, somewhat less time, or much less time teaching grade-appropriate lessons about the causes and consequences of racism and inequality?

Much more time	31%
Somewhat more time	43%
Somewhat less time	12%
Much less time	7%
DON'T KNOW	7%
Total More	74%
Total Less	19%
More – Less	+55

**AWARENESS/FEELING ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNANCE & POLITICIZATION
OF EDUCATIONAL ISSUES**

33. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following statements. **(RANDOMIZE) Over the last few years...**

(RANKED BY TOTAL AGREE)		STRNG AGREE	SMWT AGREE	SMWT DIS AGREE	STRNG DIS AGREE	DON'T KNOW	TOT AGREE	TOT DIS AGREE	AGREE - DIS AGREE
_a.	(SPLIT A) The state of California has become more divided politically.	41%	32%	14%	8%	5%	73%	22%	+51
_e.	(SPLIT A) The problem of discrimination and violence based on racial and ethnic differences has gotten worse in California.	35%	34%	17%	8%	6%	69%	25%	+45
_c.	(SPLIT A) The state of California has become more divided on matters of race.	36%	30%	22%	7%	5%	66%	29%	+38
_b.	(SPLIT B) My local community has become more divided politically.	29%	34%	20%	9%	7%	63%	30%	+34
_d.	(SPLIT B) My local community has become more divided on matters of race.	24%	30%	27%	14%	5%	54%	40%	+14
_f.	(SPLIT B) The problem of discrimination and violence based on racial and ethnic differences has gotten worse in my local community.	23%	31%	26%	15%	5%	54%	41%	+13

34. **(SPLIT A) (ONLY IF PUNCH 1 OR 2 IN Q33a)** How much do you think each of the following has contributed to California becoming more divided politically? A lot, some, only a little or not at all? **(RANDOMIZE)**

	(RANKED BY A LOT/SOME)	A LOT	SOME	ONLY A LITTLE	NOT AT ALL	DON'T KNOW	A LOT/SOME	LITTLE/NOT AT ALL	NET
_g.	The two major political parties have become more extreme	55%	31%	11%	1%	2%	86%	12%	+73
_a.	False information spreading through social media	53%	32%	10%	3%	2%	85%	13%	+72
_e.	People only listening and talking with people they agree with politically	48%	36%	8%	4%	3%	85%	12%	+72
_i.	The increasing power of special interests in our government and the decreasing power of people	48%	34%	11%	3%	4%	82%	13%	+69
_f.	Bias in the media	51%	28%	14%	3%	4%	79%	17%	+62
_c.	Hardship and stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic	44%	35%	14%	5%	3%	79%	19%	+60
_d.	An increase in economic inequality	45%	33%	14%	4%	4%	78%	19%	+59
_b.	Interests from outside California stirring up trouble	40%	37%	12%	5%	6%	77%	17%	+59
_h.	Our country becoming sensitive to racism	33%	37%	19%	7%	5%	69%	26%	+44

35. **(SPLIT B) (ONLY IF PUNCH 1 OR 2 IN Q33b)** How much do you think each of the following has contributed to your local community becoming more divided politically? A lot, some, only a little or not at all? **(RANDOMIZE)**

	(RANKED BY A LOT/SOME)	A LOT	SOME	ONLY A LITTLE	NOT AT ALL	DON'T KNOW	A LOT/SOME	LITTLE/NOT AT ALL	NET
_a.	False information spreading through social media	55%	28%	11%	3%	3%	83%	15%	+68
_g.	The two major political parties have become more extreme	50%	33%	14%	2%	3%	82%	15%	+67
_e.	People only listening and talking with people they agree with politically	44%	39%	15%	2%	1%	82%	17%	+66
_f.	Bias in the media	50%	31%	15%	2%	2%	81%	17%	+64
_d.	An increase in economic inequality	37%	43%	14%	5%	1%	80%	19%	+60
_i.	The increasing power of special interests in our government and the decreasing power of people	43%	35%	14%	3%	4%	78%	17%	+61
_c.	Hardship and stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic	35%	42%	16%	6%	2%	76%	21%	+55
_h.	Our country becoming sensitive to racism	34%	41%	13%	10%	3%	74%	23%	+52
_b.	Interests from outside California stirring up trouble	37%	31%	22%	7%	4%	68%	28%	+40

36. Over the past year, would you say you were more involved, less involved, or involved about the same amount of time in each of the following activities as you were prior to this time last year.. **(RANDOMIZE)**

	(RANKED BY MORE INVOLVED)	MORE INVOLVED	LESS INVOLVED	ABOUT THE SAME	DON'T KNOW
_b.	Following the news on local and state education policy decisions	39%	20%	37%	3%
_a.	Attending school board or local education meetings online or in person	27%	22%	47%	4%
_c.	Contacting local education officials to express my views	24%	22%	49%	5%
_e.	Attending or organizing demonstrations, protests, or rallies around education issues	21%	26%	48%	5%
_d.	Contributing financially to elected officials, campaigns, or organizations working on education issues	20%	27%	48%	5%

37. **(ONLY IF PUNCH 1 IN ONE OR MORE OF LETTERS A-E IN Q36)** What reasons contributed to your increased engagement in education issues this past year? **(ROTATE 1-7) (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)**

Education issues have been more prominent in national and local news	41%
I wanted to show my support for educators and leaders during this difficult time	38%
It was easier to engage in these activities with new technology or online offerings	36%
I have been unhappy with educational decisions made during the pandemic	35%
I have been dissatisfied with the quality of education for children in my community	30%
I needed information that was not provided elsewhere	27%
My community encouraged or motivated me to act	23%
Other (RECORD RESPONSE)	3%
DON'T KNOW	1%

38. **(ONLY IF PUNCH 2 OR 3 IN ONE OR MORE OF LETTERS A-E IN Q36)** Was there anything that prevented you from being more engaged in educational issues this past year? **(ROTATE 1-9)**
(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

It was inconvenient to do so	25%
I did not trust leaders would value or make use of my input	21%
I believed that district leaders could make good decisions without my participation	20%
Education issues were not as pressing for me	18%
The structure of board meetings didn't give me a meaningful opportunity to participate	18%
I was concerned for my safety at school board meetings	15%
The negative portrayals of school board meetings in the media	12%
I do not feel welcome because education leaders and/or the system are biased	12%
Negative first-hand experiences with school board meetings	11%
Other (RECORD RESPONSE)	5%
DON'T KNOW	13%

39. How much would you say you know about the roles and responsibilities of local school boards?

A lot	20%
Some	39%
Only a little	28%
Nothing at all	10%
DON'T KNOW	2%
A lot/some	60%
Only a little/Nothing	38%
A lot/some – little/nothing	+21

40. Overall, do you believe school boards have a very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative impact on the quality of education in K-12 schools in California, or do they not have much impact at all?

Very positive	16%
Somewhat positive	46%
Somewhat negative	18%
Very negative	6%
Not much impact	7%
DON'T KNOW	6%
Total Positive	63%
Total Negative	25%
Positive – Negative	+38

41. Here are some statements made about parent and community involvement in the decision-making of local public schools and districts. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each one. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(RANKED BY TOTAL AGREE)		STRNG AGREE	SMWT AGREE	SMWT DISAG	STRNG DISAG	DK	TOT AGREE	TOT DISAG	AGREE - DIS AGREE
_a.	(SPLIT A) I would like to be involved in decisions about education in my community.	33%	49%	10%	2%	6%	82%	12%	+70
_d.	(SPLIT B) Locally elected school boards are an effective way to oversee and manage schools.	26%	47%	14%	5%	7%	73%	20%	+53
_e.	(SPLIT A) Local school boards are important because they ensure that decisions about education are made close to those who will be affected by them.	30%	43%	16%	3%	8%	73%	20%	+53
_c.	(SPLIT A) The public schools in my community generally reflect my values and preferences.	23%	44%	18%	8%	6%	67%	26%	+41
_b.	(SPLIT B) I trust that school district leaders value parent and community input when making important decisions.	23%	43%	19%	10%	6%	65%	28%	+37
_g.	(SPLIT A) Local school boards are responsive to community needs.	23%	40%	23%	6%	7%	63%	30%	+33
_h.	(SPLIT B) National politics and issues not relevant to my community have negatively influenced school board meetings.	20%	40%	17%	9%	13%	60%	27%	+33
_f.	(SPLIT B) Local school boards hinder statewide efforts to provide a quality education for all children.	20%	38%	22%	9%	12%	57%	31%	+27

TEACHERS & STAFFING

42. **(SPLIT A)** Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D and F to rate the quality of their work at school. Suppose teachers in California’s public schools were graded in the same manner. What grade would you give teachers in California’s public schools?

A	17%
B	41%
C	28%
D	7%
F for Fail	4%
DON'T KNOW	3%

43. **(SPLIT B)** Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D and F to rate the quality of their work at school. Suppose the teachers in your local public schools were graded in the same manner. What grade would you give the teachers in your local public schools?

A	25%
B	42%
C	25%
D	4%
F for Fail	4%
DON'T KNOW	0%

44. If a young person you knew was considering becoming a teacher, would you definitely encourage them to become a teacher, probably encourage them to become a teacher, neither encourage nor discourage them, probably discourage them from becoming a teacher, or definitely discourage them from becoming a teacher?

Definitely Encourage	36%
Probably Encourage	33%
Neither Encourage nor Discourage	21%
Probably Discourage	6%
Definitely Discourage	3%
DON'T KNOW	1%
Total Encourage	69%
Total Discourage	9%
Encourage – Discourage	+60

45. Overall, do you believe California teachers' unions have a very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative impact on the quality of education in K-12 schools in California, or do they not have much impact at all?

Very positive	24%
Somewhat positive	45%
Somewhat negative	12%
Very negative	8%
Not much impact	4%
DON'T KNOW	8%
Total Positive	69%
Total Negative	20%
Positive – Negative	+49

46. **(SPLIT A)** Do you support or oppose public school teachers' right to strike?

Support	75%
Oppose	15%
DON'T KNOW	10%
Support – Oppose	+60

47. **(SPLIT B)** Do you support or oppose public school teachers' right to strike to demand better compensation and benefits?

Support	77%
Oppose	18%
DON'T KNOW	5%
Support – Oppose	+59

GUN VIOLENCE QUESTIONS

48. Would you say you are extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned or not too concerned about the threat of gun violence in schools in this country?

Extremely concerned	55%
Very concerned	24%
Somewhat concerned	15%
Not too concerned	4%
DON'T KNOW	1%
Extremely/Very	79%
Smwt/Not too	20%
High – Low Concern	+60

49. **(ONLY IF PUNCH 1 IN KIDS SCL)** Would you say you are extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned or not too concerned about the threat of gun violence in your child or children's school?

Extremely concerned	44%
Very concerned	27%
Somewhat concerned	19%
Not too concerned	9%
DON'T KNOW	1%
Extremely/Very	70%
Smwt/Not too	29%
High – Low Concern	+42

50. Here is a list of policy proposals meant to reduce the risk of gun violence in our local public schools. Please indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that policy. **(RANDOMIZE)**

	(RANKED BY TOTAL SUPPORT)	STR SUPP	S.W. SUPP	S.W. OPP	STR OPP	DON'T KNOW	TOT SUPP	TOT OPP	SUPP-OPP
_g.	(SPLIT A) Requiring school officials to report any “perceived threat” of a mass shooting event to law enforcement	68%	24%	6%	1%	2%	91%	7%	+84
_h.	(SPLIT B) Mandating that school officials report “perceived threats” of a mass shooting to law enforcement	62%	23%	8%	4%	4%	84%	12%	+73
_a.	(SPLIT A) Practicing active shooter drills more often in your schools	50%	31%	10%	6%	3%	81%	16%	+65
_b.	(SPLIT B) Installing metal detectors in your schools	47%	33%	11%	4%	4%	80%	15%	+65
_e.	(SPLIT A) Limiting the number of doors and entryways into California public schools	46%	34%	10%	5%	5%	80%	15%	+66
_c.	(SPLIT A) Hiring additional armed security in your schools	47%	33%	12%	4%	4%	80%	16%	+64
_f.	(SPLIT B) Requiring school districts to survey parents about whether they have firearms in the home and how they are stored	34%	31%	16%	13%	6%	66%	29%	+37
_d.	(SPLIT B) Allowing your local school teachers to bring a gun into the classroom for protection	21%	26%	13%	35%	6%	47%	48%	-1

51. **(SPLIT A)** Here is a pair of statements about school safety with regards to gun violence. Please indicate which statement is closer to your own view. **(ROTATE)**

Schools shouldn't be expected to solve America's gun problem - the fixes to school based gun violence require changes to gun and other social policies, not additional school protections.	46%
OR	
Guns are a part of American society and tradition and are not going to go away, so we need to enhance school protections to make them a harder target for shooters	50%
(DON'T KNOW)	4%
Change gun policies – Make schools hard target	-5

52. **(SPLIT B)** Here is a pair of statements about school safety with regards to gun violence. Please indicate which statement is closer to your own view. **(ROTATE)**

Increasing police presence and other security measures in schools makes them feel like prisons	23%
OR	
Increasing police presence and other security measures in schools protects students	74%
(DON'T KNOW)	4%
Prisons – Protect students	-51

53. Here is a list of some policies that officials in California are actively considering as ways to reduce gun violence. Please indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each one. **(RANDOMIZE)**

(RANKED BY TOTAL SUPPORT)		STR SUPP	S.W. SUPP	S.W. OPP	STR OPP	DON'T KNOW	TOT SUPP	TOT OPP	SUPP-OPP
_f.	(SPLIT B) Expanding public mental health options in your area	59%	32%	5%	1%	2%	91%	6%	+85
_a.	(SPLIT A) Banning and confiscating assault rifles or other high-capacity firearms	56%	25%	8%	9%	3%	80%	16%	+64
_d.	(SPLIT B) Placing new restrictions and fines on companies that advertise firearms or ammunition to minors	53%	25%	10%	7%	4%	79%	17%	+61
_c.	(SPLIT A) Similar to the anti-abortion law in Texas, allow private citizens to sue anyone who manufactures, transports or sells illegal guns or gun components in California	48%	27%	8%	9%	8%	74%	17%	+57
_e.	(SPLIT A) Banning the sale of firearms on state property, including county fairgrounds.	49%	26%	9%	9%	7%	74%	19%	+55
_b.	(SPLIT B) Allowing private citizens to sue manufacturers and distributors of illegal guns or gun components in California	42%	30%	9%	11%	7%	72%	21%	+52

THOUGHTS ON CURRENT POLICY ISSUES

54. Here is a summary of a measure that will appear on the ballot in California this November:

REQUIRES ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND SPENDING ON ARTS EDUCATION IN K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS. *Provides additional funding for arts and music education in all K-12 public schools (including charter schools) by annually allocating from state General Fund an amount equaling 1% of required state and local funding for public schools. Allocates greater proportion of the funds to schools serving more economically disadvantaged students. Schools with 500 or more students must spend at least 80% of funding to employ teachers and remainder on training, supplies, and education partnerships. Requires audits and limits administrative costs to 1% of funding.*

Would you vote Yes or No on this measure if the election were held today. **(IF CHOICE)** And is that definitely **YES/NO** or probably **YES/NO**? **(IF UNDECIDED)** Well, in which way would you lean

Definitely Yes	35%
Probably Yes	32%
Lean Yes	15%
Lean No	5%
Probably No	2%
Definitely No	2%
DON'T KNOW	9%
(w/o leaners)	
Total Yes	67%
Total No	4%
Yes - No	+63
(w/ leaners)	
Total Yes	82%
Total No	9%
Yes - No	+73

55. **(SPLIT A)** As you may know, in some school districts across the state, student enrollment has dropped more than 20%. Schools are funded based on student enrollment and attendance, so when the number of students decreases, the amount of funding decreases as well.

In some of these districts, leaders have said that under-enrolled schools should be shut down to help keep districts within their budgets, but communities want the schools to stay open in their neighborhood.

Having read this, which of the following approaches is closest to your own view? **(ROTATE)**

(SHUT DOWN) Under-enrolled schools should be shut down and children should be sent to other nearby schools so districts can stay within their budgets	42%
OR	
(KEEP OPEN) Under-enrolled schools should be kept open and paid for by raising taxes or spending less on other programs	45%
DON'T KNOW	14%
Keep open – shut down	+3

56. **(SPLIT B)** As you may know, in some school districts across the state, student enrollment has dropped more than 20%. Schools are funded based on student enrollment and attendance, so when the number of students decreases, the amount of funding decreases as well.

In some of these districts, leaders have said that under-enrolled schools should be shut down to help keep districts within their budgets, but communities want the schools to stay open in their neighborhood. Existing evidence shows that, historically, school closures have disproportionately been in predominantly Black, Latino and underinvested neighborhoods.

Having read this, which of the following approaches is closest to your own view? **(ROTATE)**

(SHUT DOWN) Under-enrolled schools should be shut down and children should be sent to other nearby schools so districts can stay within their budgets	38%
OR	
(KEEP OPEN) Under-enrolled schools should be kept open and paid for by raising taxes or spending less on other programs	51%
DON'T KNOW	10%
Keep open – shut down	+13

57. **(ONLY IF PUNCH 2 IN Q.55 OR Q.56)** What do you think is the best way to raise the overall funding level to keep under enrolled schools open?

The state should raise taxes	33%
The state should spend less on other programs	60%
DON'T KNOW	7%
Raise taxes – spend less	-27

58. **(SPLIT A)** In California a policy was recently passed that will require students to complete an ethnic studies course in order to graduate high school starting in 2029. According to the Los Angeles Unified School District, ethnic studies courses “operate from the consideration that race and racism have been, and continue to be, profoundly powerful social and cultural forces in American society. These courses focus on the experiences of African Americans, Asian Americans, Chicanas/os and Latinas/os, Native Americans, and other racialized peoples in the US.”

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose requiring California students to complete an ethnic studies course in order to graduate high school?

Strongly support	42%
Somewhat support	31%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	9%
DON'T KNOW	8%
Total Support	72%
Total Oppose	20%
Support – Oppose	+52

59. **(SPLIT B)** In California a policy was recently passed that will require students to complete an ethnic studies course in order to graduate high school starting in 2029. According to the Los Angeles Unified School District, the purpose of ethnic studies is “to educate students to be politically, socially, and economically conscious about their personal connections to local and national history. Ethnic Studies focuses on themes of social justice, social responsibility, and social change.”

Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose requiring California students to complete an ethnic studies course in order to graduate high school?

Strongly support	38%
Somewhat support	36%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	10%
DON'T KNOW	5%
Total Support	74%
Total Oppose	21%
Support – Oppose	+53

60. As you may know, California permits charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet state educational standards but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose charter schools?

Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	42%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	8%
DON'T KNOW	8%
Total Support	71%
Total Oppose	21%
Support – Oppose	+49

Now here are a few final questions for statistical purposes only and will remain completely confidential.

- (UNION)** Are you or is any member of your household a member of a labor union or teachers' union?

Yes, member of a labor union	14%
Yes, household member is in a labor union	4%
Yes, member of a teacher's union	3%
Yes, household member is in a teacher's union	1%
Yes, both labor union and teacher union member in household	1%
Retired union member	1%
No	75%
DON'T KNOW	0%

(EDU) What was the last year of school you completed?

Grades 1-11	2%
High school graduate (12)	14%
Some college, but no degree	19%
Vocational or technical school	5%
Associate Degree	12%
College graduate (4)	32%
Post Graduate work/ Prof school	17%
DON'T KNOW	0%
Total non-college	51%
Total college	49%

(INC) Remember that this is a confidential survey. In 2021, what was your total family income from all sources before taxes? Please be as honest with me as possible. If you are not sure, please provide your closest estimate.

Under \$35,000	13%
\$35,00 to under \$50,000	12%
\$50,00 to under \$75,000	17%
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	16%
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	21%
\$150,000 to under \$250,000	13%
\$250,000 to under \$500,000	4%
\$500,000 or more	1%
Refused	1%
DON'T KNOW	1%

(SBOARD) Did you vote in the most recent election for your local school board?

Yes	66%
No	30%
DON'T KNOW	3%
Yes - No	+36

(WORK) Which of the following best describes your employment?

Full-time, salaried	48%
Full-time, hourly	19%
Part-time	9%
Student	3%
Unemployed	4%
Homemaker	13%
Retired	2%
DON'T KNOW	0%

(GENDER) What is your gender?

Male	45%
Female	55%
Other/ Don't Know	0%

(ETH1/ETH2) What is your race?

White	42%
Black	5%
Hispanic/Latino	43%
Asian	7%
(Mixed Race)	2%
(Other)	1%
DON'T KNOW	0%

(LANG) Is English the primary language spoken in your household?

Yes	92%
No	8%
DON'T KNOW	0%

(AGE) In what year were you born? _____ (Don't know/NA = 12)

18 – 29	23%
30 – 39	33%
40 – 49	29%
50 – 64	13%
65+	2%
DON'T KNOW	0%

THANK YOU AND TERMINATE

REGION (BY COUNTY)	
Los Angeles County	47%
Los Angeles Area	19%
Bay Area	8%
San Diego	11%
Sacramento/ North	15%
Central Valley	15%

DMA (BY COUNTY)	
Los Angeles	27%
San Francisco	17%
San Diego	8%
Sacramento	12%
Other	16%