

Statewide Education Survey
MFour/Tulchin Research
Sample: 2411 California Registered Voters
Mode: Online/Mobile Devices
FINAL TOPLINE



1. First, are you registered to vote in the state of California?

Yes 100

2. Are you, or is anyone living in your household, employed by a market research company, a newspaper, magazine, television or radio station, a political party or by a candidate for political office?

No 100

3. In 2012, California voters approved Proposition 30, authorizing a temporary one-quarter percent increase in the sales tax and temporary income tax increases on individual incomes above \$250,000 a year or joint filers above \$500,000. The money is primarily allocated to K-12 schools and generates about \$6 billion per year. The sales tax increase is due to expire in 2016 and the income tax increase is due to expire in 2018. Should California extend these tax increases to fund education, or should they let the tax increases expire as planned?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Extend both the income tax increase on those earning more than \$250,000 and the sales tax increase	29%	27%
Extend the income tax increase on those earning more than \$250,000, but let the sales tax expire	26%	26%
Extend the sales tax increase but let the tax increase on those earning more than \$250,000 expire	8%	12%
Let both tax increases expire	28%	22%
Unsure	9%	12%

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4. Next year, California voters may be asked to vote on a measure to change the state’s property tax law, often called Proposition 13. Under this proposal, property taxes for businesses would be recalculated each year to reflect the current estimated property value or fair market value instead of being Sample Sized on the purchase price as they are now.

Property taxes for homeowners would continue to be Sample Sized on the purchase price. It is estimated the proposal will generate between \$6-10 billion in new revenue, which would be allocated toward state and local government, including at least 40% dedicated to public schools.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	Stg Sppt	Sm Sppt	Sm Opp	Stg Opp	Unsure	Support	Oppose
Total	18%	32%	18%	21%	10%	51%	39%
Parents	18%	35%	15%	18%	14%	53%	33%

Next you are going to read the names of some elected leaders. Please indicate whether you approve or disapprove of how that person is handling his or her job. If you’ve never heard of that person, you can indicate that as well.

5. President Barack Obama

	Stg Aprv	Sm Aprv	Sm Dis	Stg Dis	Neither/Opin	Approve	Disapprove
Total	26%	28%	13%	31%	3%	53%	44%
Parents	25%	27%	14%	29%	6%	52%	43%

6. Governor Jerry Brown

	Stg Aprv	Sm Aprv	Sm Dis	Stg Dis	Neither/Opin	Approve	Disapprove	Not Heard Of
Total	19%	36%	18%	17%	8%	54%	35%	2%
Parents	14%	37%	19%	15%	13%	50%	34%	3%

7. Next, would you say you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling education in the U.S.?

	Stg Aprv	Sm Aprv	Sm Dis	Stg Dis	Neither	Approve	Disapprove
Total	15%	31%	17%	24%	13%	46%	41%
Parents	16%	32%	17%	21%	13%	48%	38%

8. Would you say you approve or disapprove of how Governor Jerry Brown is handling education in California?

	Stg Aprv	Sm Aprv	Sm Dis	Stg Dis	Neither	Approve	Disapprove
Total	11%	34%	22%	16%	17%	45%	38%
Parents	9%	33%	23%	15%	20%	42%	38%

9. (9A) Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D and F to rate the quality of their work at school. Suppose the California public schools were graded in the same manner. In the past few years, what grade would you give California public schools?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
GPA	1.52 GPA (C-/D+)	1.63 GPA (C-/D+)
A	2%	5%
B	16%	20%
C	43%	43%
D	22%	17%
F / FAIL	10%	12%
Don't know	7%	3%

(9B) 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. In the past few years, what grade would you give your local public schools?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
GPA	2.03 GPA (C)	2.05 GPA (C)
A	7%	5%
B	26%	31%
C	33%	34%
D	12%	13%
F/Fail	9%	6%
Don't know	12%	11%

10. (10A) In the past few years, would you say California public schools have gotten better, worse or have stayed about the same?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	1184	304
Gotten better	17%	26%
Gotten worse	39%	36%
Stayed the same	36%	34%
Don't know	9%	4%

(10B) In the past few years, would you say your local public schools have gotten better, worse or have stayed about the same?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	1227	384
Gotten better	17%	23%
Gotten worse	34%	29%
Stayed the same	38%	44%
Don't know	11%	5%

How would you rate the job California’s public schools do in the following areas? Please score each area from 0-10, where 10 is a perfect score and the state does an excellent job, 0 is the worst score and means the state is doing a terrible job, and 5 means the state is doing a mediocre job.

	2015	2015	2014	2013	2012
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parents</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
11. Providing adequate funding for local schools, students and classrooms	4.59	4.76	5.3	3.7	4.2
12. Ensuring every student has a quality teacher	4.45	4.78	5.4	4.1	4.1
13. Not spending too much money on bureaucracy	3.98	4.46	5	3.3	3.4
14. Holding principals, teachers and parents accountable for student performance	4.43	4.83	5.4	4.1	4.3
15. Teaching students the basics of reading, writing and math	5.24	5.83	6.2	5.1	5
16. Offering music, art, drama, sports and other extracurricular activities	4.53	4.93	5.2	3.7	4.1
17. Preparing students for a four-year university	4.90	5.35	5.9	4.1	4.3
18. Preparing students for good paying jobs	4.39	4.77	5.3	4	4
19. Offering career technical and vocational education to students who need an alternative to a four-year university	4.45	4.87	5.9	4.1	3.9
20. Providing parents with a choice of public schools to send their child	4.74	5.04	5.8	3.7	4.2

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21. Do you think California public schools currently have the money needed to provide students with a quality education, or do you think the state should be spending more on schools?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
California public schools have enough money	26%	17%
The state of California should be spending more on schools	60%	74%
Unsure	14%	9%

22. Over this past year, would you say that California public schools have had more money to spend in the classroom than they have had in recent years, less money, or about the same amount of money?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Much more money	8%	6%
A little more money	24%	24%
MORE MONEY	33%	30%
About the same	26%	26%
LESS MONEY	26%	32%
A little less money	16%	18%
A lot less money	10%	14%
Unsure	16%	12%

23. Compared with other states, how much do you think California spends per public school student?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Much more than other states	12%	7%
A little more than other states	18%	16%
MORE THAN OTHER STATES	30%	23%
About the same	15%	21%
LESS THAN OTHER STATES	37%	39%
A little less than other states	21%	21%
Much less than other states	16%	18%
Don't know	18%	17%

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70. In the past six months, have you heard or read anything about a policy called the Local Control Funding Formula, which changes the way California K-12 public schools are funded?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	2411	688
I have heard or read a good deal about it	3%	5%
I have heard or read a little bit about it	11%	15%
TOTAL I HAVE HEARD/READ	14%	20%
TOTAL I HAVEN'T HEARD/READ	86%	80%
I have not heard or read much about it	21%	27%
I have never heard or read about it	65%	53%

71. Sample Sized on what you know, do you have a positive or negative impression of the Local Control Funding Formula approach?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	336	140
Very positive	10%	10%
Somewhat positive	44%	44%
TOTAL POSITIVE	54%	54%
TOTAL NEGATIVE	22%	14%
Somewhat negative	15%	10%
Very negative	7%	4%
Not sure/Don't know	24%	32%

72. The Local Control Funding Formula provides additional funding to school districts that have more English-language learners/lower-income students, and gives local school districts more flexibility over how state funding is spent. In general, do you favor or oppose this plan?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	2411	688
Strongly support	17%	20%
Somewhat support	41%	40%
TOTAL SUPPORT	57%	60%
TOTAL OPPOSE	22%	20%
Somewhat oppose	13%	12%
Strongly oppose	9%	8%
Unsure	20%	19%

73. The new Local Control Funding Formula policy requires that school districts work with parents and community members to determine the allocation of district education resources and accountability standards. How important do you think it is for parents and community members to be involved in this process?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	2411	688
Very important	49%	51%
Somewhat important	30%	30%
TOTAL IMPORTANT	79%	82%
TOTAL UNIMPORTANT	10%	7%
Not too important	7%	6%
Not at all important	3%	1%
Unsure	11%	11%

74. Have you been invited to or made aware of a planning meeting or event related to how schools should spend Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) money?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	2411	688
Yes	4%	9%
No	87%	76%
Unsure	9%	15%

75. Did you attend one or more of these LCFF planning meetings or events?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	105	64
Yes	55%	55%
No	43%	42%
Unsure	2%	3%

76. Do you feel that the district’s local accountability plan developed after these meetings reflected your input?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	58	35
Yes	79%	75%
No	18%	21%
Unsure	4%	3%

77. How interested would you be in participating in deciding how to allocate LCFF funds in your school district in the future?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Sample Size	48	29
Very interested	28%	36%
Somewhat interested	52%	43%
Not interested	17%	16%
Unsure	3%	5%

78. Why have you not participated in LCFF meetings or events? Select all that apply.

Sample Size	Total 46	Parent 7
I do not have time to participate	21%	12%
The meetings were held at an inconvenient time	42%	33%
The meetings were held at an inconvenient location	25%	15%
I do not have an interest in participating	6%	9%
I do not trust that district leaders will value or make use of my input	12%	20%
I do not have the information or experience to contribute in a meaningful way	26%	6%
I believe these decisions are the responsibility of elected school board members and professional administrators	15%	16%

79. Please read the following statements about the Local Control Funding Formula policy and indicate which is closer to your own opinion:

Sample Size	Total 2411	Parent 688
Mary says the LCFF policy is a good idea	28%	27%
Sally says the LCFF is a bad idea	31%	36%
Neither	14%	15%
Unsure	26%	22%

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80. Under the Local Control Funding Formula policy, school districts are required to demonstrate measurable success in eight separate state priority areas. Which of these eight state priorities do you think are the most important for holding school districts accountable?

Please rank the state priority areas below with 1 being the most important and 8 being the least important.

Total Sample

	Most Important 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Least Important 8
Student Engagement (as measured by, for example: school attendance rates or high school graduation rates)	14%	19%	18%	14%	13%	10%	9%	4%
Student Achievement (as measured by, for example: student performance on state tests or the percent of English Learner students who become English proficient)	29%	17%	13%	12%	11%	8%	7%	4%
School Climate (as measured by, for example: student suspension rates)	3%	6%	7%	8%	11%	16%	22%	27%
Provision of Basic Services (as measured by, for example: student access to standards-aligned instructional materials or the condition of school facilities)	16%	12%	12%	16%	15%	13%	11%	6%
Parent Involvement (as measured by, for example: district efforts to seek parent input)	13%	11%	12%	11%	13%	13%	14%	14%
Implementation of Common Core State Standards (as measured by, for example: reported implementation of the standards for all students)	7%	7%	9%	10%	10%	13%	16%	30%
Course Access (as measured by, for example: student access and enrollment in required courses)	7%	14%	15%	17%	16%	17%	10%	6%
Other Student Outcomes (as measured by, for example: student performance assessments, college readiness, language proficiency)	13%	15%	16%	13%	12%	10%	11%	10%

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Parent Sample

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Student Achievement (as measured by, for example: student performance on state tests or the percent of English Learner students who become English proficient)	30%	18%	11%	11%	11%	8%	7%	4%
School Climate (as measured by, for example: student suspension rates)	3%	9%	8%	8%	10%	16%	20%	24%
Provision of Basic Services (as measured by, for example: student access to standards-aligned instructional materials or the condition of school facilities)	15%	11%	14%	16%	15%	12%	11%	7%
Parent Involvement (as measured by, for example: district efforts to seek parent input)	13%	12%	14%	10%	13%	11%	15%	12%
Implementation of Common Core State Standards (as measured by, for example: reported implementation of the standards for all students)	7%	6%	8%	8%	11%	13%	19%	28%
Course Access (as measured by, for example: student access and enrollment in required courses)	7%	11%	14%	18%	15%	17%	9%	8%
Other Student Outcomes (as measured by, for example: student performance assessments, college readiness, language proficiency)	12%	16%	14%	12%	11%	13%	10%	12%

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81. How do you obtain information about what is happening with local schools?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
Attend school board meetings	16%	31%
Visit the school or district website	26%	51%
Receive school or district newsletter	26%	53%
From family or friends who work for the school or the school district	32%	39%
Through discussions with neighbors, friends and family	35%	42%
From my children	22%	54%
Through the local newspaper, radio or TV news	44%	33%
Through social media	16%	22%
Another way	6%	5%
None of these	16%	5%

82. Do you do any of the following?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Parent</i>
You or your spouse serve on a school board	2%	5%
You or your spouse work at a public school or district central/regional office	7%	9%
Attend school board and/or other education related meetings	11%	29%
Attend school activities, such as sporting, cultural or musical events	27%	55%
Vote in school board elections	24%	22%
Member of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)	10%	27%
Contribute money to schools (through fundraisers)	22%	41%
Volunteer at public schools	16%	34%
None of these	46%	22%

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Now I would like to ask you a few final questions just for statistical purposes...

QParty. What is your current party registration?

	<i>Total</i>
Republican	30%
Democratic	41%
Independent/No Party Preference	29%

Gender. Are you male or female?

	<i>Total</i>
Male	48%
Female	52%

Age. Which of the following categories reflects your age?

	<i>Total</i>
18 to 24	8%
25 to 34	16%
35 to 44	15%
45 to 54	19%
55+	43%

ETHN. What best describes your racial or ethnic heritage?

	<i>Total</i>
White/Non-Hispanic	62%
Latino/Hispanic	23%
Black/African American	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7%
Other	1%
Unsure	0%

Do you have children?

	<i>Total</i>
Yes	65%
No	35%

Parent Subsample

	<i>Total</i>
Parent with child/children in (K-12)	29%
Parent with child/children not in (K-12)	36%
Not a Parent	35%

QRegion. What area do you live in?

	<i>Total</i>
Bay Area	22%
North/Sierra	3%
Central Coast	3%
Central Valley	18%
Inland Empire	9%
Orange County	10%
Los Angeles	26%
San Diego	10%