



National Parents Union - Coronavirus Impact Survey
Survey of N=500 parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade
Sampled from online web panel
Week #8 - Field Dates: June 15–18, 2020

SCHOOL CLOSURES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1. [QSchoolClosures] Are any of the schools your children attend currently closed for in-person classes due to the coronavirus situation, and if so, please indicate the type of closure they are experiencing:**
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| 1. Closure through end of school year | 64% |
| My child's schools are still open but running on a new | |
| 2. schedule | 4% |
| 3. My child's schools are still open and running normally | *% |
| 4. My child's schools have already finished the school year and started summer vacation | 32% |

IF SCHOOLS CURRENTLY CLOSED [QSchoolClosures=1], SKIP TO QChildrenNumber.

IF SCHOOLS OPEN OR ON SUMMER VACATION, ASK:

- 2. [QPastClosures] During the spring semester, did any of your children's schools close for in-person classes due to the coronavirus situation for any length of time?**
- (n=190)**
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| 1. Yes, they did close for in-person classes | 97% |
| 2. No, they remained open | 3% |

ASK ALL:

- 3. [QChildrenNumber] How many children do you have in public school in grades kindergarten through 12th grade?**
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| 1. 1 | 58% |
| 2. 2 | 29% |
| 3. 3 | 7% |
| 4. 4 | 2% |
| 5. 5 | 2% |
| 6. 6 or more | 1% |

4. [QKidsGradeLevels] In which grade levels do you have a child or children in public school (2019–2020 school year)? Select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE – LIMIT MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SELECTIONS BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN]

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

ECONOMIC AND HEALTH CONCERNS

5. [QCoronaConcern{A-J}] With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian? [RANDOMIZE A-J] [DISPLAY AS GRID OVER 3 PAGES]

	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	NOT MUCH/ AT ALL	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. You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus	63%	17%	40%	23%	18%	11%	7%	1%		
B. School closures will have a negative impact on your child's education	62%	18%	35%	27%	19%	12%	7%	1%		
C. Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends	61%	17%	32%	30%	21%	10%	8%	1%		
D. Making sure your child or children stay on track in school so they are ready for the next grade	56%	19%	32%	24%	24%	12%	8%	*%		
E. How the situation is affecting your children's mental health and emotional wellbeing	56%	24%	31%	25%	19%	16%	9%	1%		
F. Being able to make ends meet	54%	25%	34%	20%	20%	13%	12%	1%		
G. Your children spending too much time on screens (watching TV, playing video games, or using a computer, tablet, or smart phone)	53%	24%	28%	25%	22%	15%	9%	1%		
H. How the situation is affecting your mental health and emotional wellbeing	52%	24%	23%	29%	23%	15%	9%	1%		
I. Your children being exposed to more of the negative aspects or risks of online social interaction, such as cyberbullying	44%	36%	23%	20%	19%	23%	13%	1%		
J. Figuring out what to do with your kids during the day	37%	37%	16%	21%	26%	19%	18%	*%		

6. [QChildSocial] Thinking about the next couple of months, which of the following would you say concerns you more? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. That my children missing important social interactions with friends could negatively affect their emotional wellbeing 46%
2. That allowing my children to hang out with friends could put them at risk of being exposed to the coronavirus 42%
3. Unsure 12%

7. [QCoronaSick] Do you personally know anyone who has been sick with the coronavirus?

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| 1. Yes | 33% |
| 2. No | 65% |
| 3. Unsure | 3% |

8. [QCoronaHelpful] To cope with the coronavirus crisis, which of the following would be the most helpful for you to have as a parent right now? Please choose NO MORE THAN THREE. [RANDOMIZE 1-9]

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| 1. Help keeping my children engaged in good activities | 51% |
| 2. More money to spend on necessities | 44% |
| 3. More information about how to support my child's learning | 30% |
| 4. Paid time off work from my job | 26% |
| 5. High speed internet access | 26% |
| 6. More hours in the day | 16% |
| 7. Someone to run errands for me to pick up essentials | 12% |
| 8. More tablets or computers in the house | 11% |
| 9. Childcare | 9% |
| 10. Something else | 3% |

9. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?

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| 1. Employed full-time | 56% |
| 2. Employed part-time | 8% |
| 3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work | 2% |
| 4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer | 5% |
| 5. Unemployed and looking for work | 3% |
| 6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work | 3% |
| 7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver | 17% |
| 8. Full time student | *% |
| 9. Retired | 3% |
| 10. Something else (Please specify) | 2% |
| 11. Prefer not to say | 1% |

IF STILL WORKING [QEmployment = 1-3], ASK:

10. [QCoronaWFH] Which of these statements best describes where you are working from currently, and before the coronavirus outbreak? [RANDOMIZE 1-3, 3-1]

(n=346)

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| 1. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus but I'm currently working from home | 39% |
| 2. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus and I'm still working there | 39% |
| 3. I worked from home before the coronavirus and I'm still working there | 19% |
| 4. Something else (Please specify) | 3% |
| 5. Prefer not to say | 1% |

ASK ALL:

11. [QCoronaPersonalHardship] Which one or two of the following are the greatest hardships you personally have faced due to the spread of the coronavirus? [SELECT UP TO TWO] [RANDOMIZE 1-13]

1. I feel down or anxious about the overall situation in the country right now	28%
2. I haven't been able to see friends and family members	22%
3. I've had difficulty helping my children with their schoolwork and learning	18%
4. I haven't been able to move freely or go about my daily routine	16%
5. I've lost my job, had my hours cut, or lost income	14%
6. I haven't been able to attend religious services	13%
7. I've had difficulty with travel	10%
8. I've had difficulty getting food and other essentials	10%
9. I've had difficulty getting work done with my children around	9%
10. I've had health-related difficulties (seeing doctors, getting medications, etc.)	9%
11. I've had difficulty with working from home, or other work-related difficulty	8%
12. I've had difficulty getting along with people I live with	5%
13. I've had difficulty arranging childcare	4%
14. Other	*%
15. None of these	8%

12. [QCoronaPayment] Have you received a coronavirus relief payment from the government, and if so, how have you used that funding? Please select all that apply. [RANDOMIZE 1-7]

1. Used to buy groceries or basic household supplies	36%
2. Used to pay for utilities, phone bills, or internet service	36%
3. Used to pay mortgage or rent	27%
4. Put it into a savings account	22%
5. Used to pay for medical expenses	12%
6. Used to buy educational supplies or technology for your children	9%
7. Used to pay for childcare	5%
8. Something else	4%
9. I am eligible for a coronavirus relief payment but have not received it yet	6%
10. I am not eligible for a coronavirus relief payment	11%

13. [QParentFeelings] As a parent or guardian, how has dealing with the coronavirus situation and taking care of your children made you feel? Please select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-8]

1. Anxious	43%
2. Exhausted	36%
3. Frustrated	31%
4. Depressed	22%
5. Lonely	14%
6. Optimistic	13%
7. Self-confident	12%
8. Relaxed	7%
9. Something else	1%
10. It has not affected how I feel	11%
11. Unsure	5%

EDUCATION QUALITY

IF HAS TWO OR MORE CHILDREN IN GRADES K-12, INSERT:

[ParentIntroText] For the following questions, please respond regarding your [INSERT FIRST/SECOND/ETC] child in birth order (from oldest to youngest) of your children who are in grades kindergarten through high school. [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.]

14. [QKidGrade] What grade level is your child currently in (2019–2020 school year)? [DROP DOWN: Kindergarten–12th grade]

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

15. [QGradeResponse] Overall, how would you rate the job your child’s school is doing in providing resources and support to help your child continue learning?

EXCELLENT/GOOD	68%
ONLY FAIR/POOR	9%
1. Excellent	29%
2. Good	39%
3. Average	22%
4. Only fair	4%
5. Poor	5%
6. Unsure	1%

16. [QGradeParent] Overall, thinking honestly, how confident do you feel about being able to help your child continue learning?

VERY/SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	77%
NOT THAT/NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	22%
1. Very confident	35%
2. Somewhat confident	41%
3. Not that confident	17%
4. Not at all confident	5%
5. Unsure	2%

17. [QDisability] Does your child have a disability for which they usually receive specialized instruction or therapy? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Yes		18%
2. No	SKIP TO QCATCHUP	80%
3. Unsure	SKIP TO QCATCHUP	2%

IF SAYS CHILD DOES NOT HAVE A DISABILITY OR UNSURE [QDisability=2-3], SKIP TO QCATCHUP.

IF SAYS CHILD USUALLY RECEIVES SPECIAL INSTRUCTION OR THERAPY [QDisability=1], ASK:

18. [QSatisfiedHandlingDis] How satisfied are you with what your child's school is doing to address your child's needs for specialized instruction or therapy at this time?

	(n=105)
VERY/SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	66%
VERY/SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	17%
1. Very satisfied	35%
2. Somewhat satisfied	31%
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	14%
4. Somewhat dissatisfied	6%
5. Very dissatisfied	11%
6. Unsure	3%

19. [QConcernSpecial] Thinking about when your child's school reopens . . . How much do you worry that your child's specialized instruction or therapy might be unavailable or reduced because of budget cuts?

	(n=105)
WORRY A LOT/SOME	64%
DO NOT WORRY MUCH/AT ALL	18%
1. Worry a lot	28%
2. Worry some	36%
3. Worry a little	15%
4. Do not worry much	8%
5. Do not worry at all	11%
6. Unsure	3%

ASK ALL:

20. [QCatchUp] Thinking about how the coronavirus situation may have affected your child's schoolwork and classes this spring, are there any areas in which you think your child might have fallen a bit behind or need additional instruction next school year to make up for things they may have missed? Please select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

1. Math	36%
2. English/Language Arts, reading, or writing	31%
3. Science	22%
4. History	18%
5. Other classes or subjects	1%
6. I do not think my child will need any additional instruction	35%
7. Unsure	9%

IF CHILD IS IN GRADE 12 IN 2019–2020 [QKidGrade=12th grade], SKIP TO REOPENING AND REIMAGINING SECTION.

IF CHILD IS NOT IN GRADE 12 IN 2019–2020 [QKidGrade=Kindergarten – 11th grade], ASK:

21. [QDiffSchool] Do you plan to send your child to a different school or homeschool your child next school year?

	(n=465)
1. Yes	21%
2. No	59%
3. Unsure	19%

IF UNSURE [QDiffSchool=3], SKIP TO QSchoolPref.

IF NOT SENDING CHILD TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL OR HOMESCHOOL [QDiffSchool=2], ASK:

22. [QSchoolSameReason] What is the MAIN reason you plan to send your child to the same school next school year? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

	(n=274)
1. I am happy with my child's current school	75%
2. There are not any better school options in the area where I live	14%
3. I cannot send them to a different school or homeschool because of financial or job-related reasons	6%
4. Another reason	2%
5. Unsure	2%

IF SENDING CHILD TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL [QDiffSchool=1], ASK:

23. [QSchoolChange] What is the MAIN reason you plan to send your child to a different school or homeschool your child next year? [RANDOMIZE 1-4]

(n=108)

- 1. Concerns about their health or safety as a result of the coronavirus situation 38%
- 2. Concerns about the quality of their education 23%
- 3. My child will be in a grade that is automatically at a different school (i.e. moving from elementary to junior high) 17%
- 4. My family is moving to a home associated with a different school or school district 12%
- 5. Another reason 9%
- 6. Unsure 1%

24. [QNewSchoolType] What type of school do you plan to have your child attend next school year? [RANDOMIZE 1-5]

(n=108)

- 1. Homeschool 35%
- 2. Different public school in a different school district 20%
- 3. Different public school in the same school district 18%
- 4. Private school 15%
- 5. Charter school 7%
- 6. Another type of school -
- 7. Unsure 5%

IF CHILD IS NOT IN GRADE 12 IN 2019–2020 [QKidGrade=Kindergarten – 11th grade], ASK:

25. [QSchoolPref] If you could send your child to ANY school next year, which of the following would you prefer? [RANDOMIZE 1-6]

(n=465)

- 1. Same school they attended in 2019–2020 41%
- 2. Different public school in the same school district 6%
- 3. Different public school in a different school district 5%
- 4. Charter school 5%
- 5. Private school 16%
- 6. Homeschool 18%
- 7. Another type of school 1%
- 8. Unsure 8%

REOPENING AND REIMAGINING

ASK ALL:

26. [QReopenTradeoff] Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-2]

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| 1. Schools should reopen as soon as possible so students don't fall too far behind and can receive the educational support they need | 36% |
| 2. Schools should remain closed until they are certain there is no health risk, even if it means students fall farther behind | 54% |
| 3. Unsure | 11% |

27. [QFocusTradeoff] Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE ORDER 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 | 32% |
| 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 | 63% |
| 3. Unsure | 5% |

28. [QSafeReopen] When do you think you will personally feel safe sending your children back to school for in-person classes next school year?

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| 1. In August or September | 27% |
| 2. Later in the fall of 2020 | 17% |
| 3. Sometime in the winter, late 2020/early 2021 | 14% |
| 4. Sometime in the spring of 2021 | 15% |
| 5. Not at any time in the next school year | 10% |
| 6. Unsure | 18% |

**29. [QSafetyNecessary] Which of the following would be absolutely necessary in order for you to feel safe sending your children to school, meaning you would not send your children to school without this happening? Please select all that apply. [SELECT MULTIPLE]
[RANDOMIZE 1-8]**

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| 1. Schools requiring students and staff members who may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to stay home for 14 days before returning to school | 50% |
| 2. Schools providing face masks to all students and staff and replacing the masks regularly | 46% |
| 3. Testing for COVID-19 being available to anyone in your local area | 44% |
| 4. Schools having a full-time nurse or health worker at school | 41% |
| 5. Schools staggering schedules so that there are fewer students in classrooms and desks can be spaced six feet apart | 40% |
| 6. Schools limiting the number of students who are in common areas to maintain social distancing | 39% |
| 7. A COVID-19 vaccine being available to the public | 38% |
| 8. No new cases of COVID-19 being reported in your local area | 38% |
| 9. Something else | 1% |
| 10. None of these | 6% |
| 11. Unsure | 6% |

PUBLIC SCHOOL RIGHT

ASK ALL:

30. [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	72%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	12%
1. Strongly support	43%
2. Somewhat support	29%
3. Somewhat oppose	10%
4. Strongly oppose	2%
5. Unsure	16%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes.

- 31. [QGender] What is your gender? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
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| 1. Male | 44% |
| 2. Female | 56% |
- 32. [QRace] What is your race? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-7]**
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| 1. Black | 13% |
| 2. White | 59% |
| 3. Hispanic/Latino | 24% |
| 4. Asian | 7% |
| 5. Native American | *% |
| 6. Something else | *% |
| 7. Prefer not to say | *% |
- 33. [QEducation] What is the highest level of education you have completed?**
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| 1. High school or less | 36% |
| 2. Some college | 22% |
| 3. Associate's degree | 10% |
| 4. Bachelor's degree | 20% |
| 5. Graduate degree | 12% |
| 6. Prefer not to say | *% |
- 34. [QAge] What is your age?**
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| 1. 18–29 | 14% |
| 2. 30–39 | 36% |
| 3. 40–49 | 27% |
| 4. 50–64 | 22% |
| 5. 65+ | 1% |
- 35. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?**
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| 1. Single, never married | 12% |
| 2. Married | 65% |
| 3. Living with a partner | 11% |
| 4. Separated | 2% |
| 5. Divorced | 8% |
| 6. Widowed | 1% |
| 7. Prefer not to say | *% |

**36. [QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a ... ?
[RANDOMIZE SCALE R>D, D>R]**

REPUBLICAN (TOTAL)		29%
DEMOCRAT (TOTAL)		36%
1. Strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	16%
2. Not very strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	13%
3. Independent	CONTINUE TO QPARTYLEAN	21%
4. Not very strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	15%
5. Strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	21%
6. A member of another party	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	2%
7. Unsure	CONTINUE TO QPARTYLEAN	12%

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

**37. [QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?
[RANDOMIZE SCALE]**

		(n=169)
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates		2%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats		9%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans		15%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates		1%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans		26%
6. Unsure		47%

[QPartyConsolidated: QParty + QPartyLean]

GOP + GOP-leaning independents	33%
DEM + DEM-leaning independents	41%
Total independent	9%
Total member of another party	2%
Unsure	16%

ASK ALL:

38. [QIdeology] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself to be...? [RANDOMIZE SCALE CONSERVATIVE>LIBERAL, LIBERAL>CONSERVATIVE]

CONSERVATIVE (TOTAL)	28%
LIBERAL (TOTAL)	24%
1. Very conservative	11%
2. Somewhat conservative	17%
3. Moderate	36%
4. Somewhat liberal	13%
5. Very liberal	11%
6. Unsure	12%

39. [QSocial] Which social media platforms or apps do you use? [SELECT MULTIPLE]

[RANDOMIZE 1-9]

1. Facebook	73%
2. YouTube	65%
3. Instagram	52%
4. Pinterest	33%
5. Twitter	31%
6. Snapchat	30%
7. WhatsApp	23%
8. LinkedIn	21%
9. Reddit	11%
10. Something else (Please specify)	*%
11. None of these	5%

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

1. Less than \$30,000 per year	16%
2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year	22%
3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year	25%
4. \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year	21%
5. More than \$125,000 per year	14%
6. Prefer not to say	2%

41. [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	25%

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

1. City	34%
2. Suburb near a city	37%
3. Small town not near a city	12%
4. Rural or country area	17%

43. [QReligion] How would you describe your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant/Born-Again Christian	22%
2. Mainline Protestant	6%
3. Roman Catholic	22%
4. Mormon	3%
5. Jewish	3%
6. Muslim	2%
7. Agnostic	6%
8. Atheist	3%
9. Something else	21%
10. Prefer not to say	13%

44. [QChurch] How often do you attend a religious service?

1. At least once a week	25%
2. Once or twice a month	13%
3. A few times a year	18%
4. Usually just for religious holidays	11%
5. Never	27%
6. Prefer not to say	6%

IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER [QMarital=2 OR 3], ASK:

45. [QSpousePartnerEducation] What is the highest level of education your spouse or partner has completed?

	(n=394)
1. High school or less	32%
2. Some college	20%
3. Associate's degree	13%
4. Bachelor's degree	19%
5. Graduate degree	15%
6. Prefer not to say	-

SCREENERS AND INITIAL DEMOGRAPHICS ASKED AT BEGINNING OF SURVEY

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

1. Technology		7%
2. Sales		10%
3. Healthcare		13%
4. Education or early childhood development		11%
5. Journalism or the media	TERMINATE	-
6. Food service or the restaurant industry		9%
7. Market research	TERMINATE	-
8. Public relations	TERMINATE	-
9. None of these		62%

47. [QPublicSchoolParent] Are you the parent or guardian of a public school student who is currently in grades kindergarten through 12th grade? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Yes		100%
2. No	TERMINATE	-
3. Prefer not to say	TERMINATE	-

48. [QLivingAtHome] Where do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade live?

1. Full-time with me in my home		89%
2. Split between my home and the home of another parent or family member		11%
3. Not with me	TERMINATE	-