Stockton Polling Institute Education Poll Full Results Feb 24-Mar 10, 2023

## Q1 - Overall, please rate your satisfaction with the quality of education students receive in kindergarten through grade 12 in New Jersey:

| # | Answer                | %   | Count |
|---|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| 1 | Very satisfied        | 22% | 132   |
| 2 | Somewhat satisfied    | 38% | 228   |
| 3 | Somewhat dissatisfied | 17% | 101   |
| 4 | Very dissatisfied     | 13% | 80    |
| 5 | Not sure              | 9%  | 52    |

# Q3 - In your opinion, if you had to choose one, what is the biggest issue in K-12 education today? [OPEN-ENDED; RECODED INTO CATEGORIES]

| # | Answer                            | %   | Count |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1 | Curriculum concerns               | 24% | 146   |
| 2 | Other (please specify)            | 11% | 68    |
| 3 | Bullying, violence, school safety | 9%  | 56    |
| 4 | Falling behind in core subjects   | 8%  | 51    |
| 5 | Refuse                            | 7%  | 43    |
| 6 | School funding; equitable funding | 7%  | 41    |
| 7 | Not sure                          | 6%  | 37    |

Q4 - Do you have any dependents who are currently enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 in New Jersey?

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Q9 - How concerned are you about book censorship, if at all? Are you:

# Answer %

| Q12 - When it comes to social and communication skills, is your child ahead of where they should be, more or less on track, or behind where they should be? |
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| 4 | Not at all important | 1% | 5 |
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| 5 | Not sure             | 1% | 6 |
| 6 | Refuse               | 0% | 4 |
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Assuming they are addressed in an age-appropriate way, please identify in what grade level each of the following topics should be introduced, if at all:

Q20 - Gender identity and sexuality

| # | Answer                     | %    | Count |
|---|----------------------------|------|-------|
| 1 | Elementary (grades K-4)    | 12%  | 72    |
| 2 | Middle school (grades 5-8) | 33%  | 198   |
| 3 | High School (grades 9-12)  | 29%  | 173   |
| 4 | Never                      | 21%  | 125   |
| 5 | Not sure                   | 4%   | 21    |
| 6 | Refuse                     | 1%   | 8     |
|   | Total                      | 100% | 597   |

#### Q21 - Gender issues and norms, e.g., sexism and gender stereotyping

| # | Answer                     | %    | Count |
|---|----------------------------|------|-------|
| 1 | Elementary (grades K-4)    | 20%  | 118   |
| 2 | Middle school (grades 5-8) | 33%  | 197   |
| 3 | High School (grades 9-12)  | 23%  | 139   |
| 4 | Never                      | 19%  | 115   |
| 5 | Not sure                   | 3%   | 19    |
| 6 | Refuse                     | 1%   | 8     |
|   | Total                      | 100% | 597   |

#### Q22 - Sex-education

| # | Answer                     | %   | Count |
|---|----------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1 | Elementary (grades K-4)    | 11% | 64    |
| 2 | Middle school (grades 5-8) | 55% | 328   |
| 3 | High School (grades 9-12)  | 25% | 150   |

| 4 | Never    | 5% | 33 |
|---|----------|----|----|
| 5 | Not sure | 3% | 16 |
| 6 | Refuse   | 1% | 5  |

Total

Q25 - Would you support or oppose offering more mental health resources in schools?

| # | Answer   | %    | Count |
|---|----------|------|-------|
| 1 | Support  | 90%  | 536   |
| 2 | Oppose   | 5%   | 30    |
| 3 | Not sure | 4%   | 26    |
| 4 | Refuse   | 1%   | 5     |
|   | Total    | 100% | 597   |

## Demographics:

### QAGE:

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| # | Answer | %   | Count |
|---|--------|-----|-------|
| 1 | 18-29  | 16% | 99    |
| 2 | 30-49  | 31% | 184   |
| 3 | 50-64  | 28% | 168   |

| 5 | Not sure | 4%   | 26  |
|---|----------|------|-----|
| 6 | Refuse   | 7%   | 44  |
|   | Total    | 100% | 600 |

## D6 - Lastly, what is your gender?

| # | Answer               | %   | Count |
|---|----------------------|-----|-------|
| 1 | Man                  | 48% | 287   |
| 2 | Woman                | 48% | 286   |
| 3 | Identify another way |     |       |

#### Methodology

The poll of New Jersey adult residents was conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy from Feb. 24-Mar. 10, 2023. Stockton University students texted cell phones with invitations to take the survey online and Opinion Services supplemented the dialing portion of the fieldwork, which consisted of cell and landline telephone calls. Overall, 92% of interviews were conducted on cell phones and 8% on landline phones. In terms of mode, 75% were reached via dialing and 25% were reached via text-to-web. A total of 600 New Jersey adult residents were interviewed. Both cell and landline samples consisted of random digit dialing (RDD) sample from MSG. Data are weighted based on U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey data for New Jersey on variables of age, race, ethnicity, education level, sex, and region. The poll's margin of error is +/- 4 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. MOE is higher for subsets.