

# Schooling During the Pandemic

*What do parents and the public say about their experiences, school funding, and education options?*

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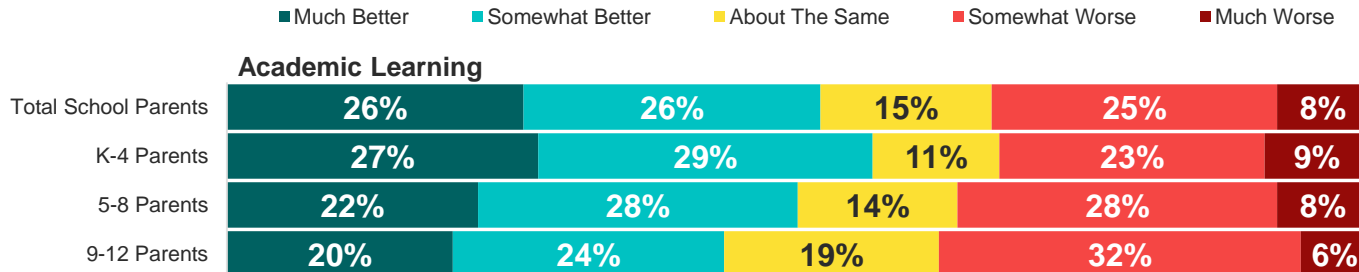


# **SCHOOLING DURING THE PANDEMIC**

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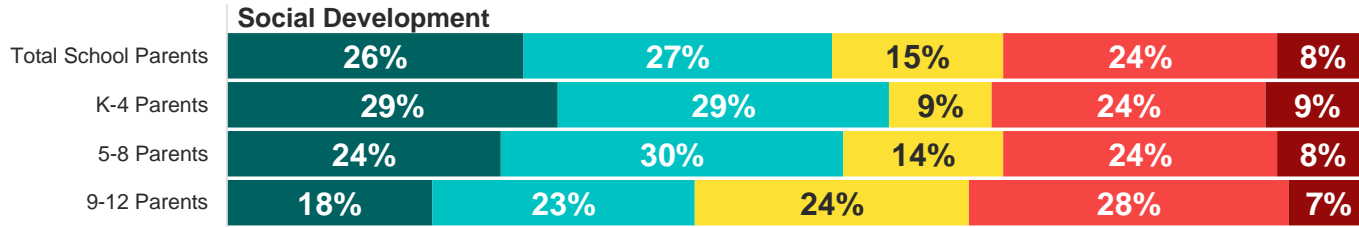
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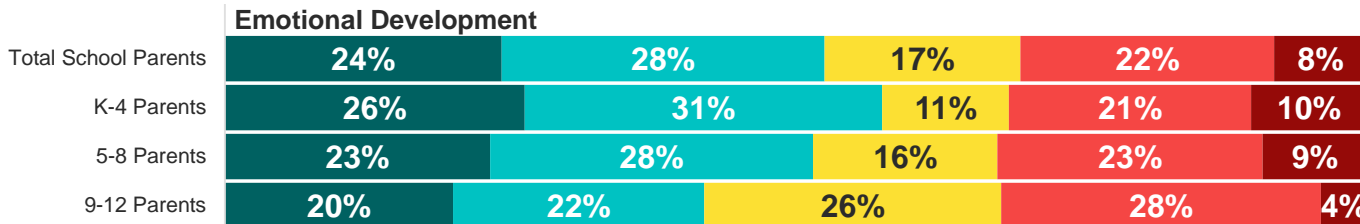
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## COVID-19 Impact on Learning and Development



# Parents are most supportive of school being conducted completely online in the fall, followed by completely in-person with required safety measures.

*Do you support or oppose the following school approaches to educating K-12 students in the fall?*

## School Parents

■ Strongly Support
■ Somewhat Support
■ Somewhat Oppose
■ Strongly Oppose
■ Don't Know / No Opinion

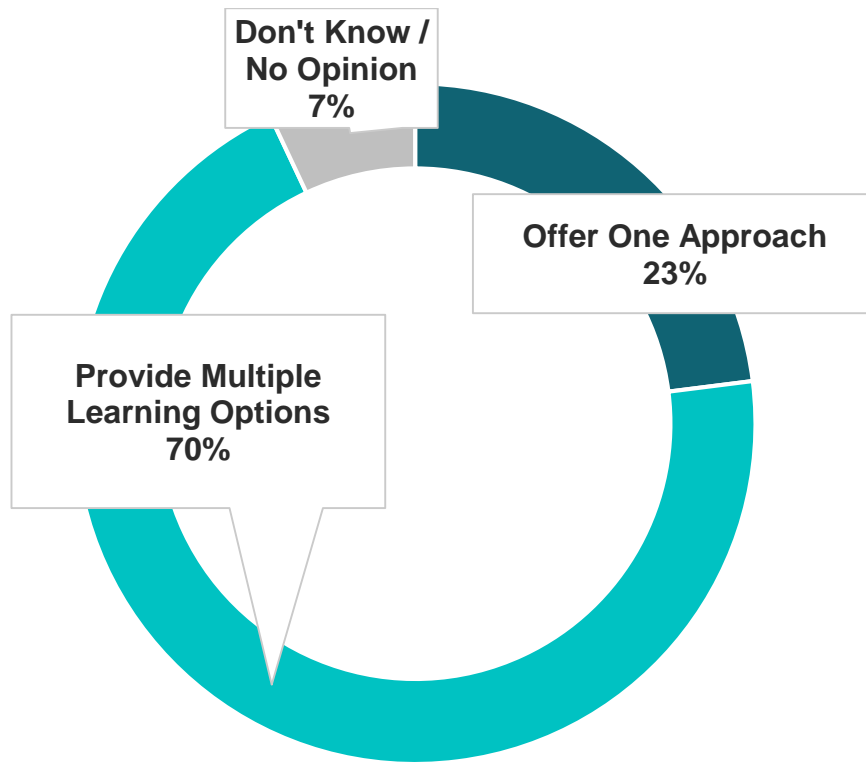


**Online, In-person, or Hybrid Schooling Support**

However, parents continue to believe that schools should offer multiple learning options in the fall.

*And, do you think schools should offer only one approach to educating K-12 students in the fall or provide multiple learning options?*

**School Parents**



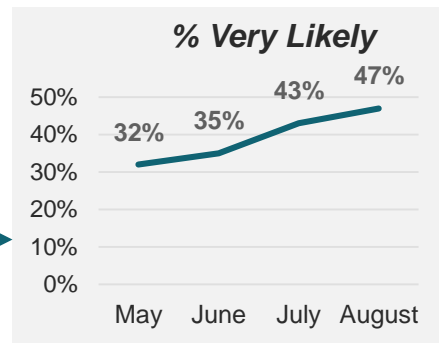
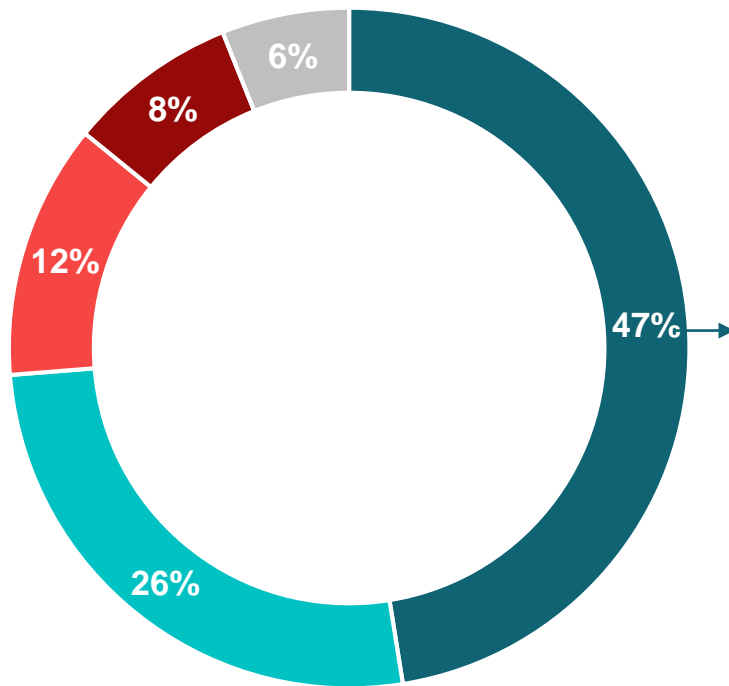
**Preference  
for One or  
Multiple  
Learning  
Options**

# The proportion of school parents likely to choose remote/virtual learning, over their child/children physically going back to school, has steadily increased since May.

*This coming school year, if your school or school district allows for the option of e-learning instead of physically going back to school, how likely would you be to enroll your child in e-learning/distance learning provided by the school or district?*

## School Parents

■ Very Likely   
 ■ Somewhat Likely   
 ■ Not That Likely   
 ■ Not At All Likely   
 ■ Don't Know/No Opinion



## Likelihood of Remote Learning Enrollment

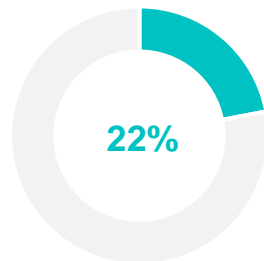


**A little less than a quarter of parents have switched their child's/children's school type since February of this year. School parents with younger children are more likely to have switched than those with older children.**

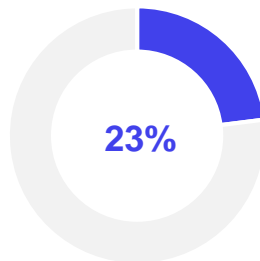
*Please tell us the grade level for each of your children; what kind of school each child will attend this new school year; and what kind of school each child was being educated in February of this year, before any school closures.*

**% Of Students Switching School Type, Reported by Parents**

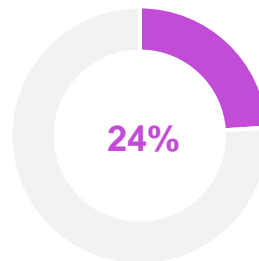
**Total School Parents**



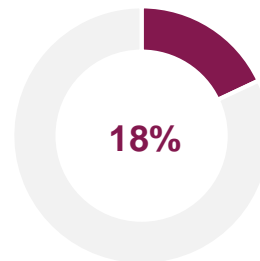
**K-4 Parents**



**5-8 Parents**



**9-12 Parents**



## School Type Shift

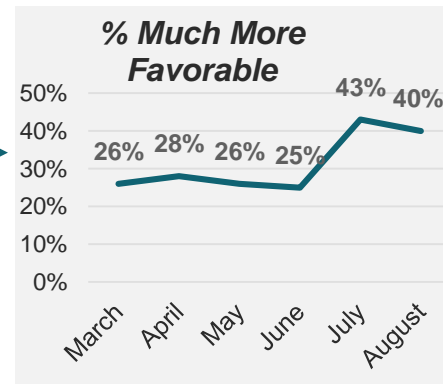
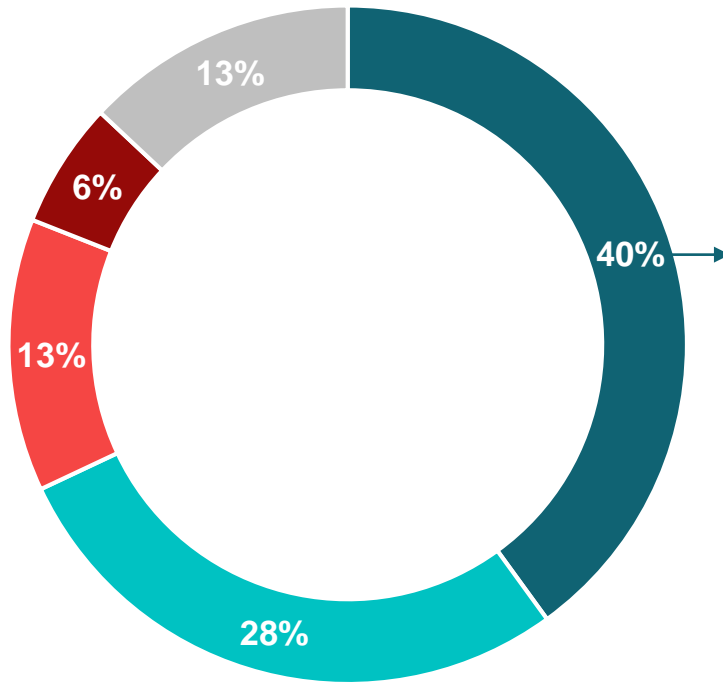
# COVID-19 Impact on Homeschooling

## School parents have become increasingly more favorable of homeschooling since the coronavirus outbreak started in March.

*How have your opinions on homeschooling changed as a result of the coronavirus?*

### School Parents

- Much More Favorable
- Somewhat More Favorable
- Somewhat Less Favorable
- Much Less Favorable
- Don't Know/ No Opinion



Parents are split over participation and interest in forming a pod with other families. Those with high incomes, children in grades K-4 and living in urban areas are more likely to currently be a part of a 'pod' with other families.

*As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, are you planning to form a 'pod' with other families?*

### School Parents

**Yes**, we have currently identified a 'pod'



**Yes**, we're looking to form a 'pod'

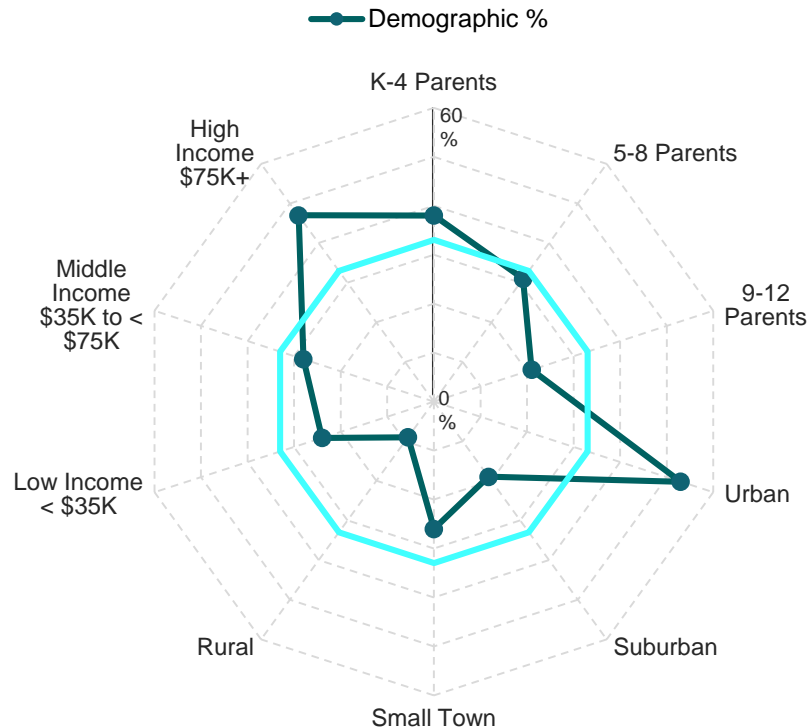


**No**, we're not planning to form a 'pod'



## Learning Pods

### % Currently Identified A Pod





# **SCHOOL FUNDING**

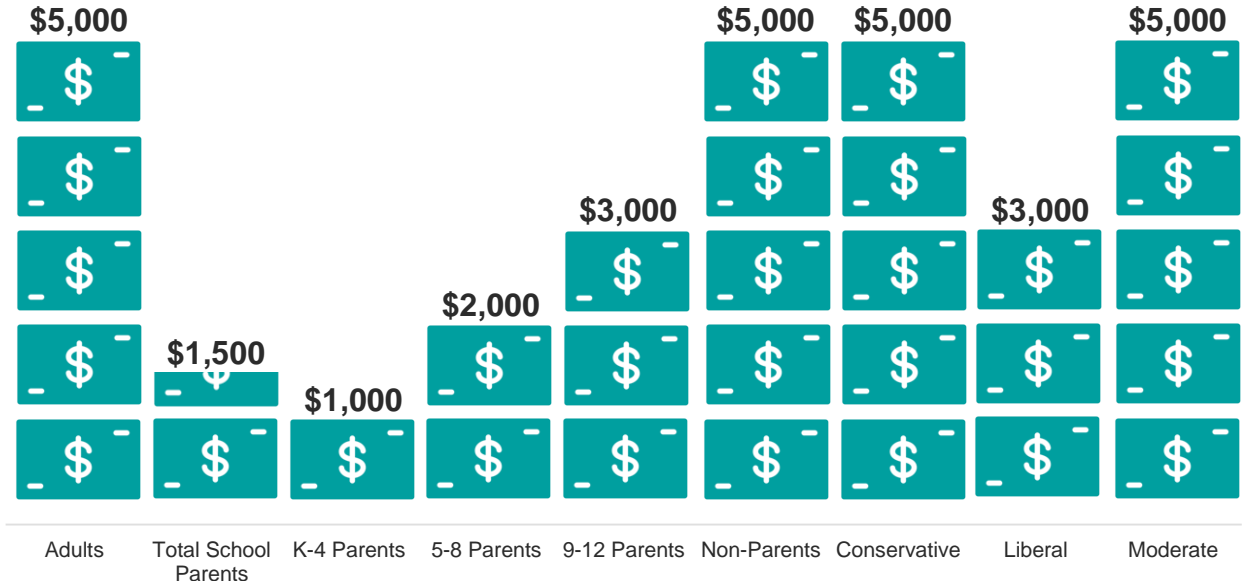
# School Spending Estimate

Americans, and especially school parents, believe that government spending per student is much lower than what is publicly reported.

How much do you think is spent per year on each student in your state's **public schools**? Your estimate of the state average—to the nearest thousand dollars—will represent the combined expenditures of local, state, and federal governments.

## Median Estimate

FY17 State Actuals	
Maximum	\$23,091
Mean	\$12,521
Minimum	\$7,179

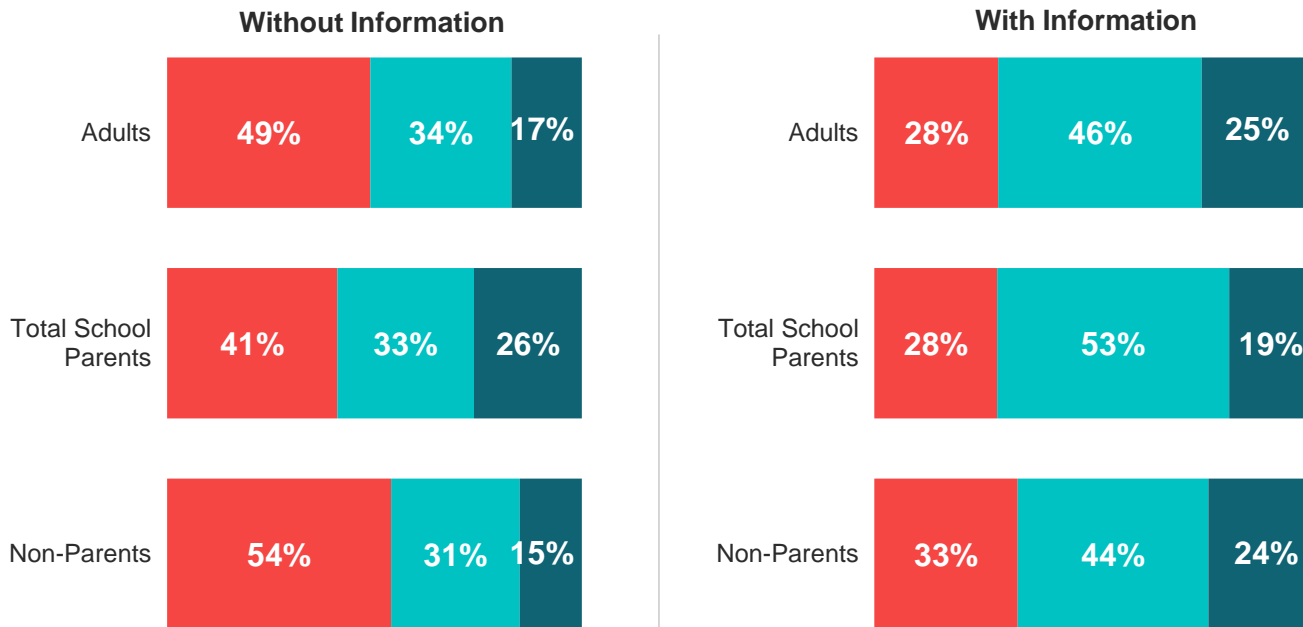


## When given spending information, school parents were much less likely (-21 points) to believe school spending per student was 'too low'.

Do you believe public school funding in [STATE] is:

On average, [STATE] spends \$\_\_\_\_\_ per student attending public school each year. Do you believe public school funding is:

● Too Low    ● About Right    ● Too High



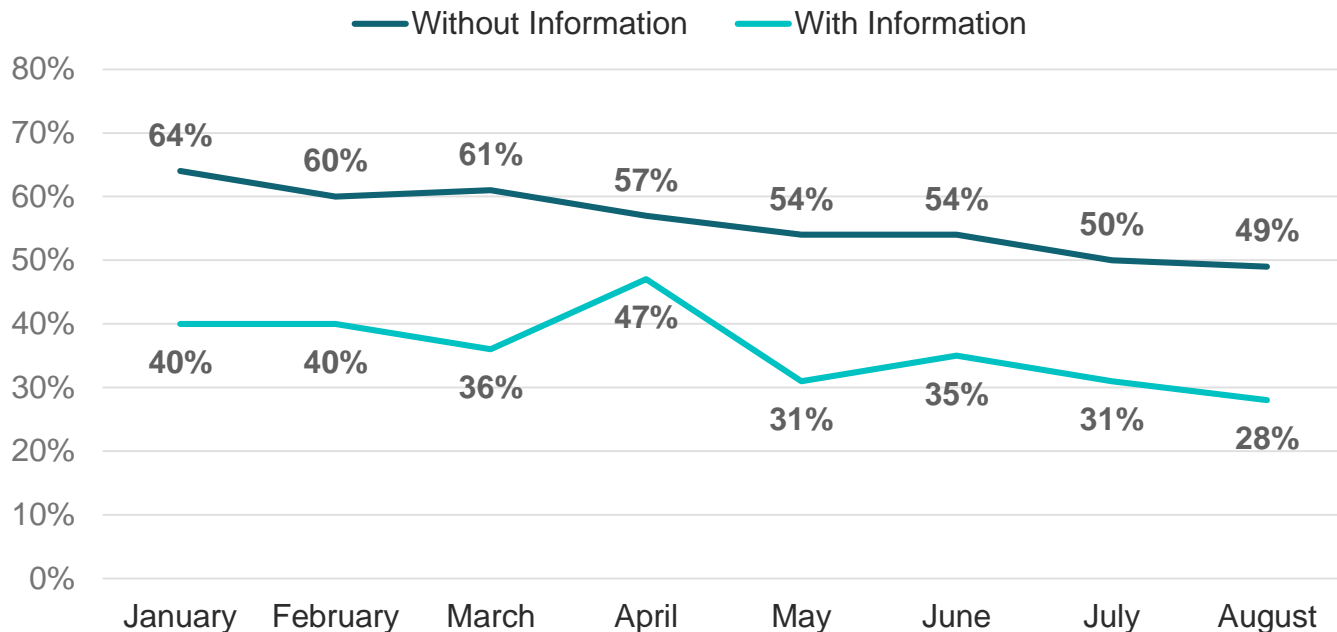
The proportion of Americans that indicate spending is too low has steadily decreased since January among both those with and without information.

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**All Adults**

**% Too Low**



**School  
Funding**

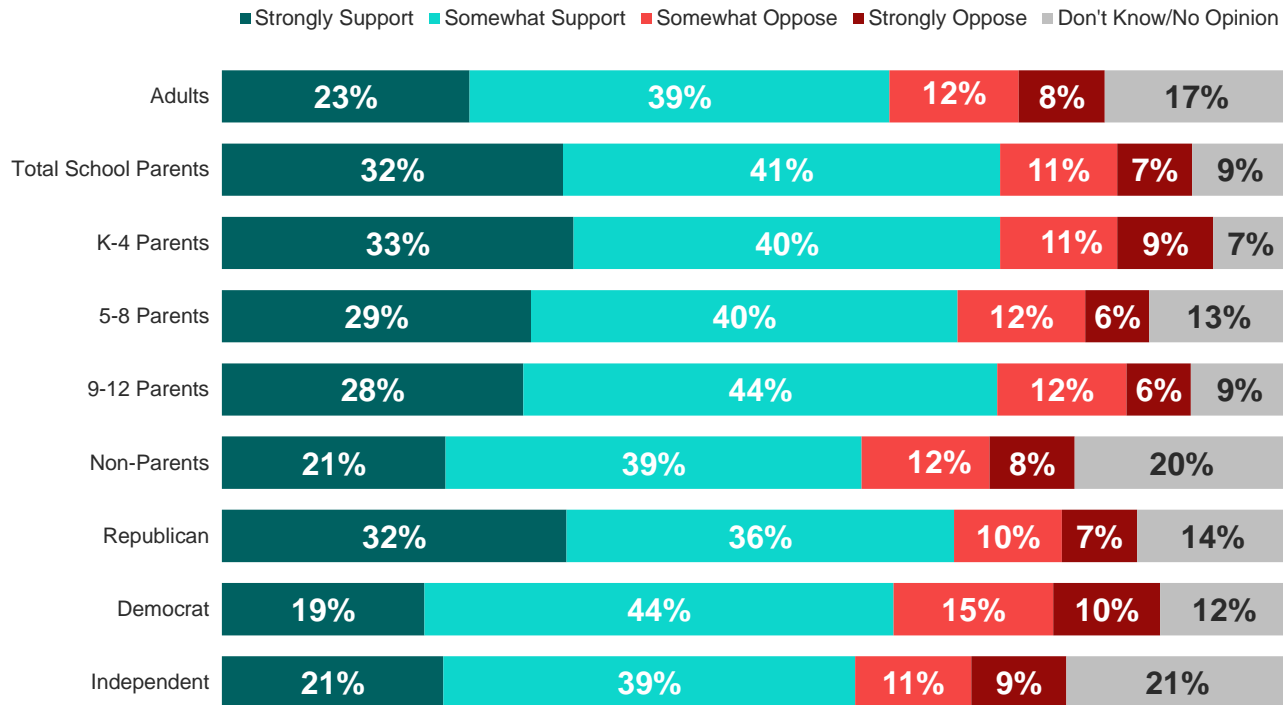


# **EDUCATION CHOICE REFORMS**



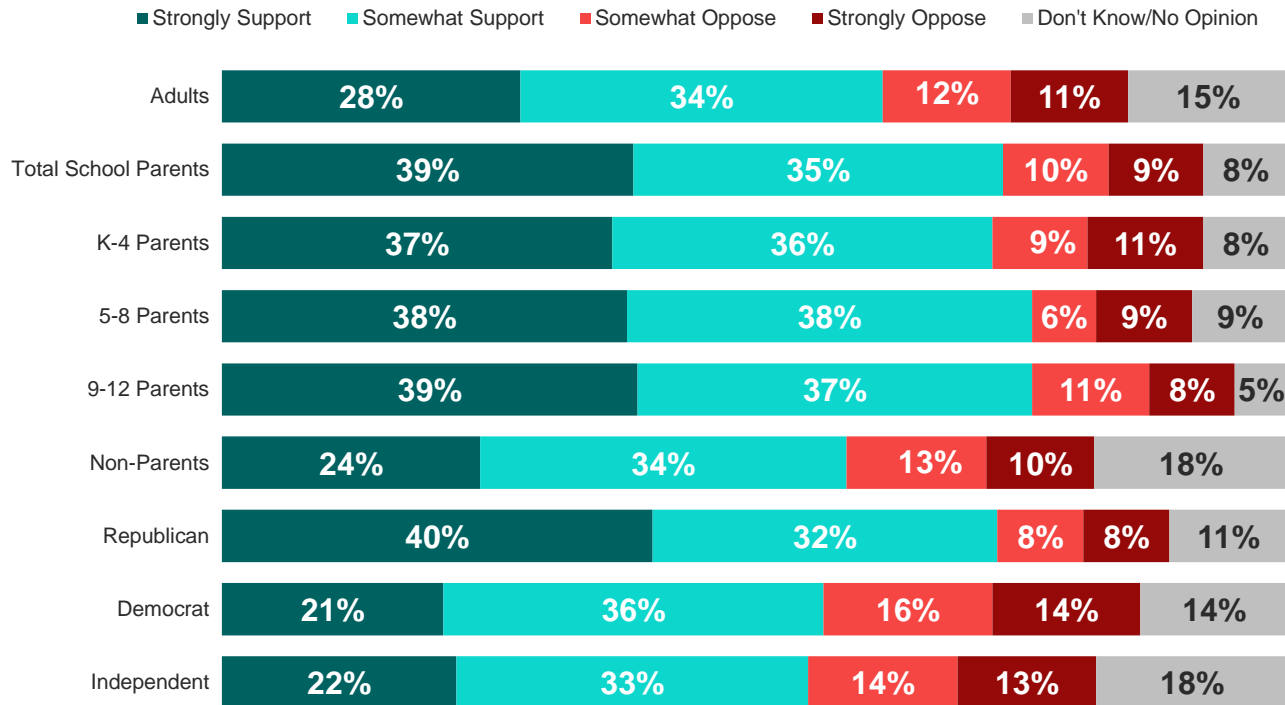
# Charter School Support

*Charter schools are public schools that have more control over their own budget, staff, and curriculum, and are exempt from many existing public school regulations. In general, what is your opinion of public charter schools?*

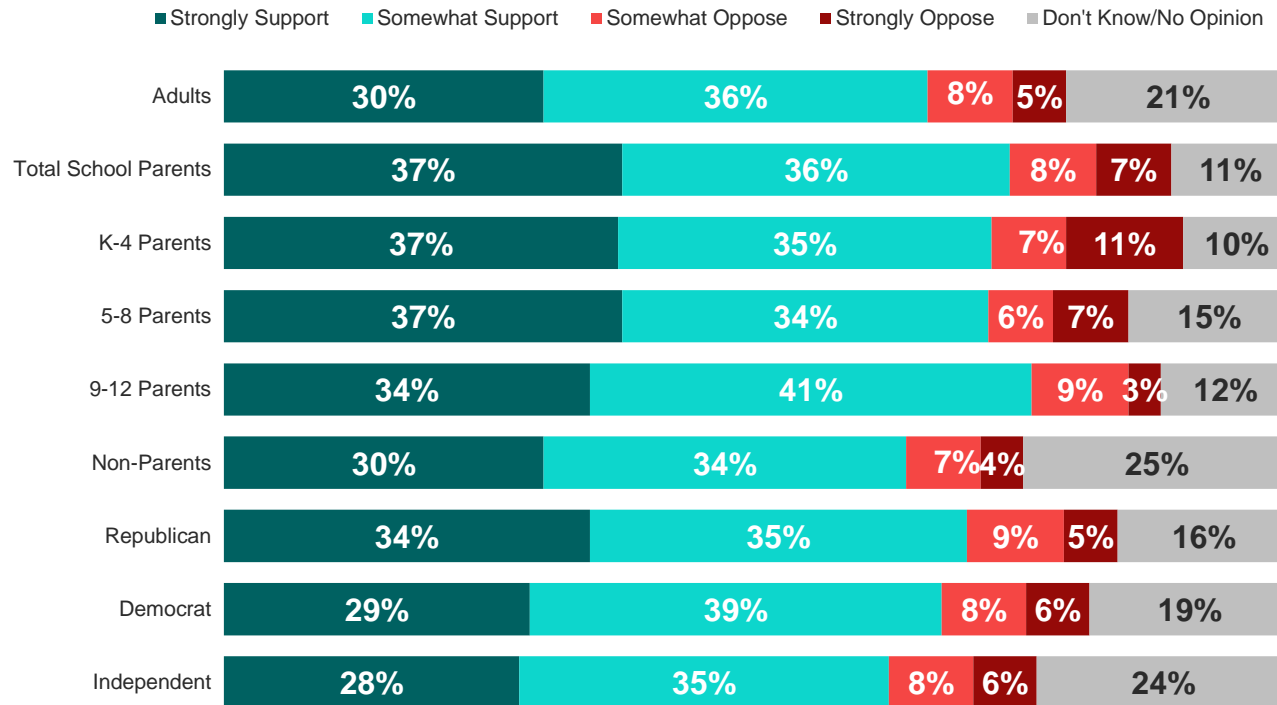


# School Voucher Support

*A school voucher system allows parents the option of sending their child to the school of their choice, whether that school is public or private, including both religious and non-religious schools. If this policy were adopted, tax dollars currently allocated to a school district would be allocated to parents in the form of a 'school voucher' to pay partial or full tuition for the child's school. In general, what is your opinion of school voucher systems?*



An "education savings account" in K-12 education – often called an ESA – establishes for parents a government-authorized savings account with restricted, but multiple uses for educational purposes. Parents can then use these funds to pay for: school tuition; tutoring; online education programs; therapies for students with special needs; textbooks or other instructional materials; or save for future college expenses. In general, what is your opinion of an ESA system?



## Education Savings Accounts Support

# Looking ahead...

## Continue regular polling:

- **General Public**
- **Parents**
- **Teachers**

## New polling:

- **Teens**

**EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker:**

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