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Interviews: 1,200 parents of public school K-12 students, including 233 African American parents, 371 Hispanic parents, and 196 parents in ten major cities
Dates: July 24 - August 3, 2017

Major Cities: Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco.

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	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic
Study #12195				
AFT Parents Survey	Male..... 45	47	38	45
August 2017	Female 55	53	62	55

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

S1a. Do you have any children ages 5 to 19 who live with you either some of the time or all of the time?

Yes, have 5- to 19-year-old(s).....	100	CONTINUE
No, do not have 5- to 19-year-old(s)	-	TERMINATE

S1b. How many children do you have who attended school at any grade between kindergarten and 12th grade this past school year?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic	
One	46	55	47	43	CONTINUE
Two	37	26	35	39	
Three.....	12	15	11	12	
More than three.....	5	4	7	6	
None.....	-	-	-	-	TERMINATE

S1c. Please indicate whether **[your child attends/any of your children attend]** any of the following type(s) of schools. *Check as many as apply.*

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic	
A regular public school	94	93	90	94	>
A public charter school	8	8	12	8	
A private or religious school	2	2	2	3	

RESPONDENTS MUST HAVE A CHILD IN REGULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND/OR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO CONTINUE.

S1d. **[IF ONE CHILD]** Please indicate which of these school grades your child attended in the past year.

[IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD] Please indicate whether you had children in any of these school grades in the past year. *Check as many as apply.*

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic	
Between pre-kindergarten and fifth grade	59	67	56	71	>
Between sixth grade and eighth grade	38	36	46	35	
Between ninth grade and twelfth grade	38	33	42	30	

S2ab. Are you from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF RESPONDENTS SAY “NO, NOT HISPANIC,” ASK:) Please indicate your race.**

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
White.....	56	25	-	-
Black/African American.....	12	15	100	-
Hispanic.....	23	42	-	100
Asian.....	7	15	-	-
Other.....	2	3	-	-

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY “YES, HISPANIC” IN Q.S2a)

S2c. At home, do you speak mostly English, mostly Spanish, or a mix of both languages?

	<u>Hispanic</u>
Mostly English.....	45
Mostly Spanish.....	21
Mix of both.....	34

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY “YES, HISPANIC” IN Q.S2a)

S2d. Were you born in the United States or in another country?

	<u>Hispanic</u>
Born in the United States.....	62
Born in another country.....	38

S3. Do you currently reside in one of these cities?

	<u>Major Cities</u>
Chicago.....	9
Dallas.....	8
Houston.....	10
Los Angeles.....	19
New York City.....	26
Philadelphia.....	4
Phoenix.....	9
San Antonio.....	5
San Diego.....	4
San Francisco.....	6

S6. Again, for statistical purposes only, please indicate how old you are.

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
18-24.....	1	1	1	2
25-29.....	9	13	10	16
30-34.....	16	24	20	20
35-39.....	19	18	20	20
40-44.....	23	18	21	24
45-49.....	15	12	10	10
50-54.....	10	9	12	6
55-59.....	5	3	3	2
60-64.....	2	1	2	-
65-69.....	-	1	1	-
70-74.....	-	-	-	-
75 and over.....	-	-	-	-

S7. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Grade school.....	1	1	-	3
Some high school.....	3	4	4	6
High school graduate	28	29	31	34
Some college, no degree	16	12	20	18
Vocational training.....	6	6	7	8
2-year college degree.....	10	9	9	9
4-year college/bachelor's degree	23	31	19	14
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	2	2	2
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree.....	6	3	6	5
PhD or professional degree (MD, JD, MBA).....	4	3	2	1

S8. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, what would the total be?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Less than \$10,000	6	7	12	7
Between \$10,000 and \$19,999	5	7	14	7
Between \$20,000 and \$29,999	12	11	14	17
Between \$30,000 and \$39,999	12	13	11	21
Between \$40,000 and \$49,999	9	9	9	11
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	20	17	19	18
Between \$75,000 and \$99,999	15	21	13	7
Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	15	13	5	9
\$150,000 or more	6	2	3	3

S9. In politics, are you a...?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Strong Republican	13	7	2	9
Leaning Republican	16	6	4	9
Completely independent	33	32	23	44
Leaning Democrat.....	20	19	24	22
Strong Democrat.....	18	36	47	16
Total Republican	29	13	6	18
Total Democrat	38	55	71	38

Now we have some questions on the topic of education...

- 1a. How would you rate the quality of education in the public school(s) that your **[child attends/children attend]**?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic
Excellent.....	23	28	21	26
Good	50	45	49	48
Adequate.....	20	19	22	19
Not so good.....	7	8	6	6
Poor.....	-	-	2	1

- 1b. When it comes to helping your **[child/children]** achieve their full potential, would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, just somewhat satisfied, or not that satisfied with your **[child/children]**'s public school(s)?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic
Very satisfied	29	36	36	32
Fairly satisfied	50	46	41	48
Just somewhat satisfied	15	11	13	15
Not that satisfied	6	7	10	5
Total Satisfied	79	82	77	80
Total Less Satisfied	21	18	23	20

2. Below is a list of several different goals that public schools might try to achieve. Please rate how important each one of these goals is to you as a parent, using a scale from 0 to 10, on which a 0 means it is not important, a 10 means it is an extremely important goal for you, and 5 is in the middle. You may use any number from 0 to 10, depending on how strongly you feel.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL PARENTS WHO SAY EXTREMELY IMPORTANT (RATING "9-10")

	<i>Mean</i>	Extremely Important 9-10	7-8	4-6	Not Important 0-3
Providing a safe and secure environment for children					
All Parents.....	8.8	68	20	11	1
Major Cities	8.8	64	27	8	1
African American.....	8.9	71	19	9	1
Hispanic	8.7	67	18	13	2
Making sure students graduate with the knowledge and academic skills to succeed in college					
All Parents.....	8.6	63	24	11	2
Major Cities	8.6	63	27	7	3
African American.....	8.7	69	18	11	2
Hispanic	8.5	62	24	11	3
Ensuring that all children, regardless of background, have the opportunity to succeed *					
All Parents.....	8.6	62	23	13	2
Major Cities	8.6	59	26	15	-
African American.....	8.7	73	12	11	4
Hispanic	8.7	66	22	9	3

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q.2 (cont'd)

		Extremely Important			Not Important
	<i>Mean</i>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>7-8</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>0-3</u>
Developing students' critical thinking and reasoning abilities *					
All Parents	8.5	62	23	13	2
Major Cities	8.7	65	27	8	-
African American	8.5	64	20	13	3
Hispanic	8.5	63	20	15	2
Improving students' knowledge in subject areas such as English, history, science, and math					
All Parents	8.6	61	26	11	2
Major Cities	8.6	58	32	9	1
African American	8.5	62	22	13	3
Hispanic	8.5	61	24	13	2
Preparing students to get good jobs and have successful careers *					
All Parents	8.4	58	26	13	3
Major Cities	8.4	55	35	8	2
African American	8.4	64	20	13	3
Hispanic	8.3	61	22	13	4
Making sure students with disabilities and special needs have equal access to the quality education they need					
All Parents	8.4	58	25	15	2
Major Cities	8.5	59	28	12	1
African American	8.8	69	21	8	2
Hispanic	8.6	63	23	12	2
Protecting all students from discrimination in schools, including students of different races, religions, and sexual orientations					
All Parents	8.4	58	25	13	4
Major Cities	8.6	64	22	12	2
African American	8.7	66	21	10	3
Hispanic	8.5	63	21	13	3
Providing access to high-level curriculum, such as advanced placement courses, for students who choose it					
All Parents	8.4	57	28	13	2
Major Cities	8.3	51	32	15	2
African American	8.5	61	24	13	2
Hispanic	8.4	58	25	13	4
Promoting the healthy social and emotional development and well-being of children **					
All Parents	8.4	54	31	13	2
Major Cities	8.5	54	35	11	-
African American	8.8	67	23	9	1
Hispanic	8.6	65	20	11	4

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.2 (cont'd)

		Extremely Important		Not Important	
	<u>Mean</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>7-8</u>	<u>4-6</u>	<u>0-3</u>
Creating engaged learning environments and making sure the curriculum includes art, music, and physical education, as well as the core academic subjects **					
All Parents	8.3	53	33	11	3
Major Cities	8.3	48	41	8	3
African American	8.7	59	35	6	-
Hispanic	8.3	54	29	14	3
Preparing students to succeed in a global economy **					
All Parents	8.2	51	32	15	2
Major Cities	8.3	52	32	13	3
African American	8.6	60	29	10	1
Hispanic	8.2	50	28	18	4
Creating joy and making sure children are happy and feel cared for					
All Parents	8.1	51	30	17	2
Major Cities	8.5	61	24	13	2
African American	8.5	61	24	13	2
Hispanic	8.4	59	25	14	2
Making sure children receive individual attention in the classroom *					
All Parents	8.0	49	32	16	3
Major Cities	8.3	59	22	17	2
African American	8.2	53	28	14	5
Hispanic	8.1	49	32	16	3
Giving parents more choice of schools their children can attend					
All Parents	7.5	40	30	23	7
Major Cities	7.9	48	32	16	4
African American	7.9	54	24	16	6
Hispanic	7.9	46	33	16	5
Promoting citizenship and creating a vibrant democracy **					
All Parents	7.6	39	33	24	4
Major Cities	7.9	46	36	14	4
African American	8.2	51	30	17	2
Hispanic	7.8	45	29	23	3

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** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 3a. Which do you think is the bigger obstacle facing children from low-income families--the quality of public schools in their community, or the social and economic problems these children face outside the classroom?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Quality of schools is bigger obstacle.....	35	39	40	40
Social and economic problems are bigger obstacle.....	65	61	60	60
Not sure	NA	NA	NA	NA

- 3b. Overall, would you say that public schools do more to expand opportunities or reduce opportunities for low-income and minority children to succeed in our country?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Public schools do more to expand opportunities	53	59	48	48
Public schools do more to reduce opportunities	19	16	31	20
Public schools do not affect opportunities either way	28	25	21	32

- 4a. Thinking about the problems facing our public schools today, which one or two of the following, if any, do you think are the biggest problems and most important to address?

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	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Inadequate funding.....	36	32	39	28
Too much standardized testing and teaching to the test	35	22	30	26
Class sizes are too large	28	38	28	30
Lack of support for teachers	22	19	19	22
Poor teaching quality	16	21	19	17
Expectations and standards for students are set too low	15	13	18	12
Unsafe conditions	11	14	12	10
Parents and students not having enough choice of schools	11	12	8	12
None of these	4	6	3	8

- 4b. In your opinion, is there...?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Too much emphasis on standardized testing and test scores in the public schools.....	61	48	55	52
About the right amount of emphasis on standardized testing and test scores in the public schools.....	28	38	29	34
Not enough emphasis on standardized testing and test scores in the public schools	11	14	16	14

- 5a. Thinking about the teachers your **[child has/children have]** had, which one or two of the following qualities, if any, do you feel are most important for a good teacher to have?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ALL PARENTS

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Understands the individual needs of each child they teach.....	54	52	56	54	>
Cares about children.....	40	44	41	32	
Loves teaching.....	31	32	29	30	
Sets high standards for all students	27	21	28	26	
Knows the subject material very well	25	26	23	26	
None of these.....	2	2	1	2	

- 5b. Do you think the academic goals and standards your **[child's/children's]** school(s) expects your **[child/children]** to meet are...?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Much too demanding.....	6	9	6	9
Somewhat too demanding.....	15	10	23	17
About right.....	48	47	42	47
Somewhat too easy.....	21	19	20	16
Much too easy.....	6	10	4	6
I do not know enough about the academic goals and expectations to say.....	4	5	5	5
Total Too Demanding	21	19	29	26
Total Too Easy	27	29	24	22

Now you will see some pairs of statements about schools and teachers. For each pair, please indicate which statement you agree with more.

Q.6a-Q.6e ARE RANDOMIZED.

- 6a. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? Do you agree with that statement much more, or somewhat more?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
I want to have more choice of which schools I can send my [child/children] to	29	36	40	34
Agree much more.....	20	29	32	25
Agree somewhat more.....	9	7	8	9
I want a good quality neighborhood public school I can send my [child/children] to	71	64	60	66
Agree somewhat more.....	19	14	14	14
Agree much more.....	52	50	46	52

6b. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? Do you agree with that statement much more, or somewhat more?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
The best way to improve teaching is to regularly remove poorly performing teachers from the classroom and hire new teachers to replace them	27	32	34	30
Agree much more	18	23	23	21
Agree somewhat more.....	9	9	11	9
The best way to improve teaching is to treat teachers like professionals, raise hiring standards, and give new and struggling teachers more support and training	73	68	66	70
Agree somewhat more.....	29	15	20	21
Agree much more	44	53	46	49

6c. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? Do you agree with that statement much more, or somewhat more?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Schools should focus more on teaching basic academics--like math, science, and reading--which is their most important responsibility	45	37	39	39
Agree much more	27	24	25	26
Agree somewhat more	18	13	14	13
Schools should focus on teaching the whole child, including their emotional and social development, in addition to teaching academics	55	63	61	61
Agree somewhat more	19	10	13	15
Agree much more	36	53	48	46

6d. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? Do you agree with that statement much more, or somewhat more?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
We need to hold teachers accountable for their performance when schools fail, and remove the bad teachers who are shortchanging our children	41	48	46	39
Agree much more	25	37	30	27
Agree somewhat more.....	16	11	16	12
We need to stop blaming teachers for problems that children often face outside of school, and support teachers who do their best every day in difficult circumstances	59	52	54	61
Agree somewhat more.....	23	20	20	17
Agree much more	36	32	34	44

6e. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? Do you agree with that statement much more, or somewhat more?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
The top priority for education funding should be making investments to improve the quality of education in neighborhood public schools	86	79	85	83
Agree much more	65	66	67	64
Agree somewhat more.....	21	13	18	19
The top priority for education funding should be helping parents pay the cost of sending their children to private or religious schools, at taxpayer expense	14	21	15	17
Agree somewhat more.....	5	6	4	5
Agree much more	9	15	11	12

7. Listed below are developments in public education that concern some parents. For each one, please indicate how serious a concern it is for you.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL PARENTS WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY SERIOUS CONCERN

	<u>Very Serious Concern</u>	<u>Fairly Serious Concern</u>	<u>Just Somewhat Serious Concern</u>	<u>Not Too Serious A Concern</u>
Cutting local school budgets				
All Parents	62	25	8	5
Major Cities.....	63	27	7	3
African Americans.....	76	16	6	2
Hispanic.....	61	23	11	5
Proposed cuts in federal education funding				
All Parents	59	26	10	5
Major Cities.....	67	25	5	3
African Americans.....	72	19	6	3
Hispanic.....	63	24	9	4
Increases in class sizes				
All Parents	46	34	14	6
Major Cities.....	52	31	13	4
African Americans.....	55	25	11	9
Hispanic.....	48	30	16	6
Shifting funding away from regular public schools in order to fund charter schools and private school vouchers				
All Parents	51	27	12	10
Major Cities.....	54	30	9	7
African Americans.....	63	23	8	6
Hispanic.....	52	30	12	6

Q.7 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Serious Concern</u>	<u>Fairly Serious Concern</u>	<u>Just Somewhat Serious Concern</u>	<u>Not Too Serious A Concern</u>
Cutting back on art, music, libraries, and physical education to focus more on reading and math				
All Parents	50	28	14	8
Major Cities.....	49	33	12	6
African Americans.....	55	28	12	5
Hispanic.....	50	28	15	7
High turnover rates of teaching staff in many schools				
All Parents	39	39	16	6
Major Cities.....	40	41	15	4
African Americans.....	49	35	12	4
Hispanic.....	39	35	21	5
Layoffs of teachers				
All Parents	44	31	16	9
Major Cities.....	44	34	17	5
African Americans.....	58	24	11	7
Hispanic.....	46	35	14	5
Layoffs of school nurses, social workers, and guidance counselors				
All Parents	41	33	18	8
Major Cities.....	48	33	13	6
African Americans.....	55	31	10	4
Hispanic.....	46	31	14	9
Having some public schools managed by profit-making corporations				
All Parents	42	28	19	11
Major Cities.....	53	27	14	6
African Americans.....	47	30	17	6
Hispanic.....	39	31	21	9
Increases in standardized testing				
All Parents	36	34	20	10
Major Cities.....	35	36	19	10
African Americans.....	41	34	16	9
Hispanic.....	35	33	21	11

8ab. In the area where you live, do you feel parents already have choices when it comes to where to send their children to school, or do parents not really have choices? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "YES," ASK:)** And when it comes to the choice of schools, are there good choices available, or do you not really feel that way?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Parents Already Have Choices	49	49	44	48
Yes, there are good choices	42	44	38	41
No, do not really feel that there are good choices.....	7	5	6	7
No, parents do not really have choices	51	51	56	52

9. Now you'll see some proposals related to improving public education. For each one, please indicate whether you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of that proposal.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL PARENTS WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT APPROVE

	<u>Total Approve</u>	<u>Total Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Approve</u>	<u>Somewhat Disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly Disapprove</u>
Expand access to career and technical education and other vocational programs that prepare students for jobs						
All Parents	94	6	60	34	5	1
Major Cities	93	7	60	33	6	1
African American	94	6	64	30	5	1
Hispanic	91	9	57	34	8	1
Reduce class sizes, especially in the early grades **						
All Parents	93	7	58	35	5	2
Major Cities	90	10	57	33	6	4
African American	91	9	61	30	7	2
Hispanic	86	14	55	31	11	3
Provide extra resources and support to turn around struggling neighborhood schools **						
All Parents	93	7	55	38	6	1
Major Cities	91	9	65	26	6	3
African American	99	1	79	20	1	-
Hispanic	92	8	62	30	6	2
Make sure school curriculums include art and music *						
All Parents	91	9	54	37	8	1
Major Cities	92	8	61	31	8	-
African American	91	9	47	44	7	2
Hispanic	93	7	53	40	6	1
Hold charter schools accountable for their performance, the way regular public schools are						
All Parents	90	10	58	32	8	2
Major Cities	93	7	60	33	6	1
African American	92	8	63	29	6	2
Hispanic	87	13	55	32	11	2
Provide health and nutrition services to low-income children through their public school **						
All Parents	90	10	58	32	7	3
Major Cities	86	14	60	26	12	2
African American	98	2	78	20	2	-
Hispanic	90	10	66	24	8	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.9 (cont'd)	Total Approve	Strongly Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove
Increase availability of after-school programs *						
All Parents	89	11	54	35	9	2
Major Cities	92	8	64	28	8	-
African American	94	6	71	23	4	2
Hispanic	87	13	57	30	10	3
Expand and improve mentoring programs for new and struggling teachers *						
All Parents	89	11	47	42	9	2
Major Cities	92	8	45	47	5	3
African American	90	10	58	32	7	3
Hispanic	86	14	50	36	11	3
Create more community schools that serve as neighborhood hubs, stay open longer, provide extra academic enrichment for students, and offer health services for families						
All Parents	87	13	45	42	10	3
Major Cities	89	11	55	34	9	2
African American	90	10	59	31	8	2
Hispanic	86	14	48	38	13	1
Provide high-quality preschool for all 3- and 4-year-olds **						
All Parents	86	14	51	35	11	3
Major Cities	91	9	67	24	8	1
African American	96	4	71	25	4	-
Hispanic	90	10	62	28	8	2
Provide teachers with additional pay if they agree to work in hard-to-staff schools *						
All Parents	84	16	39	45	12	4
Major Cities	86	14	50	36	11	3
African American	81	19	51	30	15	4
Hispanic	80	20	35	45	17	3
Reduce spending on regular public schools, and use the funds to increase spending on charter schools						
All Parents	32	68	13	19	25	43
Major Cities	44	56	20	24	22	34
African American	36	64	19	17	20	44
Hispanic	37	63	16	21	28	35

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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10ab. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? Do you agree with that statement much more, or somewhat more?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
We should focus on ensuring that every child has access to a good public school in their community. We need to make the investments needed to ensure all schools provide safe conditions, focus on children's well-being, create powerful learning environments, build teacher capacity, and foster cultures of collaboration	80	72	76	78
Agree much more	60	57	62	63
Agree somewhat more	20	15	14	15
We should open more public charter schools and provide more vouchers that allow parents to send their children to private schools if they make that choice. Children will receive the best education if we give families the freedom to attend the schools that best meet their needs	20	28	24	22
Agree somewhat more	7	9	9	6
Agree much more	13	19	15	16

Now turning to some related issues...

11. Below are some different people and organizations involved with public education. For each one, please indicate how much confidence you have in that person or group to have the right ideas for your public schools.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL PARENTS WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OR FAIR AMOUNT OF CONFIDENCE

	<u>Total Confidence</u>	<u>Total Little Confidence</u>	<u>A Great Deal of Confidence</u>	<u>A Fair Amount of Confidence</u>	<u>Just Some Confidence</u>	<u>Very Little Or No Confidence</u>
Teachers in the public schools						
All Parents.....	79	21	33	46	17	4
Major Cities	76	24	33	43	20	4
African American.....	79	21	34	45	16	5
Hispanic	76	24	30	46	21	3
Principals						
All Parents.....	71	29	26	45	23	6
Major Cities	71	29	26	45	22	7
African American.....	74	26	28	46	21	5
Hispanic	66	34	22	44	26	8
Parent organizations						
All Parents.....	71	29	25	46	23	6
Major Cities	71	29	33	38	22	7
African American.....	79	21	40	39	18	3
Hispanic	66	34	26	40	27	7
The governor of your state						
All Parents.....	45	55	15	30	28	27
Major Cities	43	57	18	25	30	27
African American.....	48	52	17	31	30	22
Hispanic	44	56	15	29	31	25
Mayors and other local officials						
All Parents.....	42	58	10	32	38	20
Major Cities	44	56	14	30	35	21
African American.....	50	50	12	38	38	12
Hispanic	42	58	10	32	39	19

Q.11 (cont'd)

	<u>Total Confidence</u>	<u>Total Little Confidence</u>	<u>A Great Deal of Confidence</u>	<u>A Fair Amount of Confidence</u>	<u>Just Some Confidence</u>	<u>Very Little Or No Confidence</u>
Business owners and corporate executives *						
All Parents.....	40	60	11	29	37	23
Major Cities.....	36	64	12	24	37	27
African American.....	45	55	11	34	34	21
Hispanic.....	36	64	10	26	40	24
Democrats in Congress						
All Parents.....	38	62	13	25	28	34
Major Cities.....	47	53	17	30	34	19
African American.....	63	37	25	38	25	12
Hispanic.....	40	60	14	26	34	26
Your state legislature						
All Parents.....	38	62	10	28	38	24
Major Cities.....	44	56	13	31	33	23
African American.....	48	52	13	35	32	20
Hispanic.....	41	59	14	27	38	21
Donald Trump						
All Parents.....	33	67	13	20	15	52
Major Cities.....	22	78	8	14	14	64
African American.....	16	84	5	11	9	75
Hispanic.....	27	73	11	16	16	57
Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos						
All Parents.....	33	67	10	23	29	38
Major Cities.....	41	59	14	27	24	35
African American.....	33	67	11	22	26	41
Hispanic.....	36	64	10	26	32	32
Republicans in Congress						
All Parents.....	31	69	9	22	26	43
Major Cities.....	23	77	10	13	28	49
African American.....	24	76	4	20	24	52
Hispanic.....	32	68	8	24	27	41
Hedge fund managers **						
All Parents.....	23	77	6	17	30	47
Major Cities.....	31	69	10	21	33	36
African American.....	33	67	9	24	31	36
Hispanic.....	29	71	9	20	40	31

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

12. As you may know, Betsy DeVos currently serves as President Trump's secretary of education. How much have you heard about Betsy DeVos and her approach on education issues?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic	
Heard a lot.....	19	20	20	17	
Heard some.....	32	31	36	28	CONTINUE
Heard just a little	24	21	21	23	
Have not heard anything at all.....	25	28	23	32	Skip to Q.14

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT DEVOS IN Q.12)

- 13ab. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Betsy DeVos is doing as secretary of education? **(IF RESPONDENT MAKES A CHOICE ASK:)** Do you strongly **(approve/disapprove)** or just somewhat **(approve/disapprove)** of the job Betsy DeVos is doing as secretary of education?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic
Strongly approve.....	15	24	10	17
Just somewhat approve	8	6	6	6
Just somewhat disapprove.....	8	6	12	10
Strongly disapprove	36	44	48	36
Not sure	33	20	24	31
Total Approve	23	30	16	23
Total Disapprove	44	50	60	46

FACTUALS: These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.

- F1. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate, or liberal?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic
Very conservative	15	13	16	16
Somewhat conservative.....	21	16	11	19
Moderate.....	43	41	40	45
Somewhat liberal	14	17	16	13
Very liberal	7	13	17	7
Total Conservative	36	29	27	35
Total Liberal	21	30	33	30

- F2. How would you describe the area in which you live?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic
Urban.....	27	100	43	40
Suburban	44	-	39	34
Small town	14	-	8	17
Rural	15	-	10	9

- F3. Are you currently...?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic
Single.....	11	15	31	12
Unmarried, living with partner	11	10	14	19
Married.....	67	65	42	60
Separated	3	2	3	4
Widowed	1	1	2	-
Divorced.....	7	7	8	5

F4. Please indicate whether each of the following items applies to you

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL PARENTS WHO SAY YES, APPLIES TO ME

	Yes, Applies To Me	No, Does Not Apply To Me
Your children qualify to receive a free or reduced price breakfast or lunch at school		
All Parents.....	46	54
Major Cities	57	43
African American.....	61	39
Hispanic	63	37
You have a child in school who has a disability or special needs		
All Parents.....	20	80
Major Cities	21	79
African American.....	23	77
Hispanic	19	81
You or someone in your household is a member of a labor union		
All Parents.....	12	88
Major Cities	13	87
African American.....	12	88
Hispanic	10	90

F5a. What is your religion?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic	
Protestant.....	19	14	19	9	CONTINUE
Catholic	26	37	10	52	Skip to Q.F6
Jewish	2	2	1	-	
Other	30	28	47	18	CONTINUE
None.....	23	19	23	21	Skip to Q.F6

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "PROTESTANT" OR "OTHER" IN Q.F5a)

F5b. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic
Yes, born-again/evangelical Christian	26	21	38	18
No, not a born-again/evangelical Christian.....	23	21	27	9
Catholic/Jewish/None (Q.F5a)	51	58	35	73

F6. Are you currently registered to vote?

	All Parents	Major Cities	African American	Hispanic
Registered to vote.....	82	78	88	68
Not registered to vote.....	14	18	10	24
Not sure about registration status	4	4	2	8

F7. For whom did you vote in the November 2016 election for president?

	<u>All Parents</u>	<u>Major Cities</u>	<u>African American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>
Donald Trump (Republican)	30	17	4	18
Hillary Clinton (Democrat).....	36	45	69	36
Gary Johnson (Libertarian)	4	2	2	3
Jill Stein (Green Party).....	2	3	1	2
Did not vote in the 2016 election.....	28	33	24	41