



**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 #2 - Field Dates: May 4–5, 2020**

**SCHOOL CLOSURES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1. **[QSchoolClosures] Are any of the schools your children attend currently closed for in-person classes, and if so, please indicate the type of closure they are experiencing:**

TOTAL CLOSED	95%
TOTAL OPEN	5%
1. Closure through mid-May	14%
2. Closure through end of school year	81%
3. My child's schools are still open but running on a new schedule	3%
4. My child's schools are still open and running normally	2%
  
2. **[QChildrenNumber] How many children do you have in public school in grades kindergarten through 12th grade?**

1. 1	51%
2. 2	38%
3. 3	7%
4. 4	3%
5. 5	1%
6. 6 or more	1%

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

1. Kindergarten	16%
2. 1st grade	12%
3. 2nd grade	13%
4. 3rd grade	9%
5. 4th grade	12%
6. 5th grade	12%
7. 6th grade	11%
8. 7th grade	12%
9. 8th grade	12%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	14%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	10%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	14%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	10%

## ECONOMIC AND HEALTH CONCERNS

4. [QCoronaConcern{A-G}] With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian? [RANDOMIZE A-G]  
[DISPLAY AS GRID OVER 2 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
<b>A. Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>17%</b>	31%	28%	22%	11%	6%	1%
<b>B. Making sure your child or children stay on track in school so they are ready for the next grade</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>18%</b>	32%	28%	21%	11%	7%	1%
<b>C. You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>19%</b>	35%	24%	21%	12%	7%	2%
<b>D. School closures will have a negative impact on your child's education</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>22%</b>	29%	27%	21%	13%	9%	2%
<b>E. How the situation is affecting your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>22%</b>	25%	25%	27%	12%	10%	1%
<b>F. How the situation is affecting your mental health and emotional wellbeing</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>30%</b>	21%	22%	25%	17%	14%	1%
<b>G. Being able to make ends meet</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>29%</b>	25%	19%	25%	17%	12%	2%
<b>H. Figuring out what to do with your kids during the day</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>39%</b>	17%	20%	22%	21%	18%	1%

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

1. Yes      28%  
2. No      70%  
3. Unsure      1%

**6. [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]**

1. Help keeping my children engaged in good activities	46%
2. More information about how to support my child's learning	31%
3. High speed internet access	29%
4. Paid time off work from my job	21%
5. More hours in the day	18%
6. Someone to run errands for me to pick up essentials	14%
7. More money to spend on necessities	13%
8. More tablets or computers in the house	13%
9. Childcare	10%
10. Something else (Please specify)	2%

**7. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?**

1. Employed full-time	51%
2. Employed part-time	6%
3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work	1%
4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer	6%
5. Unemployed and looking for work	6%
6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work	2%
7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver	20%
8. Full time student	1%
9. Retired	4%
10. Something else (Please specify)	2%
11. Prefer not to say	1%

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

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

	<b>(n=316)</b>
1. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus but I'm currently working from home	41%
2. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus and I'm still working there	35%
3. I worked from home before the coronavirus and I'm still working there	18%
4. Something else (Please specify)	4%
5. Prefer not to say	2%

**9. [QCoronaPay] Which of these statements best describes how you are paid or earn your income? [RANDOMIZE 1-4, 4-1]**

	<b>(n=316)</b>
1. I earn a salary	39%
2. I am paid hourly wages	46%
3. I am paid by commissions	4%
4. I work on a contract or freelance basis	11%
5. Something else (Please specify)	-
6. Prefer not to say	1%

**ASK ALL:**

**10. [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 haven't been able to see friends and family members	24%
2. I feel down or anxious about the overall situation in the country right now	22%
3. I've had difficulty helping my children with their schoolwork and learning	18%
4. I've lost my job, had my hours cut, or lost income	15%
5. I haven't been able to move freely or go about my daily routine	15%
6. I haven't been able to attend religious services	14%
7. I've had difficulty getting food and other essentials	13%
8. I've had difficulty getting work done with my children around	10%
9. I've had difficulty with working from home, or other work-related difficulty	7%
10. I've had difficulty with travel	6%
11. I've had difficulty arranging childcare	5%
12. I've had health-related difficulties (seeing doctors, getting medications, etc.)	5%
13. I've had difficulty getting along with people I live with	5%
14. Other (Please specify)	1%
15. None of these	12%

**11. [QCoronaChildcare] Have you needed to find childcare due to disruptions from the coronavirus?**

1. Yes	20%
2. No	80%

**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]**

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| 1. Used to pay for utilities, phone bills, or internet service                 | 32% |
| 2. Used to buy groceries or basic household supplies                           | 31% |
| 3. Put it into a savings account   | 24% |
| 4. Used to pay mortgage or rent  | 18% |
| 5. Used to pay for medical expenses  | 11% |
| 6. Used to buy educational supplies or technology for your children            | 11% |
| 7. Used to pay for childcare   | 8%  |
| 8. Something else (Please specify)   | 3%  |
| 9. I am eligible for a coronavirus relief payment but have not received it yet | 13% |
| 10. I am not eligible for a coronavirus relief payment                         | 15% |

## EDUCATION QUALITY

IF CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS ARE STILL OPEN, SKIP TO REOPENING SECTION.  
IF CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, ASK EDUCATION QUALITY QUESTIONS.

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.]

13. [QKidGrade] What grade level is your child currently in? [DROP DOWN:  
Kindergarten–12th grade]

	(n=467)
1. Kindergarten	12%
2. 1st grade	7%
3. 2nd grade	8%
4. 3rd grade	7%
5. 4th grade	7%
6. 5th grade	7%
7. 6th grade	7%
8. 7th grade	8%
9. 8th grade	7%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	8%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	7%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	9%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	6%

**14. [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?**

	<b>(n=467)</b>
EXCELLENT/GOOD	72%
ONLY FAIR/POOR	8%
1. Excellent	31%
2. Good	41%
3. Average	19%
4. Only fair	5%
5. Poor	2%
6. Unsure	2%

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

	<b>(n=467)</b>
VERY/SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	82%
NOT THAT/NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	17%
1. Very confident	33%
2. Somewhat confident	49%
3. Not that confident	13%
4. Not at all confident	4%
5. Unsure	1%



**16. [QSchoolworkMoreLess] Is your child doing more schoolwork during this time while they are at home, doing less schoolwork, or do they have about the same amount of schoolwork to do as they normally would? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

**(n=467)**

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| 1. More schoolwork       | 27% |
| 2. Less schoolwork       | 39% |
| 3. About the same amount | 31% |
| 4. Unsure                | 3%  |

**17. [QLearningMoreLess] Do you think your child is learning more during this time while they are at home, learning less, or are they learning about the same amount as they normally would when attending school? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

**(n=467)**

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| 1. Learning more         | 20% |
| 2. Learning less         | 45% |
| 3. About the same amount | 31% |
| 4. Unsure                | 5%  |

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

**(n=467)**

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| 1. Yes    | 20%                           |
| 2. No     | [SKIP TO REOPEN. SECTION] 77% |
| 3. Unsure | [SKIP TO REOPEN. SECTION] 4%  |

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

**19. [QReceivingSpecial] Are they still receiving any of their specialized instruction or therapy while their school is closed, or not? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

**(n=101)**

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| 1. Yes    | 54% |
| 2. No     | 43% |
| 3. Unsure | 4%  |

**20. [QMeetingSpecial] Has your child's school held a meeting with you virtually or on the phone to describe what specialized instruction or therapy they can continue to offer while their school is closed and which services will be resumed once school opens again? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

**(n=101)**

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| 1. Yes    | 65% |
| 2. No     | 32% |
| 3. Unsure | 3%  |

**21. [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=101)**

VERY/SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	75%
VERY/SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	11%
1. Very satisfied	41%
2. Somewhat satisfied	34%
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	10%
4. Somewhat dissatisfied	8%
5. Very dissatisfied	3%
6. Unsure	4%

**22. [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=101)**

WORRY A LOT/SOME	58%
DO NOT WORRY MUCH/AT ALL	12%
1. Worry a lot	27%
2. Worry some	31%
3. Worry a little	26%
4. Do not worry much	4%
5. Do not worry at all	9%
6. Unsure	3%

## REOPENING AND REIMAGINING

**24. [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 possible so students don't fall too far behind and can receive the educational support they need | 22% |
| 2. Schools should remain closed until they are certain there is no health risk, even if means students fall farther behind        | 67% |
| 3. Unsure   | 10% |

**25. [QReopenImpHealth] Whenever schools reopen, would you support or oppose the following measures? [DISPLAY AS GRID OVER TWO PAGES] [RANDOMIZE A-G]**

	1. Strongly support	2. Somewhat support	3. Somewhat oppose	4. Strongly oppose	5. Unsure			
	SUPPORT		OPPOSE	1.Strongly support	2.Some. support	3.Some. oppose	4.Strongly oppose	5.Unsure
A. Sending out notices to all parents if any student or staff member becomes ill	85%	9%	9%	63%	22%	7%	3%	6%
B. Allowing students or teachers who are particularly vulnerable because of health issues to continue to learn or teach from home	84%	10%	10%	56%	28%	8%	3%	5%
C. Providing counseling and mental health support for students and staff	82%	10%	10%	52%	29%	7%	3%	8%
D. Requiring temperature checks of any student or adult entering the school campus	79%	14%	14%	50%	28%	8%	5%	8%
E. Allowing ANY student or teacher to continue to learn or teach from home who doesn't feel comfortable returning to school	77%	16%	16%	47%	30%	11%	6%	7%
F. Staggering school schedules so that there are fewer students in classrooms and desks can be spaced six feet apart	75%	16%	16%	44%	31%	11%	4%	9%
G. Requiring students and staff to wear face masks	70%	21%	21%	44%	26%	13%	8%	9%

**26. [QReopenImpEdu] Whenever schools reopen, would you support or oppose the following measures? [DISPLAY AS GRID] [RANDOMIZE A-E]**

	1. Strongly support	2. Somewhat support	3. Somewhat oppose	4. Strongly oppose	5. Unsure					
	SUPPORT		OPPOSE			1.Strongly support	2.Some. support	3.Some. oppose	4.Strongly oppose	5.Unsure
A. Providing all students with laptops or tablets to use for online learning in case they become ill or schools close again	84%	9%	51%	33%	7%	2%	7%			
B. Extending the school year to provide more time for students to catch up academically	63%	28%	30%	32%	15%	13%	9%			
C. Offering parents the option to have their children repeat a grade level	63%	28%	25%	38%	16%	13%	9%			
D. Requiring children to repeat a grade level who have fallen behind academically	54%	36%	22%	32%	17%	20%	10%			
E. Extending the school day to provide more time for students to catch up academically	53%	38%	26%	27%	23%	15%	9%			

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

- 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%
- 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 61%
- Unsure 7%

**RANDOMIZE ORDER QEconDisTradeoff AND QDisabilityTradeoff:**

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

- Economically disadvantaged students may be more at risk of falling behind academically and need additional support, so they should return to school before other students 30%
- Sending economically disadvantaged students back to school before other students could put them at greater risk of catching the coronavirus, so schools should find other ways to provide support 45%
- Unsure 25%

**29. [QDisabilityTradeoff] 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. Students with disabilities may be more at risk of falling behind academically and need additional support, so they should return to school before other students                         | 33% |
| 2. Sending students with disabilities back to school before other students could put them at greater risk of catching the coronavirus, so schools should find other ways to provide support | 46% |
| 3. Unsure   | 21% |

## FAMILY LIFE IMPACTS

### ASK ALL:

30. [TimeUse Battery] As a result of the coronavirus situation and school and business closures, have you spent more time, about the same amount of time, or less time on the following activities? [DISPLAY AS GRID, 3 PER PAGE] [ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3, 3-1]

	1. A lot more time	2. A little more time	3. About the same as before	4. A little less time	5. A lot less time	6. Unsure			
	<b>MORE TIME</b>		<b>LESS TIME</b>	1. A lot more	2. A little more	3. About the same	4. A little less	5. A lot less	6. Unsure
<b>A. Helping my child with their homework assignments</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>10%</b>		34%	25%	28%	6%	4%	4%
<b>B. Guiding my children through lessons provided by their school</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>11%</b>		35%	21%	29%	7%	4%	4%
<b>C. Creating lessons or learning activities for my child outside of what they get from school</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>12%</b>		23%	23%	37%	6%	6%	5%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes.

**31. [QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a ... ?**

**[RANDOMIZE SCALE R>D, D>R]**

REPUBLICAN (TOTAL)		32%
DEMOCRAT (TOTAL)		34%
1. Strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	19%
2. Not very strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	13%
3. Independent	CONTINUE TO QPARTYLEAN	24%
4. Not very strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	13%
5. Strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	21%
4. A member of another party	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	*%
5. Unsure		10%

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

**[RANDOMIZE SCALE]**

		<b>(n=156)</b>
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates		7%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats		11%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans		9%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates		8%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans		25%
6. Unsure		40%

**[QPartyConsolidated: QParty + QPartyLean]**

GOP + GOP-leaning independents	38%
DEM + DEM-leaning independents	40%
Total independent	8%
Total member of another party	*%
Unsure	14%

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

CONSERVATIVE (TOTAL)	32%
LIBERAL (TOTAL)	23%
1. Very conservative	14%
2. Somewhat conservative	18%
3. Moderate	35%
4. Somewhat liberal	13%
5. Very liberal	10%
6. Unsure	10%

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

**[RANDOMIZE 1-9]**

1. Facebook	76%
2. YouTube	62%
3. Instagram	46%
4. Pinterest	29%
5. Twitter	28%
6. Snapchat	25%
7. WhatsApp	24%
8. LinkedIn	21%
9. Reddit	11%
10. Something else (Please specify)	1%
11. None of these	5%

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

1. Less than \$30,000 per year	18%
2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year	19%
3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year	20%
4. \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year	25%
5. More than \$125,000 per year	15%
6. Prefer not to say	3%

**36. [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%

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

1. City	35%
2. Suburb near a city	42%
3. Small town not near a city	8%
4. Rural or country area	15%

**38. [QReligion] How would you describe your religion?**

1. Evangelical Protestant/Born-Again Christian	24%
2. Mainline Protestant	5%
3. Roman Catholic	26%
4. Mormon	2%
5. Jewish	3%
6. Muslim	3%
7. Agnostic	5%
8. Atheist	3%
9. Something else	18%
10. Prefer not to say	12%



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

1. At least once a week	30%
2. Once or twice a month	12%
3. A few times a year	15%
4. Usually just for religious holidays	13%
5. Never	25%
6. Prefer not to say	5%

**IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER, ASK:**

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

	<b>(n=380)</b>
1. High school or less	31%
2. Some college	19%
3. Associate's degree	11%
4. Bachelor's degree	21%
5. Graduate degree	17%
6. Prefer not to say	1%

**SCREENERS AND INITIAL DEMOGRAPHICS ASKED AT BEGINNING OF SURVEY**

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

1. Technology		4%
2. Sales		4%
3. Healthcare		10%
4. Education or early childhood development		5%
5. Journalism or the media	TERMINATE	-
6. Food service or the restaurant industry		4%
7. Market research	TERMINATE	-
8. Public relations	TERMINATE	-
9. None of these		76%

**42. [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	-

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

1. Full-time with me in my home		94%
2. Split between my home and the home of another parent or family member		6%
3. Not with me	TERMINATE	-

**44. [QGender] What is your gender? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

1. Male		44%
2. Female		56%

**45. [QRace] What is your race? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-7]**

1. Black	12%
2. White	59%
3. Hispanic/Latino	24%
4. Asian	7%
5. Native American	1%
6. Something else	*%
7. Prefer not to say	-

**46. [QEducation] What is the highest level of education you have completed?**

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	*%

**47. [QAge] What is your age?**

1. 18–29	9%
2. 30–39	38%
3. 40–49	31%
4. 50–64	21%
5. 65+	1%

**48. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?**

1. Single, never married	10%
2. Married	69%
3. Living with a partner	9%
4. Separated	3%
5. Divorced	7%
6. Widowed	1%
7. Prefer not to say	*%