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The Great Work of Alaska's Public Schools

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AASB
Association
of Alaska
School Boards

AAESP
Alaska Association
of Elementary
School Principals

AASSP
Alaska Association
of Secondary
School Principals

ALASBO
Alaska Association
of School Business
Officials

ASA
Alaska
Superintendents
Association

ACSA
Alaska Council
of School
Administrators

CEE
Coalition for
Education Equity
of Alaska

Introduction

This joint publication has been produced by a coalition of public education advocates dedicated to ensuring opportunities for Alaska's children and providing the public with facts about the GREAT work of Alaska's public schools.

In partnership, these advocacy organizations administered a public opinion poll (through Zogby Analytics*) to better understand Alaska voter perspectives on pre-K, K-12 public education issues. In this initial poll, results show strong support for K-12 and pre-K public education in Alaska.

Each of our organizations is committed to priorities that will move education forward and ensure that every student in Alaska receives a quality public education every day, no matter what it takes.

The Alaska education community has made progress, and we seek to build collective efforts that ensure we fulfill both the State's constitutional responsibility for public education and our vision for our children.

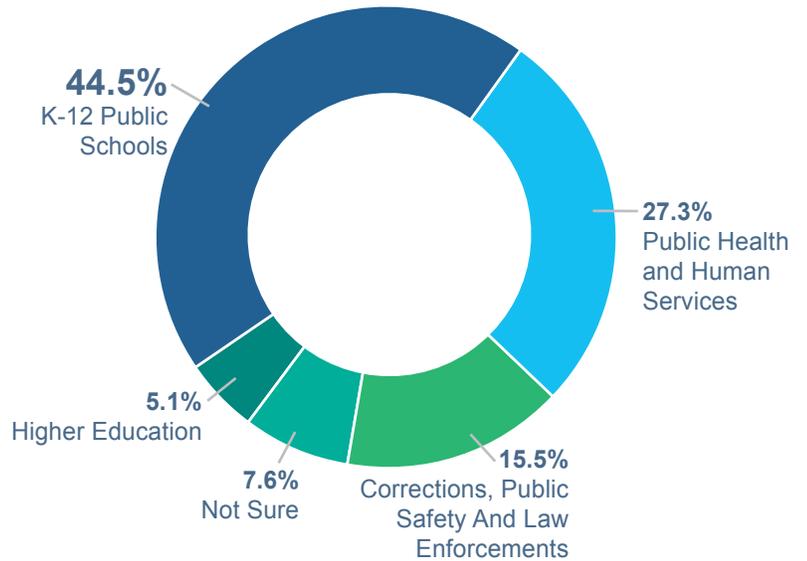
** Zogby Analytics is a highly respected, international polling and research company using industry-standard methodologies with a margin of error of +/-4.5%*

Alaskans have shown overwhelming support for our public school system. A majority of Alaskans give the schools in their community a passing grade, with over **50%** giving their local schools a grade of "B" or higher. A majority of Alaskans give Alaska's public schools overall a passing grade.

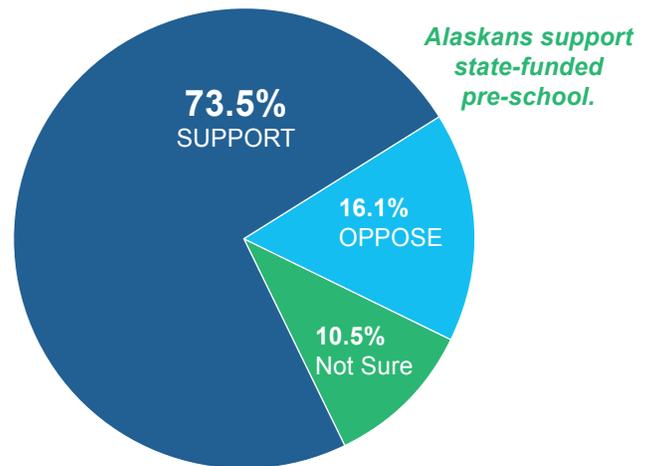
Alaskans are invested in ensuring the success of students.

Alaskans support investment in our public schools. Investment in K-12 public schools ranked highest as top priority for how we spend our public dollars.

WHEN IT COMES TO HOW STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDS YOUR PUBLIC DOLLARS, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY?

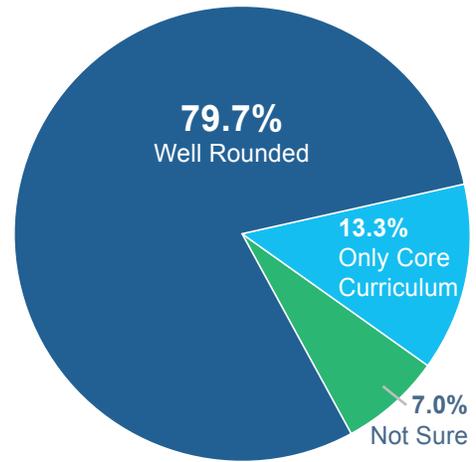


DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC PRE-SCHOOL?



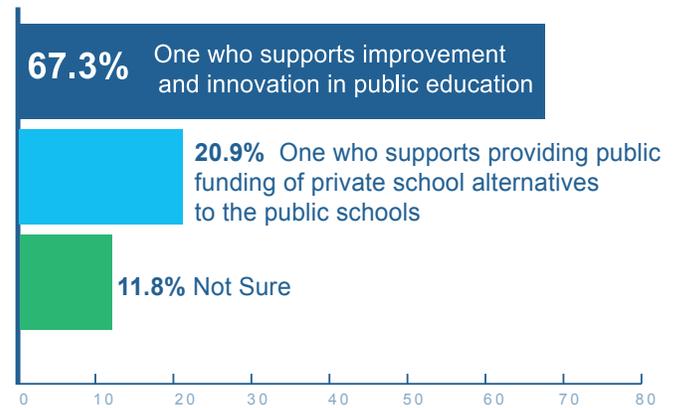
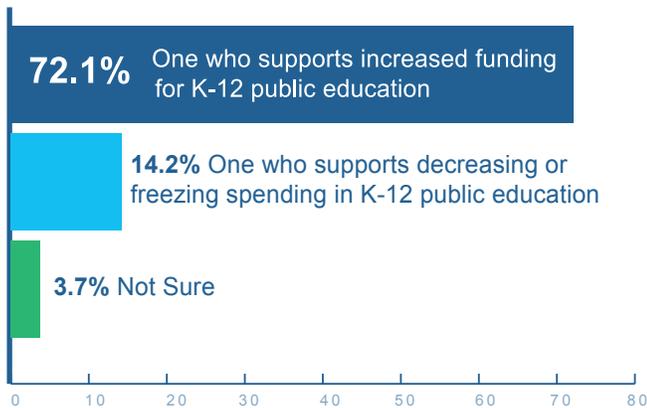
IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDE A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION TO ALL CHILDREN, INCLUDING ITEMS SUCH AS ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN, GIFTED AND TALENTED, MUSIC, ART AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES **OR** SHOULD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDE ONLY CORE CURRICULUM (math, English, science, social studies)?

Alaskans believe our public schools should provide a well-rounded education to all children.



PLEASE TELL US WHICH TYPE OF ELECTED OFFICIAL YOU MOST SUPPORT?

Alaskans support elected officials who will invest in education and work to make it better for all children.



Our Vision for Alaska's Students

Our organizations are committed to priorities that will move education forward and ensure that every student in Alaska receives a quality public education every day, no matter what it takes. We work collaboratively with each other, with state policymakers, and our community members toward these shared priorities:

- Priority Funding: A long-term fiscal plan that ensures sustainable education funding for current and future generations.
- Early Childhood Education: Equitable access to fully funded, high-quality pre-school for all Alaska children to improve school readiness and future success.
- Safety and Mental Health: Safe and secure schools, safety and well-being of students in school and in their communities, and increased access to mental health services.
- Preparing, Attracting, and Retaining Qualified Educators: A comprehensive statewide plan and programs to prepare, attract, and retain quality educators.
- CTE: Expansion of Career and Technical Education opportunities critical to high academic standards and Alaska's economic growth and stability.
- School Facilities and Broadband: Reliable investment in school construction and major maintenance so all Alaska children have safe facilities in which to learn. Sufficient reliable broadband to provide equitable access to high quality teachers, diversified curriculum, online resources, and global opportunities.



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It is the policy of our state, our home, “that the purpose of education is to **help ensure that all students** will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them.”

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