

# Ontarians are twice as likely to say spending money on public education is more important than eliminating the deficit

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Two in three  
Ontarians think it  
is better to elect  
rather than  
appoint school  
board trustees

A majority of Ontarians agree that spending in public education is an investment in the future and they are twice as likely to say that spending on public education is more important than eliminating the deficit. Two thirds of Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose having larger average class sizes or less course selection in order to save money. Ontarians are also nearly five times as likely to say that trustees should be elected rather than appointed. Asked about a number of initiatives, expanding opportunities for students to learn skilled trades and earn apprenticeship hours garnered the highest intensity of support.

### Public education system

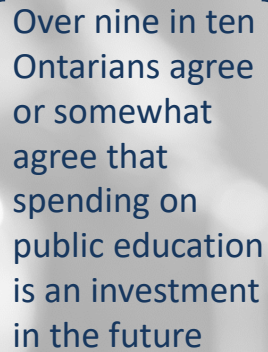
- **Nearly twice as many Ontarians think Ontario students get lower rather than higher than average scores on international tests** – Asked what kinds of scores they think Ontario's students consistently receive in international learning achievement tests, just over half of Ontarians (55%) say average scores, while 24 per cent say lower than average and 12 per cent say higher than average. Ten per cent are unsure. Respondents aged 40 and above were more likely to say Ontario's students receive lower scores compared to those under 40 (for example, 31% said lower among the 40 to 49-year-olds compared to 16% among those 18 to 29).

### School board governance

- **Two thirds of Ontarians think it is better to elect school board trustees** – Just over two in three Ontarians (67%) say that given the choice it is better to elect School Board Trustees than to have them appointed by the Government of Ontario (14%). Nineteen per cent are unsure. Those with two or more children in public school (75%) are more likely to opt for electing trustees than those without any children in public school (66%).

### Funding priorities

- **Three in five Ontarians say it is more important to spend on education than eliminate the deficit** – Asked which is the more important priority, 61 per cent of Ontarians said spending on public money on public education is more important than eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt (30%). Nine per cent are unsure.



Over nine in ten Ontarians agree or somewhat agree that spending on public education is an investment in the future

- **Just over two in three Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose using tax dollars to fund private education** – A little over two thirds of Ontarians oppose (45%) or somewhat oppose (22%) public tax dollars being used to help fund the private education system, while 16 per cent somewhat support and nine per cent support this. Eight per cent are unsure. There is less opposition among those who have one child in public school and among residents of the City of Toronto (59% oppose or somewhat oppose, respectively).
- **Nearly two thirds of Ontarians think funding for education should be set based on number of students and inflation** – Asked how funding for education in Ontario should be set, 65 per cent of Ontarians say it should be set based on number of students and inflation, while 24 per cent say it should be set based on overall provincial spending and school boards should work within this budget. Eleven per cent are unsure.
- **A majority of Ontarians agree that spending on public education is an investment in the future** – More than nine in ten Ontarians agree (68%) or somewhat agree (26%) that spending on public education is an investment in the future, while three per cent somewhat disagree and two per cent disagree. Two per cent are unsure.
- **Nine in ten Ontarians say it is important or somewhat important to invest in school maintenance and repairs** – Nine tenths of Ontarians say more funding for the maintenance, repair, and renewal of schools is an important (42%) or somewhat important (48%) priority, while six per cent say it is somewhat unimportant and two per cent say unimportant. Two per cent are unsure.
- **Nine tenths of Ontarians say it is important or somewhat important to invest in special education** – A majority of Ontarians say more funding for special education programs which help students with behavioural, communication, intellectual and physical issues is an important (52%) or somewhat important (38%) priority, while six per cent say it is a somewhat unimportant and two per cent an unimportant priority. Two per cent are unsure.

Nearly nine in ten Ontarians think mental health support for students and staff is important or somewhat important

- **Just under nine in ten Ontarians think mental health support is important or somewhat important** – Over four in five Ontarians say more funding for school boards to offer mental health support for students and staff is an important (50%) or somewhat important (38%) priority, while six per cent say somewhat unimportant and three per cent say unimportant priority. Three per cent are unsure.

### Support for initiatives

- **Just over four in five Ontarians support or somewhat support school boards having more autonomy** – A little over four in five Ontarians support (37%) or somewhat support (46%) school boards having more autonomy to ensure their budgets reflect local needs, while six per cent somewhat oppose and three per cent oppose this initiative. Eight per cent say they are unsure.
- **Seven in ten Ontarians support or somewhat support having an Indigenous education curriculum** – Seven tenths of Ontarians support (33%) or somewhat support (38%) having mandatory indigenous education curriculum for all students which advance students' knowledge and understanding of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives, while 15 per cent somewhat oppose and eight per cent oppose this initiative. Seven per cent say they are unsure. There is a higher intensity of support in the City of Toronto (77%) and a lower intensity of support in Central and Northern Ontario (61%).
- **A majority of Ontarians support expanding opportunities for learning skilled trades** – More than nine in ten Ontarians support (67%) or somewhat support (27%) expanding the opportunities for students to learn skilled trades and earn apprenticeship hours while in secondary school, while three per cent somewhat oppose and one per cent oppose this initiative. Two per cent are unsure.

Two thirds of Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose having larger class sizes or less course selection in order to save money

- **Over seven tenths of Ontarians support or somewhat support standardized testing** – More than seven in ten Ontarians support (39%) or somewhat support (33%) having standardized testing/assessment of Ontario students, while 13 per cent somewhat oppose and 10 per cent oppose this initiative. Five per cent say they are unsure. Intensity of support for this initiative is higher among older Ontarians (81% of those 60 plus support or somewhat support compared to 58% of those 18 to 29), males (77% support or somewhat support compared to 68% of females), those without children in the public system (74% compared to 62% of those with two children in the system) and residents of the GTA (77% compared to 66% in Eastern Ontario).
- **More than half of Ontarians think all students should be tested in standardized testing** – Asked their opinion on the best approach to conducting standardized testing/assessment, 54 per cent of Ontarians say all students should be tested, followed by 23 per cent who think student in some grades only should be tested, and 15 per cent who say a random selection of students should be tested. Eight per cent are unsure. Residents of Central/Northern Ontario are more likely to say that all students should be tested (60% compared to 45% in Eastern Ontario).

## Class size

- **Two thirds of Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose larger class sizes** – Two in three Ontarians oppose (41%) or somewhat oppose (25%) having larger class sizes where there are more students per teacher in order to save money, while 11 per cent support and 19 per cent somewhat support this. Four per cent are unsure. Intensity of opposition is stronger among women (72% oppose or somewhat oppose) than men (59% oppose or somewhat oppose).
- **Just over two thirds of Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose having less course selection** – A little more than two in three Ontarians oppose (43%) or somewhat oppose (24%) having less course selection for students in order to save money in the education budget, while six per cent support and 20 per cent somewhat support this. Seven per cent are unsure.

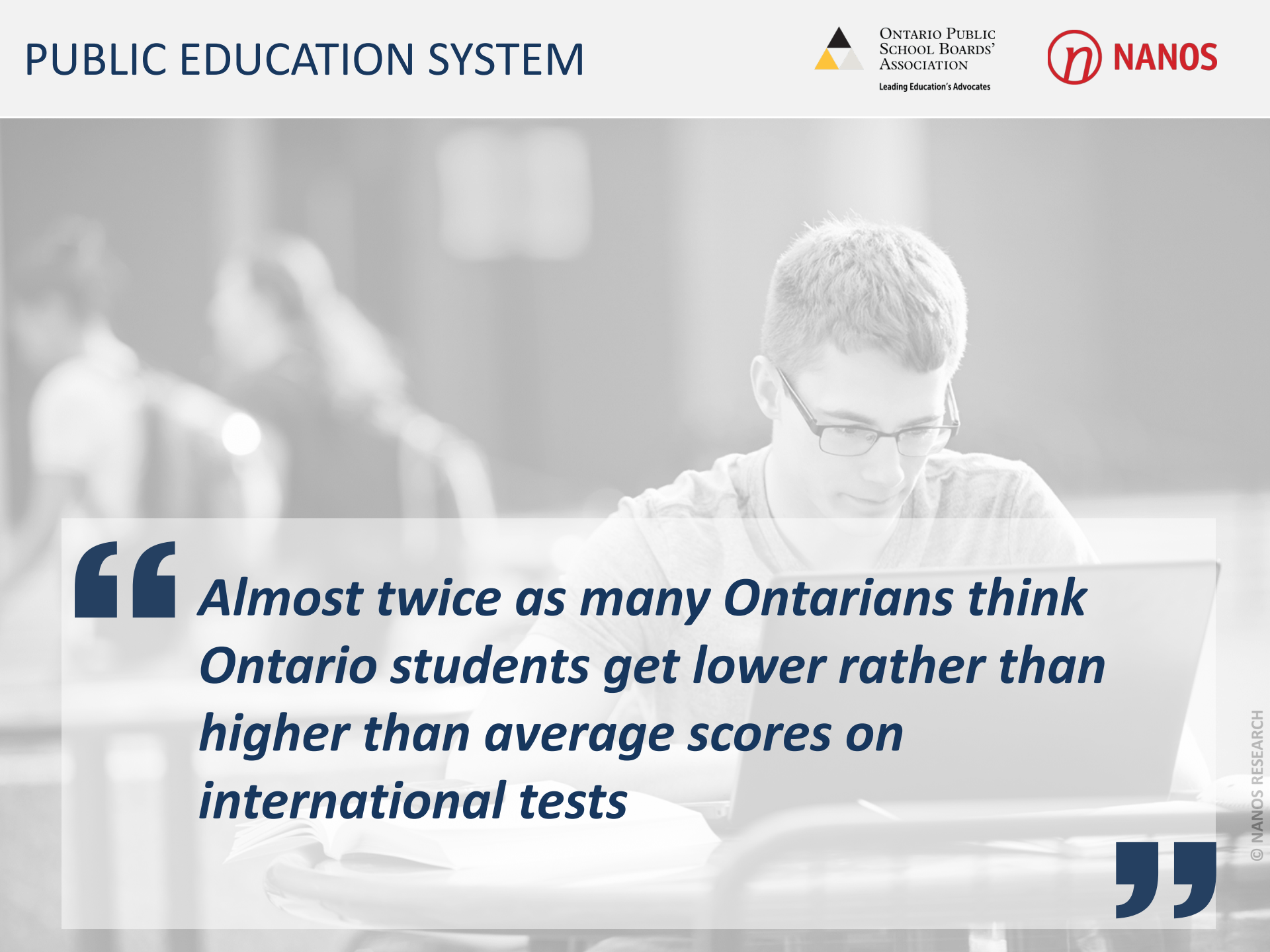
These observations are based on a representative online survey of 1,005 Ontario residents, 18 years of age or older, between November 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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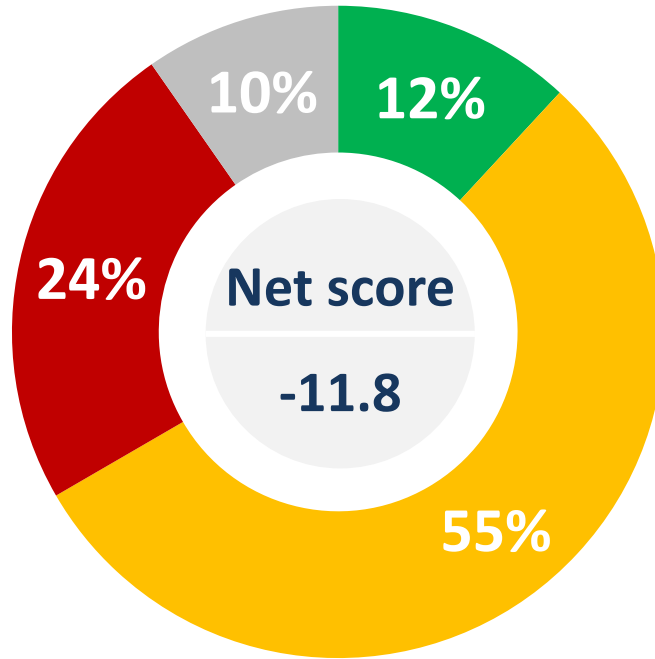


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**“ *Almost twice as many Ontarians think Ontario students get lower rather than higher than average scores on international tests* ”**

# Ontario student scores in international learning achievement tests



■ Higher than average ■ Average ■ Lower than average ■ Unsure

	Higher	Average	Lower
City of Toronto (n=204)	14.5%	58.3%	18.5%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	12.2%	55.6%	22.3%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	14.8%	56.8%	24.0%
GTA (n=227)	9.1%	54.6%	23.3%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	11.8%	51.7%	30.4%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	7.6%	48.9%	24.9%
Male (n=501)	15.0%	50.8%	26.7%
Female (n=504)	8.9%	58.4%	20.9%
18 to 29 (n=188)	15.4%	59.6%	15.9%
30 to 39 (n=192)	13.7%	61.7%	15.6%
40 to 49 (n=154)	9.5%	48.4%	30.8%
50 to 59 (n=168)	9.3%	53.3%	26.3%
60 plus (n=303)	11.5%	52.3%	27.5%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	12.4%	54.9%	22.3%
One child in public school (n=151)	14.0%	53.6%	26.1%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	5.7%	55.7%	29.1%

\*Weighted to the true population proportion.  
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**QUESTION** – Do you think that Ontario’s students consistently receive higher than average, average or lower than average scores in international learning achievement tests?

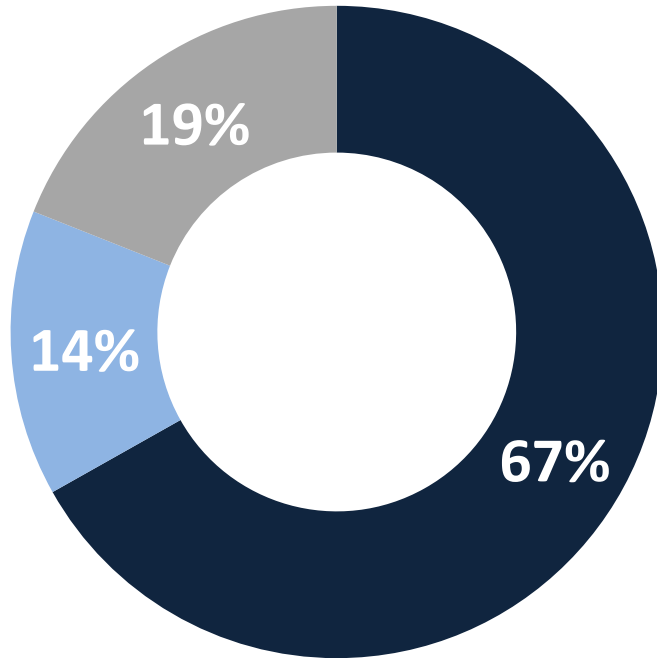


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# Electing or appointing School Board Trustees



- Better to elect School Board Trustees
- Better to have the Government of Ontario appoint School Board Trustees
- Unsure

	Elect trustees
City of Toronto (n=204)	68.3%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	68.1%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	67.4%
GTA (n=227)	65.1%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	63.9%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	70.0%
Male (n=501)	65.5%
Female (n=504)	68.1%
18 to 29 (n=188)	66.1%
30 to 39 (n=192)	67.2%
40 to 49 (n=154)	64.3%
50 to 59 (n=168)	66.6%
60 plus (n=303)	68.9%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	65.5%
One child in public school (n=151)	66.8%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	75.3%

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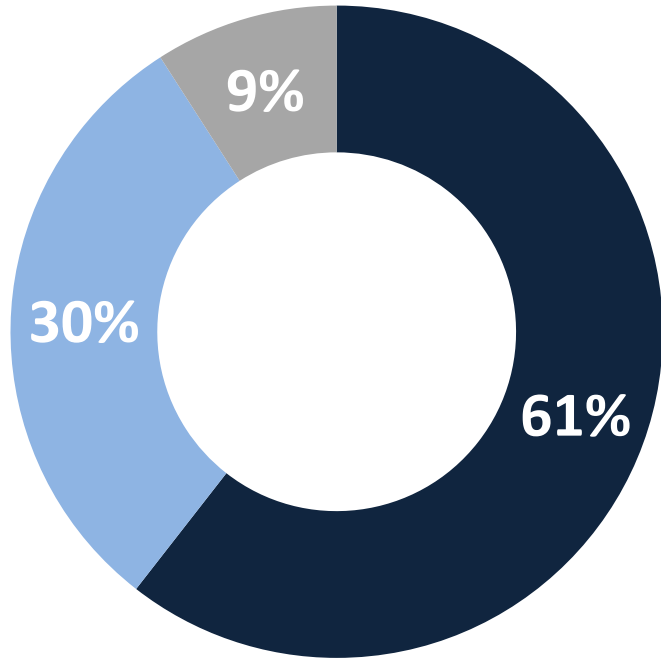
**QUESTION** – Given the choice, is it better to elect School Board Trustees or to have them appointed by the Government of Ontario?

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# Spending on public education versus eliminating deficits



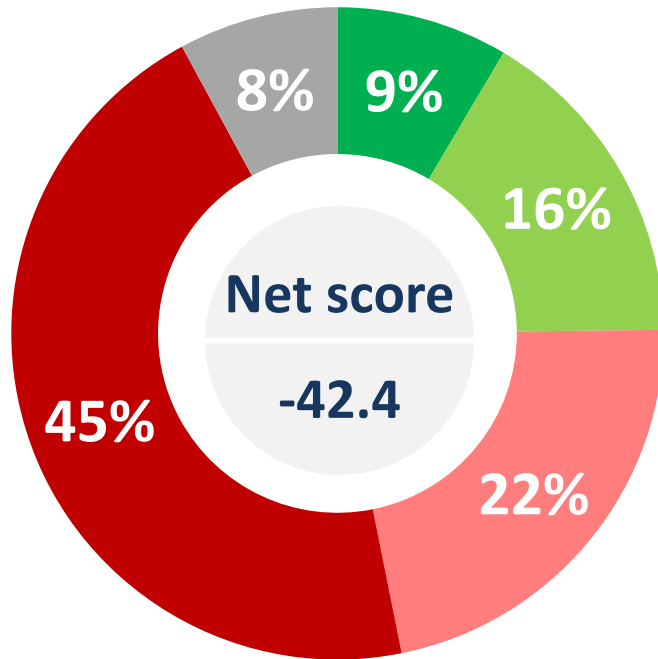
- Spending money on public education
- Eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt
- Unsure

	Spending on public education
City of Toronto (n=204)	64.8%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	60.5%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	60.5%
GTA (n=227)	62.0%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	55.4%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	57.8%
Male (n=501)	61.2%
Female (n=504)	60.0%
18 to 29 (n=188)	60.8%
30 to 39 (n=192)	64.4%
40 to 49 (n=154)	54.7%
50 to 59 (n=168)	63.5%
60 plus (n=303)	59.9%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	60.8%
One child in public school (n=151)	58.4%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	68.2%

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**QUESTION** – What is a more important spending priority [ROTATE] spending money on public education or eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt?

# Support for public funding of private schools



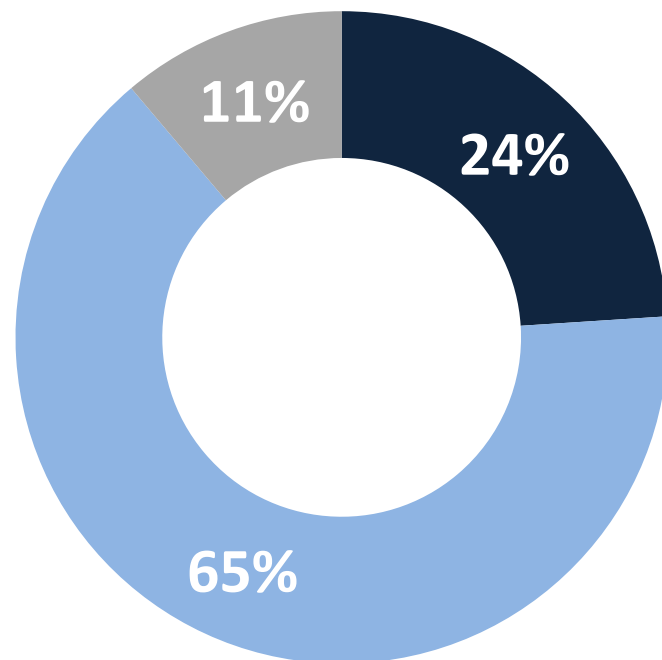
■ Support ■ Somewhat support ■ Somewhat oppose ■ Oppose ■ Unsure

	Oppose/ Somewhat oppose
City of Toronto (n=204)	59.2%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	68.5%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	70.5%
GTA (n=227)	68.9%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	70.7%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	67.1%
Male (n=501)	68.2%
Female (n=504)	66.3%
18 to 29 (n=188)	61.6%
30 to 39 (n=192)	62.7%
40 to 49 (n=154)	66.8%
50 to 59 (n=168)	65.2%
60 plus (n=303)	75.3%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	68.7%
One child in public school (n=151)	59.2%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	71.3%

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**QUESTION** – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose public tax dollars being used to help fund the private education system?

# Views of how funding for education should be set



- The government of Ontario should set education spending based overall provincial spending and school boards should work within this budget
- The Government of Ontario should set education spending based on the number of students and inflation
- Unsure

## Set spending based on number of students and inflation

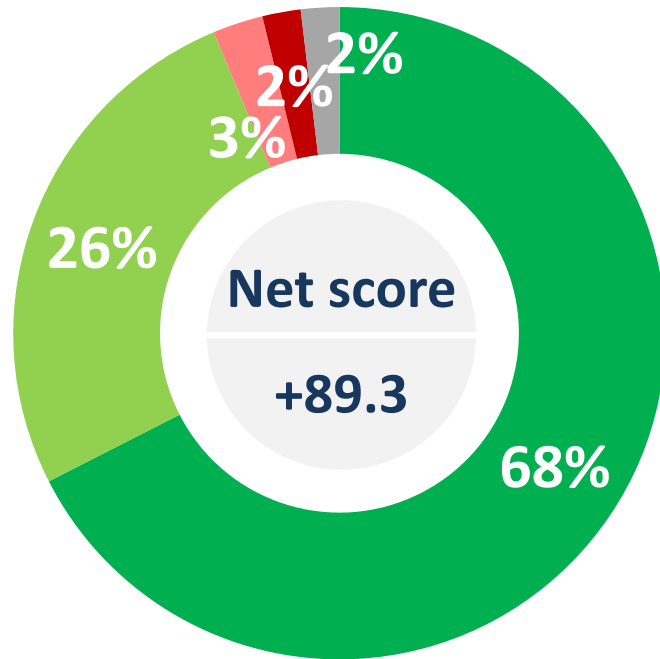
City of Toronto (n=204)	61.9%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	68.0%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	67.7%
GTA (n=227)	68.7%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	59.5%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	62.3%
Male (n=501)	64.3%
Female (n=504)	65.4%
18 to 29 (n=188)	68.6%
30 to 39 (n=192)	67.0%
40 to 49 (n=154)	64.2%
50 to 59 (n=168)	60.0%
60 plus (n=303)	64.7%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	65.2%
One child in public school (n=151)	61.3%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	72.5%

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**QUESTION** – Thinking of how funding for education in Ontario should be set, which of the following best reflects your personal view. [ROTATE]

# Agreement with spending on education as an investment



■ Agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Disagree ■ Unsure

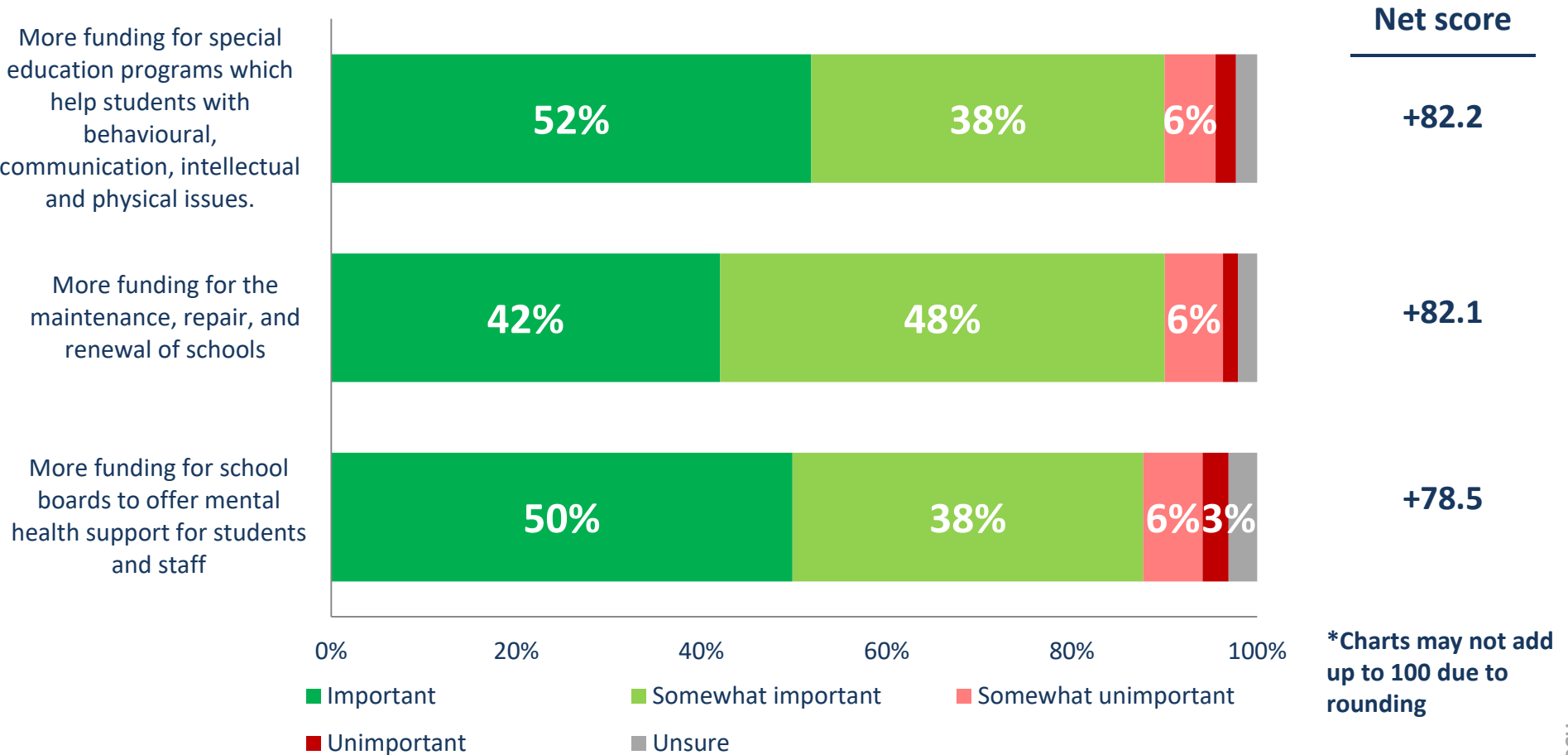
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**QUESTION** – Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree that spending on public education is an investment in the future.

	Agree/ Somewhat agree
City of Toronto (n=204)	94.3%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	92.7%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	91.6%
GTA (n=227)	95.3%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	92.8%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	95.3%
Male (n=501)	91.4%
Female (n=504)	95.8%
18 to 29 (n=188)	93.2%
30 to 39 (n=192)	88.7%
40 to 49 (n=154)	92.2%
50 to 59 (n=168)	94.0%
60 plus (n=303)	97.6%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	94.4%
One child in public school (n=151)	91.0%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	93.1%

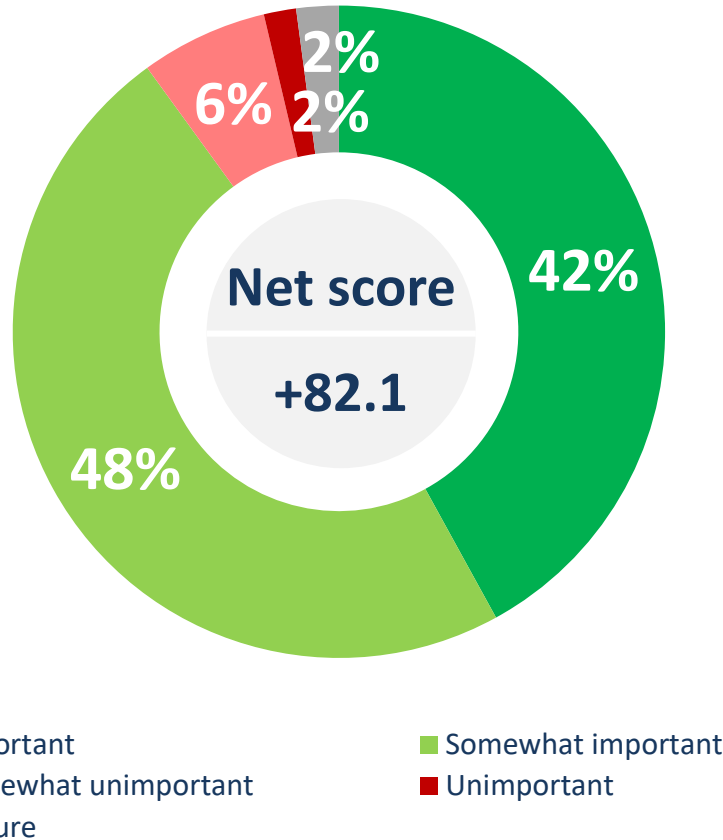
# Importance of funding priorities



**QUESTION** – Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]



# Importance of funding for maintenance and repairs



	Important/ Somewhat important
City of Toronto (n=204)	91.7%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	93.7%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	86.3%
GTA (n=227)	88.6%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	89.1%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	92.7%
Male (n=501)	86.8%
Female (n=504)	93.0%
18 to 29 (n=188)	87.1%
30 to 39 (n=192)	86.4%
40 to 49 (n=154)	91.0%
50 to 59 (n=168)	89.3%
60 plus (n=303)	94.0%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	90.8%
One child in public school (n=151)	87.4%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	90.1%

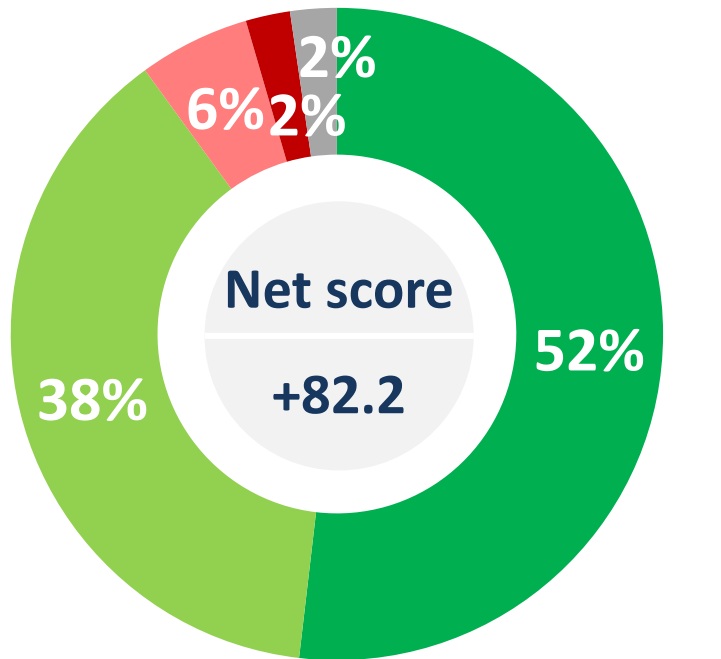
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**QUESTION** – Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

**More funding for the maintenance, repair, and renewal of schools**

# Importance of funding for special education programs



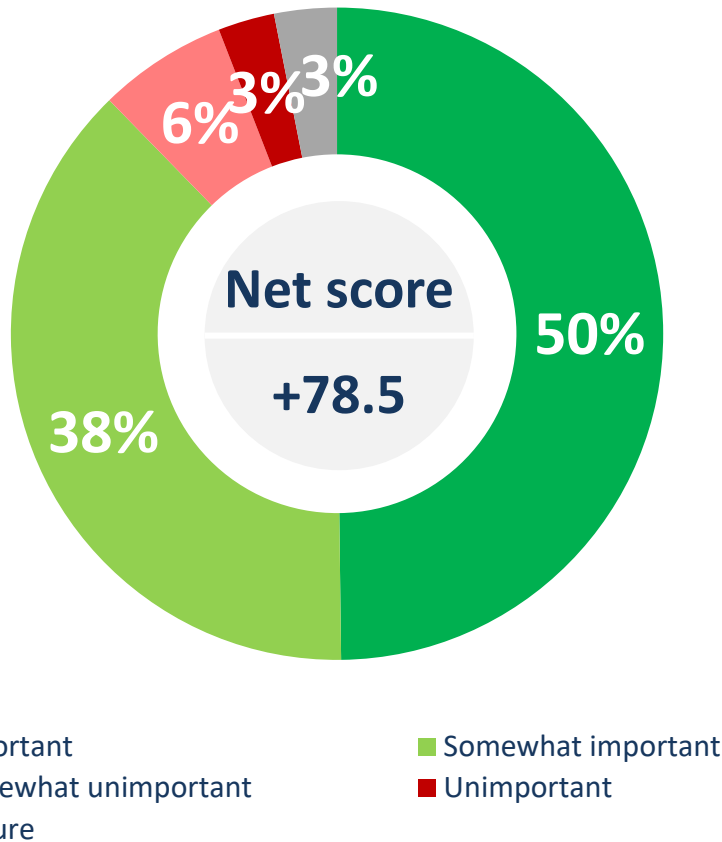
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Unsure

	Important/ Somewhat important
City of Toronto (n=204)	90.5%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	92.4%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	87.0%
GTA (n=227)	91.8%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	86.5%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	92.0%
Male (n=501)	87.9%
Female (n=504)	92.0%
18 to 29 (n=188)	91.4%
30 to 39 (n=192)	88.4%
40 to 49 (n=154)	90.1%
50 to 59 (n=168)	87.1%
60 plus (n=303)	91.7%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	90.3%
One child in public school (n=151)	88.4%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	88.7%

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**QUESTION** – Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]  
**More funding for special education programs which help students with behavioural, communication, intellectual and physical issues**

# Importance of funding for mental health support



	Important/ Somewhat important
City of Toronto (n=204)	90.4%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	90.3%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	83.8%
GTA (n=227)	86.4%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	86.6%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	89.7%
Male (n=501)	85.1%
Female (n=504)	90.0%
18 to 29 (n=188)	91.7%
30 to 39 (n=192)	89.9%
40 to 49 (n=154)	85.4%
50 to 59 (n=168)	86.5%
60 plus (n=303)	85.8%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	88.8%
One child in public school (n=151)	83.6%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	88.2%

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**QUESTION** – Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

**More funding for school boards to offer mental health support for students and staff**

# SECTION D – SUPPORT FOR INITIATIVES

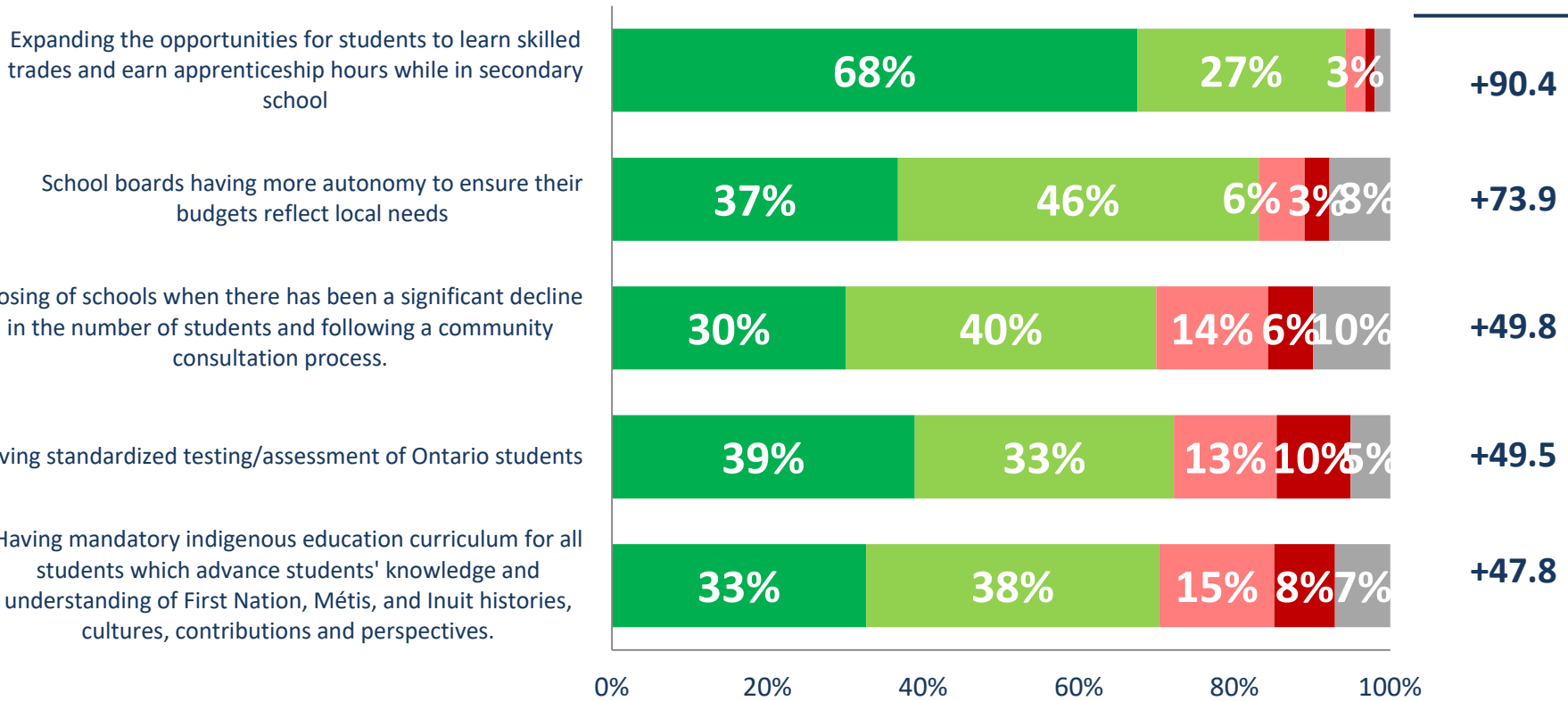
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# Support for initiatives

**Net score**

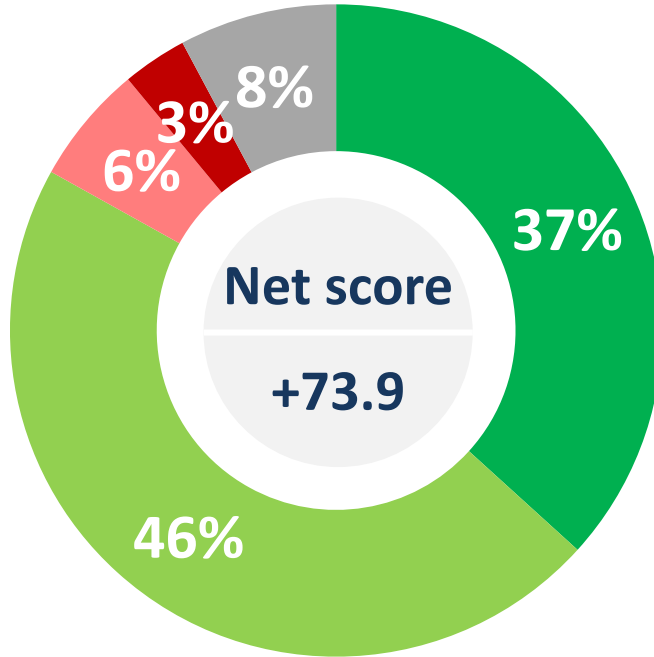


■ Support   
 ■ Somewhat support   
 ■ Somewhat oppose   
 ■ Oppose   
 ■ Unsure

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**QUESTION** – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

# Support for school boards having more autonomy



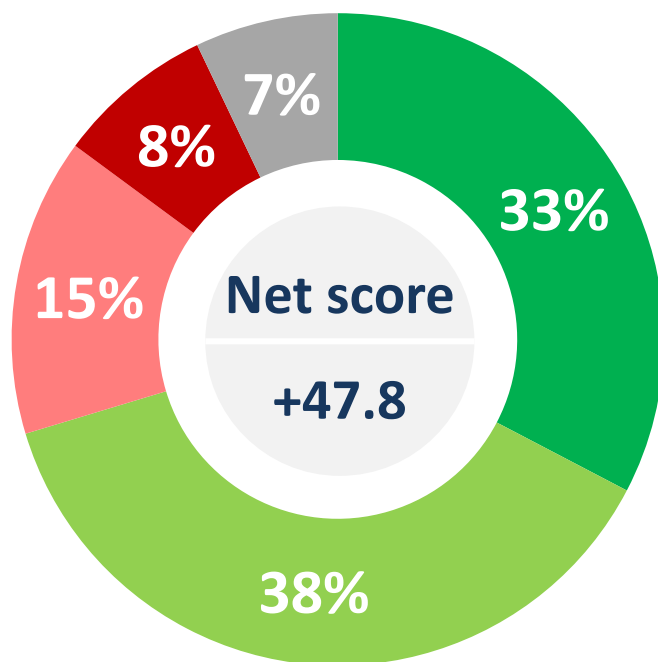
■ Support      ■ Somewhat support      ■ Somewhat oppose  
■ Oppose      ■ Unsure

	Support/ Somewhat support
City of Toronto (n=204)	85.2%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	83.2%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	84.6%
GTA (n=227)	81.3%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	82.7%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	80.8%
Male (n=501)	80.4%
Female (n=504)	85.5%
18 to 29 (n=188)	84.1%
30 to 39 (n=192)	82.2%
40 to 49 (n=154)	83.2%
50 to 59 (n=168)	81.7%
60 plus (n=303)	83.6%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	82.7%
One child in public school (n=151)	83.1%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	83.9%

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**QUESTION** – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]  
**School boards having more autonomy to ensure their budgets reflect local needs**

# Support for school boards having a mandatory Indigenous education curriculum



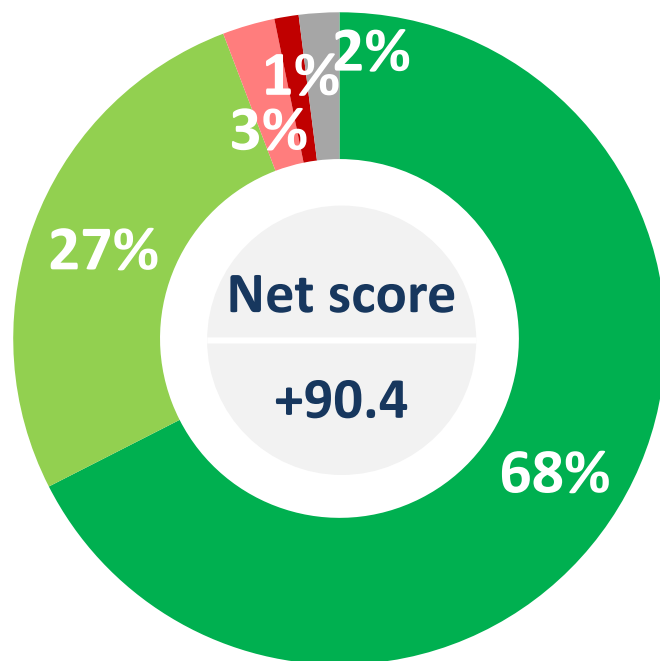
■ Support     
 ■ Somewhat support     
 ■ Somewhat oppose     
 ■ Oppose     
 ■ Unsure

	Support/ Somewhat support
City of Toronto (n=204)	77.0%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	71.2%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	73.2%
GTA (n=227)	69.8%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	61.3%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	68.1%
Male (n=501)	68.7%
Female (n=504)	71.9%
18 to 29 (n=188)	74.6%
30 to 39 (n=192)	68.4%
40 to 49 (n=154)	63.3%
50 to 59 (n=168)	71.5%
60 plus (n=303)	72.1%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	71.4%
One child in public school (n=151)	69.2%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	67.3%

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**QUESTION** – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]  
**Having mandatory indigenous education curriculum for all students which advance students' knowledge and understanding of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives.**

# Support for expanding opportunities for skilled trades



■ Support     
 ■ Somewhat support     
 ■ Somewhat oppose  
■ Oppose     
 ■ Unsure

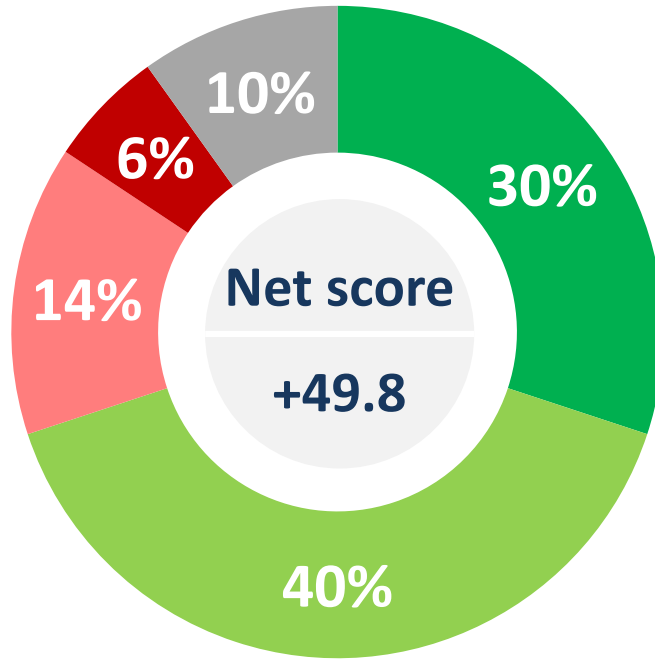
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City of Toronto (n=204)	94.6%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	95.3%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	94.6%
GTA (n=227)	90.5%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	96.4%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	95.5%
Male (n=501)	93.1%
Female (n=504)	95.1%
18 to 29 (n=188)	90.6%
30 to 39 (n=192)	91.6%
40 to 49 (n=154)	91.8%
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60 plus (n=303)	97.6%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	94.4%
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Two or more children in public school (n=113)	91.2%

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**QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]**  
**Expanding the opportunities for students to learn skilled trades and earn apprenticeship hours while in secondary school**



# Support for school boards closing schools with declining student numbers



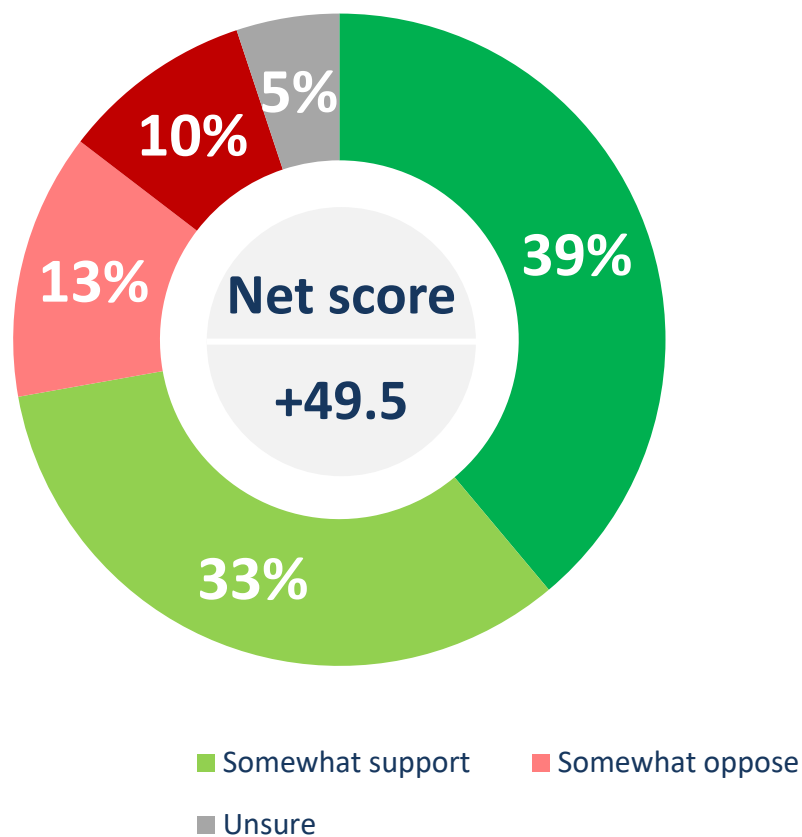
■ Support      ■ Somewhat support      ■ Somewhat oppose  
■ Oppose      ■ Unsure

	Support/ Somewhat support
City of Toronto (n=204)	65.1%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	66.6%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	75.8%
GTA (n=227)	70.5%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	71.0%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	71.6%
Male (n=501)	73.3%
Female (n=504)	67.0%
18 to 29 (n=188)	52.0%
30 to 39 (n=192)	65.2%
40 to 49 (n=154)	72.3%
50 to 59 (n=168)	76.9%
60 plus (n=303)	79.2%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	71.4%
One child in public school (n=151)	62.6%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	74.2%

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**QUESTION – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]**  
**Closing of schools when there has been a significant decline in the number of students and following a community consultation process**

# Support for school boards having standardized testing of students



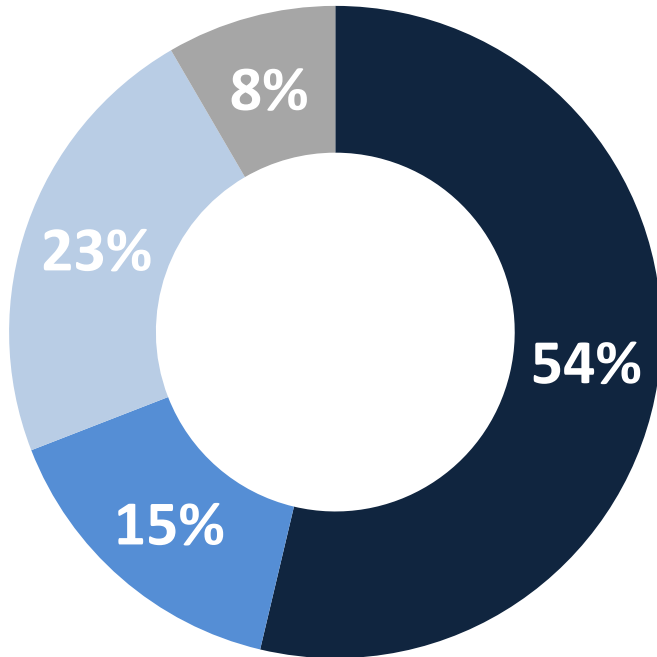
	Support/ Somewhat support
City of Toronto (n=204)	72.3%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	66.0%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	71.1%
GTA (n=227)	77.3%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	70.4%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	73.4%
Male (n=501)	77.0%
Female (n=504)	67.7%
18 to 29 (n=188)	57.8%
30 to 39 (n=192)	67.0%
40 to 49 (n=154)	74.4%
50 to 59 (n=168)	77.0%
60 plus (n=303)	80.6%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	73.8%
One child in public school (n=151)	68.7%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	62.1%

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**QUESTION** – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

## Having standardized testing/assessment of Ontario students

# Approaches to standardized testing



- Test all students
- Test a random selection of students
- Test students in some grades only
- Unsure

## Test all students

City of Toronto (n=204)	55.9%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	45.2%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	49.7%
GTA (n=227)	52.5%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	60.2%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	58.9%
Male (n=501)	58.8%
Female (n=504)	48.9%
18 to 29 (n=188)	46.1%
30 to 39 (n=192)	54.7%
40 to 49 (n=154)	52.2%
50 to 59 (n=168)	57.1%
60 plus (n=303)	57.0%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	53.3%
One child in public school (n=151)	54.1%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	50.3%

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**QUESTION** – When conducting standardized testing/assessment, which do you think is the best approach [ROTATE]:

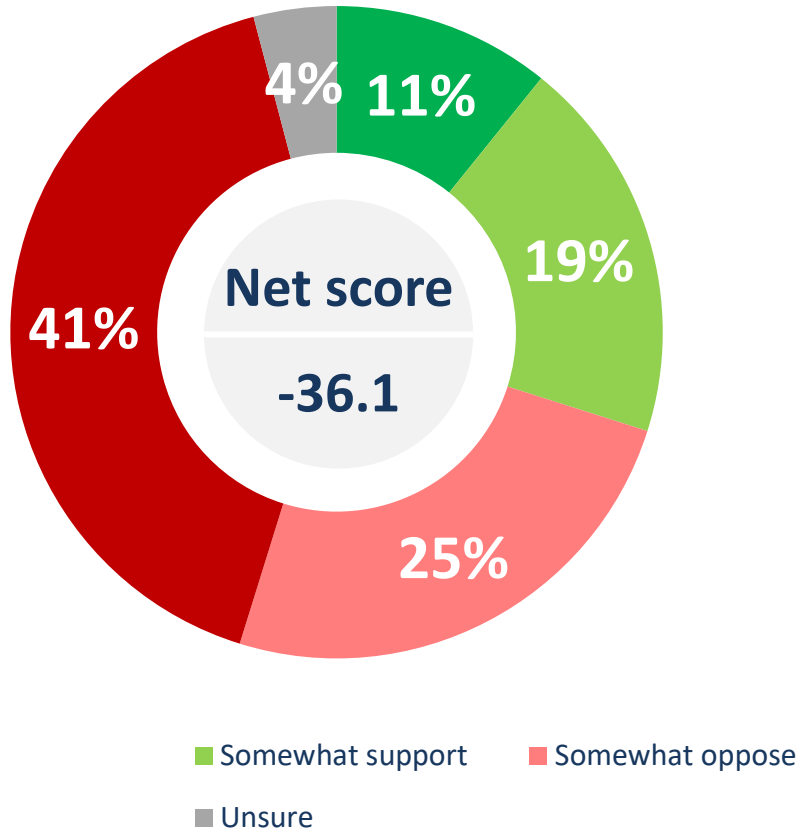
# SECTION C – CLASS SIZES

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*Two in three Ontarians oppose or somewhat oppose having larger class sizes or less course selection as measures to save money in the education budget*

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# Support for more students per teacher to save money

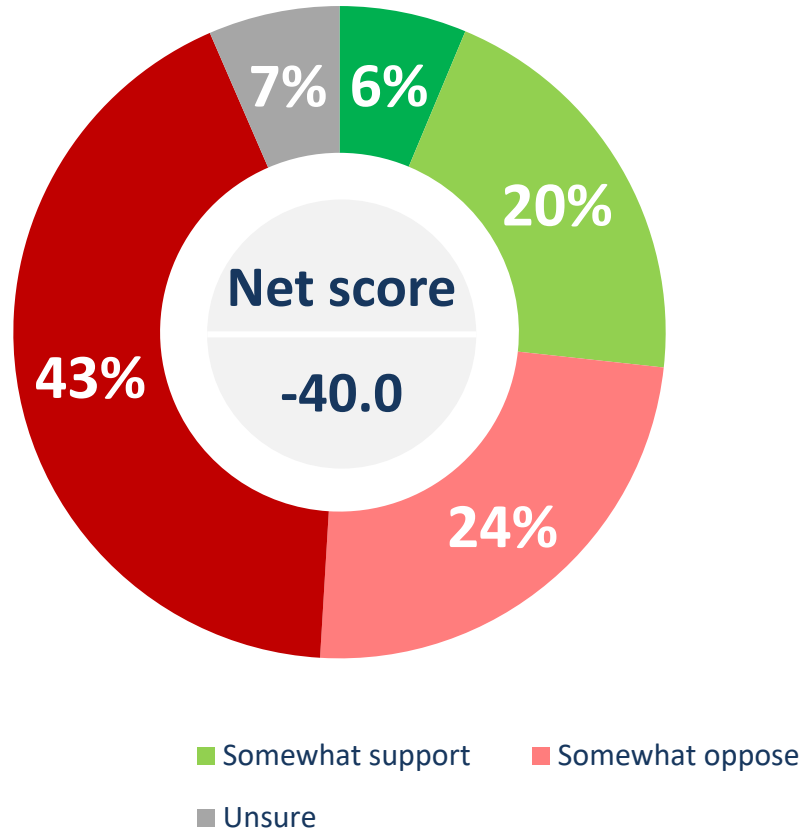


	Oppose/ Somewhat oppose
City of Toronto (n=204)	66.0%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	69.7%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	64.0%
GTA (n=227)	64.2%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	65.6%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	68.9%
Male (n=501)	59.1%
Female (n=504)	72.4%
18 to 29 (n=188)	68.7%
30 to 39 (n=192)	67.2%
40 to 49 (n=154)	62.3%
50 to 59 (n=168)	64.4%
60 plus (n=303)	66.6%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	66.3%
One child in public school (n=151)	64.5%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	69.9%

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**QUESTION** – Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having larger class sizes where there are more students per teacher in order to save money?

# Support for less course selection to save money



	Oppose/ Somewhat oppose
City of Toronto (n=204)	60.0%
Eastern Ontario (n=135)	62.7%
Golden Horseshoe (n=176)	68.6%
GTA (n=227)	73.0%
Central/Northern Ontario (n=155)	65.0%
Southwestern Ontario (n=108)	72.0%
Male (n=501)	63.3%
Female (n=504)	70.1%
18 to 29 (n=188)	72.4%
30 to 39 (n=192)	68.7%
40 to 49 (n=154)	65.7%
50 to 59 (n=168)	62.4%
60 plus (n=303)	65.5%
Zero children in public school (n=686)	65.5%
One child in public school (n=151)	71.4%
Two or more children in public school (n=113)	69.1%

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**QUESTION –** Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having less course selection for students in order to save money in the education budget?

# METHODOLOGY



On behalf of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, Nanos conducted a representative online survey of 1,005 Ontario residents, 18 years of age or older, between November 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Participants were administered a survey online. The sample is geographically stratified to be representative to the province of Ontario.

No margin of error applies to this research.

The research was commissioned by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and was conducted by Nanos Research.

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Element	Description
Research sponsor	Ontario Public School Boards' Association
Population and Final Sample Size	1,005 Ontario residents drawn from a panel.
Source of Sample	Prodege
Type of Sample	Representative non-probability
Margin of Error	No margin of error applies to this research.
Mode of Survey	Online survey
Sampling Method Base	Non-probability.
Demographics (Captured)	City of Toronto, Eastern Ontario, Golden Horseshoe West, GTA, Central/Northern Ontario, Southwestern Ontario; Men and Women; 18 years or older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income
Field Dates	November 8th to 12th, 2019.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. <a href="https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/">https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/</a>

Element	Description
Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Ontario. See tables for full weighting disclosure.
Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without internet access could not participate.
Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Ontario.
Estimated Response Rate	Not applicable
Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire.
Question Content	All questions asked are contained in the report.
Question Wording	The questions in the preceding report are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
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# TABULATIONS





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			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 1 - Do you think that Ontario's students consistently receive higher than average, average or lower than average scores in international learning achievement tests?	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Higher than average	%	11.9	14.5	12.2	14.8	9.1	11.8	7.6	15.0	8.9	15.4	13.7	9.5	9.3	11.5
	Average	%	54.8	58.3	55.6	56.8	54.6	51.7	48.9	50.8	58.4	59.6	61.7	48.4	53.3	52.3
	Lower than average	%	23.7	18.5	22.3	24.0	23.3	30.4	24.9	26.7	20.9	15.9	15.6	30.8	26.3	27.5
	Unsure	%	9.7	8.7	9.8	4.5	13.0	6.1	18.5	7.5	11.8	9.1	9.0	11.2	11.1	8.6



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			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 2 - Given the choice is it better to elect School Board Trustees or to have them appointed by the Government of Ontario? [ROTATE]	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Better to elect School Board Trustees	%	66.9	68.3	68.1	67.4	65.1	63.9	70.0	65.5	68.1	66.1	67.2	64.3	66.6	68.9
	Better to have the Government of Ontario appoint School Board Trustees	%	14.2	17.3	14.9	12.9	15.7	12.4	8.8	17.5	11.1	20.4	12.6	12.0	13.0	12.8
	Unsure	%	19.0	14.5	17.0	19.7	19.2	23.7	21.2	16.9	20.9	13.5	20.2	23.6	20.4	18.3

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			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 3 - What is a more important spending priority [ROTATE] spending money on public education or eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt?	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Spending money on public education	%	60.6	64.8	60.5	60.5	62.0	55.4	57.8	61.2	60.0	60.8	64.4	54.7	63.5	59.9
	Eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt	%	30.4	25.2	29.1	32.2	29.3	36.1	32.2	33.2	27.8	28.4	28.5	36.9	25.1	32.4
	Unsure	%	9.1	9.9	10.5	7.3	8.7	8.6	10.0	5.6	12.3	10.8	7.0	8.5	11.5	7.7



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			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 4- Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose public tax dollars being used to help fund the private education system?	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	8.5	10.6	8.7	8.3	7.0	8.3	8.1	9.4	7.7	8.6	11.2	9.1	6.2	8.1
	Somewhat support	%	16.3	22.0	16.5	14.4	17.1	9.6	17.2	15.9	16.7	20.5	18.4	14.7	20.9	10.2
	Somewhat oppose	%	22.0	17.6	23.0	27.7	24.0	16.9	24.2	21.8	22.2	29.7	29.8	19.2	15.7	18.3
	Oppose	%	45.2	41.6	45.5	42.8	44.9	53.8	42.9	46.4	44.1	31.9	32.9	47.6	49.5	57.0
	Unsure	%	7.9	8.2	6.4	6.9	7.0	11.3	7.5	6.4	9.3	9.2	7.7	9.4	7.7	6.4

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			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 5 - Thinking of how funding for education in Ontario should be set, which of the following best reflects your personal view. [ROTATE]	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	The Government of Ontario should set education spending based overall provincial spending and school boards should work	%	24.0	24.5	24.2	19.0	19.8	30.6	29.1	25.7	22.4	22.0	23.9	25.7	24.7	23.8
	The Government of Ontario should set education spending based on the number of students and inflation	%	64.9	61.9	68.0	67.7	68.7	59.5	62.3	64.3	65.4	68.6	67.0	64.2	60.0	64.7
	Unsure	%	11.2	13.6	7.8	13.3	11.5	9.9	8.6	10.0	12.3	9.5	9.1	10.1	15.2	11.5





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			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 6 - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree that spending on public education is an investment in the future.	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Agree	%	67.5	67.6	65.1	72.7	68.3	66.0	62.7	63.9	70.8	62.6	62.2	64.4	67.6	75.7
	Somewhat agree	%	26.2	26.7	27.6	18.9	27.0	26.8	32.6	27.5	25.0	30.6	26.5	27.8	26.4	21.9
	Somewhat disagree	%	2.5	3.1	2.4	2.3	3.1	1.9	1.3	3.8	1.3	2.0	6.5	3.0	1.5	0.9
	Disagree	%	1.9	0.9	2.5	4.1	0.6	2.2	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	2.2	1.8	4.0	1.1
	Unsure	%	1.9	1.8	2.3	2.0	1.0	3.0	1.4	1.7	2.0	3.7	2.6	3.0	0.4	0.5

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Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 7 - More funding for the maintenance, repair, and renewal of schools	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Important	%	42.0	41.4	35.1	42.5	44.1	46.0	40.4	37.9	45.8	34.2	38.5	43.7	40.0	49.7
	Somewhat important	%	48.0	50.3	58.6	43.8	44.5	43.1	52.3	48.9	47.2	52.9	47.9	47.3	49.3	44.3
	Somewhat unimportant	%	6.3	4.9	3.9	8.7	6.5	7.7	5.3	8.2	4.5	9.1	8.0	4.2	7.5	3.9
	Unimportant	%	1.6	0.4	1.0	1.9	3.3	0.9	1.3	2.5	0.7	2.2	2.1	3.0	1.3	0.2
	Unsure	%	2.1	3.0	1.5	3.1	1.6	2.3	0.6	2.5	1.8	1.6	3.5	1.9	1.9	2.0



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Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 8 - More funding for special education programs which help students with behavioural, communication, intellectual and physical issues	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Important	%	51.8	50.9	51.7	43.3	55.0	57.0	52.6	45.2	58.0	51.9	52.3	49.3	48.3	55.4
	Somewhat important	%	38.1	39.6	40.7	43.7	36.8	29.5	39.4	42.7	34.0	39.5	36.1	40.8	38.8	36.3
	Somewhat unimportant	%	5.5	5.7	3.2	8.2	3.8	6.4	5.6	5.2	5.8	6.2	6.4	5.5	5.3	4.6
	Unimportant	%	2.2	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.2	4.1	1.3	4.4	0.2	1.2	3.4	2.7	3.7	1.0
	Unsure	%	2.3	2.0	2.7	2.6	2.1	3.0	1.2	2.6	2.1	1.2	1.9	1.6	3.8	2.6



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Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 9 - More funding for school boards to offer mental health support for students and staff	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Important	%	49.8	47.9	51.3	45.4	47.0	57.6	52.4	41.2	57.8	57.0	51.9	42.0	44.2	52.1
	Somewhat important	%	37.9	42.5	39.0	38.4	39.4	29.0	37.3	43.9	32.2	34.7	38.0	43.4	42.3	33.7
	Somewhat unimportant	%	6.4	3.8	4.5	9.5	7.9	7.3	4.5	6.8	6.1	4.8	5.6	9.1	4.6	7.6
	Unimportant	%	2.8	1.9	2.8	3.7	2.2	3.4	3.2	4.6	1.1	2.2	2.7	2.4	3.6	2.9
Unsure	%	3.1	3.8	2.5	3.0	3.6	2.7	2.6	3.5	2.8	1.2	1.8	3.2	5.4	3.7	



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Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 10 - School boards having more autonomy to ensure their budgets reflect local needs	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	36.7	40.9	34.8	37.3	33.3	38.8	34.1	32.8	40.3	28.4	35.2	32.8	36.9	45.5
	Somewhat support	%	46.3	44.3	48.4	47.3	48.0	43.9	46.7	47.6	45.2	55.7	47.0	50.4	44.8	38.1
	Somewhat oppose	%	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.3	8.3	5.1	0.7	8.6	3.4	4.7	6.5	3.3	7.7	6.8
	Oppose	%	3.2	1.4	3.2	2.2	3.3	6.3	3.3	4.6	2.0	2.5	2.1	5.6	3.7	2.7
	Unsure	%	7.8	7.3	7.2	6.9	7.1	6.0	15.2	6.5	9.0	8.7	9.1	7.8	7.0	6.9



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Question 11 - Having mandatory indigenous education curriculum for all students which advance students' knowledge and understanding of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives.	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	32.7	36.3	28.9	29.7	34.4	32.7	32.0	29.4	35.7	35.8	31.0	26.7	31.3	36.0
	Somewhat support	%	37.7	40.7	42.3	43.5	35.4	28.6	36.1	39.3	36.2	38.8	37.4	36.6	40.2	36.1
	Somewhat oppose	%	14.8	10.6	13.7	12.0	13.2	23.9	17.6	15.4	14.2	12.9	15.1	18.7	13.5	14.3
	Oppose	%	7.8	4.6	9.2	9.0	8.3	9.1	6.9	10.3	5.4	7.1	8.9	7.3	10.6	6.0
Unsure	%	7.1	7.9	5.9	5.8	8.7	5.8	7.4	5.6	8.4	5.4	7.6	10.7	4.4	7.6	



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Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]

			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 12 - Expanding the opportunities for students to learn skilled trades and earn apprenticeship hours while in secondary school	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	67.5	60.2	63.4	75.5	63.9	72.3	74.2	65.2	69.6	60.0	65.8	55.7	75.4	75.6
	Somewhat support	%	26.7	34.4	31.9	19.1	26.6	24.1	21.3	27.9	25.5	30.6	25.8	36.1	21.7	22.0
	Somewhat oppose	%	2.6	1.6	1.4	3.0	5.1	2.1	1.3	2.6	2.6	4.5	3.0	4.0	2.5	0.4
	Oppose	%	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.9	2.4	0.3	1.8	1.9	0.5	1.2	2.0	3.4	0.0	0.2
	Unsure	%	2.0	2.8	2.8	1.5	1.9	1.2	1.4	2.3	1.7	3.8	3.4	0.7	0.4	1.8



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			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 13 - Closing of schools when there has been a significant decline in the number of students and following a community consultation process.	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	30.1	31.8	29.0	34.2	31.6	28.1	21.4	33.5	27.0	15.7	22.9	32.2	37.5	37.9
	Somewhat support	%	39.9	33.3	37.6	41.6	38.9	42.9	50.2	39.8	40.0	36.3	42.3	40.1	39.4	41.3
	Somewhat oppose	%	14.4	17.7	17.4	12.1	12.5	14.8	10.9	15.4	13.4	24.6	15.3	11.0	10.9	11.0
	Oppose	%	5.8	6.1	2.8	5.5	4.9	7.4	8.6	4.1	7.3	4.7	6.1	6.5	9.2	3.7
	Unsure	%	9.9	11.1	13.2	6.6	12.0	6.8	8.9	7.2	12.3	18.7	13.4	10.3	3.0	6.1





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			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 14 - Having standardized testing/assessment of Ontario students	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	38.9	38.7	35.6	36.4	40.3	39.7	42.8	41.7	36.2	22.5	36.2	33.0	43.0	52.4
	Somewhat support	%	33.3	33.6	30.4	34.7	37.0	30.7	30.6	35.3	31.5	35.3	30.8	41.4	33.9	28.2
	Somewhat oppose	%	13.2	13.8	17.4	11.1	7.9	18.6	12.8	10.8	15.4	19.0	18.6	8.9	11.6	9.8
	Oppose	%	9.5	7.8	10.2	11.0	10.4	8.0	10.4	7.5	11.4	13.9	8.7	10.2	8.7	7.2
	Unsure	%	5.1	6.1	6.3	6.8	4.4	3.0	3.4	4.6	5.5	9.2	5.8	6.6	2.8	2.4



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			Region							Gender		Age				
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 15 - When conducting standardized testing/assessment, which do you think is the best approach [ROTATE]:	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Test all students	%	53.7	55.9	45.2	49.7	52.5	60.2	58.9	58.8	48.9	46.1	54.7	52.2	57.1	57.0
	Test a random selection of students	%	15.4	12.4	18.8	14.5	16.5	14.6	17.5	16.4	14.5	13.5	17.8	17.7	16.1	13.6
	Test students in some grades only	%	22.5	19.3	29.4	28.6	19.6	20.8	19.0	18.8	25.9	30.7	16.7	19.2	20.1	23.7
	Unsure	%	8.4	12.4	6.5	7.2	11.4	4.5	4.7	6.0	10.6	9.7	10.8	10.9	6.7	5.7

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			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 16 - Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having larger class sizes where there are more students per teacher in order to save money?	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	10.8	13.6	10.3	10.4	9.5	10.7	9.8	13.8	8.1	9.2	9.1	11.6	11.0	12.3
	Somewhat support	%	19.1	15.1	16.8	21.6	24.6	16.8	17.6	23.7	14.8	17.3	18.5	20.0	20.1	19.4
	Somewhat oppose	%	24.9	25.3	25.0	24.7	25.0	24.2	25.2	24.7	25.1	28.4	27.0	22.3	25.4	22.5
	Oppose	%	41.1	40.7	44.7	39.3	39.2	41.4	43.7	34.4	47.3	40.3	40.2	40.0	38.9	44.1
	Unsure	%	4.1	5.3	3.2	4.1	1.7	7.0	3.7	3.5	4.7	4.7	5.1	6.2	4.5	1.7

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			Region						Gender		Age					
			Ontario 2019-11	City of Toronto	Eastern Ontario	Golden Horseshoe West	GTA	Central/Northern Ontario	Southwestern Ontario	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 17 - Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having less course selection for students in order to save money in the education budget.	Total	Unwgt N	1005	204	135	176	227	155	108	501	504	188	192	154	168	303
		Wgt N	1000	203	133	170	223	165	106	480	520	196	160	170	190	284
	Support	%	6.3	9.6	6.9	4.8	5.1	5.0	6.4	7.8	5.0	6.4	5.9	6.8	8.5	4.8
	Somewhat support	%	20.4	19.4	23.0	21.2	17.3	24.7	17.5	21.4	19.4	17.0	19.7	22.8	20.5	21.6
	Somewhat oppose	%	24.2	18.1	23.9	26.2	29.3	23.1	24.7	27.4	21.4	25.3	26.5	25.8	23.4	21.9
	Oppose	%	42.5	41.9	38.8	42.4	43.7	41.9	47.3	35.9	48.7	47.1	42.2	39.9	39.0	43.6
	Unsure	%	6.5	11.1	7.4	5.5	4.6	5.3	4.1	7.6	5.5	4.2	5.7	4.7	8.7	8.1



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		How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?					
			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 1 - Do you think that Ontario's students consistently receive higher than average, average or lower than average scores in international learning achievement tests?	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Higher than average	%	11.9	12.4	14.0	5.7	12.9
	Average	%	54.8	54.9	53.6	55.7	53.9
	Lower than average	%	23.7	22.3	26.1	29.1	23.6
	Unsure	%	9.7	10.5	6.3	9.5	9.5

		How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?					
			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 2 - Given the choice is it better to elect School Board Trustees or to have them appointed by the Government of Ontario? [ROTATE]	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Better to elect School Board Trustees	%	66.9	65.5	66.8	75.3	66.5
	Better to have the Government of Ontario appoint School Board Trustees	%	14.2	13.2	17.5	10.5	24.1
	Unsure	%	19.0	21.3	15.6	14.2	9.5



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			How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?				
			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 3 - What is a more important spending priority [ROTATE] spending money on public education or eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt?	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Spending money on public education	%	60.6	60.8	58.4	68.2	48.2
	Eliminating the deficit and paying down the debt	%	30.4	30.2	32.9	24.2	38.0
	Unsure	%	9.1	9.0	8.7	7.5	13.8

			How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?				
			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 4- Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose public tax dollars being used to help fund the private education system?	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Support	%	8.5	8.3	8.6	10.8	5.8
	Somewhat support	%	16.3	14.8	23.5	12.7	24.1
	Somewhat oppose	%	22.0	22.4	21.7	22.5	18.1
	Oppose	%	45.2	46.3	37.5	48.8	44.0
	Unsure	%	7.9	8.2	8.7	5.2	8.0



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		How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?					
			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 5 - Thinking of how funding for education in Ontario should be set, which of the following best reflects your personal view. [ROTATE]	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	The Government of Ontario should set education spending based overall provincial spending and school boards should work	%	24.0	21.6	29.8	24.4	36.9
	The Government of Ontario should set education spending based on the number of students and inflation	%	64.9	65.2	61.3	72.5	55.2
	Unsure	%	11.2	13.2	8.9	3.2	7.9

		How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?					
			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 6 - Do you agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or disagree that spending on public education is an investment in the future.	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Agree	%	67.5	68.8	61.3	73.3	56.5
	Somewhat agree	%	26.2	25.7	29.6	19.7	36.9
	Somewhat disagree	%	2.5	2.5	3.5	1.2	2.4
	Disagree	%	1.9	1.6	2.6	1.9	4.3
	Unsure	%	1.9	1.5	3.0	3.9	0.0



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Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

			How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?				
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Question 7 - More funding for the maintenance, repair, and renewal of schools	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Important	%	42.0	42.0	42.1	42.6	40.3
	Somewhat important	%	48.0	48.8	45.3	47.5	47.2
	Somewhat unimportant	%	6.3	4.9	10.3	7.4	9.9
	Unimportant	%	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.3
	Unsure	%	2.1	2.7	1.0	0.7	1.3

Thinking of all the funding priorities in the public school system, are the following important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant priorities for more funding in the school system. [RANDOMIZE]

			How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?				
			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 8 - More funding for special education programs which help students with behavioural, communication, intellectual and physical issues	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Important	%	51.8	52.6	51.9	53.2	39.2
	Somewhat important	%	38.1	37.7	36.5	35.5	53.6
	Somewhat unimportant	%	5.5	4.9	6.6	7.3	5.9
	Unimportant	%	2.2	2.2	2.3	3.3	0.0
	Unsure	%	2.3	2.6	2.7	0.7	1.3

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			How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?				
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Question 9 - More funding for school boards to offer mental health support for students and staff	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Important	%	49.8	50.5	47.7	50.4	45.4
	Somewhat important	%	37.9	38.3	35.9	37.8	38.1
	Somewhat unimportant	%	6.4	5.9	7.7	6.6	9.5
	Unimportant	%	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.4	5.8
	Unsure	%	3.1	2.7	6.5	2.8	1.3

**Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]**

			How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?				
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Question 10 - School boards having more autonomy to ensure their budgets reflect local needs	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Support	%	36.7	35.5	38.7	38.8	41.5
	Somewhat support	%	46.3	47.2	44.3	45.1	44.4
	Somewhat oppose	%	5.9	6.3	5.1	3.7	7.6
	Oppose	%	3.2	2.8	4.5	4.6	2.3
	Unsure	%	7.8	8.2	7.3	7.8	4.2

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			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 11 - Having mandatory indigenous education curriculum for all students which advance students' knowledge and understanding of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives.	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Support	%	32.7	35.0	29.0	28.2	23.2
	Somewhat support	%	37.7	36.4	40.2	39.0	44.4
	Somewhat oppose	%	14.8	14.6	16.7	13.1	14.5
	Oppose	%	7.8	6.9	7.9	11.1	10.9
	Unsure	%	7.1	7.0	6.1	8.5	7.0

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			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 12 - Expanding the opportunities for students to learn skilled trades and earn apprenticeship hours while in secondary school	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Support	%	67.5	69.6	60.4	65.1	65.8
	Somewhat support	%	26.7	24.8	34.1	26.1	30.4
	Somewhat oppose	%	2.6	2.4	2.3	4.1	3.7
	Oppose	%	1.2	0.9	2.1	2.4	0.0
	Unsure	%	2.0	2.3	1.2	2.2	0.0

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			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 13 - Closing of schools when there has been a significant decline in the number of students and following a community consultation process.	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Support	%	30.1	30.7	28.7	32.4	21.5
	Somewhat support	%	39.9	40.7	33.9	41.8	42.2
	Somewhat oppose	%	14.4	13.8	17.3	8.8	24.8
	Oppose	%	5.8	5.3	9.4	5.2	2.6
	Unsure	%	9.9	9.5	10.8	11.8	8.8

**Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose the following initiatives? [RANDOMIZE]**

			How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?				
			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 14 - Having standardized testing/assessment of Ontario students	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Support	%	38.9	39.4	36.9	32.3	50.7
	Somewhat support	%	33.3	34.4	31.7	29.9	31.5
	Somewhat oppose	%	13.2	12.0	17.1	17.9	7.7
	Oppose	%	9.5	8.6	10.8	13.9	8.6
	Unsure	%	5.1	5.5	3.4	6.1	1.5

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			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 15 - When conducting standardized testing/assessment, which do you think is the best approach [ROTATE]:	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Test all students	%	53.7	53.3	54.1	50.3	64.7
	Test a random selection of students	%	15.4	13.8	17.7	21.7	15.8
	Test students in some grades only	%	22.5	24.2	18.2	21.0	16.2
	Unsure	%	8.4	8.7	9.9	7.0	3.3

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How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?

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			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 16 - Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having larger class sizes where there are more students per teacher in order to save money?	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Support	%	10.8	10.6	12.6	9.1	12.7
	Somewhat support	%	19.1	18.8	17.3	18.4	29.0
	Somewhat oppose	%	24.9	26.8	21.3	18.4	23.9
	Oppose	%	41.1	39.4	43.2	51.5	34.4
Unsure	%	4.1	4.4	5.5	2.7	0.0	

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How many children, if any do you have in the public school system?

Nanos conducted a representative online survey of 1,005 Ontarians, 18 years of age or older, between November 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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			Ontario 2019-11	Zero	One	Two or more	Refuse
Question 17 - Do you support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or oppose having less course selection for students in order to save money in the education budget.	Total	Unwgt N	1005	686	151	113	55
		Wgt N	1000	683	146	114	56
	Support	%	6.3	5.5	5.5	11.2	8.2
	Somewhat support	%	20.4	21.4	18.2	16.7	21.3
	Somewhat oppose	%	24.2	22.6	24.9	29.8	30.5
	Oppose	%	42.5	42.8	46.4	39.3	36.0
	Unsure	%	6.5	7.7	4.9	3.0	4.1