### Educating California's Children and Youth: How is California Doing and What More Must it Do

Selected findings from a new statewide survey of California registered voters

- conducted for - EdSource

- by the - **Berkeley IGS Poll** Institute of Governmental Studies University of California, Berkeley

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#### **About the Survey**

Population surveyed:California registered votersData collection method:Administered online using the YouGov<br/>Internet panelInterviewing period:August 27-September 5, 2017Sample size:1,200, includes 1,000 voters statewide<br/>plus oversampling of 200 parents

**English and Spanish** 

Study Auspices:

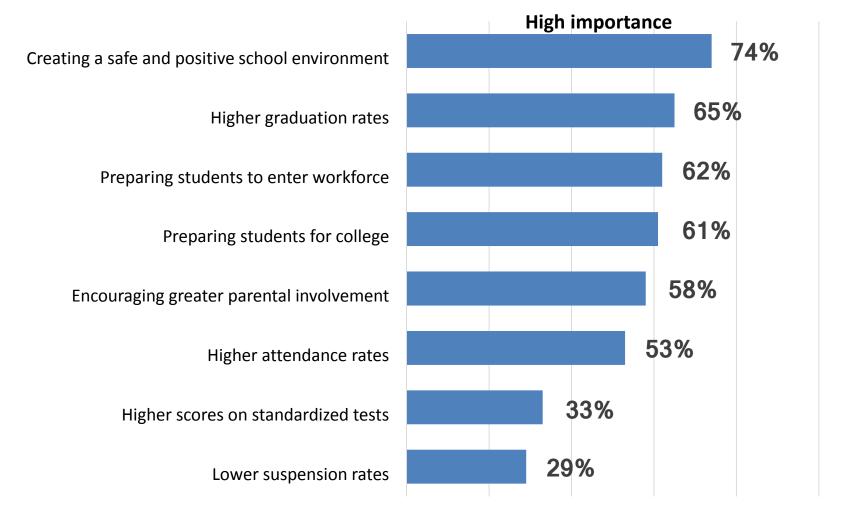
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#### Some of the Topics Addressed by the Survey

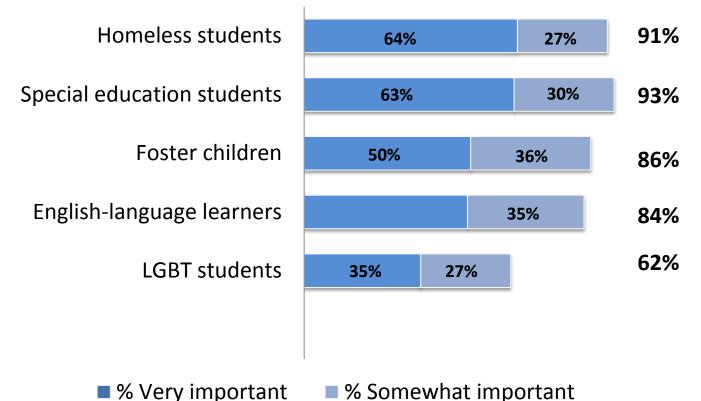
- What voters consider most important when evaluating the performance of the public schools.
- How concerned are voters about the impact that federal immigration policies are having on immigrant students.
- Should schools devote additional funds to address the needs of the state's most vulnerable student populations.
- How serious are the problems of bullying, fighting, intimidation and violence, and online harassment on social media.
- Do voters believe low-income families have choices about what schools their kids can attend; Would they support offering them tax credits or vouchers to send their kids to private schools.

## Factors voters consider most important when evaluating the performance of the public schools

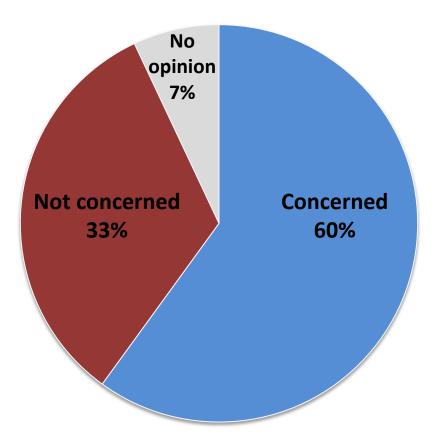


## Voters say it's important for the schools to devote more funds for vulnerable students

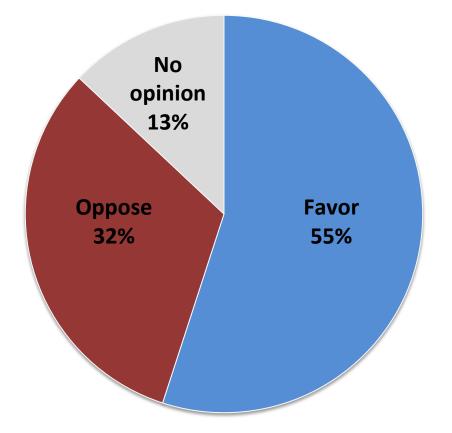
% Important



60% of voters concerned about the impact of federal immigration policies on students whose families are threatened with deportation

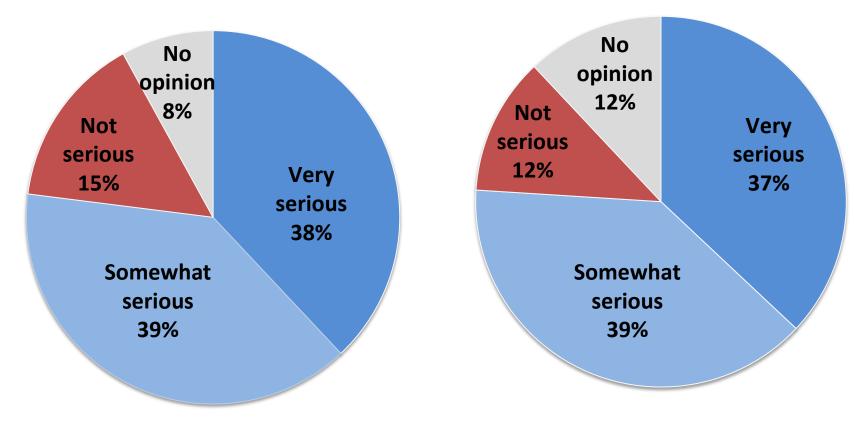


#### Devote more resources\* to support students whose family members face deportation threats



\*Resources cited include counseling, trauma and mental health referrals, assistance in getting health care and translation or legal services.

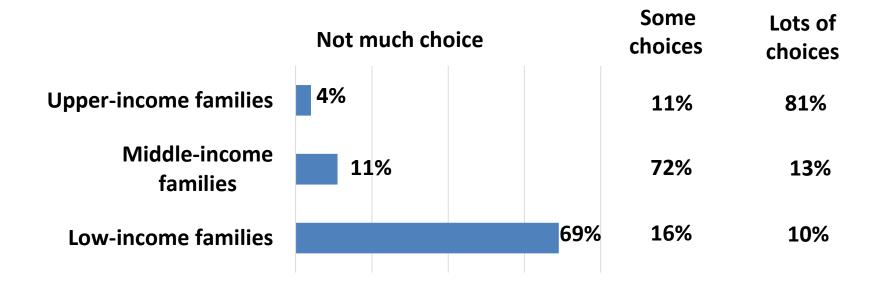
# Seriousness of the problems of bullying and online harassment of students



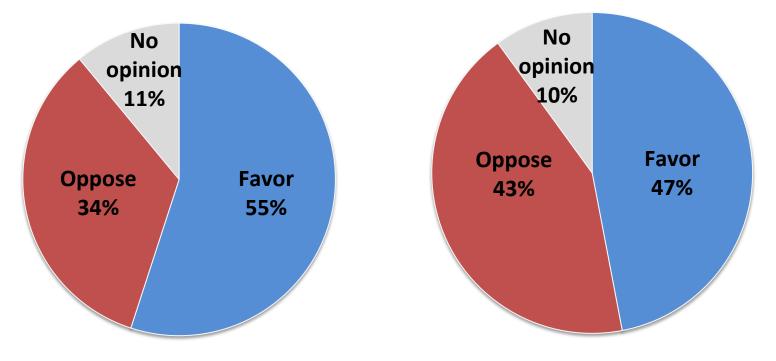
Bullying, fighting intimidation, violence

Online harassment on social media

### Most voters believe low-income families have far fewer choices than middle and upper-income families regarding where they can send their kids to school



A majority of voters supports offering low-income parents tax credits or vouchers to send their children to private or parochial schools



Offer tax credits/vouchers to . . .

Low-income families

All families, regardless of income