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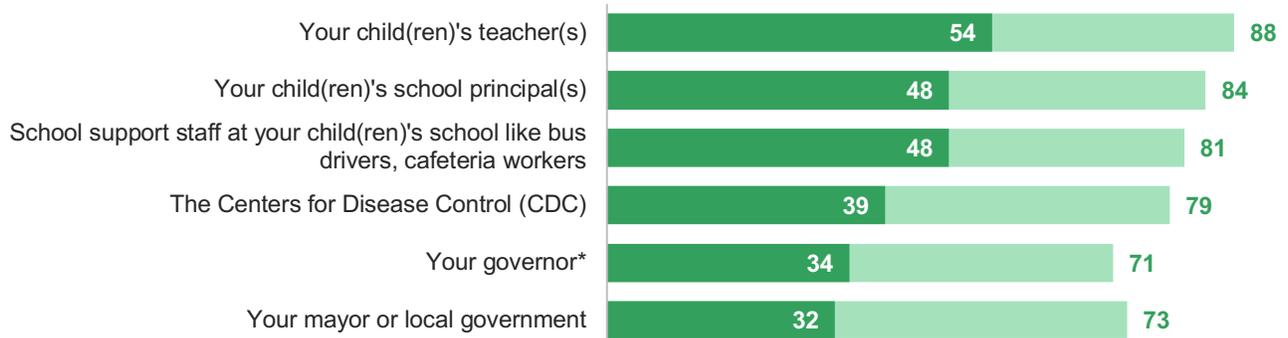
**Parents Exhibit Deep Support For Teachers Amid Coronavirus Pandemic**

As we approach Teacher Appreciation Week, a new poll of parents/guardians shows overwhelming support for the work public school educators are doing during the coronavirus pandemic. The following are key findings from the poll of 800 parents/guardians of school-aged children in public schools.

- **An overwhelming 88 percent of parents approve of the job their children’s teachers are doing during the coronavirus.** Parents single out teachers above all others tested, with school principals (84 percent) and school support staff (81 percent) right behind them. Approval of teachers crosses partisan lines (91 percent of Republican parents and 87 percent of Democratic parents), gender lines (89 percent of men and 88 percent of women), and regional lines (at least 85 percent in each region of the country).

Q: Please indicate if you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing handling the coronavirus pandemic.

● Strongly Approve ● Total Approve

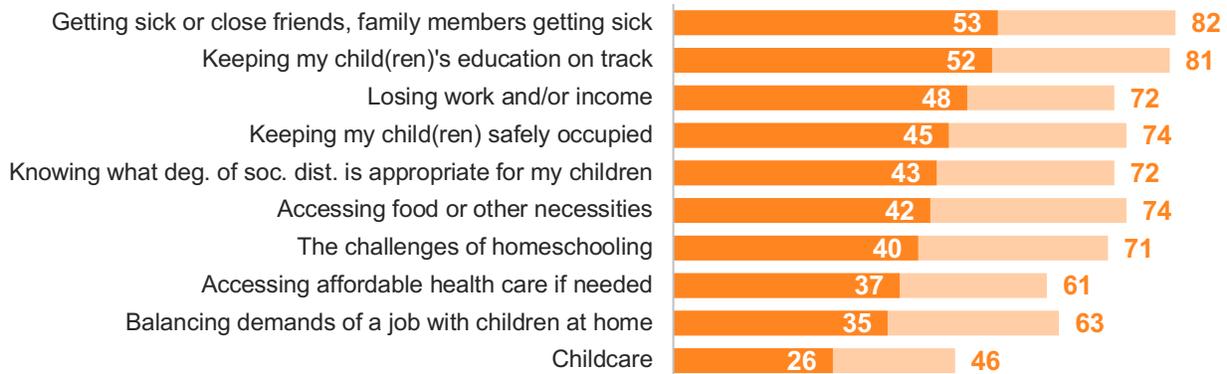


\*Piped in governor for each state

- **At the same time, parents are struggling with coronavirus pandemic.** More than half (52 percent) express very serious concerns with keeping their children’s education on track, the second highest concern after getting sick or close family/friends getting sick (53 percent). The challenge of distance learning may be giving them an even higher level of appreciation for teachers. Concerns about the health and educational challenges of Covid-19 run particularly high with Latino and African American parents.

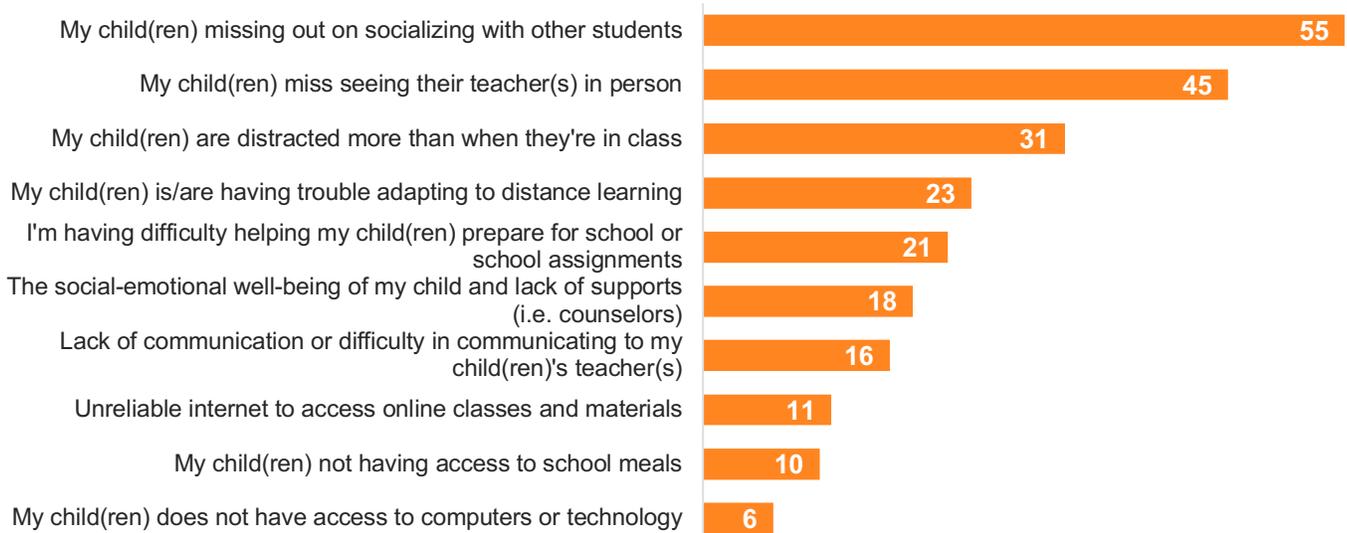
Q: Below is a list of concerns some people have during the coronavirus pandemic. For each one, please indicate how serious of a concern this is for you – very serious, somewhat serious, not that serious, or not at all serious.

● Very Serious    ● Total Serious



- Parents also sense their children’s need for socialization with other students and teachers.** When asked to select challenges their families are experiencing with distance learning, parents cite their children missing out on socializing with other students (55 percent) and missing seeing their teachers in person (45 percent) as the top two.

Q: Below is a list of issues or problems some families have experienced with distance learning during the coronavirus pandemic. Please indicate if you've experienced any of these issues with your own child(ren). Select all that apply



- Parents would like more resources and training on distance learning.** When asked what the top priorities should be to address for schools during the coronavirus pandemic, parents cite distance learning training for themselves (38 percent) and for educators (37 percent) as the top two. Other top priorities among parents are making sure educators continue to get paid while school buildings are closed and working to close the digital divide so all students have access to computers and internet.

## **Methodology**

*On behalf of the National Education Association, GBAO conducted the nationally representative survey of 800 public school parents/guardians using an online panel between April 3-7, 2020. The sample is subject to a 3.5 percentage point margin of error at the 95 percent confidence level.*