

## Ed Trust–West/UnidosUS California Parent Poll Toplines and Data Charts

- About 9 out of 10 Latino, Black, and Asian Pacific Islander parents say improving K-12 education should be a high priority for the next governor to address, with more than half saying it should be an extremely high priority
- Roughly 3 out of 4 Black parents say improving K-12 education is an extremely high priority
- Roughly 2 out of 3 Latino parents say improving K-12 education is an extremely high priority
- More than half of Asian Pacific Islander parents say improving K-12 education is an extremely high priority
- Half of Latino parents, and just under half of Black and Asian Pacific Islander parents, say K-12 schools are headed in the right direction
- Half of Latino parents, and more than half of Black and Asian Pacific Islander parents, are unsure or think K-12 schools are on the wrong track
- 9 out of 10 Black or Latino parents say they are likely to offer feedback to their child’s school
- 8 out of 10 Asian Pacific Islander parents say they are likely to offer feedback to their child’s school
- 9 out of 10 Black and Latino parents and 7 out of 10 Asian Pacific Islander parents feel comfortable pushing their child’s school to make changes
- Just over half of Black and Latino parents, and just 1 out of 3 Asian Pacific Islander parents think it’s very possible for parents to make a difference in improving school performance
- 8 out of 10 Black, Latino, and Asian Pacific Islander parents think it is very or somewhat possible to make a difference in improving school performance
- Parents strongly support students graduating from high school being able to speak more than one language, with more than half of Asian Pacific Islander parents, 2 out of 3 Black parents, and 3 out of 4 Latino parents saying this is very valuable
- 9 out of 10 Black, Latino, and Asian Pacific Islander parents say it is very or fairly valuable for students to graduate from high school being able to speak more than one language
- 2 out of 3 of Black, Latino, and Asian Pacific Islander parents think their child’s school values being able to speak more than one language
- 1 out of 3 of these parents think their child’s school values this little, not at all, or are unsure how much their child’s school values multilingualism
- 8 out of 10 Black, Latino, and Asian Pacific Islander parents agree that schools should value the home language and culture of every child
- 8 out of 10 Black, Latino, and Asian Pacific Islander parents agree every teacher should be trained to meet the needs of English Learners
- Nearly all Black, Latino, Asian Pacific Islander parents agree that students should acquire the language, knowledge, and skills they need to thrive in college, careers, and the 21st century world



1. For each of the following issues, please indicate how important you think that issue is for the next California governor to address. Please use a scale from one to five, where ONE means you feel that issue should NOT be a priority at all, and FIVE means that issue should be an extremely HIGH priority. You may use any number from one to five.

a.	Improving K-12 public education	LOW PRIORITY			HIGH PRIORITY		UNSURE
	African American	1%	2%	3%	15%	77%	1%
	Latino	--	1	7	22	69	2
	API	1	3	5	31	58	1

b.	Addressing the lack of affordable housing	LOW PRIORITY			HIGH PRIORITY		UNSURE
	African American	2%	1%	6%	15%	74%	1%
	Latino	1	3	13	27	54	2
	API	4	7	19	30	37	2

c.	Expanding access to health care	LOW PRIORITY			HIGH PRIORITY		UNSURE
	African American	2%	2%	5%	19%	70%	2%
	Latino	--	3	9	27	59	2
	API	4	6	13	33	43	2

d.	Strengthening protections for immigrants	LOW PRIORITY			HIGH PRIORITY		UNSURE
	African American	7%	11%	20%	19%	37%	5%
	Latino	3	3	21	29	41	3
	API	13	7	21	32	25	2

e.	Improving college access and affordability	LOW PRIORITY			HIGH PRIORITY		UNSURE
	African American	2%	2%	7%	17%	69%	3%
	Latino	1	1	7	33	56	2
	API	3	3	12	33	46	2

2. Would you say that California’s public K-12 schools are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel they are on the wrong track?

	African American	Latino	API
Right direction	43%	51%	45%
Wrong track	38	31	33
Unsure	18	19	22



3. How likely are you to personally offer feedback to your child’s school on things that could be changed or improved?

	African American	Latino	API
Very likely	70%	65%	37%
Somewhat likely	20	26	49
Somewhat unlikely	6	6	7
Very unlikely	2	2	4
Unsure	2	1	3

4. How comfortable would you feel pushing your child’s school to make those changes?

	African American	Latino	API
Very comfortable	64%	55%	29%
Somewhat comfortable	26	35	47
Somewhat uncomfortable	5	7	13
Very uncomfortable	2	3	3
Unsure	3	1	8

5. How possible do you think it is for parents like yourself to make a difference in improving school performance?

	African American	Latino	API
Very possible	57%	53%	35%
Somewhat possible	30	35	44
Somewhat impossible	7	9	15
Very impossible	4	3	2
Unsure	2	<1	5

6. For you personally, how valuable do you think it is that students can graduate high school being able to speak more than one language?

	African American	Latino	API
Very valuable	67%	76%	54%
Fairly valuable	24	19	35
A little valuable	7	3	10
Not valuable at all	2	1	--
Unsure	1	<1	1



7. How much do you think your child’s school values students being able to speak more than one language?

	African American	Latino	API
A great deal	35%	38%	31%
A fair amount	32	36	35
Just a little	18	20	23
Not at all	11	5	6
Unsure	4	1	5

8. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

a. Schools should value the home language and culture of every child.	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
African American	60%	23%	11%	3%	2%
Latino	55	32	8	2	2
API	45	39	9	5	2

b. Students should get high-quality instruction in both their home language and English.	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
African American	50%	28%	15%	5%	3%
Latino	48	31	14	4	3
API	34	38	16	9	4

c. Every teacher should be trained to meet the needs of English learners.	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
African American	60%	21%	14%	4%	2%
Latino	60	25	10	2	3
API	48	36	6	6	4

d. Students should acquire the language, knowledge, and skills they need to thrive in college, careers, and the 21 <sup>st</sup> century world.	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
African American	73%	22%	3%	1%	1%
Latino	75	19	5	--	1
API	67	28	3	2	--

**METHODOLOGY**

From August 1 to 14, 2018, Goodwin Simon Strategic Research conducted a statewide online survey on behalf of The Education Trust-West and UnidosUS among Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific Islander parents, guardians or primary caretakers with at least one child in a California K-12 public school. The survey includes 202 Black respondents, 205 Latino/Hispanic respondents, and 204 API respondents. Note that the margin of error is +/-6.9 percentage points for n=200. Figures may not sum to 100 due to rounding.