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Survey of Likely Voters

North Carolina

Conducted February 27 - 28, 2021

n=600 | $\pm 4.0\%$



1. Thinking about public education... Generally speaking, do you believe students learn more from in-person schooling or from virtual classrooms?

	Freq.	%
In-person schooling	446	74.3%
Virtual classrooms	78	13.0%
Makes no difference	48	8.0%
Unsure	28	4.7%
Total	600	100.0%

2. The North Carolina General Assembly recently passed Senate Bill 37 with bipartisan support. This bill would require all local school systems to offer in-person instruction to students in grades kindergarten through 12 for the remainder of this school year, giving parents the option to choose in-person or remote learning for their children. The reopening plans would comply with the Department of Health and Human Services requirements for Plan A, which requires minimal social distancing, or Plan B, which requires moderate social distancing. Based on this information, do you support or oppose Senate Bill 37?

	Freq.	%
<u>Support</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>59.6%</u>
Strongly support	278	46.4%
Somewhat support	79	13.2%
<u>Neither support nor oppose</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>7.9%</u>
<u>Oppose</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>28.0%</u>
Somewhat oppose	59	9.9%
Strongly oppose	109	18.1%
Unsure	27	4.5%
Total	600	100.0%

3. On Friday, February 26, Governor Roy Cooper vetoed Senate Bill 37, which would require school systems to reopen for in-person instruction, giving parents a choice between remote and in-person learning for their children. Would you say you support or oppose Governor Cooper's veto?

	Freq.	%
<u>Support</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>41.1%</u>
Strongly support	189	31.5%
Somewhat support	57	9.5%
<u>Neither support nor oppose</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>8.0%</u>
<u>Oppose</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>49.1%</u>
Somewhat oppose	41	6.9%
Strongly oppose	253	42.2%



Unsure	11	1.8%
Total	600	100.0%

4. The North Carolina General Assembly is considering voting to override Governor Cooper's veto on Senate Bill 37, allowing the school reopening bill to become law. Would you want your state legislator to:

	Freq.	%
Vote to uphold Governor Cooper's veto, preventing SB 37 from becoming law	240	40.0%
Vote to override Governor Cooper's veto, allowing SB 37 to become law	293	48.8%
Unsure	67	11.2%
Total	600	100.0%

5. Which of the following best describes the learning approach you think North Carolina schools should be taking currently?

	Freq.	%
Schools should be completely reopened for in-person instruction.	291	48.4%
Schools should be partially reopened for in-person instruction.	177	29.6%
Schools should be closed or providing only virtual instruction.	108	18.0%
Unsure	24	3.9%
Total	600	100.0%

6. Would you say that you approve or disapprove of Governor Roy Cooper's handling of school re-opening, in light of COVID-19?

	Freq.	%
<u>Approve</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>43.3%</u>
Strongly approve	164	27.3%
Somewhat approve	96	16.0%
<u>Neither approve nor disapprove</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>7.0%</u>
<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>46.7%</u>
Somewhat disapprove	58	9.6%
Strongly disapprove	223	37.1%
Unsure	18	3.0%
Total	600	100.0%

7. In your opinion, who is best suited to decide whether a child should attend in-person or virtual school?

	Freq.	%
The child's parents or guardians	446	74.3%
Local school boards	100	16.6%
Unsure	54	9.1%
Total	600	100.0%



8. At this stage of the pandemic, how concerned are you about COVID-19?

	Freq.	%
<u>Concerned</u>	396	65.9%
Very concerned	259	43.2%
Somewhat concerned	136	22.7%
<u>Not Concerned</u>	197	32.9%
Not too concerned	105	17.5%
Not at all concerned	92	15.3%
Unsure	7	1.2%
Total	600	100.0%

9. Are you female or male?

	Freq.	%
Female	331	55.2%
Male	269	44.8%
Total	600	100.0%

10. What age range do you fall within?

	Freq.	%
<u>Under 50</u>	225	37.5%
18 – 34	91	15.2%
35 – 49	134	22.3%
<u>50 and over</u>	375	62.5%
50 – 64	181	30.2%
65 or older	194	32.3%
Total	600	100.0%

11. Are you the parent or guardian of a child in K-12 school in North Carolina?

	Freq.	%
Yes	221	36.8%
No	373	62.2%
Unsure	6	1.0%
Total	600	100.0%

12. What is your race or ethnicity?

	Freq.	%
White	404	67.3%
Black or African-American	129	21.5%
Hispanic or Latino	19	3.1%
Any other race or ethnicity	33	5.6%
Unsure	16	2.6%
Total	600	100.0%



13. How are you registered to vote in North Carolina? You may consider yourself of a different party, but what does your voter registration card show?

	Freq.	%
Republican	205	34.2%
Democrat	224	37.4%
Unaffiliated	145	24.1%
Another party	7	1.2%
Unsure	19	3.2%
Total	600	100.0%

14. And thinking about your views toward politics and government, would you say you are...

	Freq.	%
<u>Conservative</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>46.6%</u>
Very conservative	155	25.9%
Somewhat conservative	124	20.7%
<u>Moderate</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>29.1%</u>
<u>Liberal</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>19.2%</u>
Somewhat liberal	62	10.3%
Very liberal	53	8.9%
Unsure	31	5.2%
Total	600	100.0%

15. What is the highest level of education you have reached so far?

	Freq.	%
<u>No degree</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>44.6%</u>
Completed some high school	13	2.2%
High school graduate or GED	64	10.7%
Completed some college	118	19.7%
Associate degree	72	11.9%
<u>At least College</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>55.4%</u>
Bachelor's degree	171	28.5%
Graduate degree or further	161	26.9%
Total	600	100.0%

16. General Election X/4

	Freq.	%
0 of 4	2	0.4%
1 of 4	90	15.0%
2 of 4	76	12.7%
3 of 4	129	21.5%
4 of 4	303	50.4%
Total	600	100.0%



17. Geo

	Freq.	%
West/Charlotte	213	35.5%
Central	112	18.7%
Raleigh-Durham	186	31.1%
Coast	88	14.7%
Total	600	100.0%

18. Geo - DMAs

	Freq.	%
Charlotte	157	26.2%
Chattanooga	2	0.3%
Myrtle Beach-Florence	6	1.0%
Greenville-N.Bern	39	6.5%
Greenville/Spartanburg	54	9.0%
Greensboro/Winston-Salem	106	17.7%
Norfolk	11	1.9%
Raleigh-Durham	186	31.1%
Wilmington	38	6.3%
Total	600	100.0%

19. Congressional District

	Freq.	%
1	36	6.0%
2	69	11.5%
3	40	6.7%
4	56	9.3%
5	44	7.3%
6	46	7.7%
7	46	7.7%
8	39	6.4%
9	43	7.1%
10	44	7.4%
11	55	9.1%
12	42	7.1%
13	40	6.7%
Total	600	100.0%

20. Age + Gender

	Freq.	%
F 18 - 34	49	8.2%
F 35 - 49	63	10.5%
F 50 - 64	108	17.9%
F 65+	111	18.5%
M 18 - 34	42	7.0%
M 35 - 49	70	11.7%



M 50 - 64	74	12.3%
M 65+	83	13.8%
Total	600	100.0%

21. Party from File

	Freq.	%
Republican	198	33.0%
Democratic	229	38.2%
Non-Partisan	170	28.3%
Libertarian	3	0.5%
Total	600	100.0%

22. Income

	Freq.	%
<\$50k	144	24.0%
\$50k-\$99k	264	44.1%
\$100k+	183	30.5%
Unknown	9	1.5%
Total	600	100.0%

23. Swing Voters

	Freq.	%
Yes	142	23.7%
No	458	76.3%
Total	600	100.0%

24. Education

	Freq.	%
Bachelor's degree or higher	204	33.9%
Some college	96	16.0%
High school or less	135	22.6%
Unknown	165	27.5%
Total	600	100.0%

25. Education + Gender

	Freq.	%
Female At least College	183	30.5%
Female No degree	148	24.7%
Male At least College	149	24.9%
Male No degree	120	19.9%
Total	600	100.0%



26. Partisanship + Gender

	Freq.	%
Republican Female	101	16.8%
Republican Male	104	17.4%
Democrat Female	147	24.5%
Democrat Male	77	12.8%
Unaffiliated Female	71	11.8%
Unaffiliated Male	74	12.3%
Another party Female	3	0.5%
Another party Male	4	0.7%
Unsure	19	3.2%
Total	600	100.0%

27. Partisanship + Age

	Freq.	%
Republican 18 - 34	27	4.5%
Republican 35 - 49	32	5.4%
Republican 50 - 64	65	10.8%
Republican 65 or older	81	13.6%
Democrat 18 - 34	33	5.5%
Democrat 35 - 49	55	9.2%
Democrat 50 - 64	70	11.7%
Democrat 65 or older	66	11.0%
Unaffiliated 18 - 34	26	4.3%
Unaffiliated 35 - 49	36	6.0%
Unaffiliated 50 - 64	41	6.9%
Unaffiliated 65 or older	41	6.8%
Another party 18 - 34	1	0.2%
Another party 35 - 49	3	0.5%
Another party 50 - 64	1	0.2%
Another party 65 or older	2	0.3%
Unsure	19	3.2%
Total	600	100.0%

28. Race + Gender

	Freq.	%
White Female	210	35.1%
White Male	193	32.2%
Black Female	85	14.1%
Black Male	44	7.4%
Hispanic or Latino Female	11	1.8%
Hispanic or Latino Male	8	1.3%
Any other race or ethnicity Female	20	3.3%
Any other race or ethnicity Male	14	2.3%
Unsure	16	2.6%
Total	600	100.0%



METHODOLOGY

This probabilistic survey was conducted February 27 - 28, 2021, with 600 likely voters. It has a margin of error of $\pm 4.0\%$. Known registered voters were interviewed via IVR and SMS invitation. This survey was weighted to likely voter universe.

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