



ASCA Member Engagement Opportunity November 27, 2021 Member Perspectives – Polling Results

Thank you to all participants that took part in the ASCA Member Engagement Opportunity polling questions that focused on topics of importance to school councils and their communities. Following are the results of the polling questions:

COVID—19 Risk Mitigation

- 1) Do you feel the current COVID-19 policies/protocols implemented by your local school authority are: Choose one
 - a. Strong enough to keep your child(ren) safe and healthy while attending school? 66 (72%)
 - b. Not strong enough – more are needed? 16 (17%)
 - c. Too strong – fewer are needed? 10 (11%)
- 2) Do you support the addition of HEPA filtration systems in classrooms? Choose one
 - a. Yes 62 (67%)
 - b. No 8 (9%)
 - c. Unsure 22 (24%)
- 3) Should the funding for HEPA filtration systems come from: Choose one
 - a. New money from the province, purchased bulk and delivered to schools at no cost 53 (58%)
 - b. New money from the province, given to school divisions to source, purchase and arrange delivery to schools 33 (36%)
 - c. Existing school division budgets/surpluses 4 (4%)
 - d. School / community fundraising efforts 2 (2%)

Standardized Testing and Learning Disruptions

- 4) Are you satisfied with the decision to change Diploma Exam weighting from 30% to 10% for the 2021-2022 school year? Choose one
 - a. Yes 38 (41%)
 - b. No 11 (12%)
 - c. Unsure 8 (9%)
 - d. Does not apply to my child(ren) this year 35 (38%)
- 5) Would you support Diploma Exams being optional, as they were last year? Choose one
 - a. Yes 33 (36%)
 - b. No 24 (26%)
 - c. Unsure 3 (3%)
 - d. Does not apply to my child(ren) this year 32 (35%)
- 6) Do you agree that Grade 6 and Grade 9 Provincial Achievement testing (PATs) should continue this school year? Choose one
 - a. Yes 38 (41%)



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- b. No 29 (32%)
 - c. Unsure 4 (4%)
 - d. Does not apply to my child(ren) this year 21 (23%)
- 7) Would you support Grade 6 and Grade 9 Provincial Achievement testing (PATs) being 'paused' (not administered) or optional (at school/authority discretion) this year? Choose one
- a. Yes to pause or optional 27 (29%)
 - b. Yes to pause only 8 (9%)
 - c. Yes to optional only 11 (12%)
 - d. No to both 22 (24%)
 - e. Unsure 4 (4%)
 - f. Does not apply to my child(ren) this year 20 (22%)
- 8) Do you have concerns that your child(ren)'s success this year may be affected by learning disruptions resulting from COVID-19 over the past two school years? Choose one
- a. Yes 69 (75%)
 - b. No 19 (21%)
 - c. Unsure 4 (4%)
- 9) If yes or unsure, in which Grade(s) is/are the child(ren) you are concerned about? Choose all that apply. (Split into 2 questions in Zoom poll)
- a. 1 – 14 (13%)
 - b. 2 – 16 (14%)
 - c. 3 – 22 (19%)
 - d. 4 – 19 (17%)
 - e. 5 – 20 (18%)
 - f. 6 – 22 (19%)
 - None of the above - 15
 - g. 7 – 21 (18%)
 - h. 8 – 22 (20%)
 - i. 9 – 22 (20%)
 - j. 10 – 13 (12%)
 - k. 11 – 16 (14%)
 - l. 12 – 18 (16%)
 - None of the above – 14
- 10) If yes or unsure to having concerns, have you spoken with your child(ren)'s teacher about these concerns specifically? Choose one
- a. Yes 49 (53%)
 - b. No 20 (22%)
 - c. Does not apply to my child(ren) 23 (25%)



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Vaccinations

- 11) Now that the COVID-19 vaccination is available for children ages 5 – 11, will your family: Choose one
- a. Immediately vaccinate all eligible children? 40 (42%)
 - b. Wait for a few weeks or months to vaccinate all eligible children? 16 (17%)
 - c. Likely not vaccinate all eligible children? 14 (15%)
 - d. Does not apply to my child(ren) 24 (26%)

Mental Health

- 12) Are you concerned about the mental health of (choose all that apply):
- a. Your child(ren) 77 (23%)
 - b. Your child(ren)'s teacher(s) 77 (23%)
 - c. Your child(ren)'s friend(s) 73 (22%)
 - d. Your friends or family members 63 (18%)
 - e. Yourself 46 (13%)
 - f. I am not concerned about anyone's mental health 3 (1%)

Curriculum

- 13) Will the information provided today help you to be more informed about any curriculum development? Choose one
- a. Yes 80 (89%)
 - b. No 4 (4%)
 - c. Unsure 6 (7%)
- 14) Has the information provided today inspired you to participate in any Draft K-6 Curriculum reviews or feedback opportunities? Choose one
- a. Yes 75 (83%)
 - b. No 2 (2%)
 - c. Unsure 13 (15%)

ASCE Grant

- 15) Has your school council already discussed some ways of using the ASCE Grant? Choose one
- a. Yes 33 (41%)
 - b. No 37 (46%)
 - c. Unsure 5 (6%)
 - d. I did not know about the ASCE Grant 6 (7%)
- 16) Will your school council use its ASCE Grant for: Choose all that apply
- a. Workshops for parent to increase capacity for school council members 27 (18%)
 - b. Information session on how parents can support student learning at home and at school 20 (13%)



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- c. Parent resources and workshop on important topics such as mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc. 33 (20%)
- d. Programs to support families, including those of English language and Indigenous learners 7 (4%)
- e. Parent resources and tools in multiple languages 2 (1%)
- f. Events to engage parents on important local issues 11 (7%)
- g. Parent engagement in promoting the value or arts 4 (2%)
- h. Trainer or facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops, or sessions associated with the above 15 (9%)
- i. None of the above 1 (1%)
- j. Unsure 41 (25%)