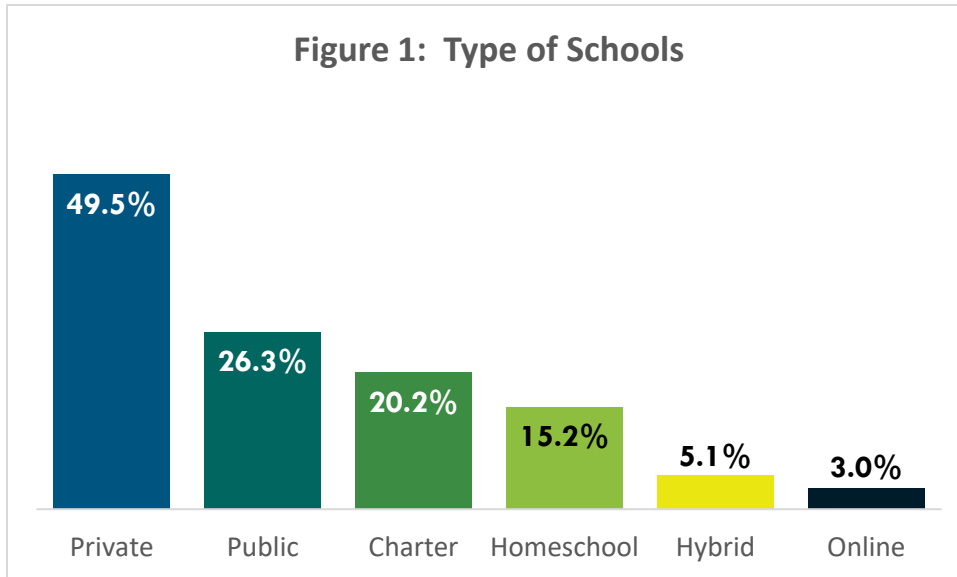


Parents Challenge

April Survey Findings

Introduction



These are the findings from a survey launched in April, 2020. A high proportion of families indicated their child attended a private school (49.5%). Parents Challenge also serves many public and homeschool students.

Current Educational Status

Figure 2: Last Week of School

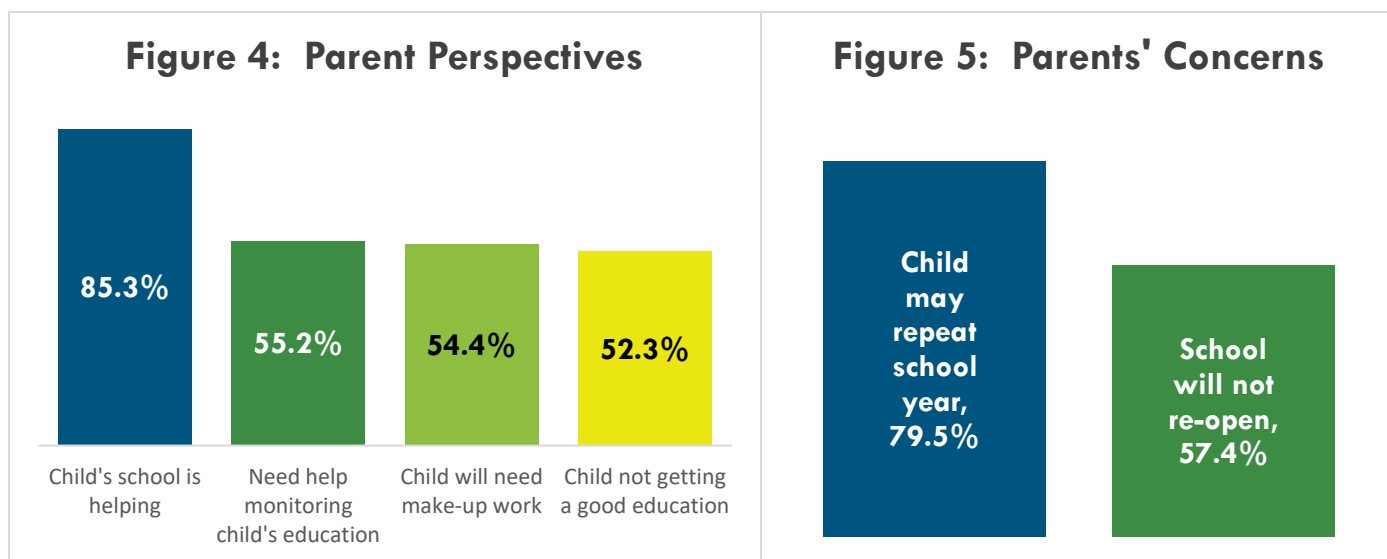
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| March 1 to 6 | 1.1% |
| March 8 to 15 | 78.0% |
| March 13 th | 49.5% |
| March 16 to 22 | 19.8% |
| April | 1.1% |

Figure 3: Responsible Educating Child

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| Mother or Stepmother | 85.9% |
| Students | 4.0% |
| Father or Stepfather | 2.0% |
| Uncle, Aunt, or Grandparent | 2.0% |
| Other | 6.1% |

At the time of this survey, students had been out of school for more than a month, with nearly half (49.5%) reporting that March 13th was the last day they were in school. As Figure 3 shows, the vast majority of students are now primarily educated by their mothers or stepmothers (85.9%).

Assistance



Figures 4 and 5 illustrate parents' perspectives and concerns about their current educational situation. Parents are generally apprehensive about their ability to educate their children, though they feel that the schools are helping. The parents' greatest concern is that their children may have to repeat the current school year. As many families attend private schools, this may become a financial problem in addition to other difficulties. Figure 6 shows the resources parents need to properly teach their children. Many parents indicated a need for better computers/technology—including better internet access—as well as art materials and age-appropriate reading materials.

Figure 6: Resources Needed

| Item | Resources Parents Need to Teach at Home | Resources Parents Need Help Getting |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Better computer and technology | 59.6% | 51.5% |
| Art materials | 45.5% | 44.4% |
| Age-appropriate reading materials | 35.4% | 31.3% |
| Science materials | 33.3% | 34.3% |
| Grade-level workbooks | 27.3% | 16.2% |
| Better homework/classroom space | 26.3% | 15.2% |
| Better internet connection | 21.2% | 17.2% |
| Music materials | 21.2% | 17.2% |
| Whiteboard or chalkboard | 20.2% | 17.2% |
| More access to teachers | 14.1% | 6.1% |
| More time | 12.1% | 5.1% |
| Financial stability | 1.0% | 1.0% |
| Pedagogies | 1.0% | 4.0% |

Parents' Concerns

Figure 7: Issues with Children's Education

| Item | Percent of Parents |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Help with education | 36.3% |
| Going well | 14.3% |
| Want to go back to normal/social life | 11.0% |
| School-life-work-balance | 9.9% |
| Technology & resources | 9.9% |
| Concern for future | 7.7% |
| Mental health | 6.6% |
| Back to homeschooling | 4.4% |

Figure 8: What Parents Challenge Can do Now

| Item | Percent of Parents |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Nothing at this time | 41.5% |
| Positive | 17.9% |
| Resources & Supplies | 13.2% |
| Computers & Technology | 8.5% |
| Constant communication | 5.7% |
| Reassurance | 5.7% |
| Job search | 2.8% |
| Tutors | 2.8% |
| Financial assistance | 1.9% |

Figures 7 and 8 indicate what parents need now, specifically the issues they are encountering while educating their children and what Parents Challenge can help with in terms of providing resources. Many parents say they are encountering issues teaching their children, especially with ensuring their children meet the curriculum standards and providing the necessary resources to keep their children from falling behind. Ten percent of

parents indicated difficulty with maintaining a balance between school, their work, and their overall lives since sheltering in place began, and 10% also said they were encountering technological issues. Additionally, nearly 7% expressed concern over their children's mental health. Despite all of this, as Figure 8 shows, many parents said that they do not need anything from Parents Challenge at this time, and nearly 18% felt positive about the work Parents Challenge is doing. The main things parents said they needed from Parents Challenge were resources and supplies (13.2%), computers & technology (5.7%), and reassurance (5.7%).

When the Crisis Passes

Figure 9: When Schools Reopen

| Item | Percent of Parents |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Nothing | 52.0% |
| Positive | 13.0% |
| New resources | 9.0% |
| Financial assistance | 8.0% |
| Tutoring | 8.0% |
| Advocate/Support | 5.0% |
| Reassurance | 4.0% |
| Other schooling options | 1.0% |

Figure 9 shows what parents need from Parents Challenge when schools reopen. Like before, most parents state they do not need anything from Parents' Challenge at this time, with 13% making positive comments about this program.

Figure 10: What Needs to Happen

| Item | Percent of Parents |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| No new cases | 46.1% |
| Safer Environment | 25.3% |
| Comfortable now | 10.4% |
| Not comfortable at child's school | 5.9% |
| Cure | 4.5% |
| Vaccine | 3.0% |
| Homeschooling for Future | 3.0% |
| Unsure | 3.0% |
| Size controls in schools | 1.5% |
| Tutoring | 1.5% |

For those who do need help, they state they will need financial assistance, more resources and tutors, which reinforces the earlier concern their children will be held back a year (Figure 5). Figure 10 highlights what needs to happen before they are comfortable sending their

child back to school. For many parents, what they want is beyond the control of Parents Challenge and the schools, which is a reduction in new cases. However, more than one-quarter of parents wanted a safer environment at these schools, e.g., they wish to have these schools sanitized, better sick policies, and protective gear in these schools. 5.9% percent of parents cited they may not be comfortable at their child's school, potentially inspiring them to look for other schools where their children may be safer.



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