"Minnesota 2021: Political Antipode"

Association of Metropolitan School Districts
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Direction of United States
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Household Finances This Year
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Better Off
- 2020: 29
- 2021: 21

About the Same
- 2020: 55
- 2021: 47

Worse Off
- 2020: 55
- 2021: 24
Party Identification

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Republican 36%
Democrat 42%
Independent 21%
None 1%
Concerned about COVID 19

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Concerned about COVID-19 Delta Variant

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Very: 43%
Somewhat: 26%
Not Too/Not At All: 30%
Opinion about Minnesota’s Action on COVID 19
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Reinstitute Restrictions on Indoor Gatherings, Social Distancing and Masking

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Strongly Yes 28%
Yes 28%
No 21%
Strongly No 20%
Unsure 4%

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### Effectiveness of COVID 19 Restrictions

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**Legend:**
- **Green** Very Effective
- **Light Green** Somewhat Effective
- **Red** Not Effective
Most Important State Issue
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- Reduce Spending/Taxes: 20 First, 8 Second
- Improve K-12 Education: 18 First, 8 Second
- Reduce Health Care Costs: 14 First, 16 Second
- Reduce Crime: 12 First, 8 Second
- Improving Economy/Jobs: 9 First, 12 Second
- Environment/Climate Change: 7 First, 7 Second
- Improve Roads: 7 First, 5 Second
- Protecting Businesses/Residents: 4 First, 15 Second
- Addressing Racial Injustice: 4 First, 7 Second
- More Affordable College: 3 First, 9 Second
- Reforming Police: 1 First, 2 Second

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Funding for your Police Department

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Increased
Decreased
Stay Same
Unsure

2020
2021
Need for Police Reform in Minnesota

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Concerned about Crime in Twin Cities Area

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Feel Safe Going to Minneapolis and Saint Paul
(Residents not living in Minneapolis or Saint Paul)

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Feel Safe Going to Minneapolis and Saint Paul
(Residents not living in Minneapolis or Saint Paul)

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Adequate vs. Quality Education
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Overall/2020  Overall/2021  Metro Area/2021

- Adequate: 32, 38, 39
- Quality: 53, 36, 41
- Both: 14, 25, 18
- Unsure: 2, 2, 2

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Minnesota Constitutional Amendment

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Overall/2020
Overall/2021
Metro Area/2021

Strongly Support
Support
Oppose
Strongly Oppose
Unsure

22
53
18
9
3

15
48
14
12
6

12
56
13
12
8
Operating Levy Renewal without Voter Approval

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Metro Area:
47% Support
42% Oppose
11% Unsure

Metro Area:
45% Support
49% Oppose
6% Unsure

Support 41%
Strongly Support 9%
Oppose 24%
Strongly Oppose 18%
Unsure 8%

Support 36%
Strongly Support 12%
Oppose 29%
Strongly Oppose 18%
Unsure 5%

Renew Existing Operating Levies without Voter Approval

Renew Existing Operating Levies without Voter Approval after Voter Reapproval Once

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Referendum Predisposition
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Tax Tolerance for Education Funding

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Nothing $5 a month $10 a month $15 a month $20 a month or more Unsure

Overall/2020 Overall/2021 Metro Area/2021

Overall/2020

$5 a month $10 a month $15 a month $20 a month or more Unsure

Overall/2021

Overall/2020

Metro Area/2021
Your local School District provides....

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COVID Healthy Educational Spaces

- Overall: 73
- Metro Area: 74

Safe and Secure Learning Environment

- Overall: 86
- Metro Area: 90

Technology opportunities Students Need

- Overall: 73
- Metro Area: 73

Opportunities for College/Workforce Students

- Overall: 74
- Metro Area: 75
A) The pandemic has proven that we can effectively educate students using more technology and remote learning; OR
B) The pandemic has proven that many students need daily interaction in classrooms with teachers.

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Statement A/Strongly
Statement A
Statement B
Statement B/Strongly
Unsure

Overall/2020  Overall/2021  Metro Area/2021

Statement A

Overall/2020  Overall/2021  Metro Area/2021

Statement B

Overall/2020  Overall/2021  Metro Area/2021

Unsure

Overall/2020  Overall/2021  Metro Area/2021

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Concerned about Student Health and Safety

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Very Somewhat Not Too Not At All

Overall/2020 Overall/2021 Metro Area/2021

47 41 42
31 31 31
17 16 14
5 12 13

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Concerned about Quality of Education

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More Important for Students

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Health/Strongly

Health and Safety

Quality of Education

Quality/Strongly

Both

Overall/2020

Overall/2021

Metro Area/2021
### Concerned about Health and Safety of Teachers

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Schools Open This Year with COVID 19 Restrictions, such as Social Distancing and Masking

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Strongly Support

Support

Oppose

Strongly Oppose

Unsure

Overall
Metro Area

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Who should determine these restrictions
(Only those supporting restrictions)

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Governor Walz
- Overall: 34
- Metro Area: 38

MDE/MDH
- Overall: 40
- Metro Area: 34

Local School Boards
- Overall: 23
- Metro Area: 22

Unsure
- Overall: 4
- Metro Area: 6
Amount of Teacher Union Say
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### Teachers Unions Care More About...

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Teaching Receive Better Diversity Training

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Overall
Metro Area

Strongly Yes | Yes | No | Strongly No | Unsure
---|---|---|---|---
24 | 34 | 27 | 9 | 7
26 | 33 | 25 | 8 | 8

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School Curriculum
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Accurate
Politically Correct
Both
Unsure

Overall/2020 Overall/2021 Metro Area/2021

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Districts change United States history curriculum to reflect different historical perspectives

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Overall Metro Area

Strongly Yes: 21
Yes: 23
No: 26
Strongly No: 19
Unsure: 11

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Job Performance Ratings
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President Joe Biden
- Approve: 55
- Disapprove: 45

Governor Tim Walz
- Approve: 61
- Disapprove: 39

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Walz Achieving “One Minnesota”

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Governor Walz Job Compared to Expectations

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Better Job 9%

Worse Job 29%

Met Expectations 56%

Unsure 6%
Likely to Vote for Governor Walz

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- Almost Certain: 27%
- Very Likely: 24%
- 50-50: 10%
- Not Very Likely: 9%
- No Way: 29%
- Unsure: 2%

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2022 Governor’s Race I

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Walz/Strongly  31%
Walz  26%
Lindell  11%
Lindell/Strongly  19%
Neither  9%
Unsure  3%

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2022 Governor’s Race II

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Walz/Strongly 27%
Walz 26%
Jensen 10%
Jensen/Strongly 15%
Neither 12%
Unsure 10%

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2022 Governor’s Race III

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Walz/Strongly 28%
Walz 26%
Gazelka 7%
Gazelka/Strongly 16%
Neither 13%
Unsure 10%
2022 State Legislature Vote
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DFL/Strongly 32%
DFL  18%
Republican  7%
Republican/Strongly  30%
Neither  8%
Unsure  6%

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Likely to Get Vaccinated

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- Very Likely: 4%
- Somewhat Likely: 2%
- Not Too Likely: 7%
- Not At All Likely: 21%
- Already Vaccinated: 64%
- Unsure: 2%

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Who do you blame for increase in COVID 19 cases

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Foreign Travelers in the US
AmERICANS travelling internatioNally
The unvacciNated
Conservative media
DonALD trump
Mainstream media
The CDC
National Public Health Officials
Joe Biden

Favorable
Unfavorable

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“Groups”
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Defund the Police  Anti-Maskers  Anti-CRT  Always Trump  Anti-Con  Anti-Lib

0 10 20 30 40 50 60
Overall  Metro Area

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