"Buffet Line Politics: Coping with Intractable Issues"

Association of Metropolitan School Districts
September 9, 2022

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Party Identification

2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Republican 37%
Democrat 43%
Independent 19%
None 1%
Political Ideology
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Conservative 38%
Liberal 37%
Moderate 25%
Refused 1%
Direction of Minnesota
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Right Direction

Wrong Track

Both

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Direction of United States
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

- Right Direction: 2020 (42), 2021 (46), 2022 (47)
- Wrong Track: 2020 (46), 2021 (47), 2022 (47)
- Both: 2020 (11), 2021 (8), 2022 (13)
Issue Concerns
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Cost of Groceries/Goods
Inflation
Cost of Gasoline
Mental Health Crisis
Abortion Rights
Crime
Climate Change
Federal Deficit
Immigration Control
Russia/Ukraine War
Achievement Gap
Public School Curriculum
China/Taiwan Threats
COVID Pandemic
Speeding/Poor Driving

0 20 40 60 80 100
Extremely Serious Very Serious

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Democrat Issue Concerns
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Cost of Groceries/Goods
- Extremely Serious: 64
- Very Serious: 28

Inflation
- Extremely Serious: 63
- Very Serious: 27

Cost of Gasoline
- Extremely Serious: 59
- Very Serious: 30

Mental Health Crisis
- Extremely Serious: 55
- Very Serious: 33

Abortion Rights
- Extremely Serious: 49
- Very Serious: 28

Crime
- Extremely Serious: 27
- Very Serious: 45

Climate Change
- Extremely Serious: 38
- Very Serious: 32

Federal Deficit
- Extremely Serious: 13
- Very Serious: 29

Immigration Control
- Extremely Serious: 18
- Very Serious: 21

Russia/Ukraine War
- Extremely Serious: 20
- Very Serious: 28

Achievement Gap
- Extremely Serious: 25
- Very Serious: 34

Public School Curriculum
- Extremely Serious: 19
- Very Serious: 25

China/Taiwan Threats
- Extremely Serious: 13
- Very Serious: 29

COVID Pandemic
- Extremely Serious: 24
- Very Serious: 36

Speeding/Poor Driving
- Extremely Serious: 8
- Very Serious: 27
Independent Issue Concerns
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Cost of Groceries/Goods 68 28
Inflation 61 26
Cost of Gasoline 60 33
Mental Health Crisis 36 37
Abortion Rights 37 32
Crime 28 42
Climate Change 31 38
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Achievement Gap 31 18
Public School Curriculum 15 18
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COVID Pandemic 20 31
Speeding/Poor Driving 9 26

Extremely Serious Very Serious

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Trust to Address Top Concern

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Worried about the Future of America’s Democracy

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- Very: 26%
- Somewhat: 35%
- Not Too: 29%
- Not At All: 10%
- Unsure: 1%

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State of Race Relations
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

- Worse: 29%
- Better: 19%
- About the Same: 47%
- Unsure: 5%

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Concerned about Crime in Twin Cities Area

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Feel Safe Going to Minneapolis and Saint Paul

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- **Yes**: 2020 - 34, 2021 - 35, 2022 - 37
- **No**: 2020 - 32, 2021 - 35, 2022 - 35
- **Depends on Time**: 2020 - 17, 2021 - 29, 2022 - 31
- **Unsure**: 2020 - 3, 2021 - 2, 2022 - 2

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Judges too Lenient in Minnesota

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Prosecutors too Lenient in Minnesota

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- **Strongly Yes**: 27%
- **Yes**: 29%
- **No**: 21%
- **Strongly No**: 10%
- **Unsure**: 13%

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Legalization of Marijuana

2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

- Yes: 33%
- Strongly Yes: 14%
- No: 25%
- Strongly No: 22%
- Unsure: 6%

-15% from 2021
Gun Laws in the United States

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More Strict 59%
About Right 29%
Less Strict 10%
Unsure 2%

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Gun Policies
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

- Prevent Mentally Ill: 73 Strongly Support, 21 Support, 5 Oppose
- Ban Assault Weapons: 58 Strongly Support, 14 Support, 27 Oppose
- Private/Gun Show Background Checks: 56 Strongly Support, 22 Support, 20 Oppose
- Ban High Capacity Magazines: 50 Strongly Support, 18 Support, 31 Oppose
- Federal Database: 44 Strongly Support, 23 Support, 29 Oppose
- Teachers/Officials to Carry: 36 Strongly Support, 21 Support, 41 Oppose
- More Concealed Guns: 33 Strongly Support, 22 Support, 44 Oppose
- Shorten Waiting Period: 21 Strongly Support, 18 Support, 56 Oppose
- Carry without a Permit: 19 Strongly Support, 11 Support, 70 Oppose

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If more Americans owned guns, would there be....

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Less Crime 31%
More Crime 32%
No Difference 27%
Unsure 10%
If it was harder to legally obtain a gun....

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- Fewer Mass Shootings: 50%
- More Mass Shootings: 3%
- No Difference: 37%
- Unsure: 10%
A) Right to prioritize keeping children safe from COVID-19 by using distance learning and having a mask policy
OR
B) Irreparable damage has been done to children’s mental health and academic achievement?

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Statement A 20%
Statement A/Strongly 25%
Statement B 9%
Statement B/Strongly 26%
Both 20%

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Adequacy of Funding of Local Schools

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Referendum Predisposition
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Overall
Metro Area

Against All: 26 (Overall), 24 (Metro Area)
Persuadable: 48 (Overall), 49 (Metro Area)
For All: 23 (Overall), 24 (Metro Area)
Unsure: 3 (Overall), 3 (Metro Area)
Concerned about Curriculum

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Very
Somewhat
Not Too
Not At All
Unsure

Overall
Metro Area
Parents
Emphasis on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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- Too Little
- Too Much
- About Right Amount
- Unsure

Overall | Metro Area | Parents
---|---|---

Overall:
- Too Little: 25%
- Too Much: 27%
- About Right Amount: 45%
- Unsure: 3%

Metro Area:
- Too Little: 26%
- Too Much: 29%
- About Right Amount: 42%
- Unsure: 3%

Parents:
- Too Little: 33%
- Too Much: 20%
- About Right Amount: 46%
- Unsure: 1%

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Emphasis on Slavery, Racism and other Challenges faced by People of Color

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Too Little
- Overall: 37
- Metro Area: 39
- Parents: 45

Too Much
- Overall: 26
- Metro Area: 28
- Parents: 18

About Right Amount
- Overall: 32
- Metro Area: 27
- Parents: 36

Unsure
- Overall: 5
- Metro Area: 5
- Parents: 1

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Emphasis on Gender Identity

2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Too Little
- Overall: 24
- Metro Area: 29
- Parents: 26

Too Much
- Overall: 34
- Metro Area: 36
- Parents: 26

About Right Amount
- Overall: 34
- Metro Area: 28
- Parents: 41

Unsure
- Overall: 9
- Metro Area: 7
- Parents: 8

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Emphasis on LGBTQIA+ Issues

2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Too Little
- Overall: 21
- Metro Area: 24
- Parents: 26

Too Much
- Overall: 31
- Metro Area: 32
- Parents: 20

About Right Amount
- Overall: 36
- Metro Area: 32
- Parents: 43

Unsure
- Overall: 12
- Metro Area: 12
- Parents: 12

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Trust Local District to Make the Right Decisions about Curriculum

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Increased Funding Will Improve Quality of Education

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Parents be able to choose to send their children to a private or parochial school instead of their local public school district and receive state funding for tuition and transportation.

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Core Opposition:
- 28% Overall
- 30% Metro Area
- 16% Parents

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Make Literacy a Top Priority and Improve Reading Proficiency

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High School student voluntarily taking some academic courses over the Internet

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Overall
Metro Area
Parents

Yes: 48
No: 43
Unsure: 9

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Concerned about Teacher, Paraprofessional and Bus Driver Shortages

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Should Teachers’ Salaries be Increased (Generic)

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- Increased: 61%
  - Overall: 49
  - Metro Area: 49
  - Parents: 61

- Decreased: 3%
  - Overall: 2
  - Metro Area: 3
  - Parents: 3

- Remain Same: 33%
  - Overall: 45
  - Metro Area: 44
  - Parents: 33

- Unsure: 5%
  - Overall: 5
  - Metro Area: 4
  - Parents: 4

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Should Teachers’ Salaries be Increased (Informed)

2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Overall
Metro Area
Parents

Increased
54
55
71

Decreased
4
4
5

Remain Same
41
39
22

Unsure
2
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2

Overall
Metro Area
Parents

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Teachers’ Unions: A) Fight for better schools, education and teachers or B) Roadblock to school reform.

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Support Public School Teachers Having Right to Strike
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

- Support: 71%
- Oppose: 28%
- Unsure: 8%

Overall:
- Support: 63%
- Oppose: 32%
- Unsure: 5%

Metro Area:
- Support: 68%
- Oppose: 21%
- Unsure: 4%

Parents:
- Support: 71%
- Oppose: 21%
- Unsure: 8%

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Supreme Court Decision on Abortion
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

- Approve: 31%
- Strongly Approve: 14%
- Disapprove: 20%
- Strongly Disapprove: 27%
- Unsure: 8%
Abortion Policies

2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

- Mother's Life or Health: 60 strongly legal, 20 legal, 15 illegal
- Rape or Incest: 55 strongly legal, 19 legal, 19 illegal
- Severe Disabilities/Health Issues: 49 strongly legal, 22 legal, 25 illegal

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Election Security vs. Making Voting Easier and Fairer

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Show Photo Id to Vote

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Yes 84%
No 13%
Unsure 3%
Job Performance Ratings
2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Joe Biden
- Approve: 44
- Disapprove: 53
- Unsure: 4

Kamala Harris
- Approve: 42
- Disapprove: 53
- Unsure: 5

Amy Klobuchar
- Approve: 52
- Disapprove: 44
- Unsure: 4

Tim Walz
- Approve: 57
- Disapprove: 40
- Unsure: 3

Keith Ellison
- Approve: 48
- Disapprove: 43
- Unsure: 9

Steve Simon
- Approve: 45
- Disapprove: 37
- Unsure: 18

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Hope Joe Biden Runs in 2024

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Think Joe Biden Runs in 2024
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Yes 44%
No 39%
Unsure 17%

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Walz Achieving “One Minnesota”

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2022 Governor’s Race

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Walz/Strongly 34%
Walz 18%
Jensen 12%
Jensen/Strongly 20%
Someone Else 6%
Unsure 9%

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2022 Attorney General’s Race

2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Ellison 19%
Ellison/Strongly 25%
Schultz 13%
Schultz/Strongly 21%
Unsure 13%
Someone Else 9%

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2022 Secretary of State’s Race

2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

- Simon 20%
- Simon/Strongly 22%
- Crockett 12%
- Crockett/Strongly 20%
- Someone Else 9%
- Unsure 18%

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2022 House of Representatives Vote

2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Democrat 47%
Republican 36%
Unsure 17%

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2022 Minnesota Senate and House Vote

2022 Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Democrat 49%

Republican 37%

Unsure 14%