Hello, my name is ___________ and I'm calling from ____, a national public opinion research firm. We are not trying to sell you anything or asking for a donation. We are conducting a survey in Illinois on a number of public issues and your telephone number was selected at random. Are you age 18 or older?

1. Would you say things in Illinois today are generally headed in the RIGHT DIRECTION or would you say things are off on the WRONG TRACK?

   - **RIGHT DIRECTION**.............................................................29%
   - **WRONG TRACK**...............................................................57
   - **DON'T KNOW**.................................................................14

2. Now, I am going to read you a list of priorities for Illinois. Please tell me how important each one is to you, personally, on a scale of zero to ten where a zero means not a priority at all and ten means it is your top priority. You can choose any number from zero to ten. The first one is:

   [RANDOMIZE]

   - a. Having high quality public schools .............................. 59% 22 9 5 2 3 1 81%
   - b. Cleaning up corruption in state government ............ 69% 16 7 3 2 2 1 85%
   - c. Lowering taxes......................................................... 52% 16 11 10 7 3 1 68%
   - d. Reforming the state pension systems ...................... 35% 19 18 10 6 6 7 53%
   - e. Balancing the state budget.............................. 51% 25 13 6 1 1 7 77%
   - f. Reducing crime....................................................... 58% 20 12 5 3 2 1 77%

   [DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

   - a. The public schools in the nation as a whole.............. 2% 20 46 16 5 10
   - b. The public schools in Illinois as a whole............... 2% 20 41 19 12 6
   - c. The public schools in your local community .......... 16% 37 26 10 7 5

3. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D and Fail to show the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools were graded the same way. What grade would you give the [READ ITEM]? And what about the…?
4. Now I want you to think about Illinois public school teachers and I want you to tell me the ONE WORD or phrase that first comes to mind.

| TOTAL POSITIVE | .................................................. 63% |
| TOTAL NEGATIVE | .................................................. 16% |

### POSITIVE PERSONAL CHAR .................................. 32%
- Dedicated .................................................. 7%
- Hard-working ............................................... 7%
- Good ......................................................... 5%
- Trying ....................................................... 2%
- Excellent ................................................... 1%
- Great .......................................................... 1%
- Important .................................................... 1%
- Committed ................................................... 1%
- Caring .......................................................... 1%
- Brave ............................................................ 1%
- Determined ................................................... 1%
- Be Better ..................................................... 1%
- Motivated ..................................................... 1%
- Helpful ........................................................ 1%
- Hero ............................................................ 1%
- Doing Well .................................................... 1%
- Friendly ........................................................ 1%
- Competent .................................................... 1%
- Smart ........................................................... 1%
- Diligent ........................................................ 1%
- Resilient ....................................................... 1%
- Kind ............................................................. 1%
- Polite ............................................................ 1%
- Concerned ..................................................... 1%
- Gratitude ...................................................... 1%
- Skilled .......................................................... 1%
- Servant ........................................................ 1%
- Patient .......................................................... 1%
- Driven ........................................................... 1%
- Amazing ........................................................ 1%
- Perspiring ...................................................... 1%
- Deserving ...................................................... 1%
- Respect ........................................................ 1%
- Exceptional ................................................... 1%
- Difficult Job ................................................... 1%
- Good Intentions .............................................. 1%
- I Like Them ................................................... 1%
- Knowledgeable .............................................. 1%
- Possibility ..................................................... 1%
- Potential ....................................................... 1%
- Courteous ..................................................... 1%
- Compassionate .............................................. 1%
- Devoted ........................................................ 1%
- Enduring ....................................................... 1%
- Phenomenal ................................................... 1%
- Quality .......................................................... 1%
- Qualified ....................................................... 1%
- Improving ..................................................... 1%
- Conscientious ............................................... 1%
- Strong .......................................................... 1%
- Leaders .......................................................... 1%
- Wonderful ..................................................... 1%
- Persisting ...................................................... 1%
- Educated ....................................................... 1%
- Essential ....................................................... 1%
- Responsible ................................................... 1%
- Professional ................................................... 1%
- Reasonable .................................................... 1%
- Confident ...................................................... 1%
- Experienced ................................................... 1%
- Passionate ..................................................... 1%
- Trusting ........................................................ 1%

### PAY .......................................................... 16%
- Underpaid .................................................... 16%

### NEGATIVES ................................................... 12%
- Greedy .......................................................... 2%
- Lazy ............................................................. 1%
- Not Good ....................................................... 1%
- Incompetent .................................................. 1%
- Poor ............................................................. 1%
- Inadequate ................................................... 1%
- Selfish .......................................................... 1%
- Need More Education ...................................... 1%
- Strict ............................................................. 1%
- Corrupt ........................................................ 1%
- Limited ........................................................ 1%
- Ill-equipped ................................................... 1%
- Garbage ........................................................ 1%
- Crazy ............................................................ 1%
- Needy ............................................................ 1%
- Entitled ........................................................ 1%
- Out Of Touch ................................................ 1%
- Judgmental .................................................... 1%
- Privileged ...................................................... 1%
- Liberals ....................................................... 1%
- Dumb ............................................................ 1%
- Stubborn ....................................................... 1%
- Disgruntled ................................................... 1%
- Unenthusiastic .............................................. 1%
- Uncaring ....................................................... 1%
- Harsh ............................................................ 1%
- Dishonest ...................................................... 1%
- Complainers .................................................. 1%
- Do Nothing .................................................... 1%
- Favoritism ..................................................... 1%
- Sloppy ........................................................... 1%
- Arrogant ....................................................... 1%
- Two Faced ...................................................... 1%
- Codified ....................................................... 1%
- Indifferent .................................................... 1%
- Lack Discipline ............................................. 1%
- Insufficient ................................................... 1%
- Non Efficient ................................................ 1%
- Dissatisfied ................................................... 1%
- Babysitter ..................................................... 1%
- Undertrained ................................................ 1%
- Lazy ............................................................ 1%
- Unfit ............................................................. 1%
- Self Centered ............................................... 1%
- Rude ............................................................ 1%
- Biased ........................................................... 1%
- Untrained ...................................................... 1%
- Pampered ...................................................... 1%
- Losers ........................................................... 1%
- Non Diversified ............................................. 1%
- Lacking Ambition .......................................... 1%
- Not Prepared ................................................ 1%
- Combative ..................................................... 1%
- Hypocrites .................................................... 1%

### Need Help .................................................... 1%
- Overwhelmed ............................................... 1%
- Frustrated .................................................... 1%
- It's A Hard Job .............................................. 1%
- Under Served ................................................ 1%
- Under Funded .............................................. 1%
- Screwed ....................................................... 1%
- Tired ............................................................ 1%
- Held Back ..................................................... 1%
- Disadvantaged .............................................. 1%
- Hands Tied .................................................... 1%
- Struggling ..................................................... 1%
- More Funding ............................................... 1%
- Support ........................................................ 1%
- Challenged ................................................... 1%
- Stressed ....................................................... 1%
- Not Supported .............................................. 1%
- Busy ............................................................ 1%

### NOT APPRECIATED ENOUGH .................................. 4%
- Under-appreciated ....................................... 2%
- Under Rated .................................................. 1%
- Under-valued ............................................... 1%
- Cheated ....................................................... 1%
- Not Treated Fairly ......................................... 1%
- Disrespected ................................................ 1%
- Need Respect ............................................... 1%
- I Feel Sorry For Them .................................... 1%
- Under Attack ............................................... 1%
- Abused ........................................................ 1%
- Divided ........................................................ 1%
- Not Recognized Enough .................................. 1%

### OVERPAID ..................................................... 4%
- Over Paid ..................................................... 3%
- Paid Well ..................................................... 1%
- Worry About Pay Not Students ......................... 1%
- Waste Of Taxpayers Money .............................. 1%
- Paycheck ...................................................... 1%
- Not Earning Their Pay .................................... 1%
- Spoiled ........................................................ 1%

### NEUTRAL ....................................................... 4%
- Okay ........................................................... 1%
- Fair/Alright .................................................. 1%
- Average ........................................................ 1%
- Unequal ...................................................... 1%
- Teachers ...................................................... 1%
- Satisfactory ................................................ 1%
- Human ........................................................ 1%
- Adequate ..................................................... 1%
- Communication ............................................. 1%
- Acceptable ................................................... 1%
- Under Utilized .............................................. 1%
- Moderate ..................................................... 1%
- Unique ......................................................... 1%
- Educators ..................................................... 1%

### UNION/CONTRACT ISSUES .................................. 4%
- Union .......................................................... 1%
- Strikes ........................................................ 1%
- Pensions ..................................................... 1%
- Tenure ......................................................... 1%

### NOT ENOUGH TEACHERS .................................... 1%
- Need More Teachers ....................................... 1%
- Under Staffed ............................................... 1%
- Class Size .................................................... 1%

### OTHER ......................................................... 5%
- No Kids In School .......................................... 1%
- Relative Is Teacher ....................................... 1%
- All Other Mentions ........................................ 4%
- Don't know ................................................... 9%
5. Thinking about the public schools in Illinois, if you could change just one thing about them, what would it be. Try to be specific. [RECORD VERBATIM. ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE.]

CURRICULUM
- Curriculum changes
- Common Core Teaching
- Back to ABCs/Basic
- More Trade Experience
- Change the Way They Teach
- Teach the Real History
- Of America
- More Class Offerings
- Get rid of Math
- Less Technology and More Arts
- Teach Civics
- More Writing Classes
- More Finance Classes
- New Technology
- Bring back Job Related Classes
- Add More Grades
- More Math
- More Science
- More Reading
- More Accelerated Classes
- Go Back to Teaching
- Old Ways
- Teach the Constitution

MORE TEACHERS
- Smaller Classrooms
- Class Sizes
- More Teachers

MORE MONEY
- Funding
- Diverse Funding Especially
- In Impoverished Neighborhoods
- State Government Would
- Support Them More
- Cutting Too Many
- Classes/Programs

TEACHER PAY
- Better Pay
- Pensions

TEACHER TRAINING/IMPROVEMENT
- Need Better Teachers
- Quality Teachers
- More Training in Teaching
- The Actual Process of Teaching
- Caring Teachers
- Allow the Teacher to
- Teach what they choose
- Hiring Process
- Teachers to be more dedicated

SPECIFIC POLICY PROPOSALS
- Put God back in Schools
- Choice of Schools
- Privatize the Schools
- Charter Schools
- Vouchers
- More Schools
- STOP Gender Lifestyle Teachings
- Remove Zero Tolerance
- Consolidate Schools
- School Holidays

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM
- School Lunches
- Better After-School Programs
- Dress Code
- More about the Kids Learning
- Rather than football and stuff
- More School Work Less
- Outside Activity
- Extra Curricular Work
- Extra Curricular Work
- More After School Programs
- No More Play Time

BEHAVIOR/DISCIPLINE
- More Discipline
- Less Crime
- Students Coddled too much
- More equality
- Try to even out the
- Quality of Education statewide
- Equality for all students
- Lack of diversity
- More Diversity
- Consistency

CHANGE SCHEDULE
- Longer School Year
- More School Hours
- Short School Days
- Start School Earlier
- Less Days out of School
- Length of Education

TESTING
- Less Focus on Just SAT
- And more Real World Experience
- Stop teaching to the
- Standardized Testing
- Teach to National Tests
- Get rid of no child left behind
- More Tests

BETTER RESOURCES
- Access to school supplies
- More books than Internet

CHANGE FUNDING MECHANISM
- Fiscal Responsible
- They are Funded
- Fees they charge
- Lower Taxes
- Property Taxes

CHANGE SCHOOL/TEACHER EVALUATION
- Teacher Responsible
- For student Progress
- Better Teacher Evaluations
- Accountability in the
- School District
- Performance

SAFETY/SECURITY
- Security

FEWER TEACHER PERKS
- Get rid of unions
- Unions
- No Tenure
- Right to work
- Lower Pay

CHANGE STUDENT EVALUATION
- Grading System
- Students Need More
- Time with their work
- Needed more one on one time
- Less homework

POLITICS
- Get politics out
- Become more conservative
- How school board is elected
- Educate kids without
- The Politics

MORE PARENT INVOLVEMENT
- More involvement from parents

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES
- The administration network
- Fire all of the superintendents
- Less supervisors
- Leadership

BETTER FACILITIES
- Building repairs/ maintenance
- More classrooms
- Metal detectors

SPECIAL NEEDS
- Sensitive to special needs

GENERIC IMPROVEMENT
- Transportation
- Drugs in school
- Stricter policies for
- High school
- Corruption

OTHER
- Needs change
- Putting the interests
- Of children first
- Their priorities
- Be more honest
- Reliability
- Better learning
- Environment
- Listen to the teachers
- Communication
- Redistrict
- Better attitude towards teachers
- Schools are like prisons
- Attendance
- Always room for better
- They're doing well/ fine
- Environment
- Everything
- Don't know

6. Now I want you to think about how to improve Illinois public schools. I want you to tell me the ONE WORD or phrase that first comes to mind. [RECORD VERBATIM. ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE]

MORE FUNDING................... 14%
Funding......................... 13%
Invest More In Education ....... 1%
More Funding To The Arts ....... <1%
State Needs To Support ......... <1%
Public Schools More

CLASS SIZE....................... 11%
More Teachers................... 5%
Reduce Classroom Sizes ......... 5%
More One On One Time .......... 2%
More Classrooms ............... <1%
Enrollment...................... <1%
Overcrowded.................... <1%

DISCIPLINE....................... 7%
Discipline...................... 3%
Be Concerned About Children .... 1%
Listen............................ 1%
Honesty.......................... 1%
Get Rid Of Cell Phones ......... <1%
Commitment..................... <1%
Attendance...................... <1%
Respect.......................... <1%
Attitude...................... <1%

TEACHER QUALITY............... 6%
Better Teachers............... 4%
Teachers That Care.............. 1%
About Teaching................ 1%
Qualified Staff................ 1%
Better Education For .......... <1%
The Teachers
Better Teachers Who......... <1%
Are Trained More
Teachers Show Up And ........ <1%
Actually Work

CURRICULUM..................... 6%
Curriculum...................... 2%
Need To Go Back To .......... 1%
Teaching The Basics .......... 1%
Vocational Classes ............ 1%
Focus On Academics .......... 1%
Common Core .................. <1%
Do Not Restrict............... <1%
Teacher From Teaching
Emphasis On Teaching ......... <1%
People To Live Within Their Means
Music............................ <1%
Hands On....................... <1%
More Homework................ <1%
More Class Offerings ......... <1%
Teaching The Old Ways ....... <1%
Do Math......................... <1%
Better Science................ <1%
Teaching The Facts Not ....... <1%
Their Point Of View
Challenging For Kids......... <1%
To Meet Their Needs
Grading System .............. <1%
Flexibility ..................... <1%

TEACHER PAY..................... 5%
Better Pay...................... 4%
Better Pension Plans ......... 1%

SPEND FUNDS DIFFERENTLY.... 5%
Control Cost More .......... 1%
Distribute Funds ............ 1%
Equally Across State 
Better Use Of Money ......... 1%
Smarter Funding ............ 1%
Tax Issues ..................... <1%
Equality ...................... <1%

GENERIC IMPROVEMENT ....... 4%
Support.......................... 1%
Quality.......................... 1%
Consistency..................... 1%
Higher Priority .............. <1%
Collaboration................. <1%

BIG CHANGE................... 3%
Revamping..................... 1%
Change........................... 1%
They Need To Start All Over And <1%
Scrap The Whole Public School System
Privatize ...................... <1%
Restructure It ................. <1%
More Diversity ............... <1%
Innovate ....................... <1%
The Entire System ........... <1%

LEADERS......................... 3%
Better Leadership .......... 1%
Corruption..................... 1%
Too Much Overhead .......... <1%
Administration ............. <1%
School Boards ............... <1%
Board Member Selection .... <1%
Local Control ................. <1%
Remove Greed ................. <1%

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM ... 2%
School Food.................... 1%
After School .................. 1%
Activities .................... 1%
Transportation ............... <1%
Organized Relaxation Time .. <1%
Less Focus On Sports ....... <1%
More Nurses .................. <1%
Extra Curricular Work ....... <1%
Study More Less Play ........ <1%

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT .... 2%
More Parent And ............ 1%
Teacher Involvement 
Make Parents More Responsible <1%
Keep Parents Out Of It ......<1%
They Need To Work With ..<1%
The Parents More

SPECIFIC POLICY ............. 2%
PROPOSALS.....................
Need God Back In The Schools .. 1%
Freedom Of School Choice .... <1%
Pledge of Allegiance ........ <1%
Consolidation ................ <1%
Vouchers ...................... <1%

Public Schools Should ......<1%
Not Be Funded By Property Taxes
Break Up Chicago Public .......... <1%
School Systems Into Smaller Districts 
Have School Uniforms ........ <1%
Eliminate Charter Schools .... <1%
Competition .................. <1%

MODERNIZE .................. 2%
Keep Updated Books And .... <1%
Computers 
New Technology .............. <1%

SAFETY AND SECURITY ....... 2%
Safety ......................... 1%
Security....................... <1%
Metal Detectors ............... <1%
Background Checks ........... <1%

ACCOUNTABILITY ............ 2%
Accountability .............. 1%
Grade Teachers On .......... <1%
Students Performance ....... <1%
Higher Expectations ....... <1%

SCHEDULE....................... 2%
Year Long School ............ 1%
Longer Hours ................. <1%
Too Many Days Off .......... <1%
Summer School For .......... <1%
Lower Grades 
4 Day Week ................. <1%

LESS POLITICAL .............. 2%
Less Political ............... 1%
Less Regulation ............ <1%
Change Politics ............. <1%

FEWER TEACHER PERKS ...... 1%
Get Rid Of Unions .......... <1%
No Pension .................. <1%
Get Rid Of Tenure .......... <1%

FACILITIES ..................... 1%
Upkeep Of Schools In 
The Lower Class Area

TESTING ...................... <1%
Get Rid Of Testing .......... <1%
No Child Left Behind ....... <1%
More Testing ............... <1%

OTHER ......................... 7%
Community.................... 1%
Fairness ...................... <1%
Awareness ................... <1%
Not Higher Taxes ............. <1%
Average ...................... <1%
Adequate ..................... <1%
Inefficient ................... <1%
All Other Mentions ........ <1%

Don't Know ................... 11%
7. Using our grades of A, B, C, D and Fail again, how would you grade Illinois public schools on [READ ITEM]? And what about…?

[DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

a. Preparing students with the skills they need to succeed after graduating ........................................... 3% A 21 B 41 C 21 D 8 E 6
b. Meeting the social and emotional needs of students ..................................................... 4% A 18 B 35 C 22 D 14 E 7
c. Attracting and retaining the best educators ................................................................. 4% A 20 B 36 C 21 D 9 E 10

d. Do you think public schools in Illinois should increase, decrease or stay about the same?

[RANDOMIZE]

TOTAL

HIGH

(8-10)

A 10 B 8-9 C 6-7 D 5 E 2-4 F 0-1 [DK] %
a. To get a job after high school graduation ................. 49% 27 12 6 4 2 1 75%
b. To get into and succeed in college ......................... 40% 24 19 8 6 2 1 64%
c. To have the basics of a skilled trade ....................... 48% 28 15 5 2 1 1 76%
d. Having good morals and good character .................. 63% 18 11 4 2 2 1 81%
e. To be a critical thinker ....................................... 58% 26 9 4 2 1 1 84%
f. To work together in groups and teams .................... 40% 30 17 8 3 2 1 70%
g. To have life skills like cooking, personal finance and nutrition ........................................... 53% 25 12 4 3 2 1 78%

9. Would you encourage your child or another member of your family to begin a career as a public school teacher?

YES ................................................................. 52%
NO ................................................................. 43
(DON'T KNOW) ................................................. 5

10. Do you think funding for public schools in Illinois should increase, decrease or stay about the same?

INCREASE ......................................................... 66%
DECREASE ....................................................... 5
STAY THE SAME .............................................. 23
(DON'T KNOW) ................................................. 5

11. Do you think that public school teachers in your community are paid too little, too much or about right?

TOO LITTLE ....................................................... 52%
TOO MUCH ..................................................... 8
ABOUT RIGHT ................................................. 33
(DON'T KNOW) ................................................. 7

12. Please say how much you agree or disagree with each statement. [READ ITEM] Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree?

[RANDOMIZE]

STRG AGREE SMWT AGREE SMWT DIS STRG DIS [DK] TOTL AGREE TOTL DIS

a. If we paid teachers in Illinois higher salaries, we would attract better quality teachers .................. 46% 30 13 9 2 76% 22%
b. I support the new law that sets the minimum teacher salary in Illinois at 40 thousand dollars per year .... 36% 30 11 19 4 65% 30%

13. As you may know, teachers in Illinois do not pay into and therefore do not collect Social Security when they retire. Do you think that Illinois teachers should receive their full pension, see their pensions cut some or see their pensions eliminated?

FULL PENSION ................................................ 75%
CUT SOME ................................................. 11
ELIMINATED ............................................. 6
(DON'T KNOW) ............................................. 9
14. Right now, teachers hired after the year 2011 in Illinois must work in a classroom until age 67 in order to be eligible to receive their pensions, no matter how many years they have been teaching. Do you strongly oppose, somewhat oppose, somewhat support or strongly support recently hired teachers being able to receive their pensions at age 60 instead of waiting until 67?

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15. The average public school teacher in Illinois graduates from college with 40 thousand dollars in student loan debt. Do you strongly oppose, somewhat oppose, somewhat support or strongly support a program that forgives the student loans of Illinois residents who attend Illinois universities and teach in Illinois public schools for 10 years?

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16. As you may know, public schools in Illinois have support staff in classrooms called paraprofessionals. These paraprofessionals work with physically, behaviorally and developmentally challenged students. They get paid an average of 10 dollars per hour. Do you think that paraprofessionals in your community are paid too little, too much or about right?

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<td>About Right</td>
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17. Who do you believe is best equipped to determine the education standards for children at your local public school? [RANDOMIZE]

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18. Please say how important it is for each of these groups to have a strong voice in how public schools in Illinois are run. [READ ITEM] Is it very important, somewhat important, not very important or not important at all for them to have a strong voice in how public schools in Illinois are run?

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<td>6%</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>48</td>
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[READ]: Now I'd like to ask a few questions for statistical purposes only.

100. SEX (OBSERVATION: DO NOT ASK)
    MALE............................................................... 49%
    FEMALE.......................................................... 51

101. What is your age? (RECORD IN PROPER CATEGORY) (READ CODES IF NECESSARY)
    18-24............................................................ 7%
    25-29............................................................. 7
    30-34............................................................. 16
    35-39............................................................. 8
    40-44............................................................. 9
    45-49............................................................. 7
    50-54............................................................. 6
    55-59............................................................. 9
    60-64............................................................. 10
    65-69............................................................. 6
    70+ .............................................................. 13
    (REFUSED)....................................................... 2

102. What is the last grade you completed in school?
    SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)................................. 1%
    SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11) ............................... 6
    GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL................................. 25
    TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL................................. 3
    SOME COLLEGE BUT NO DEGREE ......................... 15
    ASSOCIATES DEGREE .................................... 12
    BACHELORS DEGREE ..................................... 23
    GRADUATE SCHOOL/PROFESSIONAL .................. 13
    (DON’T KNOW/REFUSED).............................. 2

103. Do you now, or have you ever had, a child living at home with you?
    YES ........................................................................ 69%
    NO .......................................................................... 29
    (DON’T KNOW/REFUSED).............................. 2

104. [IF Q103=1] Which of the following is true for you [READ ITEM]?

[DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

a. I currently have a child who attends a public school ........................................... 26% 43 <1
b. I had a child who attended public school............................................................... 46% 23 <1
c. I currently have a child who attends a charter school ........................................ 2% 66 <1
d. I had a child who attended charter school ........................................................... 4% 64 <1
e. I currently have a child who attends a private or parochial school ...................... 6% 63 <1
f. I had a child who attended private or parochial school ......................................... 13% 56 <1

105. Have you, or anyone in your household, now or at some time in the past, worked in the Illinois PUBLIC schools, K through 12, as a teacher, principal or in another school job?
    YES ........................................................................ 27%
    NO .......................................................................... 72
    (DON’T KNOW/REFUSED).............................. 1

106. Are you registered to vote in Illinois?
    YES ........................................................................ 89%
    NO .......................................................................... 10
    DON’T KNOW .................................................... 1
107. Even if you are not registered to vote, do you generally think of yourself – as a **[RANDOMIZE]** DEMOCRAT, an INDEPENDENT or a REPUBLICAN?

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110. To make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me your race? **[IF NECESSARY]** Well, most people consider themselves BLACK, WHITE, HISPANIC or ASIAN-AMERICAN.

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112. Last question. Just for statistical purposes, in which of the following categories is your total household income? Just stop me when I read the right one.

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this interview.

**Region**

- City of Chicago: 22%
- Rest of Cook County: 20%
- Collar Counties: 18%
- Rest of Chicago MM: 9%
- Downstate North: 13%
- Downstate South: 19%