



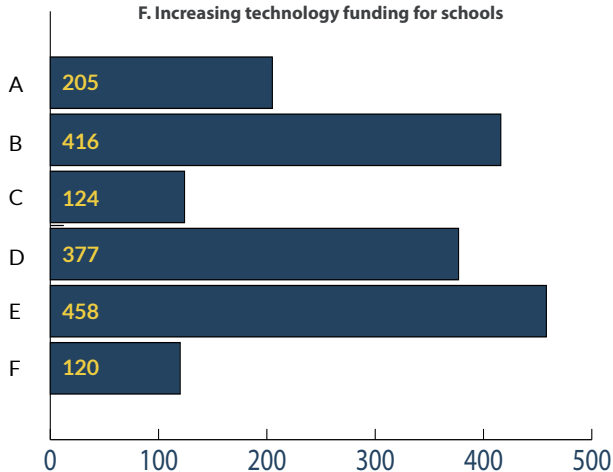
2017 SURVEY RESULTS

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1. When the legislature adopts a new state budget during the 2017 session, which one of the following do you think should be the top priority?

BUDGET PRIORITIES

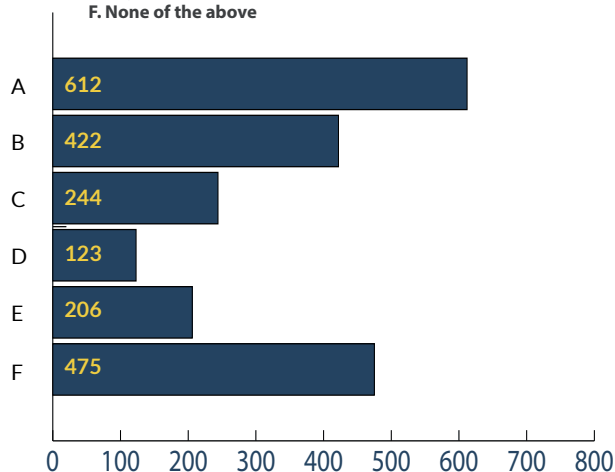
- A. Addition treatment to address the drug epidemic
- B. Cutting taxes
- C. Expanding state funding for preschool
- D. Increasing pay for K-12 teachers
- E. Increasing road funding
- F. Increasing technology funding for schools



2. Which of the following changes would you support to increase road funding? (You may select more than one option.)

ROAD FUNDING

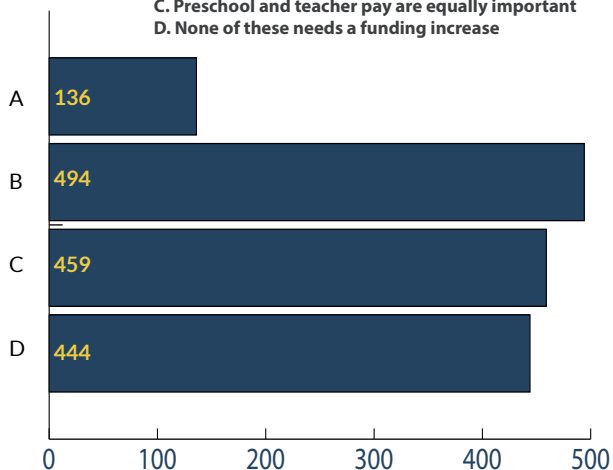
- A. Increasing the gas tax
- B. Indexing the gas tax so that it rises with inflation each year
- C. Tolling roads and bridges
- D. A per-mile tax determined by tracking how far each driver travels
- E. Paying an annual fee to the BMV
- F. None of the above



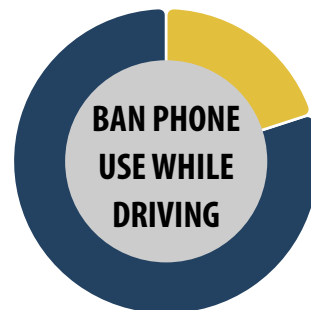
3. Which of the following do you think is more important?

EDUCATION PRIORITIES

- A. Increasing funding for preschool programs
- B. Raising pay for K-12 teachers
- C. Preschool and teacher pay are equally important
- D. None of these needs a funding increase



4. Indiana bans texting while driving. Do you support or oppose expanding that law to ban all smart phone activities while driving, with an exception for hands-free technology?



Support
80%

Oppose
20%

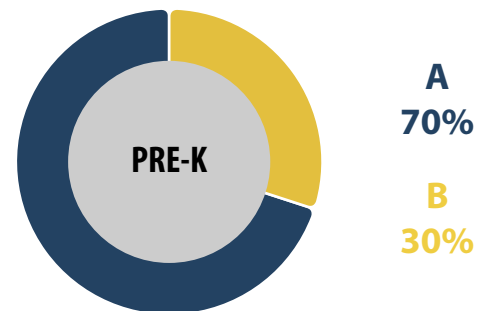
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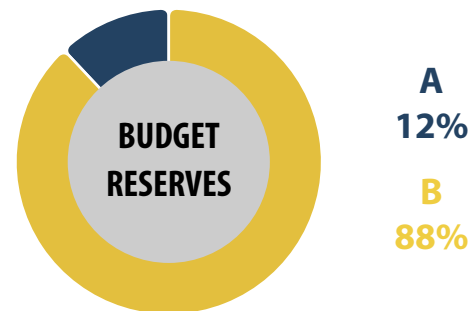
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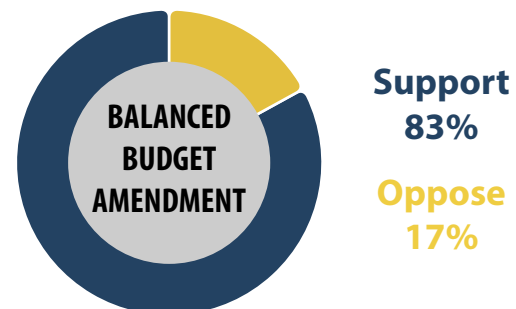
5. Indiana currently has a pilot program to help fund preschool for low-income children in 5 counties. Should Indiana A) Wait to gauge the effectiveness of this program before deciding whether to expand or B) Expand the program now?



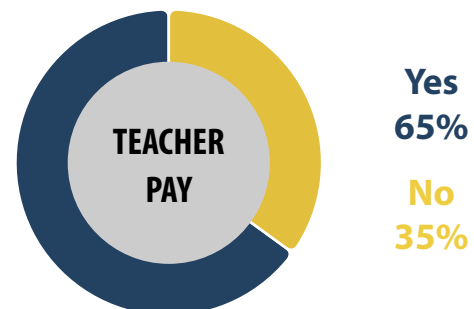
6. Indiana has enough rainy-day reserve funds to cover 40 days of state government operations. Do you favor A) Using that money to increase government spending now or B) Maintaining our reserves to protect against future budget shortfalls?



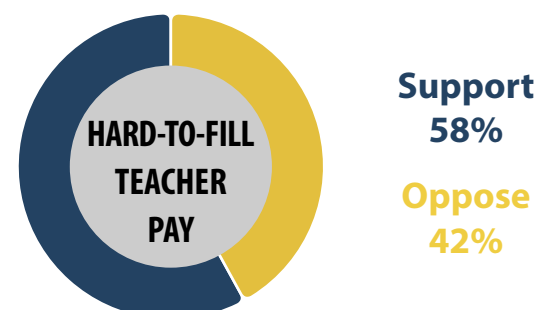
7. Do you support or oppose amending the Indiana Constitution to require the General Assembly to pass a balanced budget?



8. The U.S. is facing a shortage of teachers in subjects like math, science and special education. Do you think Indiana should direct more school funding specifically to teacher pay?



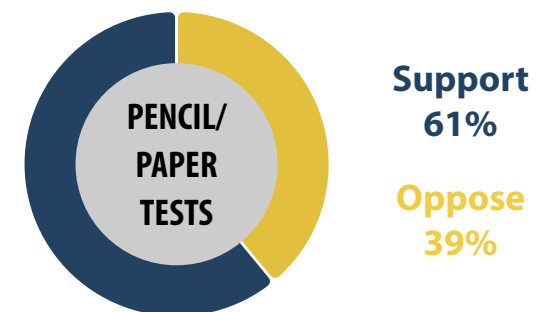
9. The U.S. is facing a shortage of teachers in subjects like math, science and special education. Do you support or oppose giving local school boards the ability to pay teachers in hard-to-fill positions more than other teachers?



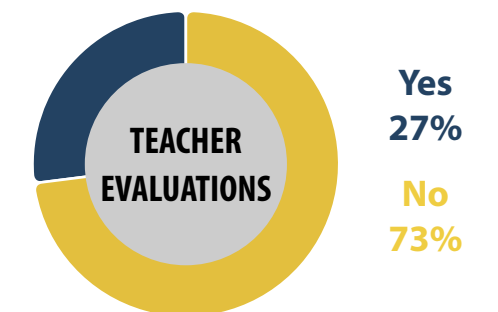
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10. Since Indiana has switched to computer-based testing in schools, students have experienced interruptions due to technology problems. Do you support or oppose going back to a paper-based statewide test in schools?



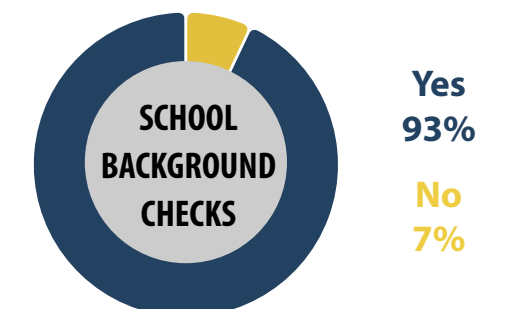
11. Should student scores from Indiana's statewide test be used as part of teachers' job performance evaluations?



12. Do you support or oppose giving parents of children with special needs the option to use state educational funding for services such as school choice, tutoring or online courses?



13. Do you think school employees who work with children should be required to pass criminal background checks every 5 years?



14. Do you think people who commit crimes intended to harm police officers should serve longer sentences than people who commit crimes against civilians?



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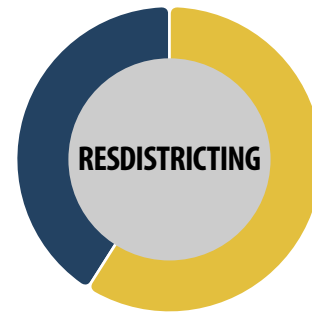
- 15.** Do you support or oppose allowing the sale of alcohol in licensed retail stores on Sundays, which is currently prohibited in Indiana?



Support
60%

Oppose
40%

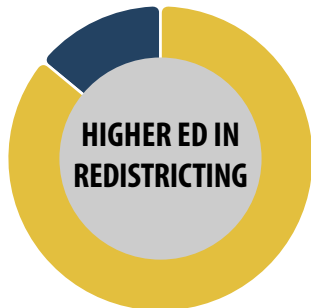
- 16.** Should the Indiana Constitution be amended to establish an appointed commission to draw state legislative and congressional district boundaries?



Yes
41%

No
59%

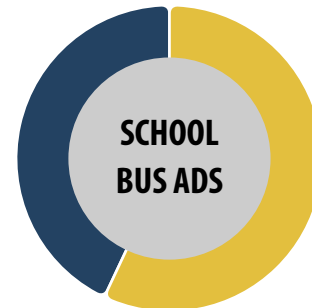
- 17.** There is a proposal to involve presidents of state universities in the process of drawing the boundaries for state legislative and congressional districts. Should these higher education officials be involved in this process?



Yes
14%

No
86%

- 18.** Do you support or oppose school corporations allowing age-appropriate advertising on the sides of buses to bring in more money for schools?



Support
43%

Oppose
57%

- 19.** Do you support or oppose requiring law enforcement to collect a DNA sample from criminal suspects in addition to their fingerprints?



Support
76%

Oppose
24%

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