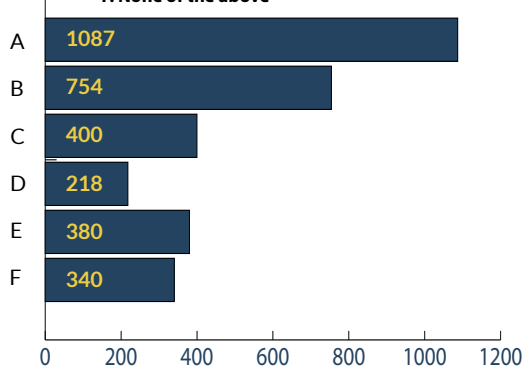# 2017 SURVEY RESULTS
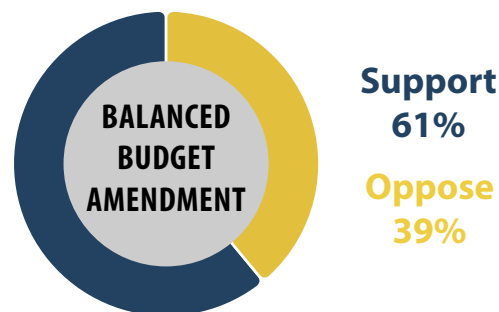## STATE SENATOR JOHN RUCKELSHAUS

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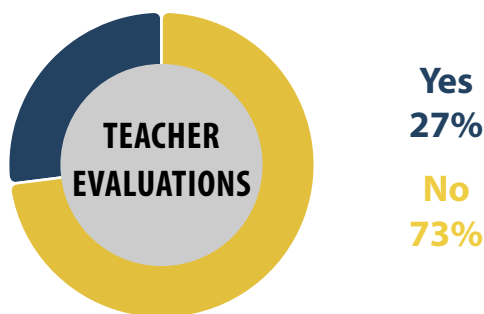
ROAD FUNDING

A. One-time gas tax increase
B. Indexing the gas tax so that it changes with inflation each year
C. Vehicle tax based on miles driven
D. A higher vehicle registration fee
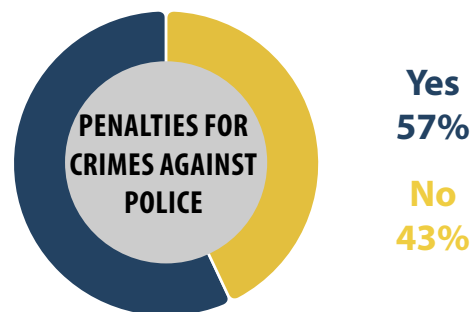**E.** Imposing a tax on alternative-fuel vehicles that don't pay the gas tax
F. None of the above

A	1087
B	754
C	400
D	218
E	380
F	340

(bar chart axis: 0, 200, 400, 600, 800, 1000, 1200)

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

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Support 61%
Oppose 39%

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

TEACHER EVALUATIONS

Yes 27%
No 73%

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

PENALTIES FOR CRIMES AGAINST POLICE

Yes 57%
No 43%

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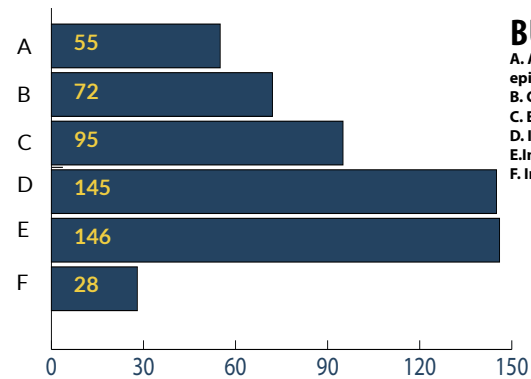
REDISTRICTING

Yes 59%
No 41%

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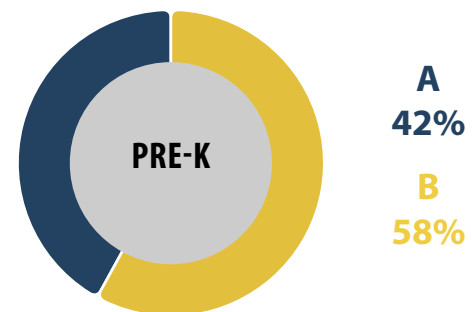# 2017 SURVEY RESULTS
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6. When the legislature adopts a new state budget during the 2017 session, which one of the following do you think should be the top priority?

Budget priorities bar chart:
- A: 55
- B: 72
- C: 95
- D: 145
- E: 146
- F: 28

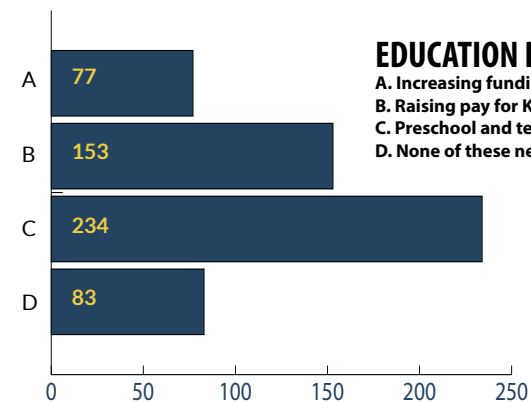(axis: 0, 30, 60, 90, 120, 150)

BUDGET PRIORITIES
A. Addiction 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

7. 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 taxpayer-funded preschool or B) Expand the program now?
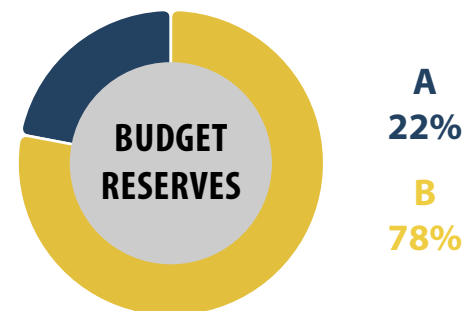
PRE-K
A **42%**
B **58%**

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

Education priorities bar chart:
- A: 77
- B: 153
- C: 234
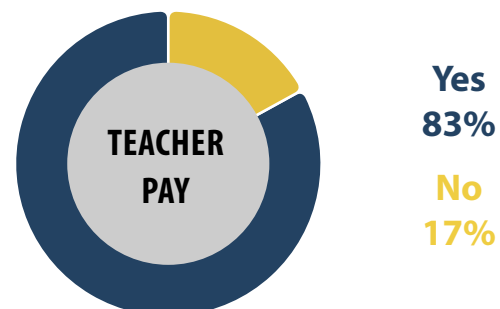- D: 83

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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 need a funding increase

9. 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?

BUDGET RESERVES
A **22%**
B **78%**

10. 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?
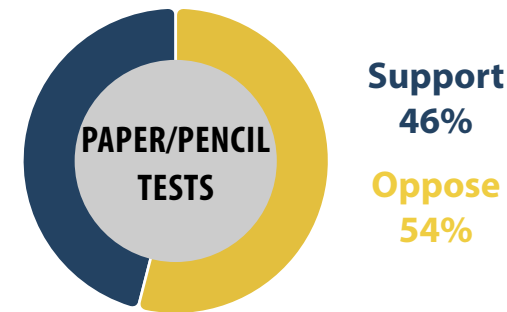
TEACHER PAY
Yes **83%**
No **17%**

11. 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?

HARD-TO-FILL TEACHER PAY
Support **72%**
Oppose **28%**

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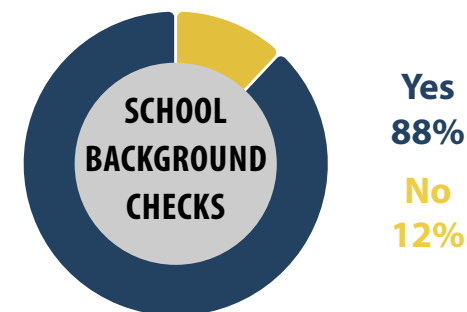# 2017 SURVEY RESULTS
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12. Since Indiana has switched to computer-based testing in schools, students have experienced interruptions due to technology problems. Do you support or oppose going back to a paper-based statewide test in schools?

PAPER/PENCIL TESTS
Support **46%**
Oppose **54%**

13. 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?
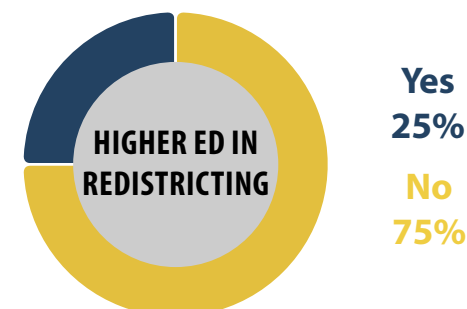
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
Support **77%**
Oppose **23%**

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

SCHOOL BACKGROUND CHECKS
Yes **88%**
No **12%**

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

SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALES
Support **84%**
Oppose **16%**

16. 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?

HIGHER ED IN REDISTRICTING
Yes **25%**
No **75%**

17. 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?

BAN PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING
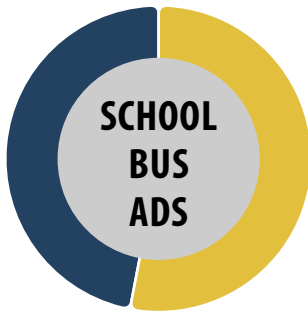Support **75%**
Oppose **25%**

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

SCHOOL BUS ADS

Support
47%

Oppose
53%

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

DNA FOR FELONY ARRESTS

Support
65%

Oppose
35%

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