New Education Majority: Quick Facts on Latino Parents and Families

For the first time in American history, the majority of students in the public school system are students of color. These students are the “new education majority.”

The following quick facts come from The Leadership Conference Education Fund/Anzalone Liszt Grove Research “New Education Majority” poll released on April 11, 2016. For more data, visit www.NewEducationMajority.org.

**Sixty-five (65) percent** of Latino parents and families believe that U.S. public schools do a good job preparing Latino children “for success in the future.”

**Latinos are split** on whether or not they believe that the education Latino children get is as good as the one that White students get.

**More than 3 in 4 Latino parents and families** (77 percent) think that schools in low-income communities do not receive the same funding as schools in wealthy communities.

**More than 3 in 5 Latino parents and families** (61 percent) think that schools in Latino communities do not receive the same funding as schools in White communities.

Most Latino parents and families think that U.S. schools are trying their best to educate Latino students, even if they often leave many behind, but **a quarter believe that schools “are not really trying.”**

Most Latino parents and families (84 percent) believe that students “should be challenged more in school to ensure they are successful later in life.”

Most Latino parents and families (90 percent) believe teachers’ expectations of Latino students from low-income families should be the same or higher than those of other students.

When asked an open-ended question about what is the most important characteristic to make a great school, 50 percent of Latino parents and families said good teaching.

Nearly half of Latino parents and families (45 percent) believe that the most important factor contributing to a Latino student from a low-income family making it to college is “the support they received from their family.”

More than half of Latino parents and families (56 percent) believe that parents have “a lot of power to change schools.”

This summary is based on the results of a national survey of N=400 Black and N=400 Latino or Hispanic parents or family members actively involved in the upbringing of a child between the ages 5-18 conducted by Anzalone Liszt Grove Research on behalf of The Leadership Conference Education Fund. The survey was conducted by telephone, including both landlines and cell phones, using bilingual professional interviewers in both English and Spanish. Interviews were conducted March 14-20, 2016. The margin of error for each sample is plus or minus 4.9 percent at the 95 percent level of confidence. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher.

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