

Mott Poll Questions



School Safety

The following questions were answered by parents with children age 6-12 years old.

Q1. How concerned are you about school safety at your [x]-year-old child's school?

1. Extremely concerned
2. Very concerned
3. Somewhat concerned
4. Minimally concerned

Q2. Which of these do you consider to be a school safety issue? *Select all that apply.*

1. Shooting by student, staff, or other person
2. Students fighting with other students
3. Bullying
4. Intruder bringing a weapon onto school grounds
5. Vandalism or theft
6. Rape or sexual assault
7. Student assault of teacher or staff
8. Suicide
9. Physical punishment of students (paddling or slapping)
10. Cyberbullying or harassment through social media

Q3. How much do the following contribute to safety issues at your [x]-year-old child's school?

	Major factor	Minor factor	Not a factor
a. Inadequate discipline by teachers / school staff			
b. Mental health problems among students			
c. Lack of parent supervision			
d. Children getting access to guns or other weapons			
e. Not enough school services for children who are struggling			
f. Inadequate security on school grounds			

Q4. Which strategies do you think would be most effective to improve safety at your [x]-year-old child's school?
Select all that apply.

1. Building changes (bullet-proof glass, metal detectors)
2. Onsite law enforcement officer
3. School officials monitoring social media
4. Active shooter drills
5. More counselors to work with students
6. Confidential reporting system to identify students with problems
7. Train teachers to identify and work with students who have problems
8. Expand friendship / inclusion effort (such as buddy club, peer leaders)
9. More family counseling options

Q5. Overall, what approach do you support to address school safety issues at your [x]-year-old child's school?

1. Focus on building security and law enforcement
2. Focus on student mental health and belonging
3. Equal mix of both strategies

Q6. How well does your [x]-year-old child's school handle students who may cause safety problems, in terms of:

	Too little	Too much	About right	Don't know
a. Suspending / expelling students				
b. Holding parents accountable				
c. Providing mental health services				
d. Helping them make friends / get involved in school activities				

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