

Latino Policy Institute Presents:

A 2021 Survey of Providence Latino Parents
about virtual learning during COVID-19 and
other District educational practices

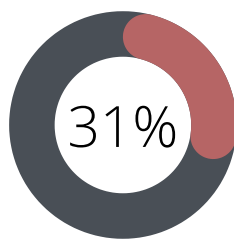
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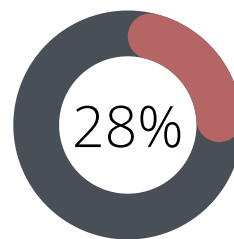
PVD Education Practices

A SURVEY OF LATINO PARENTS

PPSD Takeover



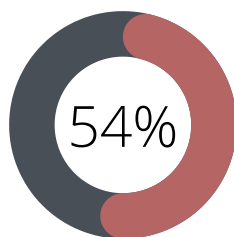
of Parents are **not sure** if the takeover has had any significant changes in the District



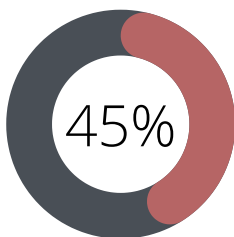
of Parents believe that the takeover has **made no difference**

In 2019, the State took control of PPSD due to poor academic performance. However, the poll shows that Latino parents are largely unaware of the impact that this action has had on the District. Of the 41% who had noticed a difference since the state took control of PPSD, more than twice as many saw changes for the better (29% changed for the better, 12% changed for the worse).

Teachers & Public Schools



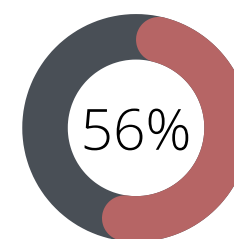
of Parents have favorable opinions of **teachers** in their District



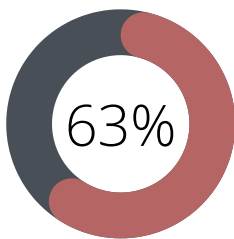
of Parents have favorable opinions of **Public Schools** in their District

Opinions of 'public schools' were slightly less favorable than teachers across the board, and parents were slightly more likely to rate the public schools in the state as a whole more favorably (47%) than the public schools in their area (45%)

Charter Schools



of Parents have **favorable** opinions about Charter Schools



of Parents **support** having more Charter Schools in Providence



36% of Parents are **unsure about how more spending on charter schools will impact the budget** for traditional public schools

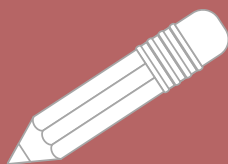


32% of Parents believe that **more spending on charter schools will mean less money** for traditional public schools

16% of Latinx parents believe that more spending on charters will mean more money for traditional public schools, and another 16% believe this would not impact funding for traditional public schools

In February 2021, on behalf of the Latino Policy Institute, Change Research conducted a poll among 261 Providence Latino Parents that focused on their opinions of how the District has handled learning during COVID-19 along with a wide array of education practices.

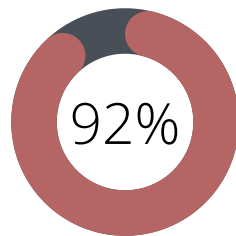
The following are the responses from parents regarding different education reforms, practices and policies.



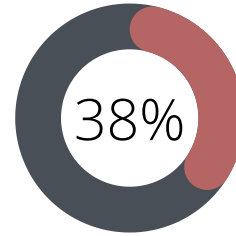
PVD Virtual Learning During COVID-19

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Impacts of COVID-19



of Parents are **concerned** about the impact of COVID-19 in their community



of Parents believe that **things are getting better** when it comes to COVID-19

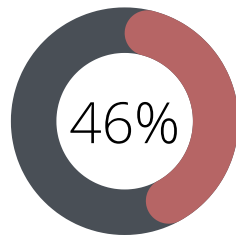


In Rhode Island, the infection rate of Latinos for COVID-19 is **30%** as of March 2021. In Providence, nearly **16% of the overall population** has tested positive for COVID-19.

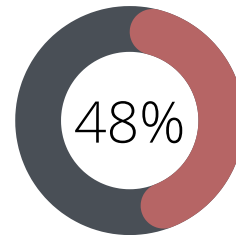


When it comes to **keeping children safe** from the impact of COVID-19, 74% of parents say the District is **doing an excellent or good job** (24% excellent, 50% good.) An even larger 80% believe the schools are doing a **satisfactory job protecting teachers and staff** from COVID-19 (27% excellent, 53% good.)

Virtual Learning

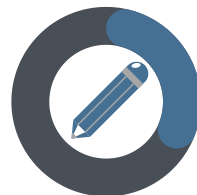
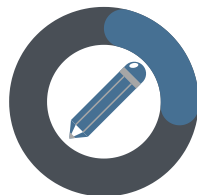


of Parents believe that the virtual learning experience is **worse than in-person**



of Parents believe that schools are **doing a good job** educating students virtually

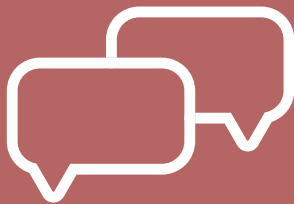
Parents also report that the **virtual learning experience has improved over time**. A 74% majority are satisfied with the virtual learning experience **since last September** and 44% of them say that the virtual experience their child/children received last fall was better than the experience last spring.



12% of Parents reported a **lack of access** to reliable high-speed internet



45% of Parents **struggled to afford groceries** during the pandemic



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*All results are based on parents' perspectives as of Feb. 2021



Change Research surveyed 261 Latino parents in Providence, Rhode Island from February 5-12, 2021. Latino adults were recruited via Dynamic Online Sampling and SMS to a web-instrument and were given the option to take the survey in English or in Spanish. The full sample was weighted to census data to reflect the adult Latino population in Providence. The results detailed in this poll are among the Latino parents of children 18 year or younger only.