

INTRODUCTION:

After several years of organizing with young people in the City of Stockton and our successful effort to increase minority voter participation, our TOLA team surveyed the youth organizers to learn more about their interests and identify areas where they desired to make an impact.

The results were overwhelmingly in support of education reform.

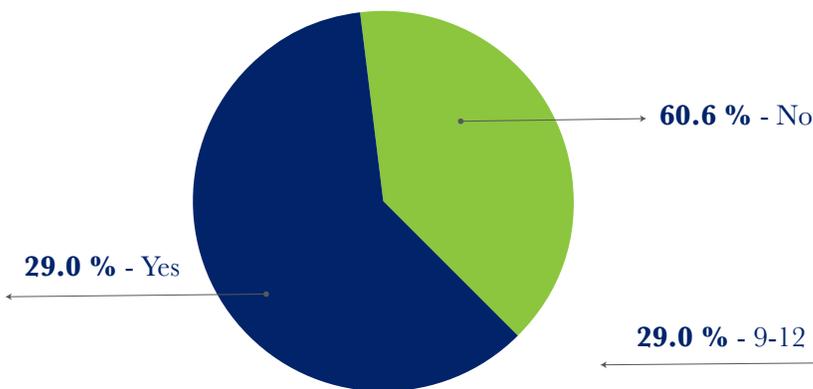
The Stockton Education and Outreach Program (EOP) was created with a goal of empowering residents to better understand the needs of local families to support student learning. TOLA launched the Stockton Education and Outreach Program in June 2021 and selected a diverse cohort of 20 fellows - a multicultural and multigenerational group from all corners of the Stockton community - with professional and educational backgrounds inclusive of high school students, college students, teachers, an engineer, a surgeon, parents, and a retired grandmother; and cultural backgrounds inclusive of Asian Americans, African Americans, Latinx, Pacific Islander, and Mixed Ethnicities.

This group of individuals spent Saturdays attending Education Seminars to grow their knowledgebase of education in Stockton, while also learning the basics of community organizing through door-to-door, phone banking and attending community events. This Education and Outreach Program has been one of a kind, and Fellows have felt empowered to continue their involvement on education reform beyond the parameters of this program, including providing public comment at school board meetings, coordinating, and attending rallies for education reform, and building a bridge with other organizations who also operate in the realm of education.

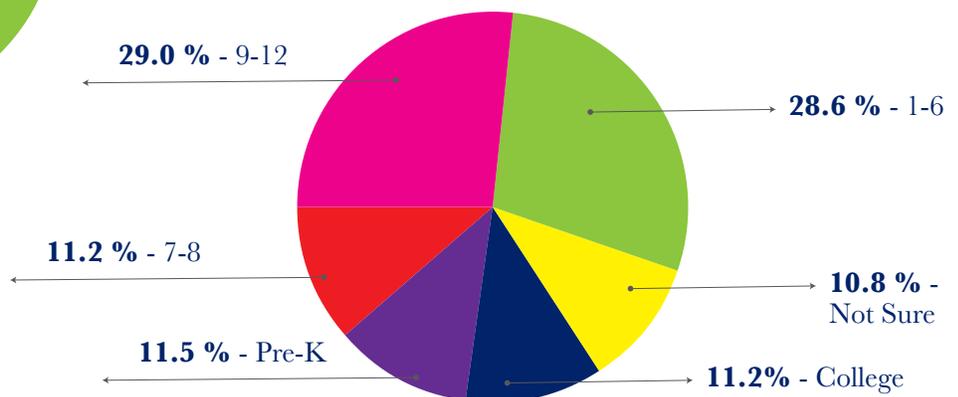
The following is the full list of questions and results from the survey gathering effort.

We collected 1,500 completed surveys.

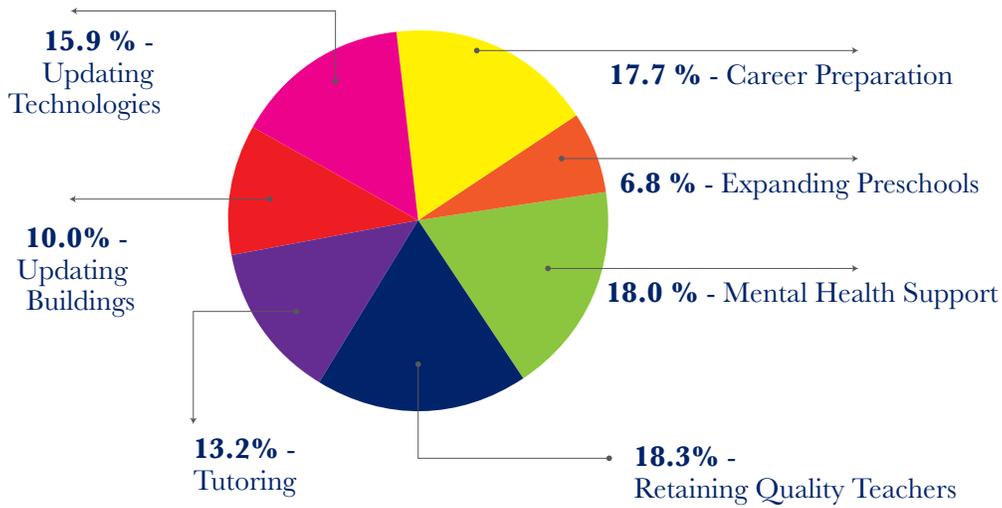
Question 1: Are you a parent of a child enrolled in or will be enrolled in Stockton Schools?



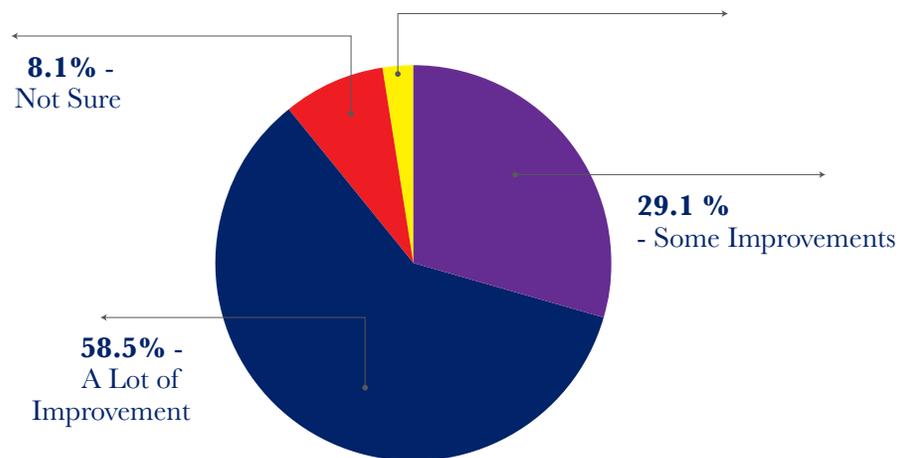
Question 2: If yes, what grade is your child in?



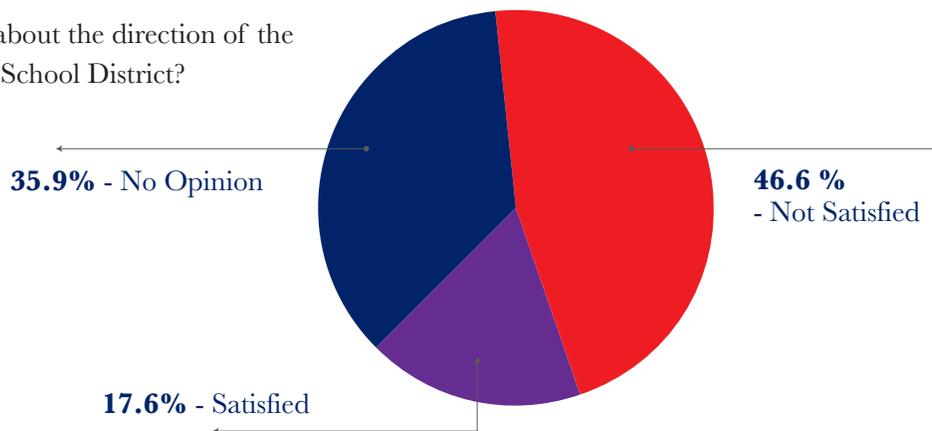
Question 3: As part of a federal bill, Stockton schools will receive \$250M in funds. How do you think the District should spend the funds?



Question 4: How much improvement would you say Stockton public schools needs?

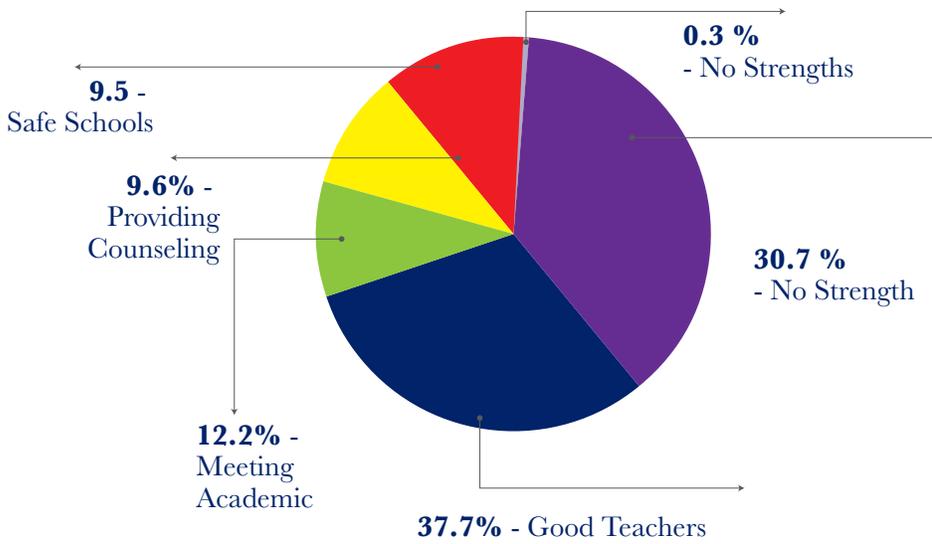


Question 5: How do you feel about the direction of the Stockton Unified School District?



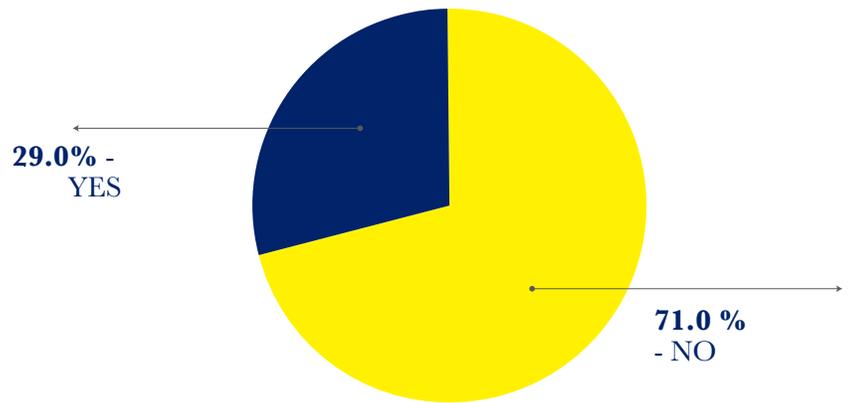
Question 6:

What is the biggest strength of Stockton schools?



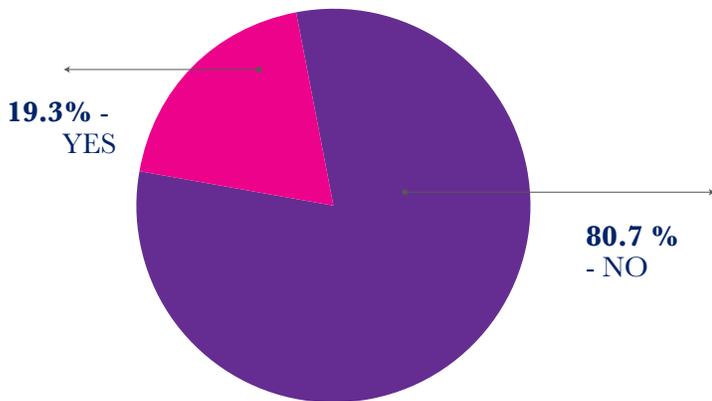
Question 7:

Do you think Stockton student are well prepared for college or the job market?



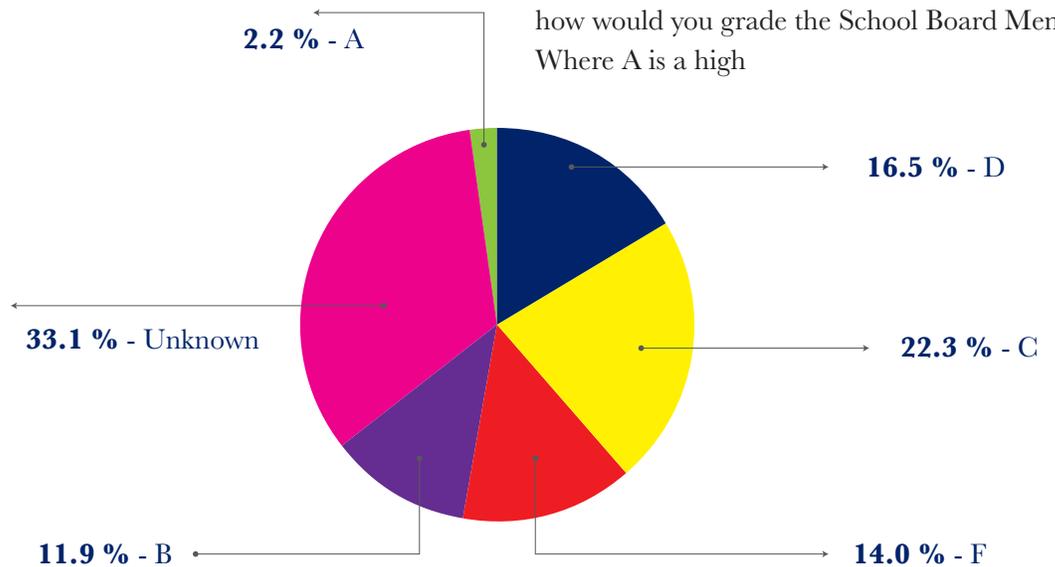
Question 8:

Do you know who your local School Board member is?



Question 9:

Similar to how children receive letter grades, how would you grade the School Board Members? Where A is a high



Question 10:

What is the biggest challenge facing Stockton Schools?

