



Americans Express Broad Support for Teacher Strikes, Higher Pay

In the wake of activism by teachers across the country, an overwhelming 78 percent of public school parents say they would support teachers in their own communities if they went on strike for higher pay. Two-thirds of Americans say teacher salaries are too low, and very few Americans – just 6 percent of all adults – say teacher salaries are too high.

And despite continued high trust and confidence in teachers, for the first time since 1969, a majority of Americans say they do not want their own children to become teachers, most often citing poor pay and benefits in the profession.

These are just some of the findings from the latest edition of the annual [Phi Delta Kappa International \(PDK\) Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools](#), the defining public opinion survey on American public education for the past 50 years. PDK earlier elected to make results on school safety and guns available before the full poll results.

View the full results [here](#). Revisit trends identified by the PDK poll by reading a timeline of results from each of its 50 years, beginning with the first poll in 1969. That timeline is available at pdkpoll.org/timeline.

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