

#### Methodology

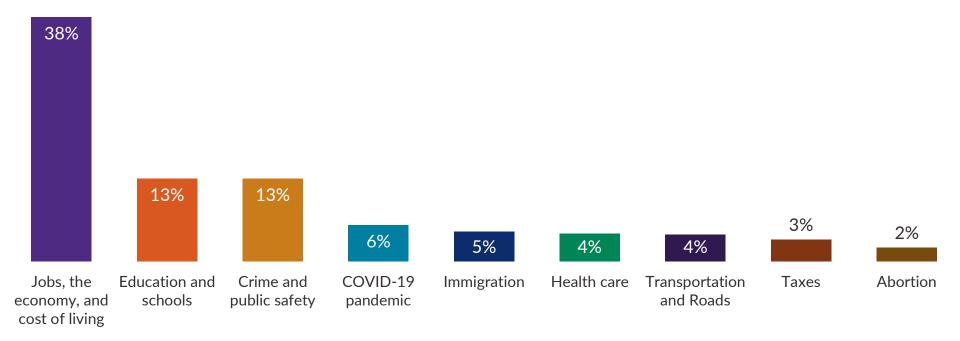
- → Results based on a hybrid sample of 600 likely November 2022 voters statewide in Colorado, including 300 voters contacted with live interviewers and 300 responses from an online panel.
- → The sample is distributed to accurately represent likely November 2022 voters based on party, gender, age, geography, ethnicity, vote history and education.
- → Worst-case margin of error ± 4%, among all respondents, larger margin of error among subgroups.
- → This poll was conducted from February 24-27, 2021, by Keating Research, Inc.



#### 4-10 Voters: Jobs, Economy and Cost of Living Most Important Issue

#### Education and Crime Round Out Top Three Issues

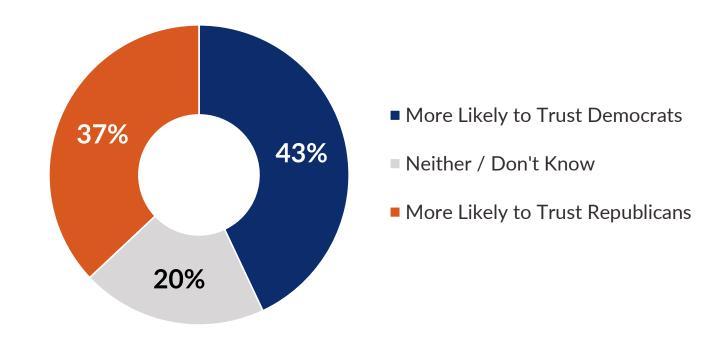
Which ONE of the following would you say is the most important issue facing Colorado?





#### **Voters Are More Likely to Trust Democrats on Education Issues**

When it comes to issues related to schools and K-12 education, would you say you are generally – more likely to trust Democrats or more likely to trust Republicans?





K-12 Legislative Priorities: More resources for students, teachers, mental health and special education

Percent Saying Important

	% Saying	% Saying Not	Dem	Una	Rep
Provide resources and support to students who are falling behind so teachers can make sure every student has an opportunity to get back on track	Important 83%	Important 14%	90%	86%	74%
Address teacher shortages and ending school closures due to workforce shortages by allowing retired educators to serve as substitute teachers in high needs districts so every classroom is led by a qualified teacher	82%	14%	85%	85%	78%
Provide critical mental health resources - such as counselors - to support students and educators	78%	20%	88%	77%	70%
Increase funding for special education to ensure that students most in need of supports due to pandemic disruptions get the support they need	78%	19%	86%	79%	70%

## *K-12 Legislative Priorities:* Expanding concurrent enrollment, addressing learning loss, and limiting campaign contributions

	% Saying	% Saying Not	Dem	Una	Rep
Strengthen campaign finance laws so that special interest groups and wealthy individuals are not allowed to give unlimited donations to candidates in school board elections	Important	Important			
	75%	21%	82%	77%	66%
Increase funding for all school and districts to reduce classroom sizes and ensure consistency in funding in all districts	73%	24%	89%	78%	53%
Expand access to concurrent enrollment so students can take college courses in high school without paying tuition	73%	24%	76%	77%	65%
Improve student outcomes by directing intervention and resources to areas most impacted by learning loss.	72%	22%	78%	74%	65%
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**Percent Saying Important** 

### *K-12 Legislative Priorities:* Free meals for students, security upgrades, and unfinished learning

Una Rep Dem % Saying % Saying Not **Important Important** 86% 67% 60% Expand healthy, free meals for public school students 71% 26% Provide schools with funding to install security upgrades to 70% 26% 71% 73% 68% create safer and more secure learning environments Address unfinished learning caused by the pandemic by measuring student performance so teachers and 70% 25% 73% 68% 72% policymakers can better understand student needs.



**Percent Saying Important** 

### K-12 Legislative Priorities: Expanding access to neighborhood youth organizations and programs that prepare students for careers

**Percent Saying Important** Una Dem Rep % Saying Not % Saying **Important Important** Expand access to neighborhood youth organizations that serve students with evidence-based age-appropriate 65% 71% 69% 56% 29% supports and activities outside of the school day Use pandemic-related federal funds to create programs that prepare students to access high paying jobs and meet 69% 63% 56% 63% 31% workforce needs



# Transparency is important, but partisan efforts leave "curriculum transparency" ranked least important K-12 policy

