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1000 Teacher Members
Online Survey

Q.2 Do you currently work in a public school system in California?

| | Total |
|-----------|--------------|
| Yes | 100 |
| No..... | - |

Q.3 Which of the following grade levels do you work with the most?

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Pre-K | 3 |
| Kindergarten..... | 5 |
| Elementary school..... | 35 |
| Middle school or Junior high school..... | 21 |
| High school | 30 |
| Adult Education..... | - |
| Technical or Vocational school..... | - |
| Junior or Community college..... | - |
| 4-year college or University..... | - |
| I'm an administrator in a K-12 district..... | 0 |
| (Other) | 6 |

Q.4 Which of the following best describes your position?

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| Classroom teacher..... | 83 |
| Guidance or school counselor, pupil personnel, school psychologist, nurse, substance abuse coordinator, social worker, learning consultant, child study team..... | 4 |
| Career technical educator..... | 1 |
| Principal, vice-principal, or assistant principal | 0 |
| Other District administrator | 0 |
| District Superintendent..... | - |
| (Other) | 11 |
| Don't know | - |

**The numbers in this document are percentages and may not add to 100 percent due to rounding*

[834 Members]

Q.5 (IF CLASSROOM TEACHER IN Q.4) Which of the following is the main subject that you teach?

| | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| General Elementary Education..... | 35 |
| English Language Arts | 15 |
| Special Education | 11 |
| Math | 9 |
| Social Studies | 8 |
| Science..... | 7 |
| (Other)..... | 14 |
| Don't know | - |

Q.6 For how many years have you been working in education?

| | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Less than 2 years..... | 4 |
| 2 to 4 years | 6 |
| 5 to 7 years | 8 |
| 8 to 10 years | 14 |
| 11 to 15 years | 22 |
| 16 to 20 years | 20 |
| More than 20 years..... | 27 |

Q.7 Generally speaking, how satisfied are you overall with your job?

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| Very satisfied..... | 30 |
| Fairly satisfied | 43 |
| Just somewhat satisfied | 17 |
| Not that satisfied..... | 9 |
| Total Very/fairly | 73 |
| Total Somewhat/not | 27 |
| Very/fairly - Somewhat/not | 47 |

Q.8 Generally speaking, what does college and career readiness mean to you?

Refer to Open End Verbatims

The principal goal of recent education reforms, including the California Common Core State Standards, is to ensure that all students graduate from high school prepared for college and careers. This means that students should be prepared both to succeed in college, or in other career options such as apprenticeships, vocational or technical training programs, enlisting in the military, or entering the job market, without taking remedial or developmental courses.

Q.9 Do you support setting a goal of college and career readiness for California's public school students?

| | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Strongly support | 72 |
| Somewhat support..... | 23 |
| Somewhat do not support | 2 |
| Do not support at all..... | 2 |
| Don't know | 1 |
| Total Support | 95 |
| Total Not support | 4 |
| Support - Not support | 90 |

Q.10 In your opinion, how realistic is the goal of ensuring that students in your school graduate from high school prepared for college and careers?

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Very realistic | 30 |
| Somewhat realistic | 46 |
| Not very realistic..... | 15 |
| Not realistic at all..... | 7 |
| Don't know | 1 |
| Total Realistic | 76 |
| Total Not realistic..... | 23 |
| Realistic - Not realistic | 54 |

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Q.12 (IF HIGH SCHOOL IN Q.3) How knowledgeable do you consider yourself about what should be done to prepare students for college and careers?

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Very knowledgeable..... | 55 |
| Somewhat knowledgeable | 44 |
| Not very knowledgeable | 2 |
| Not knowledgeable at all | - |
| Not applicable..... | - |
| Total Knowledgeable..... | 98 |
| Total Not knowledgeable | 2 |
| Knowledgeable - Not knowledgeable | 96 |

Q.13 Does your school district have clearly defined standards for what constitutes college and career readiness for students?

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Yes, has clearly defined standards | 30 |
| Yes, has standards, but not clearly defined..... | 35 |
| Standards are under development | 16 |
| No standards..... | 8 |
| Don't know | 11 |
| Total Has standards | 65 |
| Total No standards..... | 24 |
| Has standards - No standards..... | 41 |

Q.14 Does your school or district have a linked learning, career pathways program or other program linking the curriculum to a specific occupation or career option?

| | Total |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Yes, my school | 8 |
| Yes, my district..... | 21 |
| Yes, my school and my district | 10 |
| No..... | 32 |
| Don't know | 29 |
| Total Yes | 39 |

In defining college and career readiness, how do you think we should assess whether a student is adequately prepared for college and other postsecondary training? Please choose three items from the list below that you think are the most important.

| | | 2nd | 3rd | | |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | Most | Most | Most | Not | Total |
| | Impt | Impt | Impt | Impt | Impt |
| 15 Ability to complete college, vocational or certificate courses without first taking remedial/developmental courses | 15 | 21 | 26 | 38 | 62 |
| 16 Score at a proficient level on the new Smarter Balanced assessments. | 1 | 2 | 5 | 92 | 8 |
| 17 Pass the A-G courses required to enter the University of California or California State University | 11 | 13 | 17 | 59 | 41 |
| 18 Student graduates with critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary options | 49 | 18 | 11 | 22 | 78 |
| 19 Student graduates with independent study skills | 10 | 24 | 17 | 50 | 50 |
| 20 Student has participated in a career-oriented program that offers work experience, e.g. linked learning programs, internships..... | 14 | 22 | 24 | 41 | 59 |
| Other (specified response)..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 1 |

Q.21 Over the past two years or so, have you received any training or professional development on strategies for preparing students for college?

| | Total |
|------------------|--------------|
| Yes | 36 |
| No..... | 62 |
| Don't know | 3 |

Q.22 (IF YES IN Q.21) Please describe the training or professional development you received over the past two years for preparing students for college.

Refer to Open End Verbatims

Q.23 Over the past two years or so, have you received any training or professional development on strategies for preparing students for other career options such as job training programs, military, internships, or employment directly in the workforce?

| | Total |
|------------------|--------------|
| Yes | 8 |
| No..... | 89 |
| Don't know | 3 |

Q.24 (IF YES IN Q.23) Please describe the training or professional development you received over the past two years for preparing students for career options other than college.

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Q.25 (IF YES IN Q.21 OR Q.23) How useful was the professional development you received in these areas?

| | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Very useful..... | 28 |
| Somewhat useful..... | 41 |
| Not very useful | 14 |
| Not useful at all | 8 |
| Don't know | 9 |
| Total Useful..... | 69 |
| Total Not useful..... | 22 |
| Useful - Not useful | 47 |

Which three of the following resources does your school or school district most need to ensure students are better prepared for college and careers? Of the three following resources you stated your school or school district most needs to ensure students are better prepared for college and careers, select 1 for the one most needed, 2 for the second most needed, and 3 for the third most needed.

| | | 2 nd Most Need | 3 rd Most Need | Not Need | Total Need |
|---|----|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 26 More school counselors focusing on helping students make choices about colleges, or alternatives to college | 17 | 15 | 16 | 53 | 47 |
| 27 More access to classes that students need in order to get into college, including A-G classes..... | 6 | 8 | 9 | 78 | 22 |
| 28 Career academies, linked learning programs or other programs that link the high school curriculum with a specific career pathway | 18 | 21 | 18 | 43 | 57 |
| 29 More high school career-technical courses..... | 20 | 22 | 13 | 45 | 55 |
| 30 More written or online materials to help students learn about and select colleges and/or other programs that can prepare them for careers..... | 2 | 6 | 9 | 84 | 16 |
| 31 More information to offer students about their financial aid options for postsecondary education and/or training..... | 3 | 7 | 12 | 78 | 22 |
| 32 More resources in the classroom. | 17 | 5 | 3 | 74 | 26 |
| 33 More professional development for school employees on what college and career readiness means and how to achieve it..... | 14 | 12 | 15 | 60 | 40 |
| 34 More availability of Advanced Placement (AP) courses..... | 1 | 3 | 4 | 93 | 7 |
| Other | 3 | 1 | 1 | 96 | 4 |

Q.35 Are you aware of any programs in your school or district you think are effective in promoting college and career readiness?

| | Total |
|------------------|--------------|
| Yes | 41 |
| No..... | 36 |
| Don't know | 23 |

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Q.36 (IF YES IN Q.35) Which programs in your school or district do you think are effective in promoting college and career readiness?

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| College and/or career days..... | 32 |
| Work place internships | 29 |
| Career academies | 11 |
| Dual enrollment programs with community colleges | 4 |
| Linked learning..... | 2 |
| Other..... | 17 |
| Don't know | 5 |

Q.37 Are you aware of other programs outside your school or district that you think are especially effective in preparing students for colleges and careers?

| | Total |
|------------------|--------------|
| Yes | 26 |
| No..... | 43 |
| Don't know | 31 |

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Q.38 (IF YES IN Q.37) Which programs outside your school or district do you think are effective in promoting college and career readiness?

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Work place internships | 62 |
| Career academies | 10 |
| College and/or career days..... | 7 |
| Dual enrollment programs with community colleges | 5 |
| Linked learning..... | 3 |
| Other..... | 10 |
| Don't know | 3 |

Q.39 Thinking about Common Core State Standards, on balance, would you say you...

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Support the new Common Core standards..... | 31 |
| Support the new Common Core standards with some reservations | 48 |
| Do not support the new Common Core standards | 12 |
| Unsure | 8 |
| Total Support | 80 |

Q.40 How much has the goal of college and career readiness been integrated in the Common Core workshops, in-service or professional development you have participated in?

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| Very strongly integrated | 10 |
| Somewhat strongly integrated | 26 |
| Not very strongly integrated..... | 31 |
| Not integrated at all..... | 20 |
| I haven't participated in Common Core training..... | 9 |
| Not applicable..... | 5 |
| Total Strongly integrated | 35 |
| Total Not strongly | 51 |
| Strongly integrated - Not strongly | -15 |

Q.41 From what you know, approximately what percentage of students at your school are eligible for free and reduced meals?

| | Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Less than 25 percent..... | 14 |
| 25 to less than 50 percent..... | 14 |
| 50 to less than 75 percent..... | 21 |
| More than 75 percent..... | 47 |
| Don't know | 5 |

Q.42 From what you know, approximately what percentage of students at your school are English language learners?

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| Less than 5 percent..... | 7 |
| 5 percent to less than 10 percent..... | 12 |
| 10 percent to less than 25 percent..... | 22 |
| 25 percent to less than 50 percent..... | 24 |
| 50 percent or more | 31 |
| Don't know | 5 |

Finally, just a few more questions for statistical purposes.

Q.43 What is your gender?

| | Total |
|--------------|--------------|
| Male | 24 |
| Female | 76 |

Q.44 In what year were you born?

| | Total |
|------------------|--------------|
| 18 - 24..... | 1 |
| 25 - 29..... | 5 |
| 30 - 34..... | 11 |
| 35 - 39..... | 14 |
| 40 - 44..... | 14 |
| 45 - 49..... | 12 |
| 50 - 54..... | 12 |
| 55 - 59..... | 10 |
| 60 - 64..... | 7 |
| Over 64..... | 2 |
| (No answer)..... | 13 |

Q.45 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

| | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| White/Caucasian..... | 59 |
| Hispanic or Latino..... | 19 |
| African-American or Black..... | 3 |
| Asian..... | 3 |
| Native American..... | 0 |
| Other..... | 4 |
| Prefer not to say..... | 12 |

Q.46 What region of the state are you based in?

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Southern California (other than Los Angeles County)..... | 33 |
| San Francisco Bay Area | 19 |
| Los Angeles County..... | 19 |
| Central Valley..... | 14 |
| Northern California (outside Bay Area) | 10 |
| Central Coast..... | 4 |
| Prefer not to say..... | 2 |