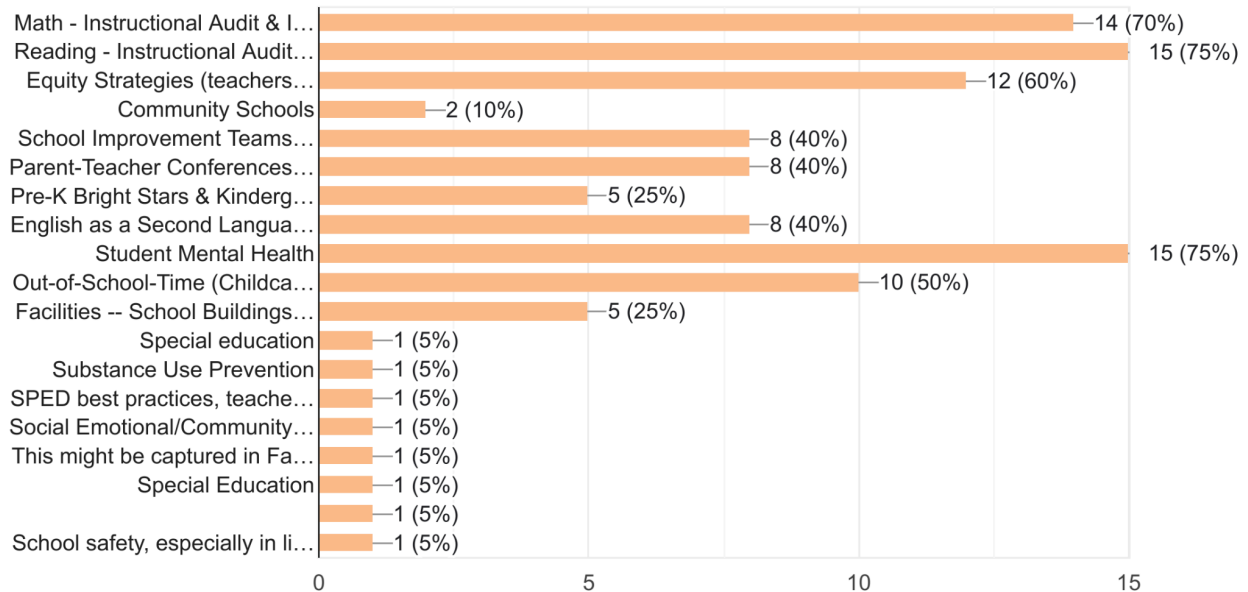


# **ACPS Parent Council** **Summer 2023** **Topics Survey Results**

Please select up to 7 topics that are high-interest to you and/or the families you represent. We typically feature one ACPS or expert speaker per meeting.

20 responses



Write-Ins –

Special Education= 4

School Safety (incl communication)= 2

Substance Abuse Prevention = 2

Social-Emotional / Community building with students

Middle school ELA/math instructional time

Teacher ratios

School overcrowding

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- ☐ Math - Instructional Audit & Improvements
- ☐ Reading - Instructional Audit & Improvements
- ☐ Equity Strategies (teachers of color, culturally responsive teaching, etc)
- ☐ Community Schools
- ☐ School Improvement Teams (i.e., family involvement in data & decisions)
- ☐ Parent-Teacher Conferences (i.e., improving)
- ☐ Pre-K Bright Stars & Kindergarten Readiness
- ☐ English as a Second Language (ESOL) and Dual-Language Learning
- ☐ Student Mental Health
- ☐ Out-of-School-Time (Childcare, Tutoring, Enrichment, Sports, etc)
- ☐ Facilities -- School Buildings (funding, process, etc)
- ☐ Other...

Comments re: Topics –

- This is a school board election year. Perhaps we can focus on how the School Board & the Administration work together, so we can all understand the importance of these elections?
- I did find the BIPOC study really interesting and have lots of thoughts on it. I made pages of notes and ideas... beyond only BIPOC, I thought that study spoke to my family's experiences (we aren't BIPOC) and many others with whom I've chatted.
- Access to productive supervised extracurricular activities, social skills for students, and cultural gaps being bridged.
- District communication with parents. Teacher engagement. Equitable PTO funding across all schools.
- Supporting and expanding the anti-racism to parents and community members; advocating for students of color, gender expansive and other marginalized groups to thrive;
- Of interest - 1) Increase in mental health issues among kids (of all ages) and how the district and schools can help address it (social emotional counselors are a great start!). 2) How schools are assessing learning loss post-pandemic and what more can be done to support

kids and help them get back on track and caught up. (Lowering standards is not a good answer.) and 3) identifying the best ways to engage families of all backgrounds and encouraging more involvement in schools - building back school communities. Plus see answers above under Q1.

- School safety, especially in light of the increase in shootings and crime in the community at large. Also, issues like vaping, smoking, (and the proliferation of local businesses selling those products) and how easily available and accessible they are to our children.

#### On Parent Council

- One thing I'm hoping to learn is the exact purpose and function of parent council in regards to ACPS leadership. I'm sure this is written somewhere, but I'm new to this, so I'm ready to learn a lot!
- I still don't really know what we do and what is needed. I'm happy to jump in where I can.
- Having more parents be able to be involved outside the reps -