

# MEMORANDUM

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES  
FROM: ROBERT BLIZZARD  
SUBJECT: TENNESSEE PARENT SURVEY  
DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2020



On behalf of TN SCORE, POS conducted a statewide telephone survey of N=300 parents ( $\pm$  5.66%) October 8-11, 2020. The purpose of this memo is to review key findings from the survey.

## KEY FINDINGS

- Parents are very concerned their children (and, others) are falling behind.**  
Most parents (53%) say they are concerned about their child's "academic progress." And more than one-third of parents express concerns about their child's "social or developmental skills," "mental health," and their level of "physical activity." Further, an overwhelming majority of parents (86%) say they are concerned that "other children in Tennessee are falling behind academically, socially, or developmentally."
- Parents place significant importance on the role of testing.**  
Fully 81% of Tennessee parents believe it is "important to test students from grades three through eleven each year to know if they are meeting the state's education standards in reading, writing and math."
- A wide majority of Tennessee parents support using the annual state assessment this year to both help provide a better understanding of where students are academically and to help teachers improve instruction.**  
As a result of students having different learning experiences during the coronavirus pandemic, parents strongly support each of the following:

