Supporting learning at home during COVID-19
Context

We’ve started to learn more about parents’ experiences navigating home learning, preventing learning loss, and gauging what they need from schools and districts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal is to provide parents with resources they need and share our insights about their experiences to inform your work as you help support families across the country.

Since schools shuttered their buildings early this spring, the uncertainty parents have been experiencing stretches on. Despite pressure to reopen school buildings, school and district leaders have been crafting plans, the majority of which involve some sort of remote classes. All of these efforts are designed in hopes that students can get back to learning and receive the support they need. But parents aren’t so sure their children’s needs will safely be met and they’re preparing to take action.
Findings

Our most recent survey of GreatSchools.org users (n=1,347) reveals the following:

We asked parents how they are feeling about their school/district offerings

- **30%** of parents are concerned about the health and safety of teachers, administrators and children in the school building.
- **26%** of parents are concerned about their child’s academic progress.
- **22%** of parents are concerned about their child’s emotional well-being.
- **20%** of parents are satisfied with their school/district’s offering for fall.
- **4%** of parents selected ‘other’.

Parents are concerned about their school or district offerings for fall and as a result, are considering an array of options, each with its own set of personal or system-level consequences.

(1) "Select all that apply"
Findings

Over the last two weeks, we followed what options parents say they are considering for their families this fall. Here’s what we learned:

- **Due to my school/district’s response to COVID, we’re considering relocating**: 3% (July 27-30), 4% (August 10-18)
- **I’m considering un-enrolling my child from school in favor of a small, in-person option (pod/homeschool)**: 9% (July 27-30), 9% (August 10-18)
- **Other**: 6% (July 27-30), 9% (August 10-18)
- **I’m considering un-enrolling my child from school and enrolling them in a virtual option instead**: 14% (July 27-30), 10% (August 10-18)
- **I plan to keep my child enrolled in school but am considering adding other options that would support my child’s learning (hiring a tutor/teacher)**: 16% (July 27-30), 17% (August 10-18)
- **I’m not sure yet**: 28% (July 27-30), 23% (August 10-18)
- **I plan to send my child back to school in person as soon as possible**: 24% (July 27-30), 27% (August 10-18)