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### Majority (58%) say Teachers Deserve Higher Pay During COVID-19

Majority of Liberal and NDP Supporters Favour Higher Pay for Teachers, Tory Voters Disagree

**Toronto, ON, March 12, 2021** – Given the challenges that come with teaching children during a pandemic, including online learning, six in ten (58%) Canadians agree (19% strongly/39% somewhat) that teachers deserve higher pay for their work during COVID-19. Conversely, 42% disagree (13% strongly/28% somewhat) with this idea.

This would be a political issue however: 80% of NDP voters support such an initiative, as does a majority (68%) of Liberal voters. However, only 42% of Conservative voters would support such a pay hike for teachers. But with recent polling indicating that Canadians are largely unwilling to bear an increased tax burden, it's difficult to know where this money would come from.

Looking at a demographic breakdown, two thirds of women (65%) are in support of a pay hike for teachers, while only half (51%) of men are in favour. Three quarters (76%) of 18-34 year olds are more in favour of such an initiative, whereas adults aged 35-54 (53%) and 55+ (50%) are less supportive.

All things considered, a majority (54%) agree (7% strongly/47% somewhat) that the running of schools during COVID-19 has been good, while nearly half (46%) disagree (13% strongly/33% somewhat). Parents are more positive in their assessment, with 64% agreeing that the running of schools during COVID has been good, while 36% disagree. Women (57%) agree more with this statement than men (51%).

Over a majority in the Atlantic (61%) and the Prairies (61%) agree that the running of schools during COVID-19 has been good, followed by British Columbia (59%), Alberta (58%). Ontario (52%), and Quebec (48%) are trailing in this sentiment.



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### About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between March 2-3, 2021, on behalf of Global News. For this survey, a sample of 1,000 Canadians aged 18+ was interviewed online. Quotas and weighting were employed to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the Canadian population according to census parameters. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Canadians aged 18+ been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

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