



**Alberta Teachers' Association**  
**April 2021 Tracking Survey**  
*Report – May 4, 2021*

**ENVIRONICS**  
RESEARCH

# STUDY BACKGROUND/METHODOLOGY

The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) tracks the public's views on education issues. The research takes the public pulse on such important measures as level of government spending on education, class size, barriers to quality education, attitudes towards the teaching profession, and opinions about the ATA itself.

This report presents the findings of a telephone survey of 900 Albertans aged 18 and older. The data are statistically weighted to ensure the sample's region, age and gender composition reflects the Alberta population according to 2016 Census information.

**Field dates.** April 19-May 1, 2021.

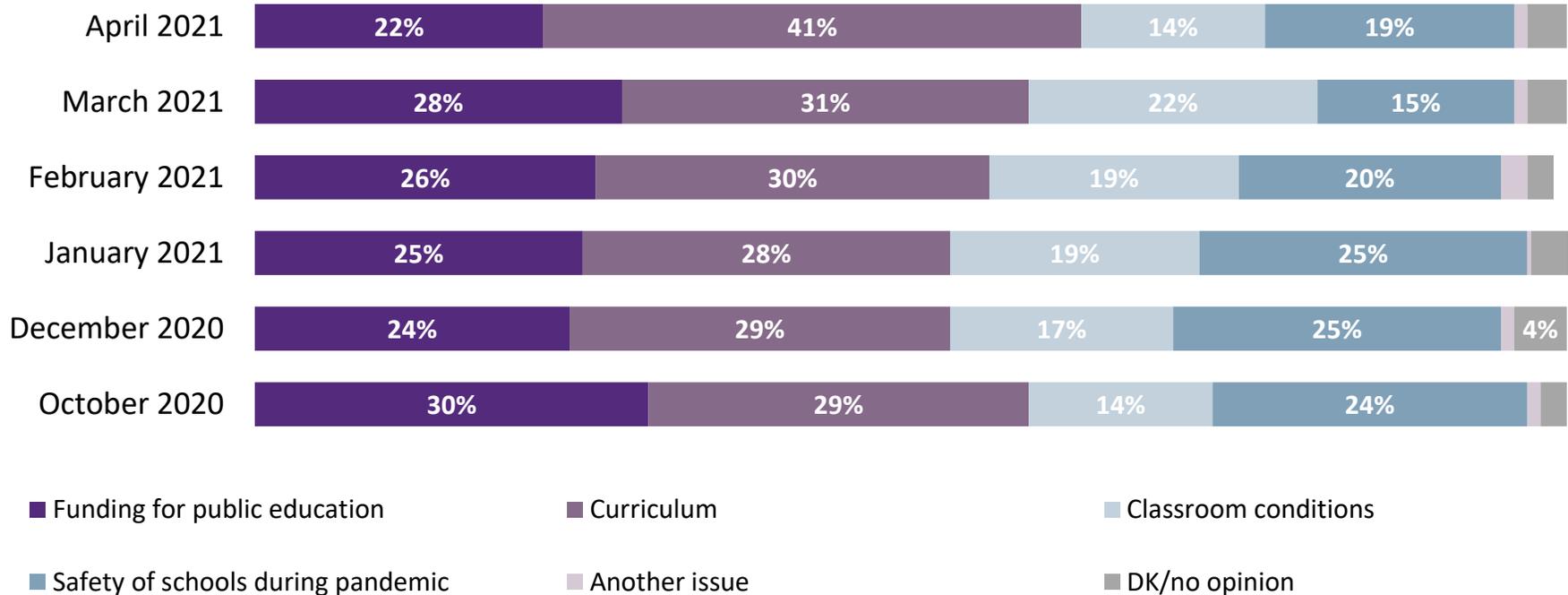
**Sample design.** The survey is designed to obtain responses from around the province, including 300 interviews in Calgary CMA, 300 in Edmonton CMA, and 300 elsewhere. The sample for each of these three sub-regions was drawn in proportion to the population information from the 2016 Census.

**Margin of error.** The margin of sampling error for 900 respondents is  $\pm 3.3\%$ , 19 times out of 20 (that is, at a 95% confidence interval).

# MOST IMPORTANT ALBERTA EDUCATION ISSUE

The most important education issue in this wave is curriculum, with a notable increase since March. Safety of schools during the pandemic has returned to the February level.

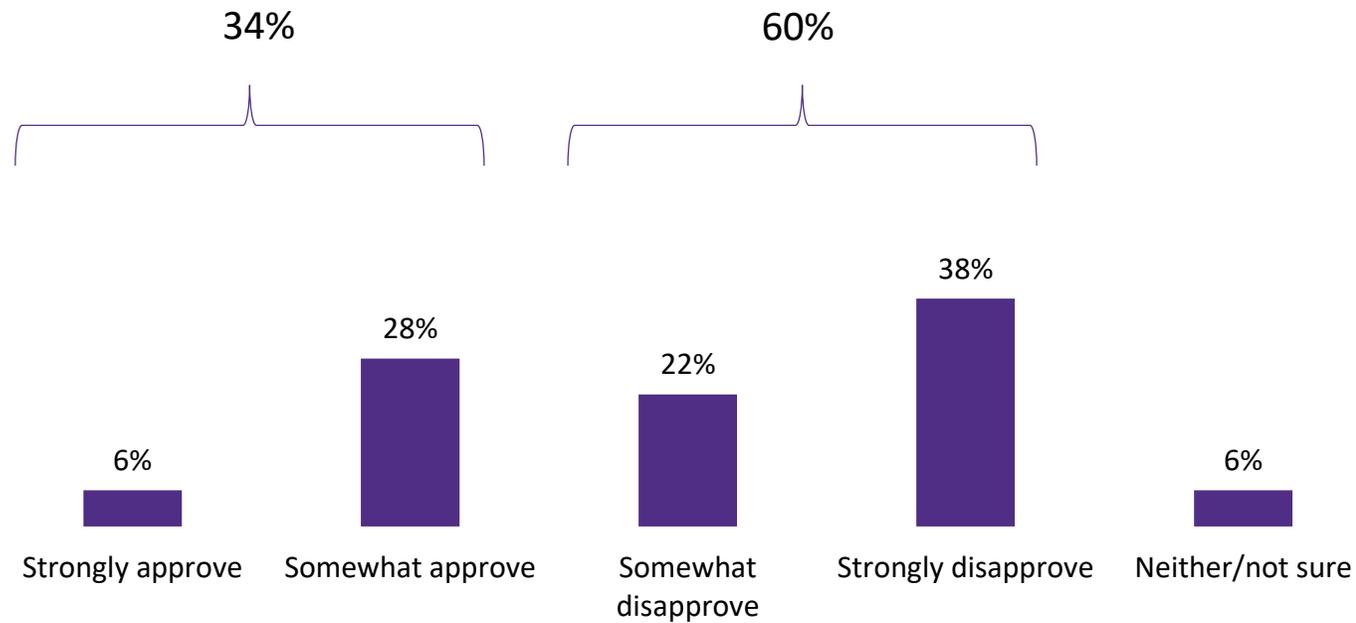
Q1. Of the following issues, which would you identify as the most important issue facing education in Alberta today?



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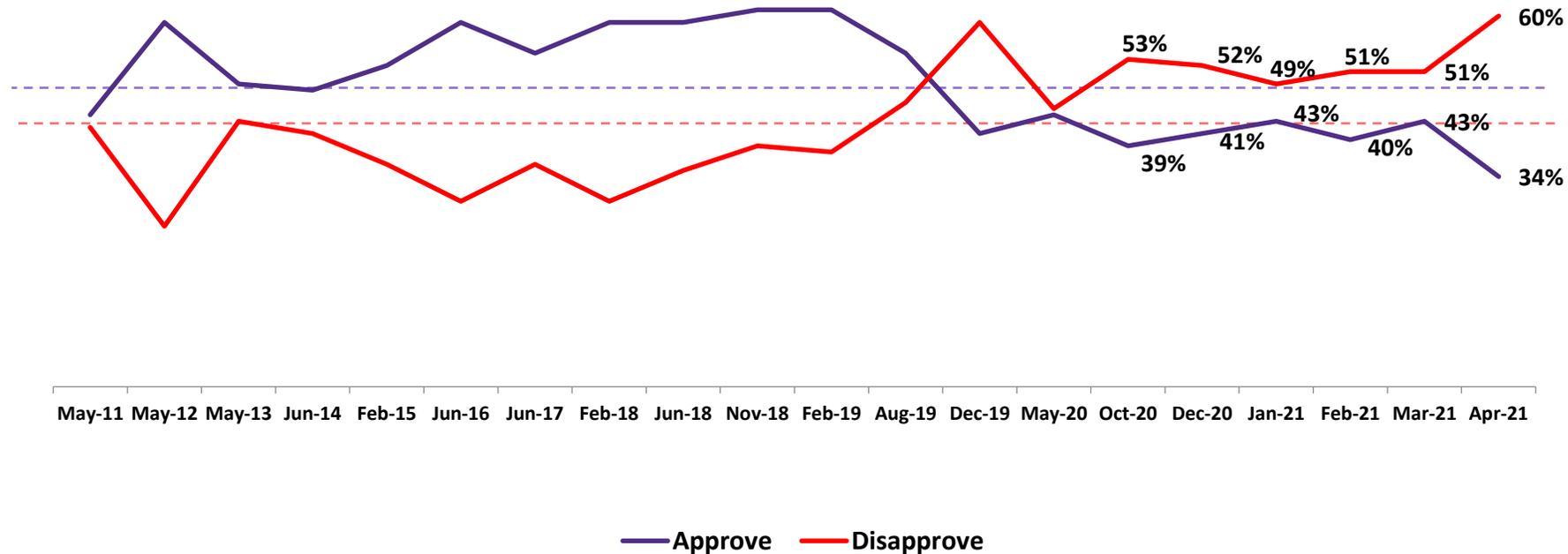


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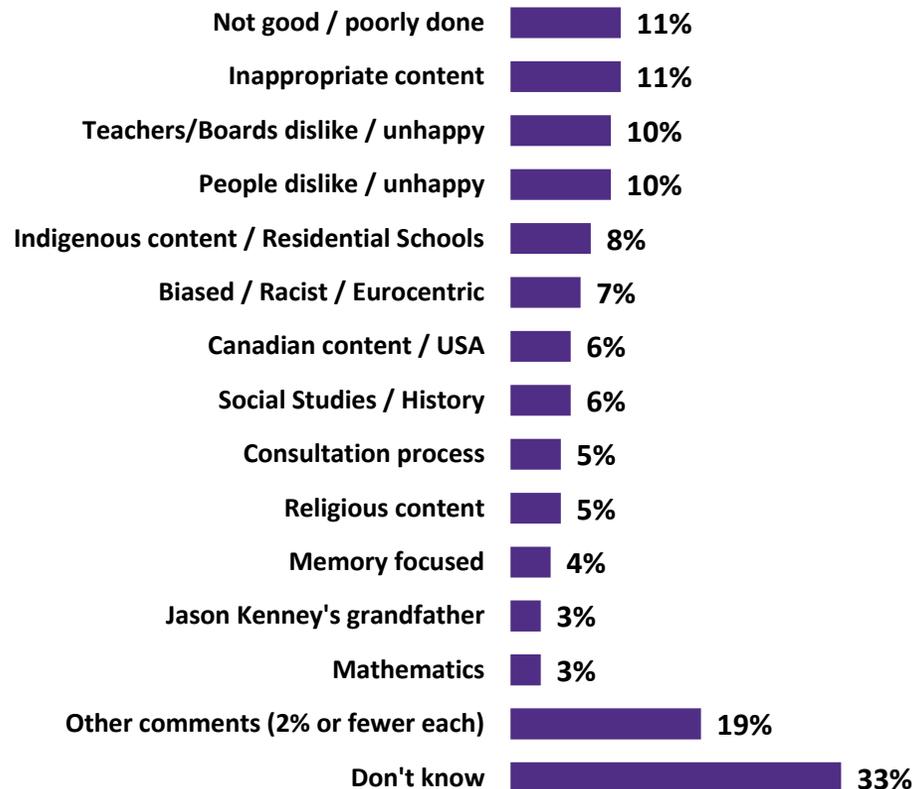
(Dotted lines show the average from 2011-2021 = 49% approve; 43% disapprove)



# AWARENESS OF DRAFT CURRICULUM

Albertans largely make general comments about the draft curriculum not being good, having inappropriate content or about it being disliked by teachers and others. Small proportions (under 10% each) mention specific content issues.

*Q3a The Government of Alberta recently released a draft curriculum for K-6 education in the province. Once implemented, the curriculum outlines what is taught to kids in schools. What, if anything, do you recall reading or hearing about the new (draft) curriculum?*



# OPINION OF DRAFT CURRICULUM

More than half disagree the draft curriculum will meet the provincial government's stated objective; one in three are unsure

*Q3b Based on what you have seen or heard about the draft K-6 curriculum, to what extent do you agree or disagree it will provide students with the knowledge and skills to form the foundations for successful and fulfilling lives? Do you...*

