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1000 Teacher Members
Online Survey

Q.2 Do you currently work in a public school system in California?

	Total
Yes	100
No.....	-

Q.3 Which of the following grade levels do you work with the most?

	Total
Pre-K	3
Kindergarten.....	5
Elementary school.....	35
Middle school or Junior high school.....	21
High school	30
Adult Education.....	-
Technical or Vocational school.....	-
Junior or Community college.....	-
4-year college or University.....	-
I'm an administrator in a K-12 district.....	0
(Other)	6

Q.4 Which of the following best describes your position?

	Total
Classroom teacher.....	83
Guidance or school counselor, pupil personnel, school psychologist, nurse, substance abuse coordinator, social worker, learning consultant, child study team.....	4
Career technical educator.....	1
Principal, vice-principal, or assistant principal	0
Other District administrator	0
District Superintendent.....	-
(Other)	11
Don't know	-

**The numbers in this document are percentages and may not add to 100 percent due to rounding*

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Q.5 (IF CLASSROOM TEACHER IN Q.4) Which of the following is the main subject that you teach?

	Total
General Elementary Education.....	35
English Language Arts	15
Special Education	11
Math	9
Social Studies	8
Science.....	7
(Other).....	14
Don't know	-

Q.6 For how many years have you been working in education?

	Total
Less than 2 years.....	4
2 to 4 years	6
5 to 7 years	8
8 to 10 years	14
11 to 15 years	22
16 to 20 years	20
More than 20 years.....	27

Q.7 Generally speaking, how satisfied are you overall with your job?

	Total
Very satisfied.....	30
Fairly satisfied	43
Just somewhat satisfied	17
Not that satisfied.....	9
Total Very/fairly	73
Total Somewhat/not	27
Very/fairly - Somewhat/not	47

Q.8 Generally speaking, what does college and career readiness mean to you?

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The principal goal of recent education reforms, including the California Common Core State Standards, is to ensure that all students graduate from high school prepared for college and careers. This means that students should be prepared both to succeed in college, or in other career options such as apprenticeships, vocational or technical training programs, enlisting in the military, or entering the job market, without taking remedial or developmental courses.

Q.9 Do you support setting a goal of college and career readiness for California's public school students?

	Total
Strongly support	72
Somewhat support.....	23
Somewhat do not support	2
Do not support at all.....	2
Don't know	1
Total Support	95
Total Not support	4
Support - Not support	90

Q.10 In your opinion, how realistic is the goal of ensuring that students in your school graduate from high school prepared for college and careers?

	Total
Very realistic	30
Somewhat realistic.....	46
Not very realistic.....	15
Not realistic at all.....	7
Don't know	1
Total Realistic	76
Total Not realistic.....	23
Realistic - Not realistic	54

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Q.12 (IF HIGH SCHOOL IN Q.3) How knowledgeable do you consider yourself about what should be done to prepare students for college and careers?

	Total
Very knowledgeable.....	55
Somewhat knowledgeable	44
Not very knowledgeable	2
Not knowledgeable at all	-
Not applicable.....	-
Total Knowledgeable.....	98
Total Not knowledgeable	2
Knowledgeable - Not knowledgeable	96

Q.13 Does your school district have clearly defined standards for what constitutes college and career readiness for students?

	Total
Yes, has clearly defined standards	30
Yes, has standards, but not clearly defined.....	35
Standards are under development	16
No standards.....	8
Don't know	11
Total Has standards	65
Total No standards.....	24
Has standards - No standards.....	41

Q.14 Does your school or district have a linked learning, career pathways program or other program linking the curriculum to a specific occupation or career option?

	Total
Yes, my school	8
Yes, my district.....	21
Yes, my school and my district	10
No.....	32
Don't know	29
Total Yes	39

In defining college and career readiness, how do you think we should assess whether a student is adequately prepared for college and other postsecondary training? Please choose three items from the list below that you think are the most important.

		2nd	3rd		
	Most	Most	Most	Not	Total
	Impt	Impt	Impt	Impt	Impt
15 Ability to complete college, vocational or certificate courses without first taking remedial/developmental courses	15	21	26	38	62
16 Score at a proficient level on the new Smarter Balanced assessments.	1	2	5	92	8
17 Pass the A-G courses required to enter the University of California or California State University	11	13	17	59	41
18 Student graduates with critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary options	49	18	11	22	78
19 Student graduates with independent study skills	10	24	17	50	50
20 Student has participated in a career-oriented program that offers work experience, e.g. linked learning programs, internships.....	14	22	24	41	59
Other (specified response).....	0	0	0	99	1

Q.21 Over the past two years or so, have you received any training or professional development on strategies for preparing students for college?

	Total
Yes	36
No.....	62
Don't know	3

Q.22 (IF YES IN Q.21) Please describe the training or professional development you received over the past two years for preparing students for college.

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Q.23 Over the past two years or so, have you received any training or professional development on strategies for preparing students for other career options such as job training programs, military, internships, or employment directly in the workforce?

	Total
Yes	8
No.....	89
Don't know	3

Q.24 (IF YES IN Q.23) Please describe the training or professional development you received over the past two years for preparing students for career options other than college.

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Q.25 (IF YES IN Q.21 OR Q.23) How useful was the professional development you received in these areas?

	Total
Very useful.....	28
Somewhat useful.....	41
Not very useful	14
Not useful at all	8
Don't know	9
Total Useful.....	69
Total Not useful.....	22
Useful - Not useful	47

Which three of the following resources does your school or school district most need to ensure students are better prepared for college and careers? Of the three following resources you stated your school or school district most needs to ensure students are better prepared for college and careers, select 1 for the one most needed, 2 for the second most needed, and 3 for the third most needed.

		2 nd Most Need	3 rd Most Need	Not Need	Total Need
26 More school counselors focusing on helping students make choices about colleges, or alternatives to college	17	15	16	53	47
27 More access to classes that students need in order to get into college, including A-G classes.....	6	8	9	78	22
28 Career academies, linked learning programs or other programs that link the high school curriculum with a specific career pathway	18	21	18	43	57
29 More high school career-technical courses.....	20	22	13	45	55
30 More written or online materials to help students learn about and select colleges and/or other programs that can prepare them for careers	2	6	9	84	16
31 More information to offer students about their financial aid options for postsecondary education and/or training.....	3	7	12	78	22
32 More resources in the classroom.	17	5	3	74	26
33 More professional development for school employees on what college and career readiness means and how to achieve it.....	14	12	15	60	40
34 More availability of Advanced Placement (AP) courses.....	1	3	4	93	7
Other	3	1	1	96	4

Q.35 Are you aware of any programs in your school or district you think are effective in promoting college and career readiness?

	Total
Yes	41
No.....	36
Don't know	23

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Q.36 (IF YES IN Q.35) Which programs in your school or district do you think are effective in promoting college and career readiness?

	Total
College and/or career days.....	32
Work place internships	29
Career academies	11
Dual enrollment programs with community colleges	4
Linked learning.....	2
Other.....	17
Don't know	5

Q.37 Are you aware of other programs outside your school or district that you think are especially effective in preparing students for colleges and careers?

	Total
Yes	26
No.....	43
Don't know	31

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Q.38 (IF YES IN Q.37) Which programs outside your school or district do you think are effective in promoting college and career readiness?

	Total
Work place internships	62
Career academies	10
College and/or career days.....	7
Dual enrollment programs with community colleges	5
Linked learning.....	3
Other.....	10
Don't know	3

Q.39 Thinking about Common Core State Standards, on balance, would you say you...

	Total
Support the new Common Core standards.....	31
Support the new Common Core standards with some reservations	48
Do not support the new Common Core standards	12
Unsure	8
Total Support	80

Q.40 How much has the goal of college and career readiness been integrated in the Common Core workshops, in-service or professional development you have participated in?

	Total
Very strongly integrated	10
Somewhat strongly integrated	26
Not very strongly integrated.....	31
Not integrated at all.....	20
I haven't participated in Common Core training.....	9
Not applicable.....	5
Total Strongly integrated	35
Total Not strongly	51
Strongly integrated - Not strongly	-15

Q.41 From what you know, approximately what percentage of students at your school are eligible for free and reduced meals?

	Total
Less than 25 percent.....	14
25 to less than 50 percent.....	14
50 to less than 75 percent.....	21
More than 75 percent.....	47
Don't know	5

Q.42 From what you know, approximately what percentage of students at your school are English language learners?

	Total
Less than 5 percent.....	7
5 percent to less than 10 percent.....	12
10 percent to less than 25 percent.....	22
25 percent to less than 50 percent.....	24
50 percent or more	31
Don't know	5

Finally, just a few more questions for statistical purposes.

Q.43 What is your gender?

	Total
Male	24
Female	76

Q.44 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24.....	1
25 - 29.....	5
30 - 34.....	11
35 - 39.....	14
40 - 44.....	14
45 - 49.....	12
50 - 54.....	12
55 - 59.....	10
60 - 64.....	7
Over 64	2
(No answer).....	13

Q.45 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White/Caucasian.....	59
Hispanic or Latino.....	19
African-American or Black.....	3
Asian	3
Native American.....	0
Other.....	4
Prefer not to say.....	12

Q.46 What region of the state are you based in?

	Total
Southern California (other than Los Angeles County).....	33
San Francisco Bay Area	19
Los Angeles County.....	19
Central Valley.....	14
Northern California (outside Bay Area)	10
Central Coast.....	4
Prefer not to say.....	2