

August 2022 Back to School Survey



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Methodology



MEA member survey

Survey conducted online from August 15-25, 2022:

- N=3,554 active and retired MEA members

The survey was administered via NEA's Qualtrics account.

Tracking from previous surveys:

January 25-28, 2022:

- Conducted online
- N=2,587 active MEA members

April 28-May 6, 2022:

- Conducted online
- N=3,478 active and retired MEA members

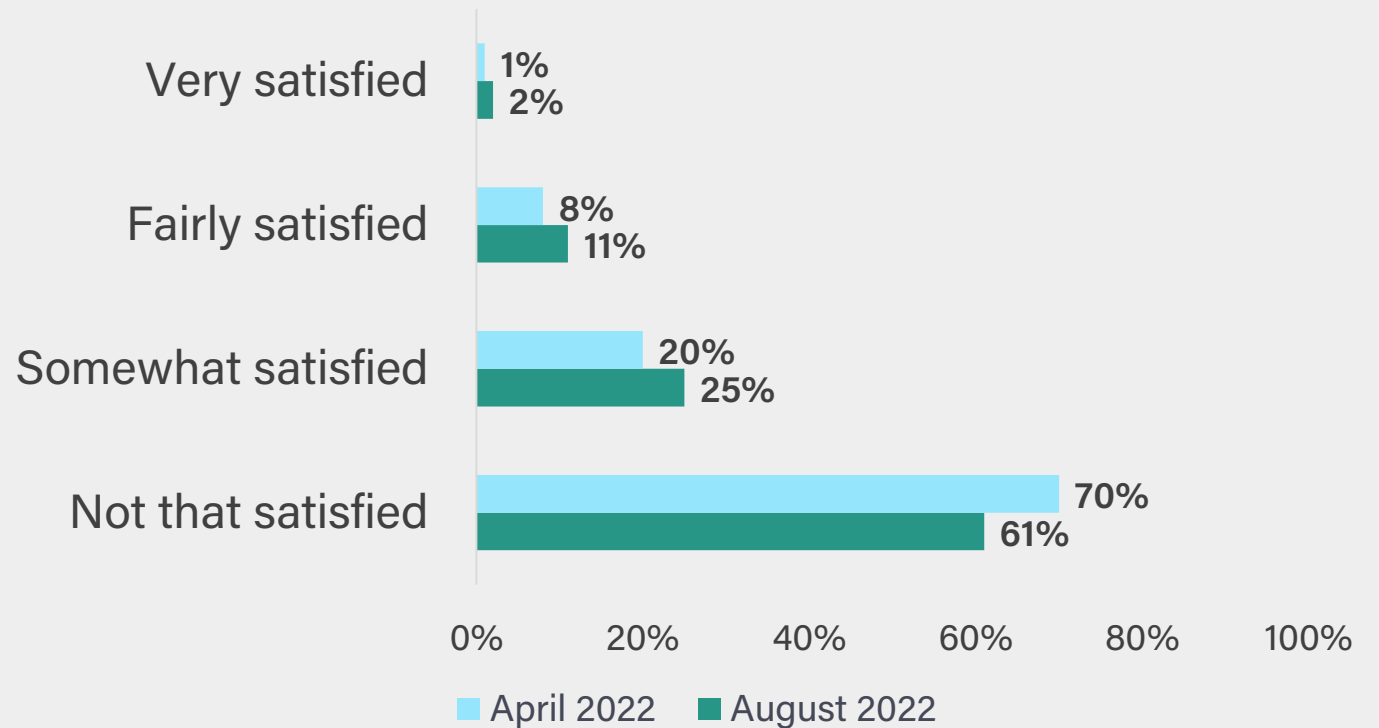


Job Satisfaction



Most educators are still not satisfied with conditions in education.

(ACTIVE MEMBERS, N=2,645) Generally speaking, how satisfied are you overall with conditions facing educators like you these days?

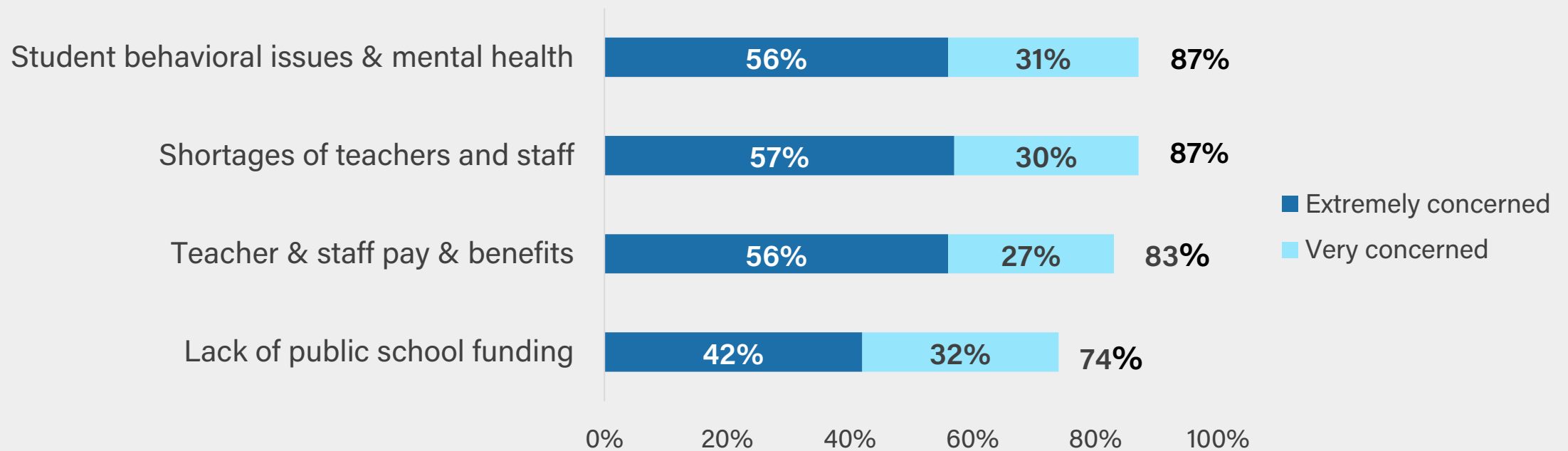


Challenges Facing Educators



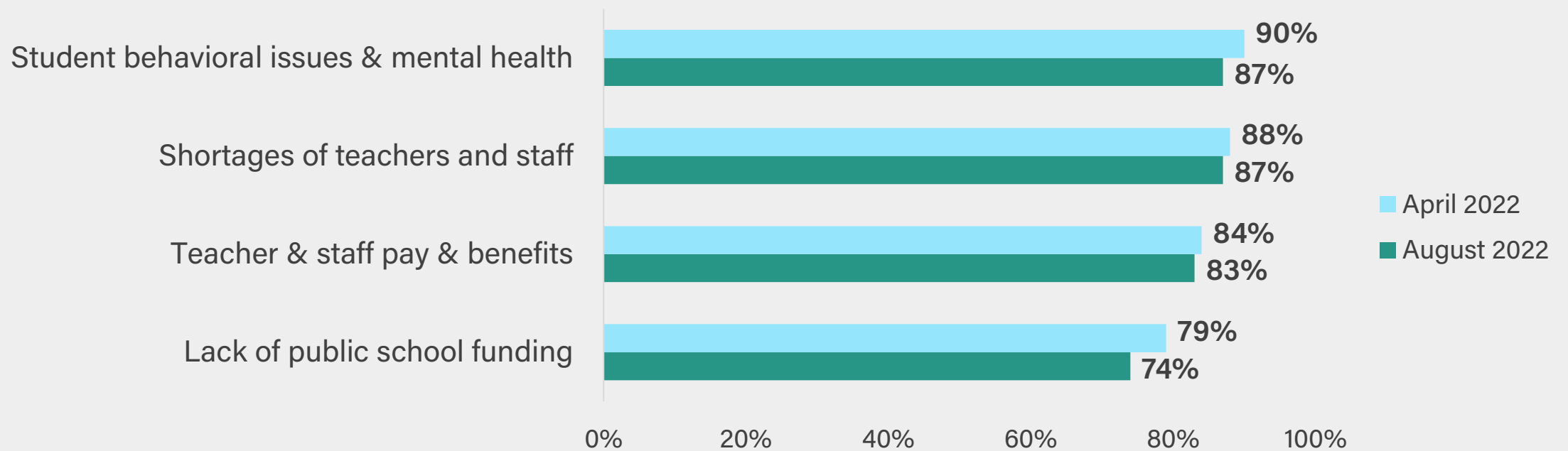
Educators' top concerns are student mental health, staffing shortages, and pay and benefits.

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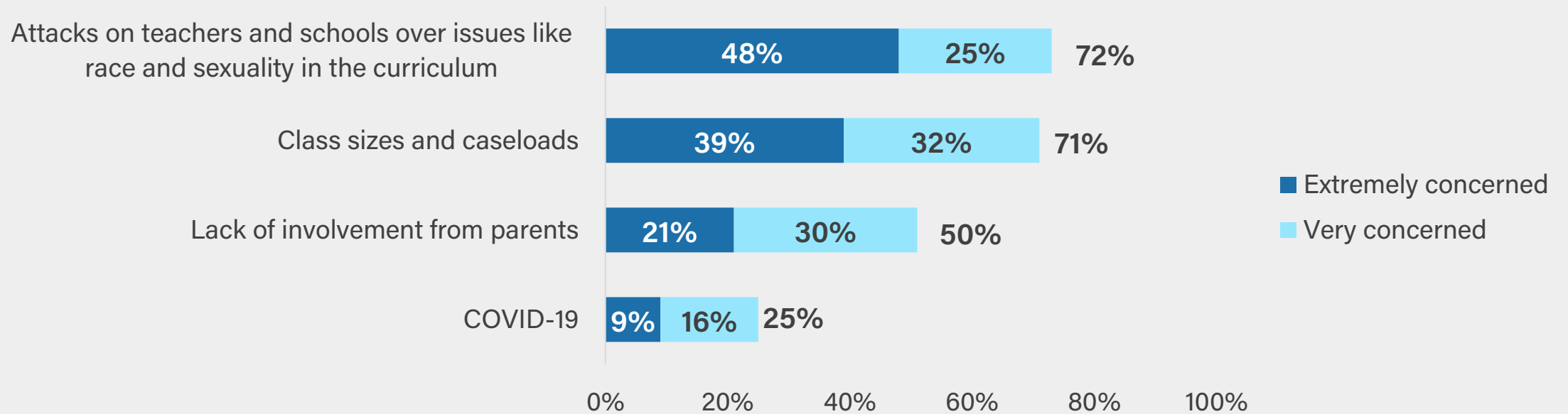
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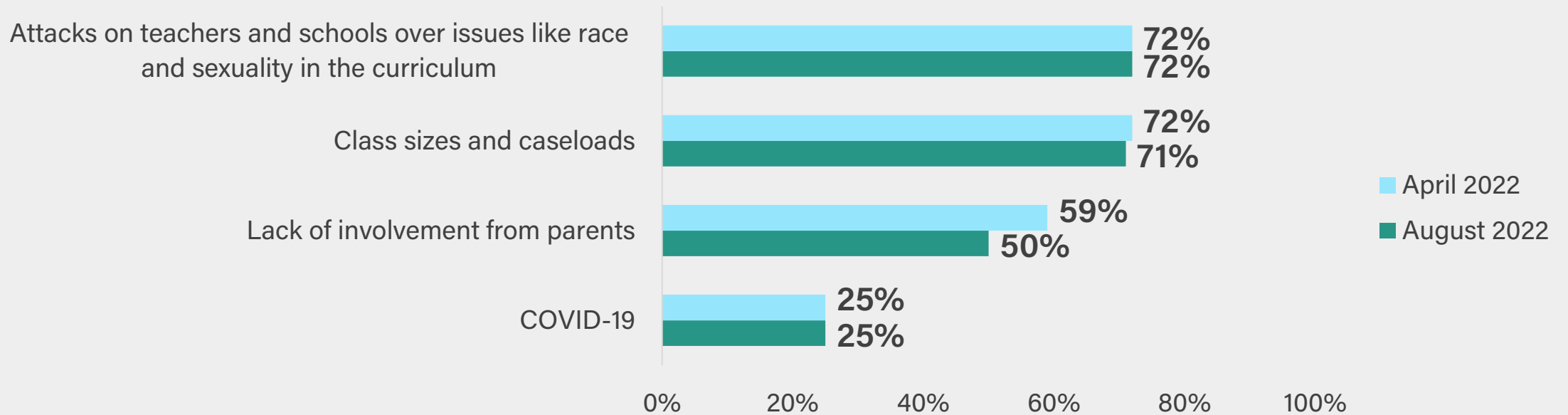
Attacks on teachers and schools and class sizes/caseloads are also serious concerns.

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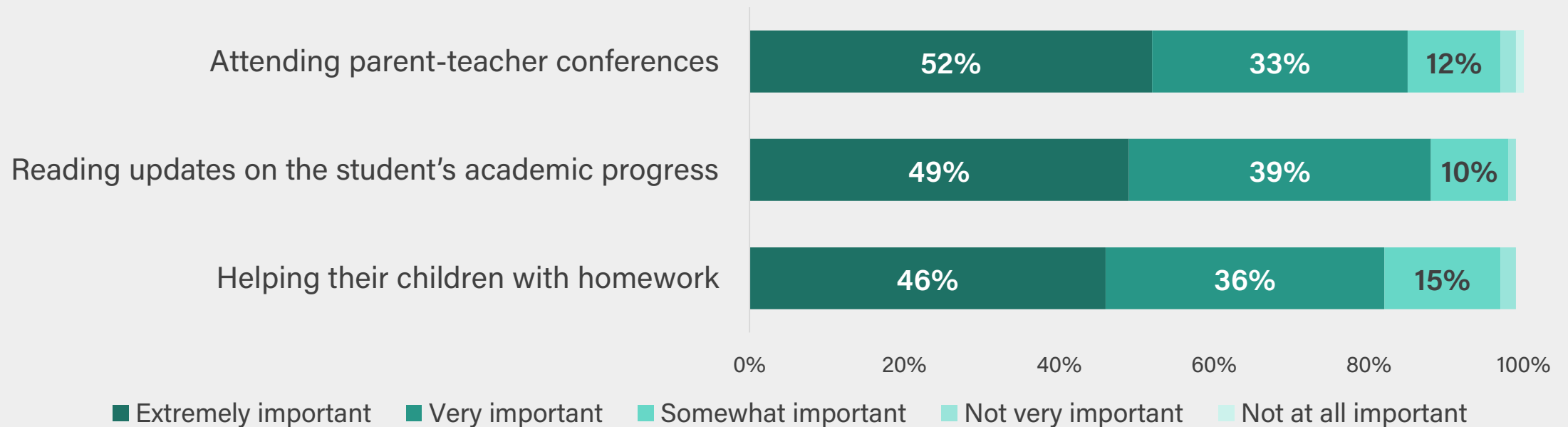


Parental Involvement



Educators say parent-teacher conferences, academic updates, and homework are important ways for parents to be involved in their children's education.

(ALL ACTIVE PREK-12, N=2,536) Here are some ways parents can be involved in their children's schools. Please rate the importance of each as a way to improve student learning.

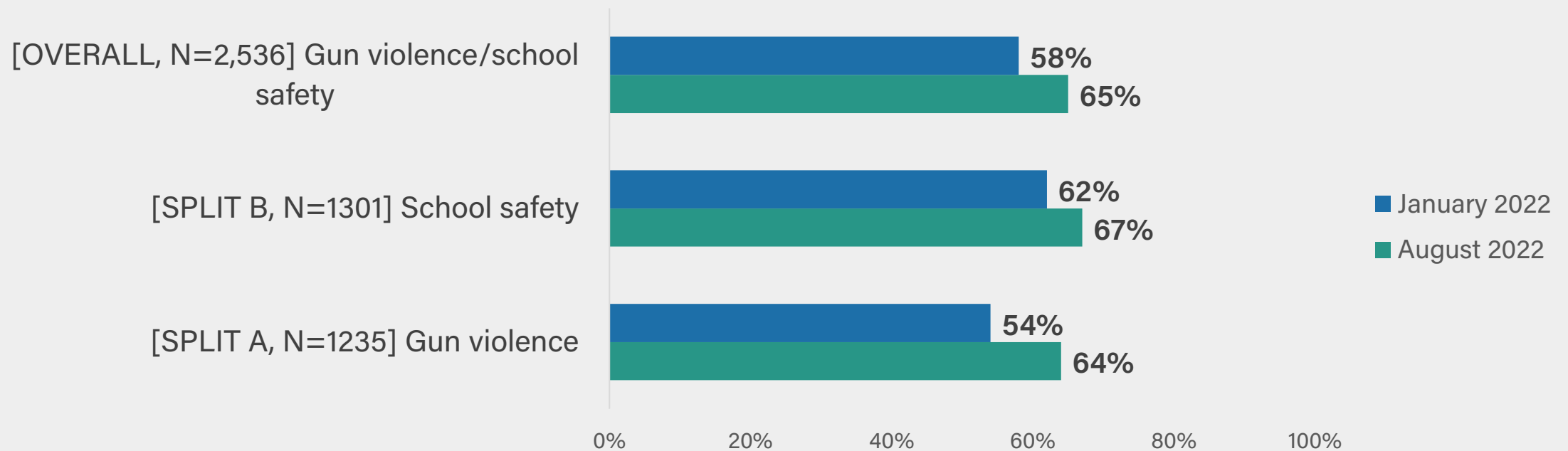


Guns and School Safety



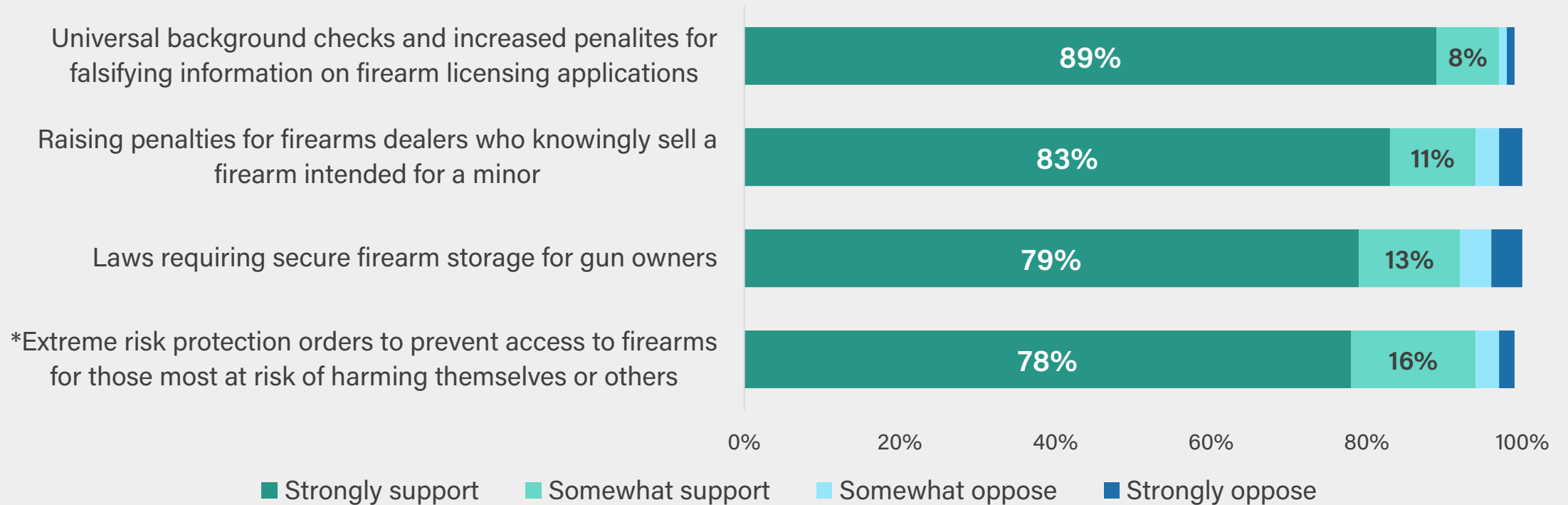
Educators remain very concerned about gun violence and school safety.

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Vast majorities of educators support anti-gun violence proposals.

(AMONG MEMBERS, N=3,551) Would you support or oppose each of the following proposals to combat gun violence in schools?



*Asked among half sample



Impact of Candidate's Education Positions



Candidates who support increasing salaries, hiring more staff, and changing teacher evaluations find support among educators.

(AMONG MEMBERS, N=3,554) Below is a list of policies that candidates for Governor, the Michigan legislature, or your local school board may take. Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who holds each of the following positions, or would it make no difference to you?	% “much more likely”	% “somewhat more likely”
Supports increasing educators’ salaries and benefits	77%	17%
Supports hiring more school staff to address the physical, social, and emotional needs of students	70%	21%
(PK-12 TEACHERS ONLY, N=1,989) Supports replacing the current teacher evaluation system with one that is less reliant on students’ standardized test scores	67%	24%



Candidates who support private school vouchers should expect opposition.

(AMONG MEMBERS, N=3,554) Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who holds each of the following positions, or would it make no difference to you?	% “much less likely”	% “somewhat less likely”
Supports Betsy DeVos’ plan to divert funds meant for public schools to a private school voucher scheme	83%	4%
Wants to provide gun safes in each classroom and allow school employees with concealed carry permits to bring their weapons to school.	64%	11%

