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	597	100	283	241	73	213	171	33	62	116	57	175	127	149	89
			47%	40%	12%	36%	29%	5%	10%	19%	10%	29%	21%	25%	15%
A	20	3	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	0%	3%	3%	4%	6%	1%	1%	4%
B	158	26	29%	24%	23%	28%	26%	24%	16% *	29%	30%	29%	26%	19%	33%
C	249	42	41%	40%	48%	39%	43%	48%	43%	42%	46%	41%	42%	45%	35%
D	63	11	9%	13%	10%	10%	13%	12%	13%	6%	11%	9%	12%	14%	6%
F	20	3	2%	5%	4%	4%	2%	3%	5%	3%	2%	3%	3%	6%	1%
NOT SURE	87	15	16%	14%	12%	14%	11%	12%	21%	18%	9%	11%	17%	15%	21%

			HAGAN JOB					PERDUE JOB					STIMULUS PACKAGE		
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	597	100	72	172	42	54	257	93	217	55	44	186	302	215	80
			12%	29%	7%	9%	43%	16%	36%	9%	7%	31%	51%	36%	13%
A	20	3	4%	4%	0%	2%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%
B	158	26	33%	29%	21%	22%	25%	31%	28%	27%	14% *	25%	31%	23%	19%
C	249	42	44%	40%	40%	55% *	40%	44%	38%	44%	43%	43%	39%	44%	48%
D	63	11	6%	14%	10%	11%	10%	8%	13%	11%	14%	9%	10%	13%	7%
F	20	3	4%	1%	10%	5%	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	1%
NOT SURE	87	15	8%	12%	19%	5% *	19%	11%	13%	14%	23%	17%	12%	15%	21%

			AGE					PHILOSOPHY					EMP
	N	%	18-25	26-40	41-55	56-65	66+	VERY LIBERAL	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	SOMEWHAT CONS	VERY CONS	MODERATE	SELF-EMPLOYED
	597	100	36	105	196	126	127	34	65	145	129	201	59
			6%	18%	33%	21%	21%	6%	11%	24%	22%	34%	10%
A	20	3	3%	5%	3%	2%	5%	3%	0%	3%	4%	3%	0%
B	158	26	25%	29%	22%	29%	31%	38% *	23%	29%	31%	23%	19%
C	249	42	42%	46%	46%	42%	31% *	35%	35%	44%	39%	46%	59% *
D	63	11	14%	7%	12%	10%	10%	6%	19%	8%	7%	11%	5%
F	20	3	8%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	6%	2%	3%	4%	2%
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	597	100	193	74	45	166	40	423	135	288	208	101	266	331	123
			32%	12%	8%	28%	7%	71%	23%	48%	35%	17%	45%	55%	21%
A	20	3	3%	3%	2%	4%	8%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%
B	158	26	24%	31%	38% *	30%	17% *	26%	29%	27%	25%	29%	27%	26%	24%
C	249	42	51% *	41%	33%	34%	30% *	45%	37%	40%	44%	42%	44%	40%	41%
D	63	11	9%	14%	7%	11%	10%	10%	11%	12%	9%	10%	12%	10%	12%
F	20	3	3%	1%	4%	2%	15% *	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%
NOT SURE	87	15	10%	11%	16%	19%	20%	14%	14%	14%	16%	14%	11%	17%	15%

			GEOGRAPHIC				
	N	%	WESTERN	PIEDMONT TRIAD	TRIANGLE	NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST
	597	100	86	96	126	69	97
			14%	16%	21%	12%	16%
A	20	3	8%	3%	1%	1%	2%
B	158	26	26%	20%	31%	26%	32%
C	249	42	37%	44%	42%	46%	40%
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	599	100	284	242	73	214	171	33	63	116	57	176	128	149	89
			47%	40%	12%	36%	29%	5%	11%	19%	10%	29%	21%	25%	15%
A	56	9	11%	9%	4%	10%	9%	3%	11%	9%	11%	11%	3%	9%	14%
B	185	31	31%	30%	30%	30%	27%	30%	33%	37%	31%	33%	35%	27%	28%
C	209	35	35%	34%	38%	36%	40%	33%	22% *	32%	42%	35%	38%	31%	34%
D	59	10	10%	9%	12%	9%	9%	15%	12%	9%	11%	10%	6%	13%	8%
F	25	4	3%	6%	3%	6%	4%	0%	6%	3%	0%	5%	4%	6%	3%
NOT SURE	65	11	11%	11%	12%	9%	10%	18%	16%	10%	5%	6%	14%	14%	13%

			HAGAN JOB					PERDUE JOB					STIMULUS PACKAGE		
	N	%	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROV	STRONGLY DISAPPROV	NOT SURE	STRONGLY APPROVE	SOMEWHAT APPROVE	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROV	STRONGLY DISAPPROV	NOT SURE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NOT SURE
	599	100	72	172	42	54	259	93	217	55	44	187	303	216	80
			12%	29%	7%	9%	43%	16%	36%	9%	7%	31%	51%	36%	13%
A	56	9	15%	8%	7%	7%	9%	11%	11%	7%	9%	8%	9%	8%	14%
B	185	31	30%	30%	21% *	34%	32%	31%	30%	29%	30%	33%	31%	33%	25%
C	209	35	42%	41%	36%	27%	30%	41%	38%	38%	21% *	31%	37%	30%	41%
D	59	10	6%	9%	7%	16%	10%	7%	9%	5%	18%	12%	8%	12%	9%
F	25	4	3%	2%	12%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	3%	0%
NOT SURE	65	11	4%	9%	17%	9%	13%	6%	10%	16%	18%	11%	8%	14%	11%

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B	185	31	30%	31%	30%	36%	30%	27%	32%	25%	37%	34%	29%
C	209	35	42%	28%	39%	38%	31%	29%	32%	43%	29%	35%	46% *
D	59	10	11%	19% *	8%	9%	4%	12%	14%	5%	9%	10%	7%
F	25	4	11%	4%	5%	2%	2%	3%	6%	6%	2%	3%	5%
NOT SURE	65	11	0% *	5%	9%	13%	18%	12%	12%	10%	13%	9%	8%

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	599	100	193	74	45	166	40	424	136	288	209	102	266	333	123
			32%	12%	7%	28%	7%	71%	23%	48%	35%	17%	44%	56%	21%
A	56	9	6%	18%	16%	11%	10%	10%	8%	10%	8%	12%	10%	9%	6%
B	185	31	34%	23%	40% *	33%	20% *	33%	30%	29%	34%	30%	33%	29%	28%
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D	59	10	11%	14%	9%	7%	5%	10%	10%	9%	9%	14%	12%	8%	17%
F	25	4	2%	1%	9%	2%	15% *	3%	7%	5%	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%
NOT SURE	65	11	7%	8%	7%	16%	15%	11%	7%	9%	15%	8%	9%	12%	12%

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	N	%	WESTERN	PIEDMONT TRIAD	TRIANGLE	NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST
	599	100	86	98	126	69	97
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B	185	31	31%	30%	35%	27%	32%
C	209	35	28%	38%	33%	38%	41%
D	59	10	5%	9%	9%	12%	6%
F	25	4	2%	5%	4%	4%	5%
NOT SURE	65	11	12%	13%	9%	12%	7%

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS THE MOST PRESSING NEED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA?

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IMPROVING TEST SCORES	74	12	15%	9%	16%	14%	12%	18%	6%	11%	14%	12%	13%	13%	10%
REDUCING OVERCROWDING	99	17	19%	14%	15%	18%	22%	6% *	8%	14%	5% *	19%	21%	11%	22%
LOWER THE DROPOUT RATE	119	20	20%	23%	10% *	23%	20%	15%	13%	18%	25%	26%	18%	13%	20%
RAISE TEACHER SALARIES	133	22	24%	19%	27%	25%	23%	6% *	16%	24%	26%	23%	18%	21%	25%
CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE	138	23	17%	30%	25%	16%	19%	33% *	49% *	26%	26%	14%	24%	37% *	13% *
NOT SURE	35	6	5%	6%	7%	5%	3%	21% *	8%	7%	3%	6%	5%	5%	9%

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IMPROVING TEST SCORES	74	12	13%	12%	12%	15%	12%	14%	14%	6%	5%	14%	13%	13%	9%
REDUCING OVERCROWDING	99	17	14%	19%	26% *	9%	16%	13%	19%	24%	11%	14%	16%	16%	17%
LOWER THE DROPOUT RATE	119	20	24%	25%	17%	16%	17%	23%	23%	26%	18%	13%	21%	17%	24%
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CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE	138	23	28%	15%	22%	45% *	22%	23%	19%	19%	43% *	25%	18%	30%	21%
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NOT SURE	35	6	4%	7%	9%	8%	5%	6%	2%	5%	4%	11%	5%	6%	4%

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LOWER THE DROPOUT RATE	119	20	24%	16%	29%	16%	18%
RAISE TEACHER SALARIES	133	22	21%	18%	25%	22%	23%
CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE	138	23	22%	25%	16%	27%	26%
NOT SURE	35	6	11%	6%	6%	3%	5%