Who We Are!

MISSION: PAVE connects, informs, and empowers parent leaders to give families in DC a voice and a choice in the vision for education in our city.

VISION: Parents are partners and leaders with schools and policymakers in developing a diversity of safe, nurturing, and great schools for every child in every ward and community.
We believe **ALL** conversations – and decisions – should be centered in the **experiences and interests** of families and communities…

**ESPECIALLY** during such unprecedented and challenging times.
Coronavirus is impacting all families and in many different aspects of life.

- Health
- Access to food and basic supplies
- Housing/Income
- Education

We also know that low-income communities and communities of color are disproportionately impacted. We need more specific information about the experiences of those who are MOST impacted to help inform citywide decisions.
We conducted a survey to understand specifically how this is impacting kids, parents, and families in order to:

• Connect parents to resources and support
• Better understand the impact on families
• Inform conversations about what is working, what isn’t, and what parents want to see that is different!
Our Survey Approach

• **We shared the survey online, including:**
  • To our PAVE network through emails, texts, and our newsletter
  • On Social media
  • Through school and community partner networks
  • On community list servs
• PAVE **Community Organizers** also made phone calls to parents to support completing the survey over the phone.
• The survey was available in both **Spanish** and English.
Who Did We Hear From?
We heard from families who live all across the city.

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We heard from families who speak different languages.

- **309** collected in English
- **25** collected in Spanish

Other includes Korean, Albanian, ASL, Chinese, Yoruba and Igbo

 Languages Spoken at Home

- **English**: 80%
- **Spanish**: 13%
- **Amharic**: 5%
- **Other**: 1%

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We heard from families of all different races and ethnicities.

Race and Ethnicity

- Black/African-American: 59%
- Hispanic/Latinx: 18%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 4%
- Native-American/American Indian: 4%
- White: 3%
- Other: 3%
- I prefer not to say: 11%

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We heard from families with children who attend different types of schools.

Type of School Children Attend

- DCPS: 34%
- Public Charter School: 50%
- Private: 5%
- Other: 11%

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We heard from families that have children with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

Do You Have a Child With an IEP?

- Yes: 32% (N = 324)
- No: 68%
We heard from families who are receiving services.

49% of parents surveyed have received one or more type of service.

**Breakdown of Type of Services Parents Have Received**

- **Medicaid**: 72%
- **Other Services (Housing/Childcare Vouchers, Homeless Services, WIC)**: 65%
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**: 54%
- **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**: 33%

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*Percentages may exceed 100 percent as parents could select multiple options.*
We heard from families with children in all grade levels.

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<td>Elementary School (K-5)</td>
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And we heard from many different sized families.

Number of Children Living at Home

- 0: 4%
- 1: 13%
- 2: 12%
- 3: 36%
- 4+ : 33%

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What did we ASK?
Survey Question Topics

We asked...

• Where are you getting your information from?
• What has been challenging for you?
• How has Coronavirus impacted your family around...
  • School and Learning?
  • Health Care?
  • Child Care?
  • Access to Food and Groceries?
  • Access to Resources (Income, Housing, Utilities)?
What did we LEARN?
Parents Sources for Coronavirus Updates and Information

- News: 23%
- Twitter: 22%
- My Ward-based Councilmember: 24%
- My SBOE Representative: 2%
- Texts/Calls from Friends and Family: 33%
- PAVE's Resource Page or Team: 24%
- Another organization's resource page: 23%
- Facebook: 45%
- My Children's School: 44%
- Mayor's Website: 52%

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Top Challenges for Parents

(% listed as MOST or VERY Challenging*)

- Managing the homeschooling of my children: 59%
- Not feeling secure in our housing: 22%
- Unsure how my family's health will be affected: 51%
- Not being sure how my job/work will be impacted: 42%
- Not having enough food for my family: 23%
- Not getting good information from the city about what is going on: 29%
- Not having access to technology/internet: 26%

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Top Challenges for Parents by Ward
(% listed as MOST or VERY Challenging)

- Not having access to technology/internet
- Not getting good information from the city about what is going on
- Not having enough food for my family
- Not being sure how my job/work will be impacted
- Unsure how my family's health will be affected
- Not feeling secure in our housing
- Managing the homeschooling of my children

Ward 2 and 3 did not have a large enough sample size to include.

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Top Challenges for Parents East of the River
(% Listed as MOST or VERY Challenging)

Ward 7
- Not having access to technology/internet: 39%
- Not getting good information from the city about what is going on: 33%
- Not having enough food for my family: 31%
- Not being sure how my job/work will be impacted: 41%
- Unsure how my family's health will be affected: 57%
- Not feeling secure in our housing: 31%
- Managing the homeschooling of my children: 53%

Ward 8
- Not having access to technology/internet: 41%
- Not getting good information from the city about what is going on: 32%
- Not having enough food for my family: 24%
- Not being sure how my job/work will be impacted: 38%
- Unsure how my family's health will be affected: 47%
- Not feeling secure in our housing: 21%
- Managing the homeschooling of my children: 54%

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- Managing the homeschooling of my children: 59%

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Top Challenges for Parents Who Have Received Services
i.e. SNAP, TANF, Housing Vouchers, etc.
(% listed as MOST or VERY Challenging)

Managing the homeschooling of my children
- All Parents: 59%
- Parents Who Have Received Services: 56%

Not feeling secure in our housing
- All Parents: 30%
- Parents Who Have Received Services: 30%

Unsure how my family's health will be affected
- All Parents: 51%
- Parents Who Have Received Services: 60%

Not being sure how my job/work will be impacted
- All Parents: 42%
- Parents Who Have Received Services: 51%

Not having enough food for my family
- All Parents: 35%
- Parents Who Have Received Services: 33%

Not getting good information from the city about what is going on
- All Parents: 30%
- Parents Who Have Received Services: 29%

Not having access to technology/internet
- All Parents: 26%
- Parents Who Have Received Services: 24%

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### Top Challenges for Parent Respondents – Spanish Survey

(% listed as MOST or VERY Challenging)

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*All Parents*

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How are families being IMPACTED?
44% of parents surveyed listed managing school at home the MOST challenging issue for them.
Impact on School and Learning

This has been a very hard transition. Specifically:

• Balancing *working from home* while supporting learning.
• Managing *multiple grade levels, lesson plans, schedules, and platforms*.
• Creating and maintaining a *routine*.
• Keeping kids *engaged* in their assignments.
• Finding *outlets* for kids when they aren’t in class/working on schoolwork.
• Practicing *self-care*. These are long, hard days.
Impact on School and Learning

• **Technology and Internet** *(22% listed this as MOST challenging issue)*
  • Not enough devices – especially with multiple kids.
  • Internet is a challenge – no access or very slow/unreliable.

• **Supporting Lessons at Home**
  • Varied levels of support from schools and teachers. Some experiences are great – and some are not.
  • Similarly, there is not consistent special education support – especially various therapy services.
  • Hard for parents to know how to guide/teach, they are fearful of kids not retaining their learning or falling behind.
  • Uncertainty about grade promotion and graduation.
  • Overall concern about the amount of screen time kids are getting.

• **Social Emotional Development and Activities**
  • Kids miss their friends/social activity and need to develop SEL skills.
  • Most special activities have been cancelled, its very sad.
Impact on Food and Groceries

- **20% of parents surveyed listed this as the MOST challenging issue.**
  - **Major concern:** access to basic *yet critical* items has been very limited. Stores are often out of stock - especially cleaning supplies and in particular at stores in Ward 7 and 8.
  - There is significant **frustration** when parents can’t get what they need when they’re risking health and safety while shopping around.
  - Parents who can are traveling to MD or VA to shop – but transportation to get to stores is an issue for many parents.
  - For some, loss of work and resulting food insecurity is causing great stress.
  - Many are managing right now but feel uncertain the coming weeks/months.

Not Having Enough Food for My Family

- The Most Challenging: 20%
- Very Challenging: 15%
- Somewhat Challenging: 15%
- Not Very Challenging: 4%
- Not A Challenge At All for My Family: 46%
Impact on Health Care

• 35% of parents surveyed listed this as the MOST challenging issue.
  • Many are fearful due to existing health conditions and risk of infection.
  • Most are cancelling appointments for fear of infection but worried about the gap in care.
  • Very negative impact on mental and emotional well-being.

Unsure How My Family's Health Will Be Impacted

- The Most Challenging: 35%
- Very Challenging: 18%
- Somewhat Challenging: 16%
- Not Very Challenging: 11%
- Not A Challenge At All for My Family: 15%
Impact on Child Care

- Child care has been a **significant challenge** for many **parents**, especially:
  - **Working from** home while taking care of kids.
  - Trying to teach kids while **cooking, cleaning, managing the house**.
  - Taking care of **younger children** for the whole day.
  - Finding **balance**.
  - Even for parents who were already staying at home or are now home due to loss of work, it is still difficult to manage **all kids being home all day** and **having going out to get food and supplies** (many parents do not want to bring their children out to protect their health – especially little ones).
Impact on Access to Resources

**Housing Insecurity**
- The Most Challenging: 24%
- Very Challenging: 17%
- Somewhat Challenging: 13%
- Not Very Challenging: 11%
- Not A Challenge At All for My Family: 9%
- Not A Challenge At All for My Family: 4%
- Unsure About Their Job/Work: 17%

**Unsure About Their Job/Work**
- The Most Challenging: 28%
- Very Challenging: 17%
- Somewhat Challenging: 13%
- Not Very Challenging: 11%
- Not A Challenge At All for My Family: 12%
- Not A Challenge At All for My Family: 48%
Impact on Access to Resources

• 28% of parents surveyed listed uncertainty about their job/work as the MOST challenging issue.
• 17% of parents surveyed listed uncertainty about housing as the MOST challenging issue.
  • There is a wide spectrum of how this is impacting families’ income and stability.
  • For low-income families, stress and anxiety about paying for rent and basic needs is immense - and affecting their mental health.
  • This is especially stark for respondents to our Spanish survey.
  • Not everyone can get supports/resources that offered (can’t get online/lines are busy, not eligible because of documentation status).
  • Many feel that they can manage for now but fear the uncertainty of times ahead/how long this will last.
Key Takeaways

• This has had disproportionate impact. Those who were already low-income are struggling with meeting basic needs and this is causing great stress and anxiety.
• Fear and stress are commonplace – managing all of this is hard.
  • Parents are especially worried about being able to work, making sure their families stay healthy/have access to care for pre-existing conditions and cleaning supplies, and that their kids are taken care of at home.
• Managing child care and school at home is very difficult. Parents need to support to help with lessons and manage competing priorities.
What’s Next?

• The experiences of parents, families, and communities should be at the center of our work to respond to and recover from Coronavirus.

• We hope this information is helpful to policymakers, schools, and community partners.

• PAVE Parent Leaders have put together THEIR vision for what city leaders should do to truly support kids and families now and when we go back to school. Click HERE to learn more and how you can support!