



A Greater Philadelphia

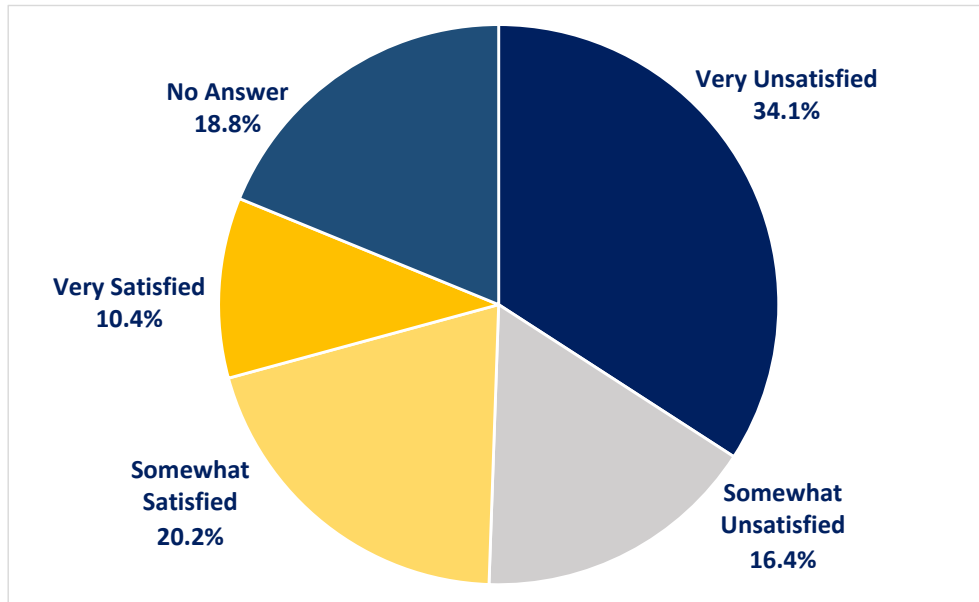
PHILADELPHIANS* WANT FAMILIES TO HAVE CHOICES AND FLEXIBILITY WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Majority in Poll Are Unsatisfied With Their Neighborhood Schools

*Registered Democrats in Philadelphia

Q. Are you satisfied with the quality of schools in your neighborhood?

50.5% are unsatisfied overall, and 34.1% are very unsatisfied



Q. Do you support or oppose the following:

Allowing families to opt into neighborhood public schools outside their own neighborhood	All Respondents
SUPPORT	77%
Strongly support	44%
Somewhat support	33%
OPPOSE	14%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	8%
Didn't answer	9%

Education savings accounts to enable low-income families to opt into private schools, special-education service or after-school tutoring	All Respondents
SUPPORT	77%
Strongly support	53%
Somewhat support	24%
OPPOSE	12%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	7%
Didn't answer	11%

Public charter schools that admit students via lottery	All Respondents
SUPPORT	47%
Strongly support	22%
Somewhat support	25%
OPPOSE	40%
Somewhat oppose	17%
Strongly oppose	23%
Didn't answer	14%

Black and Hispanic respondents are the most unsatisfied with their neighborhood schools – and the most likely to favor various forms of parental choice

Unsatisfied with:	Overall	Black/Hispanic	White/Asian
Neighborhood schools	51%	53%	44%
Support for:			
Neighborhood school choice	77%	82%	69%
Education savings accounts	77%	79%	69%
Public charter schools	47%	49%	43%

Note: Respondents identifying as Asian were too small a sample to break out separately.

Respondents named the city’s “broken education system” as the No. 1 factor causing poverty in Philadelphia

Most important factor:	
Broken education system	24%
Systemic racism	22%
Lack of quality job opportunities	18%
Ineffective leadership in government	12%
Too little government investment	8%
Income inequality	1%
All of the above	5%
Other/Don’t Know/Declined	10%

Poll conducted on behalf of A Greater Philadelphia Feb. 14-17, 2022, among 800 registered Democratic voters by McLaughlin & Associates and Frederick Polls. Results are +/- 3.4% at a 95% confidence interval.

About A Greater Philadelphia

AGP is a group of Philadelphians from diverse neighborhoods, backgrounds, professions and political persuasions. Called “A Greater Philadelphia” in recognition of the city’s potential, the new advocacy group earlier this month announced its intention to build a citywide movement in support of higher expectations, more effective leadership and better governance.

AGP aims to build a movement that numbers in the tens of thousands of Philadelphians and demands better outcomes in the realms of **transparent and accountable governance, public safety, education, economic growth and quality of life**. Above all, it will advocate for the city to adopt a clear vision and measurable goals in each of these categories, because without a ‘North star’ vision, decision-making within any of these categories becomes too easily politicized or even arbitrary.

AGP is nonprofit and not aligned with any political party. The founding board of AGP includes a diverse group of residents and organizational leaders:

- Mark Gleason:** Founder of AGP and partner, The Drexel Fund
- George Awad:** Founder, Intellectual Asset Management Group
- Charles Ellison:** WURD radio host and Principal, BJE Strategy, a strategic communications firm
- Ted Hershberg:** Retired public-policy and education professor, University of Pennsylvania
- Farah Jimenez:** CEO, Philadelphia Education Fund; former School Reform Commission member
- Jabari Jones:** CEO, West Philadelphia Corridor Collaborative, representing small-business owners
- Jason Tucker:** VP, The Goldenberg Group; formerly a leader of Young Involved Philadelphia