Back to School
Attitudes & Behaviors

September 2021
## METHODOLOGY

### METHODOLOGY:
- Five-minute online survey
- Quarterly tracking
- Sample via EWS Online Research Panel

### POPULATION:
- 450 interviews per quarter
- Mobile Majority ages 18-72, determined by U.S. Census data

### QUALIFYING CRITERIA
- Ages 18 – 72 | HS diploma or higher | Mix of race, gender, age, employment | Standard criteria excludes unemployed – for this study, temporarily unemployed due to crisis are included
- Not employed in a sensitive industry
- Must own a smartphone and have a checking or savings account
- Respondents were asked to enter the number of children under the age of 18 that currently live in their household
DIGITAL PAYMENTS ARE A POPULAR METHOD OF PAYMENT AMONG PARENTS

Roughly 2 out of 5 parents prefer to use digital payments to pay for school functions.

- 41% of parents prefer to designate one person to handle payments and to be reimbursed via digital payments when dealing with shared expenses at school.

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<th>How do you usually pay contributions for school functions and fundraisers?</th>
<th>How do you usually deal with shared expenses among parents at your school?</th>
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<td>Digital payment</td>
<td>Designate one person to handle and send via digital payment</td>
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<td>Cash/check</td>
<td>Provide the school money directly</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>Only work with cash/checks with other parents</td>
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Source Q8. How do you usually pay contributions for school functions and fundraisers? | Q11. How do you usually deal with shared expenses among parents at your school?

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PARENTS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SCHOOLS ARE DOING ENOUGH TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ON FINANCIAL LITERACY

Only 1 in 5 parents agree that schools are doing enough to educate students on practical financial literacy topics.

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: I believe that schools are doing enough to educate students on practical financial literacy topics like budgeting, modern banking, doing taxes, credit cards, etc.

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DIGITAL PAYMENTS ARE THE “NEW NORMAL”
92% of parents are comfortable with using digital payments to pay for school fees

- 44% of parents report that they are more likely to use digital payments to share school costs.

How comfortable are you with paying school fees using digital payments?

92% of parents are comfortable with using digital payments to pay for school fees.

"The pandemic has changed how I will share costs among parents at school"

44% of parents report that they are more likely to use digital payments to share school costs.

Source Q10. How comfortable are you with paying school fees (tuition, extra-curricular activities, sports using digital payments?)? Q12. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: The pandemic has changed how I will share costs among parents at school.