



Survey 2015

Every year PEI surveys our members on issues that have been brought forth as potential legislative issues, current educator concerns, or current public concerns. 393 PEI members across the entire state chose to respond. Their comments are insightful and available upon request.

- 1 April 14, HF 2474 was passed. It bans any coaches from dating high school students within 6 months of the student's graduation. The bill does not allow for students who are transitioning from high school to coach or assistant coach who have a girlfriend or boyfriend still in school. Should the bill be reworked to allow for exceptions such as an ongoing relationship that was started before the individual's secondary graduation and designate perhaps an age differential option for other reasonable circumstances?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			191	48.6 %
No			178	45.2 %
Other			15	3.8 %
No Response(s)			9	2.2 %
Totals			393	100%





- 2 If your district received a Teacher Leadership Compensation grant have you seen results that merit continuing the program?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			66	16.7 %
No			142	36.1 %
Other			123	31.2 %
No Response(s)			62	15.7 %
Totals			393	100%





- 3 Does the legislature need to review the current Teacher Leadership Compensation grant guidelines?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			221	56.2 %
No			67	17.0 %
Other			65	16.5 %
No Response(s)			40	10.1 %
Totals			393	100%

4 Considering the Teacher Leadership Compensation plan will demand \$150,000,000 each year upon full implementation, should there be an evaluation process for financial review and assessment?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			322	81.9 %
No			22	5.5 %
Other			20	5.0 %
No Response(s)			29	7.3 %
Totals			393	100%





5 Do you support the current Core Standards and how the details affect your subject area?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			141	35.8 %
No			192	48.8 %
Other			38	9.6 %
No Response(s)			22	5.5 %
Totals			393	100%





6 Do you feel the extra time spent for core training and implementation will be reflected in improved student achievement?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			110	27.9 %
No			233	59.2 %
Other			29	7.3 %
No Response(s)			21	5.3 %
Totals			393	100%





7 Do you support a local option for implementation of Common Core materials partially, fully, or not at all?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			228	58.0 %
No			98	24.9 %
Other			39	9.9 %
No Response(s)			28	7.1 %
Totals			393	100%

8 There are considerations that the mandatory age for school attendance be changed. It could possibly be raised or even lowered. Do you support the current mandatory attendance age of 16?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			246	62.5 %
No			111	28.2 %
Other			22	5.5 %
No Response(s)			14	3.5 %
Totals			393	100%





9 The new career paths, (Iowa Code 284.7) allow for accelerated pay as teachers go from the initial career to model to mentor and master teachers. Are you in favor of this?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			196	49.8 %
No			145	36.8 %
Other			31	7.8 %
No Response(s)			21	5.3 %
Totals			393	100%

10 The state has identified the need to increase compensation for teachers in the "high-need" areas. Do you agree with the additional aid for this initiative?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			233	59.2 %
No			129	32.8 %
Other			22	5.5 %
No Response(s)			9	2.2 %
Totals			393	100%

11 Do you believe that student outcome or individual gain scores should be a part of your individual evaluation process?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			55	13.9 %
No			303	77.0 %
Other			22	5.5 %
No Response(s)			13	3.3 %
Totals			393	100%

12 Should student teaching be expanded to a full year experience?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			116	29.5 %
No			248	63.1 %
Other			21	5.3 %
No Response(s)			8	2.0 %
Totals			393	100%

13 A mentor teacher shall have a teaching load of not more than seventy-five percent student instruction to allow the teacher to mentor other teachers. At least 10% of a district staff will be mentors. Is this the best initiative to improve student achievement?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			78	19.8 %
No			256	65.1 %
Other			40	10.1 %
No Response(s)			19	4.8 %
Totals			393	100%

14 All high school students will have the opportunity to take a college or a career readiness exam. A special seal will then be affixed to their diploma. Is this a good initiative?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			215	54.7 %
No			129	32.8 %
Other			34	8.6 %
No Response(s)			15	3.8 %
Totals			393	100%

15 The school start date, (Iowa Code 279.10) is not to be before the week in which September 1 falls. Do you agree with the mandate for the end of summer date?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			162	41.2 %
No			211	53.6 %
Other			17	4.3 %
No Response(s)			3	<1 %
Totals			393	100%