



# Washington is Ready

Citizens strongly support prompt education reform

A recent survey\* by the non-profit organization *Stand for Children* demonstrates that Washington State citizens strongly support prompt and effective education reform.

Our current revenue crisis has not deterred voters' resolve to improve our education system. The voice of change echoes in over fourteen editorials published across the state, from March 26 - April 5, 2009. The recurring theme: we must improve our educational system now, and provide a diploma that ensures all students are ready for college or postsecondary training.

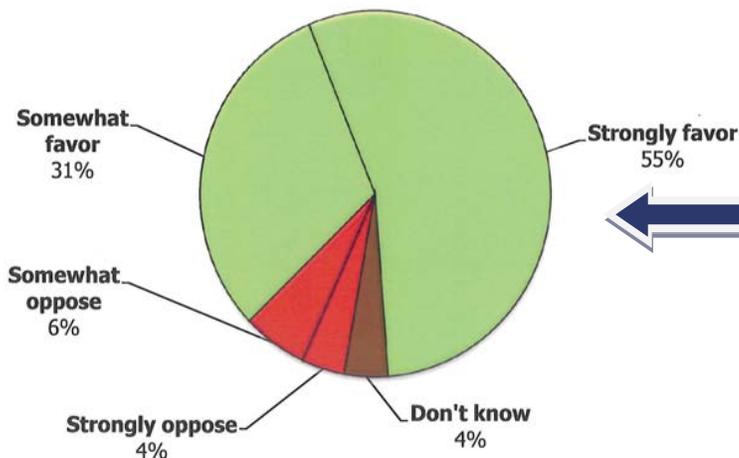
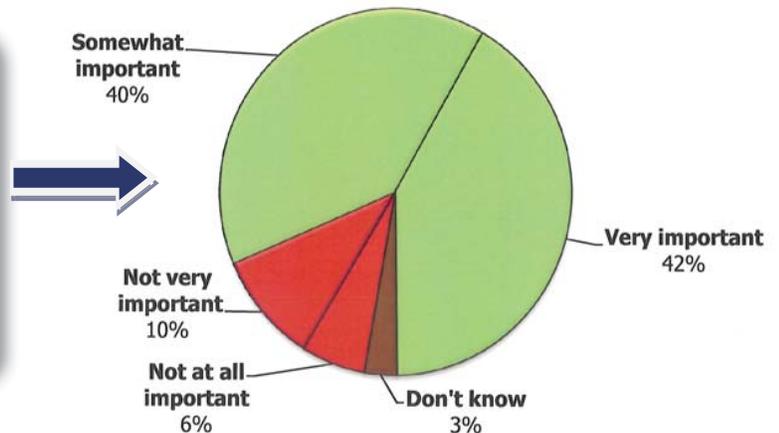
Voters and many of our state and national representatives are ready to implement important changes to our educational system. The work we do today is vital in developing and implementing these systemic reforms.



Education reform remains at the forefront of voters' concerns. The principles of CORE 24 are largely supported in this statewide poll.

**Question:** The State Board of Education developed a program to raise high school graduation requirements, from 19 credits essential to graduation to 24, in an effort to ensure Washington high school graduates have met college entrance requirements and are prepared for university, college, career/technical school, or work. How important is this to you?

**Result:** The vast majority of Washington voters support raising the high school graduation requirements from 19 to 24, ensuring greater preparedness for post secondary training.



**Question:** Do you oppose or favor adopting graduation requirements that prepare all students for life after high school, whether that is a university, college, career/technical school, or work? This would include at least 4 credits of English, 3 credits of math through Algebra II, and 3 credits of social studies.

**Result:** Washington voters overwhelmingly support a diploma that meets this requirement.

\* The survey, conducted by Davis, Hibbitts, and Midghall, Inc., between March 19-23, 2009, involved 600 Washington registered voters. The margin of error is +/- 4.1%.