



CHICAGOANS SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE

AN OVERVIEW OF POLL RESULTS

ABOUT THE POLL

- ▶ **Conducted by Tulchin Research.**
- ▶ **Chicago citywide survey among 500 registered voters using live phone interviews conducted by professional callers dialing landline and cell phones as well as by polling respondents online through email and text messages from the voter file.**
- ▶ **Fielded January 4 – 9, 2024 in English and Spanish.**
- ▶ **The margin of error is +/- 4.38% for the full sample. The margin of error for parents (n=133) is +/- 8.49%.**

82%
agree

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PARENTS AGREE EVEN MORE STRONGLY

Chicagoans Overwhelmingly Support Public School Choice

<i>"Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements."</i>	ALL VOTERS			PARENTS		
	<u>Total Agree</u>	<u>Total Disagree</u>	<u>Agree – Disagree</u>	<u>Total Agree</u>	<u>Total Disagree</u>	<u>Agree – Disagree</u>
<i>Families in Chicago Public Schools should be able to choose the public school that best meets their student's needs, whether that's their neighborhood school, a school in another neighborhood, a magnet school, a selective enrollment school, or a charter school.</i>	82%	13%	+69	86%	14%	+72

78%
agree

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<i>We don't have to choose between strong neighborhood schools and public school choice for Chicago families. We can have both.</i>	78%	13%	+65	81%	12%	+68

64%
agree

“Eliminating public school choices for Chicago families and restricting them to schools in their immediate neighborhood will limit opportunities for Black and Brown students in Chicago and increase school segregation.”

PARENTS MORE STRONGLY BELIEVE RESTRICTING SCHOOL OPTIONS WILL INCREASE SEGREGATION

Chicagoans Say Eliminating School Choices Limits Opportunity, Drives Students Away from CPS

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<p><i>Eliminating public school choices for Chicago families and restricting them to the school in their immediate neighborhood will limit opportunity for Black and Brown students in Chicago and increase school segregation.</i></p>	64%	25%	+39	71%	23%	+48

61%
agree

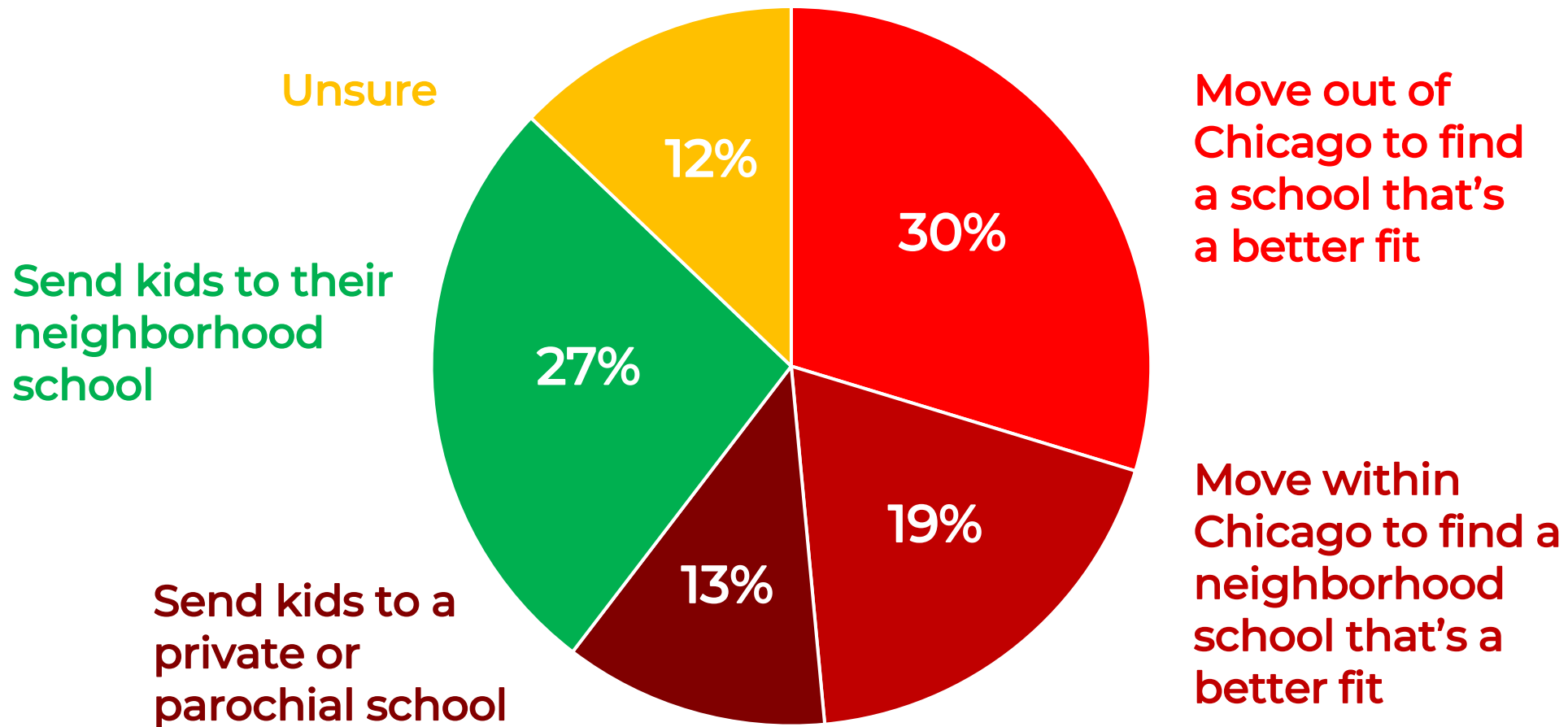
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<i>Eliminating public school choices for Chicago families and restricting them to the school in their immediate neighborhood will lead more students to leave Chicago Public Schools altogether.</i>	61%	28%	+33	71%	23%	+48

HALF OF PARENTS WHO DON'T SEND CHILDREN TO NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS SAY THEY WOULD MOVE



68%
agree

“Chicagoans will soon elect a new school board and the appointed board should not force through major policy changes before then.”

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