

# Equity in Crisis

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Education Poll  
Results

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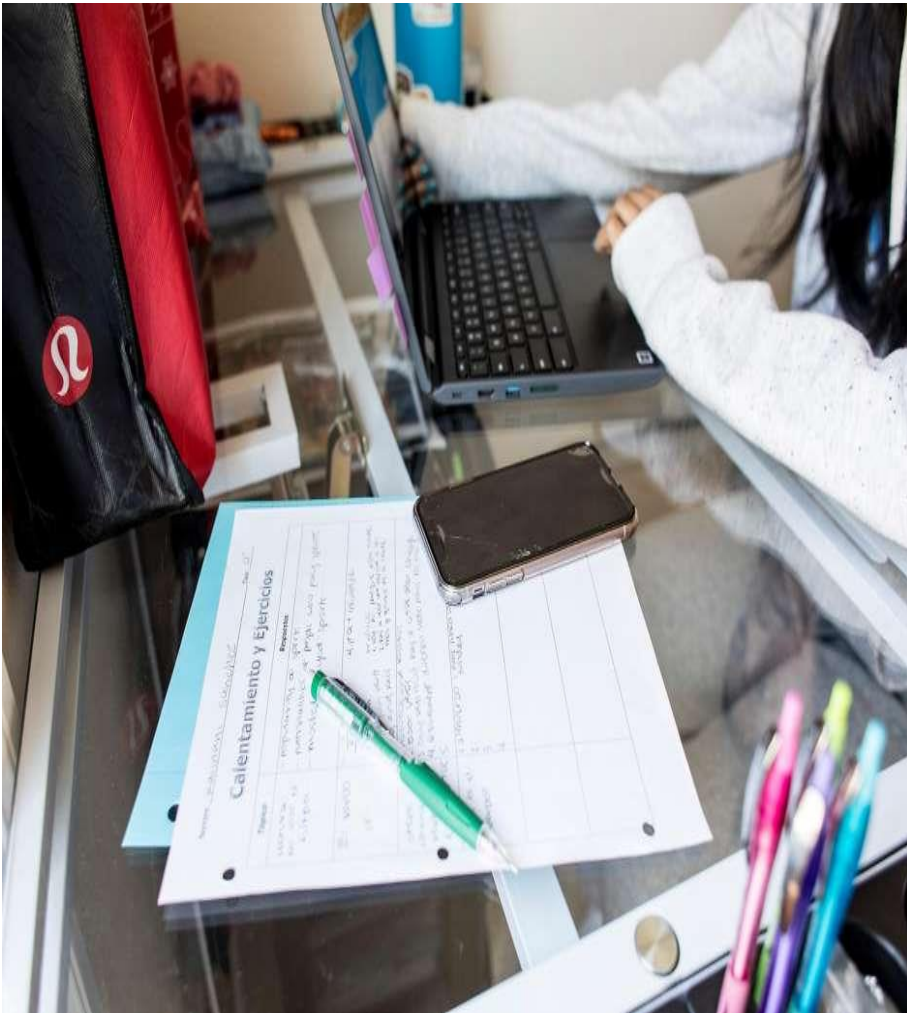
# Higher Education Poll

- Nationally representative sample of 1,010 College students
  - Oversamples in CA (n=312) and NY (n=132)
- Administered May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Demographics
  - White: 56%
  - Black: 14%
  - Latinx: 19%
  - Asian: 11%
- Enrollment level
  - 4-year: 69%
  - 2-year: 24%
  - Certificate: 7%



# Academic Impact

- 3 in 4 CA students are concerned about being on track to graduate
- 20% of California students are not confident they will even return to school in the fall.
- 95% of CA students have had at least one class cancelled
- 85% of CA students say most of their classes are now online
  - 88% nationwide
- 1 in 10 CA students lack devices to participate in online classes



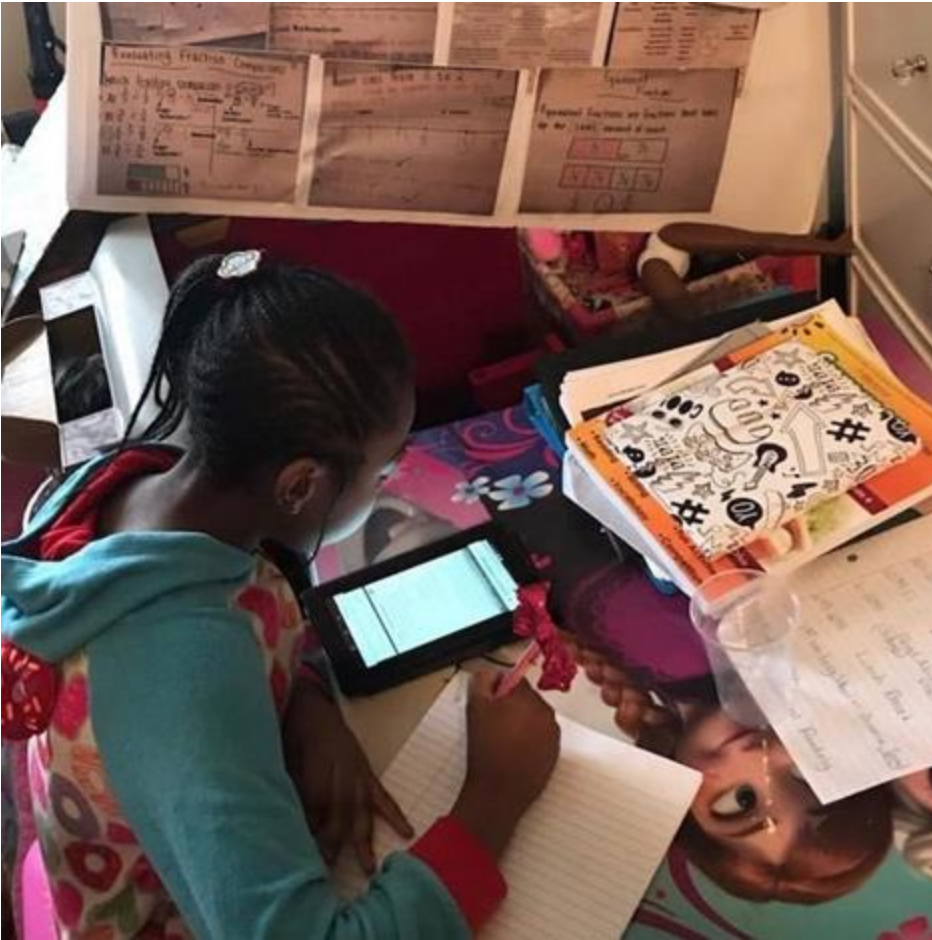
# Academic Impact

- 32% of CA 2-year students less likely to consider transferring to a 4-year program than before the pandemic
  - 42% for Latinx Students
- 27% of CA students less likely to consider graduate school after coronavirus pandemic
- 80% of students are worried their grades will suffer
- 43% of CA students feel the quality of instruction has worsened



# Financial Insecurity

- 85% of students of color concerned about getting the skills and experience for employment
  - 78% overall
- 86% of Black students are worried about not being able to afford tuition or other expenses,
- Less than half (49%) are confident that they will be able to pay for basic needs like food, housing, and tuition
- 1 in 3 CA students (31%) say their colleges are providing emergency financial aid or financial support



# Housing and Food Insecurity

- 78% of CA students are living with their parents after
- 42% of CA students said their institutions provided alternative housing options
  - 28% nationally
- 33% of California students have skipped or reduced meals because they cannot afford or access food
- Only 1 in 3 CA students say their institution is providing food support



# Well-Being



- 72% of students nationwide report higher than usual levels of stress
- 7 in 10 CA students are concerned with developing or worsening mental health issues
  - Greater for English Learners (8 in 10) nationwide
- 78% of students feel mental health access provided by their institutions would be helpful
  - Only 32% report their institutions are doing this



# Support from Institutions

- 3 in 4 CA students feel positively about their institution's response to the pandemic
- More than half of students (52%) nationwide report they will need more financial aid in the fall
  - 57% of low-income students
- Top areas for support reported by CA students
  - Studying tools (51%)
  - Tutoring or academic resources (41%)
  - Academic advising (37%)
  - Collaboration tools for working on group projects (34%)





# CA students reports of what they feel would be helpful from their institutions.

Would be helpful	Institution is doing this	
87%	53%	Virtual office hours or other ways to connect with faculty
86%	50%	Virtual office hours or other ways to connect with academic or career advisors
85%	44%	Virtual office hours or other ways to connect with administrators
84%	52%	Tutoring, advising, or other academic support
83%	31%	Career advising and job preparation
82%	37%	Emergency financial aid or other financial support
78%	32%	Mental health services, counseling, and emotional or psychological support
75%	26%	Forums, portals, or other ways to connect socially with other students
74%	48%	Coronavirus safety and risk reduction information
73%	23%	Well-being services, like mindfulness and meditation services
67%	23%	Food support, like access to food pantries
62%	14%	Alternative housing arrangements

