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M	35-44	D	N	East	In particular the local school district has decided to spend a, honestly, obscene amount of money to construct a new stadium and track. Meanwhile they are also thinking about shutting down or combining some schools in the district because they can't afford to fix up the buildings. That shows to me a complete misunderstanding of how to allocate resources. They are constantly shuffling around new administrators who talk a big game, accomplish next to nothing, then wonder why some parents would rather take their kids out of town to neighboring charter schools.
M	35-44	D	N	East	Teaching things like creationism and that evolution is "unproven". Denying climate change science. Denying science altogether. Conservative extremists are using schools to brainwash children into the next generation of idiots.
M	45-54	D	N	East	Teachers should be appropriately paid. For that there should be enough budget.
F	55-64	D	N	East	I feel we are very behind in education, and the quality of leadership in our schools is insufficient, some teachers are not qualified to teach. Parents are not concerned with their childrens education.
F	55-64	D	N	East	Instead of teaching children, reading, writing, arithmetic. They focusing on social issues. That is the parents job not the school system.
F	55-64	D	N	East	Not enough support staff, students with special needs aren't receiving the accommodations recommended. Why?
F	55-64	D	N	East	The school board is also exceedingly conservative, does not recognize the LGBTQ population exists, refers to the COVID pandemic as "COVID theatrics" and has recently passed a resolution that guarantees in person learning no matter the situation.
F	55-64	D	N	East	There are ideological people who are taking over the school board and whipping up fear and culture wars like crt and making teachers miserable.
F	65+	D	N	East	Elbert county isn't working for students, they are using the schools to future their political issues.
F	65+	D	N	East	Had to resort to homeschooling to keep our students from getting lost in the cracks.
F	65+	D	N	East	I think more students are being passed to the next grade level ill equipped. I believe there are students with obvious learning disabilities that may be labeled "difficult" concerning their behavior and teachers don't want to deal with them. I know of two that are at grade levels they have no business being at. They should have been held back years ago. When this is so obvious I don't understand how teachers can allow them to pass knowing they aren't prepared.
F	65+	D	N	East	Many parents complain.
F	65+	D	N	East	Uncertified teachers
M	65+	D	N	East	Not enough time for students.

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U	55-64	N	N	East	Diverting funds from music programs for sports
F	18-34	O	N	East	Because the schools on the I70 corridor aren't even big enough for all of the kids.
F	18-34	O	N	East	Lots of corruption within the district itself, parents and children working at the same school and when the children are abusive towards students there is no actions taken against them due to their relations in the district. They're getting ready to combine all three levels of school into one building here, which I don't feel is safe having all the students in the town in one building and having 18-19 year olds in the same building all day as the 5 year olds.
M	18-34	O	N	East	Because the students are rude also the teachers only care about a paycheck not about the students.
F	35-44	O	N	East	Small population of children. K-12 in one school. Children, adults don't seem educated.
U	35-44	O	N	East	DemCommie woke bullshit in school's.
F	55-64	O	N	East	There's so many cuts in the arts also with some of the crine abd restrictions teachers don't want to teach anymore resulting in larger classes and less individualized help.
F	18-34	R	N	East	I believe our administration has the priorities pointed in the wrong direction. We don't focus on the important things that make a good learning environment. Instead they cater to over bearing parents who see no wrong in the doing of their student instead of supporting their staff. Our turn over rate has been increasing year to year and our staff is unhappy. Teachers are under paid and over worked. Students are disrespectful and in the wrong. The amount of pay for the amount of issues we deal with everyday is inequitable. As a teacher, myself, I understand the hardships of the job. I have quit and come back and now wish to quit again. A major change in our education system, as a whole, needs to be fixed. Teachers can't survive the rising costs of living and the excessive amount of demands given to us from the top down.
F	18-34	R	N	East	Teachers need to teach. And parents need to parent. Not to be mixed.
M	18-34	R	N	East	There was an incident where a female teacher raped a student. At the Wiggins school they took out all of the privacy stalls in the children's bathroom because of graffiti. I have no confidence that they are not showing children pornography in schools, degenerating them so that they will grow up to be communists.
M	35-44	R	N	East	Test scores going down and failure rates going up
F	45-54	R	N	East	Cause they still can't help students who r getting bullied or picked on if they had more teachers or a person who has been threw it help them then maybe they won't drop out

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F	45-54	R	N	East	Statistically US schools are behind every other nation. They are so worried about "pronouns", crt, and this other nonsense, they should be focused on actual teaching (not just the test). Get back to the basics and get rid of filler classes. Teach kids how to balance a check book and change their oil. Basic life skills.
M	45-54	R	N	East	Small town
M	45-54	R	N	East	They focus to much on non educational topics such as gender identity and does not focus on just basic math, science, English, social studies and PE
U	45-54	R	N	East	The woke agenda. Our fund ass governor has a lot to do with it.
F	55-64	R	N	East	Everything is about how the school needs money and not making sure the kids are getting the right education. Keep throwing money at it, it will get better.
F	55-64	R	N	East	Not geared for students needs
F	55-64	R	N	East	They are not teaching American history
F	55-64	R	N	East	Too liberal, trying to follow the funding.
M	55-64	R	N	East	-Too much regulation from state and federal gov'ts. -Silly mandates that are not education related.
M	55-64	R	N	East	Because I have seen through out the state ,the public schools pushing a liberal agenda , woke transgender ,CRT , and the sexualization of kids .
M	55-64	R	N	East	Education should be about the basics of learning. Equipping our youth for life on their own. If sports programs and electives need to down sized to accomplish this then that is the price. Pandering to various dysphoric agendas should not be tolerated. We have one job; to raise capable, confident, educated people.
M	55-64	R	N	East	Left Wing politics taking over education.
M	55-64	R	N	East	They are way to liberal
F	65+	R	N	East	1. We are no longer teaching the real history of the United States. 2. Sex education belongs at home, period. Morals, intelligence and ethical behavior by staff have been totally lost in the, do what ever makes YOU feel good, society we seem to be living in today. 3. Boys are boys, girls are girls, period. A child does not have the maturity, that life brings, to make life altering decisions. My opinion, there is alot of child abuse, going on and nobody wants to get their hands dirty, because it might offend an idiot.
F	65+	R	N	East	Children are graduating unable to read cursive, actually not sure the can read even the printed word at grade level. They no longer research to see if news stories are true.

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F	65+	R	N	East	Gender identity is causing problems in our schools across the nation. It should not be tolerated!
F	65+	R	N	East	Spend too much time on liberal agendas. They have no business teaching our children. They need to stick to teaching reading, math and writing. Stop stressing pronouns and WOKE. Schools have no business involving themselves in political and social matters.
F	65+	R	N	East	They appear to be putting paras in classrooms that are not qualified with proper credentials or a teaching license. There appears to be no curriculum that is being taught.
F	65+	R	N	East	They are woke more than educating.
F	65+	R	N	East	They should teach more of how they did back in the fifty and sixties reading writing and use your mind to figure things out instead of computer
F	65+	R	N	East	Too much LGBT and not enough science, math, and real history.
F	65+	R	N	East	We do not have the teachers proper curriculum
F	65+	R	N	East	Worried more about sports and status than education
M	65+	R	N	East	Educate no indoctrinate sex Ed out of schools United States history and the Constitution reading writing and arithmetic at a world competition level
M	65+	R	N	East	I disagree not so much with just schools in my area but with the general degradation in educational expectation of students.
M	65+	R	N	East	Teacher's union and wrong priorities. Politics ahead of education.
M	65+	R	N	East	Teaching transgenderism, critical race theory, basically liberal nonsense

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					The political landscape of the nation is deteriorating due to failed policies of this administration to change the meaning of education to indoctrinate the next generation with material that is contrary to sound educational protocols of past generations. Public schools are losing students due to the political agenda introduced in the classroom to that is not supposed to be taught in other words. An indoctrination to undermine our constitution, patriotism, the pledge and Judeo-Christian belief that have become taboo, ruled out of the classroom. Deterioration, erosion of our school system is predominant and if school vouchers are approved. Funding for schools will decrease considerably. We need our core values introduced back in the classroom. If we continue this road, of our political agenda in our classrooms. Our children will become more entitled, work ethics will be crushed with free government handouts and our education will be a laughing stock to the world. The phrase, AS THE SHEPHERD IS SO ARE THE SHEEP. OPEN YOUR EYES AND EARS D.C. This nation of America is being weighed in the balances and the REPUBLIC OF AMERICA WILL BE RULED BY WOKE DEMOCRATIC COMMUNISTS TO TAKE THE FIRST AND Second Amendments OUT OF THE CONSTITUTION. YET, LIKE IN THE 300 SPARTANS LEONIDES SAID THESE PROVOCATIVE WORDS " IF YOU WANT OUR WEAPONS COME AND GET THEM." OUR LEADERS TAKE OATHS , TO PROTECT OUR NATION, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC. OUR EDUCATION WILL RETURN TO THE BASICS AND THE NEA will lose all credibility, so we can have our kids and schools back
M	65+	R	N	East	
M	65+	R	N	East	They need to stop promoting CRT, sexual grooming & the WOKE AGENDA
U	65+	R	N	East	All public schools need to get back to the basics of education instead of creating social justice warriors to attempt to destroy American values
U	65+	R	N	East	Money isn't the answer. More parental involvement plus LESS politics and trendy education. more basics and more hands on classes on life skills.
F	18-34	U	N	East	They are no longer hiring people with the right qualifications
F	18-34	U	N	East	We are not open to change.
M	18-34	U	N	East	Curriculum and focus of education shifting from training in important content areas to a student's identity and position in a larger community. The focus of education is off track
M	18-34	U	N	East	In our rural school district there is a lot of emphasis on common sense and traditional values. The teachers here unconsciously allow and support it. School should foster freedom of thought and new/different values. Our rural school district is also under financed. It is difficult for teachers to find jobs and even harder to obtain tenure. Our high school has retained two teachers in four years.

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M	18-34	U	N	East	Our children should have absolutely no idea what their teacher's political leanings or sexual preferences are.
M	18-34	U	N	East	The schooling system is inherently flawed as it is entirely focused on cramming as much information into the kid's memories for standardized testing only for them to clear it out for the next set of information. The education process is also not fun for children making it extremely difficult for them to become immersed beyond a surface level.
U	18-34	U	N	East	If we could stop encouraging our young people to mutilate themselves with drugs and instead focus on critical thinking that would be great.
M	35-44	U	N	East	The city of aguilar has been taking money from every source including the school for a long time with no state or federal intervention.
F	45-54	U	N	East	Public schools are so focused on social conditioning it's inexcusable, and instead of giving our kids the tools they need which help them learn how to think, schools are telling them what to think.
F	45-54	U	N	East	Students are not being properly prepared to succeed in life after graduating from high school.
F	45-54	U	N	East	They are not focused on teaching the children how to be prepared for life i.e. financial education, industrial arts, The Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and the Constitution. They are too busy pushing their political and gender euphoria agendas on them instead of Reading writing Arithmetic and Civics.
U	45-54	U	N	East	Bots in girl's restrooms and locker rooms, sports and such. LGBTQ+ seems like the only thing they learn and that white people are evil! Other countries are surpassing us by far!
F	55-64	U	N	East	Ultra conservatives are taking over. The only rights they want are for themselves and they want only their beliefs taught
F	55-64	U	N	East	You need to get back to GOD! Bring the morning prayer in, the PLEDGE, stop with your wokeness itinerary, get the porno books out, let parents know whats going on!
M	55-64	U	N	East	Looking at/seeing the kids and how they respond to work issues. Probably a lot to do with parental issues as well.
U	55-64	U	N	East	Kids don't know how to read a mape, globe, do math,read a book, understand the bill of rights, constitution, history of the nation,biology, or what freedoms a classical education offers.
U	55-64	U	N	East	They won't teach proper history English math or science
F	65+	U	N	East	I heard bus drivers and librarians are teaching some classes

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F	65+	U	N	East	Money allocated for repairs was used for other things (ie. A grant to fix the roof of the elementary school was used for something else.
F	65+	U	N	East	There are not enough resources to help the many students who now need emotional help as well as academic help. So many students do not get the support they need from parents, who may have many problems themselves. Parents often do not know how, or take time to teach their children skills needed to be a good student. Including good behavior and working well with others.
M	65+	U	N	East	In our area, they run for the school board to give advantages to their own kids.
M	65+	U	N	East	Pushing collage not real life. Most of these kids need to get back to basics
M	65+	U	N	East	Terrible academic performance. Lost as to their job.
M	65+	U	N	East	They are adopting the radical conservative education plan which is insufficient in actuality teaching facts.
M	65+	U	N	East	Too many good teachers are quitting/retiring early because of the building overbearing administrators and disruptive kids.
U	65+	U	N	East	Too much emphasis on sports and not enough on core learning like how to count, how to read and generally survive in today's world!!
F	18-34	D	Y	East	Almost every district is behind in reading ability. Schools are simply trying to teach to the tests in hopes that they can get higher test scores to get better funding. Children are coming home with more homework than ever and are more stressed out than ever. Teachers are over worked, and required to get things out of their own money thanks to administration not putting money where it should be! Seriously stop with the technology already! No kid needs to be on a screen at school for that long. Honestly they should have no more than an hour. Money could be put to way better use than updating technology every few years because we all know that gets extremely expensive.
F	18-34	D	Y	East	Instead of adding on to the school near that was promised when voted on ! There are unsafe no water having temporary buildings outside for preschoolers!
M	45-54	D	Y	East	To much testing and too much multiple choices bad food programs not enough options for food kosher, vegetarian.
M	55-64	D	Y	East	Charter schools pay teachers to little administrators too much
F	65+	D	Y	East	To many vocal people are politicizing how schools teach and stifling and trying to censor history.
M	35-44	N	Y	East	Political school board members

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M	18-34	O	Y	East	I feel like the criteria and material they are having to teach is off track and not preparing this young individuals for a good future. Plus the material that is being taken away and forgotten is setting or future as a state and country up for failure.
M	35-44	O	Y	East	I've witnessed bilingual schools with a massive budget that can't afford balls for gym class. At my steep daughter's school there was a family of Africans that began going to the school that only some French? And the school told them to just learn English. Well, why don't the Spanish speaking kids just learn English and scrap that racist bilingual program all together. Waste of financial resources. Plus, instead of hiring teachers based on their race and sex actually hire teachers that are only qualified. I had a teacher yell at my stepdaughter saying that elephants aren't paciderms. WTF?!
M	35-44	O	Y	East	There's still nothing going on about bullying in the classroom
M	45-54	O	Y	East	It seems staff has their own agenda, and their own favorite students. The rest are not worth their time. Teachers are allowed to smoke Marijuana, and not held to a higher standard in society. Instead of trying to come up with new fangled ways of making 2+2=4, they need to get education back to the basics and teach our children how to think and solve the problem rather than confuse them.
M	45-54	O	Y	East	Schools teach unsuspecting children they descend from apes. Kids are taught Darwinism that there is no real purpose in life.
F	18-34	R	Y	East	No idea of how to help children with autism or other disabilities. Don't follow IEPs. One size fits all in Wiggins district
F	18-34	R	Y	East	They have teachers working for them that bully the students and won't help the kids on their work when asked. They have staff working g for them that think that only one student is to blame for everything and will keep them from doing anything fun all the time instead of punishing the other kids also for trying to get one student to do the choking game that won't.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Being a rural school we have a very old school that is in need of lots of repairs and we cannot get them done because the funds are not available. We need a new school but can't afford to without grants and such.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Having hard times finding good teachers coach and bus drivers the pay they deserve they don't get. Public schools need higher education but also need a higher pay to keep them
F	35-44	R	Y	East	I feel that we should let teachers teach and not put as much pressure on nitpicking what every parent wants. I feel my school district listens to parents but is trying to put the students education over all.

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F	35-44	R	Y	East	I think bringing in the chromebooks into the schools to do all of their school work on is ridiculous, whatever happened to good old pencils, paper and hard back school books. This computers are going to ruin our kids and all it's doing is making them lazy. They don't know how to write in cursive, there is no more home economics so kids don't even get to learn the basics of cooking or sewing. What happen to having sex ED and having kids take fake babies home to take care of and to see what it would be like to be a full time parent and go to school at the same time. The high school drop out rate, young pregnancies rate and your parents rate has gone up so much since I was in high school back in 2006 then there ever has been. Why? Because of those computers the kids don't learn anything now days that is hands on everything that they do in school is all on the computers.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	I think Colorado school in general are on the wrong track with letting boys take over girls sports, teaching to the tests, etc.... we need more extracurricular and real world experiences for our kids and less focus trying to make everyone happy with what gender they are or what gender they find attractive.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	Not spending money wisely. Not being selective in who they hire.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	School is for education not self identification
F	35-44	R	Y	East	They are always asking for additional tax increases but do not provide an adequate education for our young people.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	They are far more concerned with building a new school to put a bunch of teachers that act like they hate their job in. Building a new gym instead of using the new one we have instead of finding good coaches for the teams that play in them. They are concerned with the politics of this county over the future of my children.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	They are not pro parent they are slowly but steadily building boundaries between parents and students. Safety of every child is not priority. Bullying is tolerated. Victims are often blamed.
F	35-44	R	Y	East	We have had to change mascots due to the new legislature in the state which made it so so much of our funding has had to go towards that. Instead of towards our children's actual education.
M	35-44	R	Y	East	Mainly because of lawsuits with dealing with identity issues and LGBT push.
M	35-44	R	Y	East	They are not transparent about anything. Everything seems to be communicated on the 11th hour. I watch every local board meeting on YouTube. They don't talk about anything. They just talk in circles.

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					Banning books from the library Teaching children sex education way too young teaching children that it's OK that they are in it that is an appropriate teaching children that it's OK to band books that it's OK to rewrite history teaching children that it's OK to tear down our historical monuments even though we still have the right of the first amendment for free speech, and we still have all, they have forgotten to teach the Constitution in fact, I'm not sure that any of the teachers into the day society have forgotten to have even read the constitution because all of them are so far up Biden's ass they can't see pass what good policy is Teachers today? Do not understand basic business they do not understand the benefits of taxes tax deductions for charitable organizations they do not understand why the Republicans should be in control they do not understand and the leader ships of the schools have lost control. Children are out of control's and school gangs are in school drugs are in school and nobody's doing anything about it? Kids are committing suicide because of bullying and the management of the schools are looking away from it. It's absolutely ridiculous. I don't have any better faith in our teaching system either , children are make meeting the bare minimum's of society they don't understand how to write a check they don't understand how to address a letter. We have forgotten how to teach our children of food from the field to the table. Where are losing? We are losing everywhere in our world and we're losing common sense and we don't know how to teach it either.
F	45-54	R	Y	East	
F	45-54	R	Y	East	We need to do more CTE and internships. More hands on activities
M	45-54	R	Y	East	Common core curriculum is garbage!
M	45-54	R	Y	East	Our superintendent is doing stupid things wasting our money and resources
M	45-54	R	Y	East	Teacher pay is garbage. Taxes collected from Marijuana could fund teachers salaries to retain good help.
F	55-64	R	Y	East	Taking away the history of our nation is not going to correct the ongoing issues today. We need to stop erasing history and start learning from it.
					Indoctrinated children make robots not individuals. Alot of the school should be about education not what sex you identify as, inclusion and diversity. History is History not what the teacher's agenda is. Politics should be about how they system works not who or which party the teacher supports. School is about education, (math, English, history, science) not all the extra nonsense that doesn't prepare the children for a future in a work force. Bring back home economics and shop.
U	55-64	R	Y	East	
F	65+	R	Y	East	Schools need to leave parenting to the parents and not push agendas onto vulnerable and impressionable young minds. Need more education on fundamental things and life skills , real life needs, not just focused on college skills.

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M	65+	R	Y	East	Woke agenda Dems are in Denver making policy
F	18-34	U	Y	East	They used to have teacher mentors that would help teachers reach their full potential. They no longer have anyone to fill that capacity and teachers don't have the same accountability.
M	18-34	U	Y	East	No public schools teach what is needed nor does it teach about spirituality or the things kids should be taught. Not to mention we go to school for 18 years of our life with a few months period between the end of the school year to the beginning. It's not necessary.. and what do we really use of all those years in school that we use in our adult life. We don't teach kids what's right and wrong ..or the truths about life and we go by the most complex dictionary to comprehend.... It's fuckin stoopid
M	18-34	U	Y	East	Put Christ back in school and take out all the stupid gay lesbian bullshit out!
F	35-44	U	Y	East	Administration's treatment of teachers and neglect of discipline issues
F	35-44	U	Y	East	All schools are stuck in old school tradition on what students should be educated on. Also with times changing and the awareness of each student being different they need more interactive ways of learning and again education course need a change.
F	35-44	U	Y	East	Minimal funding, low teacher pay, unqualified teachers teaching subjects they are not experts in. No beneficial programming for kids with iep's
F	35-44	U	Y	East	There should be more funding towards teaching students how to manage finances, business, taxes and the law more fluidly so they have a better understanding of how to be successful in their adult life. Most parents do not always have the time or knowledge to do this. Instead of manufacturing workers who do what they are told and dependent, we need more independent, self consciousness, and self starters that know the ends and out of finances, laws, and community. This can also help bring more people in to help better our society has humans beings. Instead of having the same groups of people run the society. The youth is our future.
F	35-44	U	Y	East	They are more concerned with so called "social equality" and political agendas instead of preparing our children to be successful in society and life.
M	35-44	U	Y	East	Common core math, 4 day school weeks, there's so many more issues with the agenda that they'd like to be pushing.
U	35-44	U	Y	East	Teachers and administration do not care anymore. They will all talk about Respect, Responsibility, and Greatness but not put it in motion. Bullying is way out of control, administration does nothing about it, even if you show them proof. The teachers in my area seem to think our children are theirs to do with what they will.

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F	45-54	U	Y	East	For many years the teachers and school system have messed with the three R's. That's what they should be teaching the students they needed for their future. The stuff that you're teaching now looking at computers and looking at people being more dependent on government is a bunch of stuff
F	45-54	U	Y	East	FORCED TRANSGENDER DRESS UP DAYS.
F	45-54	U	Y	East	Too many kids falling through the academic cracks
M	45-54	U	Y	East	Afraid to give any homework whatsoever and all students are dumbed down as a result. At Least offer voluntary homework so that parents that want to, can.
M	45-54	U	Y	East	Douglas county need I say more. Instead of being run by our educators that is being run by a right wing political agenda.
M	45-54	U	Y	East	I do not believe they should tell a young child there is more than 2 genders.
M	45-54	U	Y	East	I tutor 1st and 2nd year college students. Their lavins of very basic knowledge in core subjects is concerning
M	45-54	U	Y	East	Teachers not respected, not paid for their time. Extra duty teachers are required to do outside contract hours. No support from administration for badly behaved students.
M	45-54	U	Y	East	The money gets spent mainly in the Denver metro .
M	55-64	U	Y	East	Teaching gender plurality and calling it inclusiveness instead of the imposition of intolerant leftist doctrine on our students.
U	55-64	U	Y	East	Not good curriculum. Not well trained teachers. Admin with no common sense or work ethic.
M	65+	U	Y	East	By how our 2 kids were taught. Very qlikish environment.
M	65+	U	Y	East	Do not concentrate on subjects that lead to good jobs
F	35-44	D	N	El Paso/St	I am concerned about the influence of Christian nationalists, evangelicals, and other conservative interest groups are going to be successful in defunding public education.
F	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	School board here in Woodland Park is run by a lot of religious individuals who do not respect the separation of church and state.
U	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	School is supposed to be about learning math, science, literature, history, etc. It's not a communist and LGBT indoctrination camp. Kids should be allowed to be innocent and not have gender identity crammed down their throats. And teaching CRT (by whatever bs you call it) is anti White hate and racism. Public schools in Colorado have lost sight of morality completely.
U	45-54	D	N	El Paso/St	Too many breaks and days off school. Teachers are respond for too much that should be covered at home and that takes away from their education.

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F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	I hear of students who are graduating without the ability to read! Throwing money at the problem won't help, I believe administrative costs are too high and not enough filters down to the teachers.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	School teachers are doing the best they can. Need to pay them an adequate living wage so they don't have to come out of their personal finances
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	The school board has taken on an authoritarian role: establishing gag orders for staff, hiring a superintendent without proper credentials, shutting down public input, establishing American Birthright Standards, touting religious and political influence and adherence.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Very top heavy stop with the pay increase for the non educators...
M	65+	D	N	El Paso/St	Right wing racists and neo fascists have taken control of district 20.
M	18-34	O	N	El Paso/St	To many charter schools. They are like a cancer that is completely ruining public education.
U	55-64	O	N	El Paso/St	Sexualising children, teaching lgbtq, gender garbage, allowing biological males in girls bathrooms, teaching any of these extremely inappropriate things that do not belong in public education; instead of teaching life skills, such as financial responsibility and budgeting, plus not teaching the Constitution, kids and many adults don't even know what their rights are. Woke ideology must be banned 100%
F	65+	O	N	El Paso/St	The mission of public education at K-12 levels is to teach the basics with a few options for sports, music, or art. Social activities are NOT a part of the fundamental mission of publicly funded schools, even though there is room for them. Activist teachers need to find other outlets for their personal-political issues.
F	65+	O	N	El Paso/St	The schools have monet, but lousy curriculum and some lousy teachers
U	65+	O	N	El Paso/St	CRT should not be in schools. We were bamboozled once again. Those that do the CRT should be fired and we should not have issues about transgender ism its nonsense. That's being taught to kids shame on these out-of-control adults.interesting they never asked.
F	18-34	R	N	El Paso/St	All the kids I know seem to be clueless about basic things previously taught in school at lower grades... also teaching all the new gender/sexuality stuff is ridiculous. Lack of morals/ethics learned at school is very disappointing.
F	18-34	R	N	El Paso/St	Test scores for children are low.
F	18-34	R	N	El Paso/St	The fact that lgbt curriculum is being taught in schools and that teachers are telling kids their pronouns is ridiculous. No political agendas should be taught in school.
F	18-34	R	N	El Paso/St	The way the generation is growing up they have no motivation or values
F	35-44	R	N	El Paso/St	Woke bullshit
M	35-44	R	N	El Paso/St	Back to basic ideas are what's needed and let teachers do their job

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M	45-54	R	N	El Paso/St	Not teaching the basics. Too much indoctrination and too loony. Teach the history better.
U	45-54	R	N	El Paso/St	Classes too big. Not enough 1to 1 if student doesn't understand. Teachers move too fast.
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Children are in school to learn math, reading, science. Academics. Our schools have begun to think it is their job to parent our children. I am vehemently opposed to that
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	CRT and SEL. Pornographic books and LGBTQ Propaganda have all pushed aside the most important studies for students.
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	If you are still teaching CRT, WOKE, LBQT, letting kids dress as animals and think that is acceptable.
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Not properly teaching history
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Not teaching basic skills, values and respect for authority.
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Public scools want the money for the kids but it usually goes goes into doing more stuff with the buildings to be repainted every year or stuff or paying higher salaries to district hirer ups,instead of better books and materials for the kids,and the woke teachers and idioligy needs to stop ,are childern are the future and its looking grim when a lot of kids cant read or even write a hand written letter some kids that work at a fast food place cant even count back your change if the cash register doesnt tell the how much so the public schools are a big problem
F	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	School classrooms which I've seen had personal preference indoctrination and activism materials. Unless teaching 1 bad teacher plus 1 slanted education equals too extreme? Why are we conditioning children to behave in manners which will only target them when they can enter real world and make their own choices especially if parents consider personal beliefs, pro and con, their job to teach children? No student should be even able to guess a teacher's political or personal preferences. This is definitely the wrong track for children to be turned out leaning so left or right if had that too. Instead, our children should brle graduating standing tall without a leaning tower of Pisa-like mindset where see building lean left or right depends which direction.
M	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Letting parents and students dictate how children are to be educated. What they at to learn and know. Most doesn't prepare them for real world.
M	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	No civics. No STEM in a substantive way. No moral values. No quintessential American ethos.
M	55-64	R	N	El Paso/St	Too much coddling, too much emphasis on subjects that aren't useful, not enough vocational programs. No enough accountability of teachers or students.
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Children are not being taught basic educational, reading writing, etc, but rather how to accept everyone, education can be done of that, but need to stick to the basics, we are falling behind as a nation in education.
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Cowtowing to the lgbtq community and the stupid use of pronouns.

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F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	I hear of incidents where schools are too caught up with current social policies taking precedence over academic achievement. Teachers unions are too politically focused. I support school choice.
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Liberal woke dogma
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Teacher Unions and administrative boards hoard the money and force critical race theory and sex choice on our kids... totally immoral standards.
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Teachers hands are tied. Children are out of control. What happened to reciting the Pledge of Alligance or prayers. Our schools need protection
F	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Too little time spent on the basics of education - readin, ritin, rithmatic
M	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	I think the results we are seeing speak for themselves.
M	65+	R	N	El Paso/St	Kids can't even read and do math a grade level and still graduating
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso/St	I don't think schools or teachers should be involved in sexual orientation or anything gender related.
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso/St	Kids no longer want to learn. They don't feel safe to be at school let alone express themselves or make mistakes.
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso/St	Liberty High school is attempting to keep possible threats out of the school by making students show id's upon entry, but barely look at the id's when shown to them. They also only make students show id's upon entry in the mornings, through out the rest of the day (lunch, off periods, tardys, etc.) The id's aren't needed to enter the building.
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso/St	Teachers are required to purchase their classroom supplies with their own personal money and their salaries don't represent the work they do.
F	45-54	U	N	El Paso/St	Being deceitful in how they spent school bond money and disregarded the community advisory committee to the point where everyone quit. It was a joke!
M	45-54	U	N	El Paso/St	No accountability for students who do not choose to follow the rules. They hurt students who do. Their parents do not hold their own children accountable.
F	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	Concerned about gender
F	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	The math curriculum is difficult to understand and to teach. Students do not understand basic math.
M	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	Marxist indoctrination (LGBT,Woke,etc).
M	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	Wokeness and trans-gender B. S.
U	55-64	U	N	El Paso/St	Because their focus is transgender and pronouns, not education.

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F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	I believe political ideology has no place in the school setting. I also believe schools shouldn't encourage different forms of sexuality. We (as a society) have to do a better job setting boundaries of what we do and do not "teach" in public schools.
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	Teaching children never to offend anyone is impossible and will end up with built up resentments. Taking away rights of some and giving them to others will not work. Proper English is not being taught to native English speakers and will result in the inability to compete on a national and international level.
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	The board isn't acting acting on behalf of the parents/students/teachers.
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	They are NOT focusing on early childhood education. Like many school districts in this state & across the country, they have greatly reduced funding and contact time for visual arts and, most importantly, for early childhood music education music education. Music education impacts reading fluency, language arts and many other academics. If a child does not learn to track a beat visually or demonstrate steady beat in largemotor and locomotor movement, they are not likely to achieve any fluency in reading. Along with that are maater8ng spatial awareness, social skills (teamwork) and critical thinking involved with singing and playing instruments with other children. A decline in early childhood music education always precipitates the decline in early childhood education.
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	They are out of school way to many days each school year, not nearly enough homework
F	65+	U	N	El Paso/St	Too much emphasis on social issues and concerns and not enough support for reading writing, and arithmetic, the basics
M	35-44	D	Y	El Paso/St	Religious extremist on the board attempting to push their views into other students. Prayer does not belong in school and neither does argument over cultural contributions of minorities being taught as history.
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	Our current school board is mismanaging every aspect of education in our area. They are putting in subpar standards with America Birthright and have turned down grants for SEL
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso/St	Students are not engaged, social media dominates.
F	55-64	D	Y	El Paso/St	Because when it comes to children being bullied they avoid the whole situation and if they happen to be forced into doing something they make so obvious to the ones that are doing the bullying to know who has said something regarding it and that is so wrong besides the fact of covering up for the bullies by saying they come from a troubled home what kid doesn't come from some kind of trouble in their home life.
F	65+	D	Y	El Paso/St	I think they need to reevaluate the curriculum that they are using

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M	35-44	O	Y	El Paso/St	Common core is a trash system, schools are hamstrung by teaching to poorly designed standardized tests, insidious christian mythology being used in place of common sense and facts, racial supremacists being elected to the school board.
M	45-54	O	Y	El Paso/St	Lack of focus on STEM based education.
M	18-34	R	Y	El Paso/St	Noone but parents should be having conversations about gender. No school should groom the idea for you can be boy or girl or even a cat. There is a female body part and male body part.
F	35-44	R	Y	El Paso/St	Some schools are doing great hands on learning and helping the students socially but many are not. And there is teaching of too many things that parents should be in charge of (I.e. gender identity, focus on LGBTQ+, etc.) Those aren't school topics but something families should teach
F	35-44	R	Y	El Paso/St	They are teaching young children about sex and genders instead of focusing on academics
M	35-44	R	Y	El Paso/St	Focus on extraneous issues like extremely small population groups eg transgenderism
M	35-44	R	Y	El Paso/St	Our elementary school children are about 2 years behind where our oldest daughter was at their age. The home learning during Covid was an absolute joke. The last 2 years of in school learning has been very minimal progress.
U	35-44	R	Y	El Paso/St	They are politically motivated. Children should be taught how to think, not what to think.
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	Colorado public education is strictly ran from one side of the political isle. It's ridiculous!
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	More time and money is spent on propaganda and political correctness than academics and character.
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	Students are not at grade level, we should have 100% of students at level. Schools going 4 days a week is horrible and effecting our future generations. Teacher pay and administration pay should reflect the 4 day week.
M	45-54	R	Y	El Paso/St	Public schools are failing students on every front, except one: Leftist indoctrination. Teachers are more concerned with pronouns than educational rigor.
M	55-64	R	Y	El Paso/St	To many times I have seen graduating students that can not do basic math and struggle reading
M	65+	R	Y	El Paso/St	Loss of classical education no definite direction very poor example from a very liberal higher education
F	18-34	U	Y	El Paso/St	I believe that the public school system is a failed system, has been for a long time, and needs to be reconstructed from the ground up. I wouldn't send my kids to a public school if I was dying in a hospital bed. When they're old enough, if I can't send them to an Acton Academy, I will most likely homeschool them.
F	18-34	U	Y	El Paso/St	Indoctrinating our children to radical political beliefs.
F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	Teachers are underpaid and students aren't paying attention. There is more emphasis on social issues (LGBTQ etc ppl) and sex Ed than students being able to comprehend a paragraph.

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U	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	By college, kids no longer know basic history, how to count change or do basic math, how to adequately read and write, or speak correctly. Kids no longer are taught trades, nor are they taught how to drive a car, or to read and write cursive. Kids are taught victimhood and to hate America. Kids are lied to about the number of genders (there are 2), and exposed to explicit sexual content above an actual education. I don't want another penny of my money to support the eroded mess that is our public school system.
U	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	It's all feelings, emotions, and politics of the left. Instead of proper facts and science. Removing, replacing and rewriting history. All the students have to be the same. None of the teachers read the students IEP... I have nothing nice to say about fountain, Hanover, Pueblo, Fort Carson, or any other of the public in Colorado
U	35-44	U	Y	El Paso/St	Lack of BASICS like civics and financial education. Too much emphasis on social & cultural standards at the cost of remembering to teach basic life skills
F	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	Kids need more flexible up scaling if they are capable to complete work and move on instead of trying to hold the class to wait on others to get it. After, COVID the kids are more independent or very lost in their educations. Non academic students should be encouraged more to persue a more hands on manufacturing career. And those wanting a bachelors degree pushed that direction their eighth grade year. High school should prepare the kids for a future starting the day they finish high School.making the students by the Career driven councilors to get the students prepared to begin work or go to college as soon as they graduate highschool.
F	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	Still teaching outdated concepts not useful in the real world. Not enough programs for less than proficient students.
M	45-54	U	Y	El Paso/St	All school should be about real life management...Taxes, rights as a citizen, work ethic. Nothing else
F	55-64	U	Y	El Paso/St	Losing focus on the basics (reading, writing, arithmetic) and instead focusing on social issues and rewriting history.
F	55-64	U	Y	El Paso/St	The raises in wages always goes to administration NOT teachers. Too much money is being spent by parents for supplies. And the parents are paying taxes that are very high and having to buy supplies as well.
U	55-64	U	Y	El Paso/St	The pro LGBT is becoming absolutely ridiculous
M	65+	U	Y	El Paso/St	Teachers burn out too soon and only teach students who are disruptive because principals only elevate these behaviors. See principal at keller elementary.

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F	18-34	D	N	Metro	I'm a public school teacher and am not going to explain everything going wrong as it would take hours.
M	18-34	D	N	Metro	As a prior graduate of one of the lower income high schools in the metro denver area, it is completely pitiful. The difference in resources directed towards the school I had attended vs others in the Adams12 school district was utterly colossal. We barely had the funding to provide anything and the school ran on fundraisers for all events while other schools in the district, namely Horizon, Mountain Range, and Legacy seemed to always have it all. I understand that school funding is based upon a % of homeowners tax but that system is terrible. Low income neighborhoods deserve quality education.
F	35-44	D	N	Metro	All of the neighborhood schools are gone. The choice system has ruined public school. backool safety is a huge issue and there are little to no support services. I used to teach in the district and it was horrible for students. Soon I have to choose a place for my daughter to go for kindergarten and would rather live out of district than choose something in DPS.
M	45-54	D	N	Metro	There are alot of kids & teenagers that I've seen barely attending school. Family issues Leading to students dropping out to work to survive or take care of family members put education on back burner there for do not Graduate. For alot they want to continue Education but ends up not happening.
F	55-64	D	N	Metro	Admission first get their raises before improvements are done.
M	65+	D	N	Metro	The whole design of our factory public education system is out of touch with our current reality.
M	18-34	O	N	Metro	Politics and sexual identities being brought into the classroom
M	18-34	O	N	Metro	THE KIDS ARE THE FUTURE EVERYONE IS BOUND TO DIE GIVE THEM A FAIR EDUCATION AND THE TEACHERS FAIR PAY WHERE IS THE MONEY FROM THE MARIJUANA?
U	35-44	O	N	Metro	Schools are infested with with far left radical activists that are brainwashing innocent children.
F	18-34	R	N	Metro	Gender Ideology shouldn't be taught or even exposed to children in public school. Teachers are more concerned with being activists than actually teaching.
F	18-34	R	N	Metro	I don't feel the school system teaches students to be hard working adults. I feel the system has gotten politicized.

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M	18-34	R	N	Metro	Judging from the latest CMAS results, literacy rates are atrocious. How about we start there getting students reading, writing, and doing math and science at grade-level. Rather than paying an inflated number of administrators inflated six-figure salaries, the district should prioritize funds to hire and retain quality, well-performing teachers, and pay them more. Additionally, the teachers unions who fought to keep schools closed and kids at home far longer than necessary during the COVID pandemic ought to be held accountable.
M	18-34	R	N	Metro	Keep politics out of the classroom, and increase the pay of deserving teachers instead of giving students laptops
F	45-54	R	N	Metro	The school right behind us are always outside so you can't say they are learning anything while outside all day.
F	45-54	R	N	Metro	The woke mentality and all sense of logic and reason has gone out the window at the cherry creek school system. I know multiple families that alternate enroll in Littleton public schools because of the asinine policies ccps now employs.
M	45-54	R	N	Metro	Graduation rates are down. Kids generally speaking are testing below grade level in core areas of study. Increases in taxes with little to no improvement shown to justify increases.
M	45-54	R	N	Metro	Schools need focus strictly on fundamentals of English, math, science and history
U	45-54	R	N	Metro	Teaching DEI and transgender bullshit instead of math, science, true biology, and accessible shop classes. Fly the pride flag, but demonize the American Flag is the Colorado approach to education in a nutshell.
F	55-64	R	N	Metro	In my opinioN, not enough emphasis on education basics like math, science, history, geography, but on more politically charged issues like gender identity and equity!
F	55-64	R	N	Metro	One finances should be directed to teachers so they have the necessary resources. I feel to much is focused on the administrators who have no true idea of what teachers are dealing with
F	55-64	R	N	Metro	There are many students who should not be in general education because of academic and behavior issues. This takes time away from other students because the teachers have to take more time with them. The students who have behavioral/academic issues are often just passed by and don't get the help they need.
F	55-64	R	N	Metro	They teach Wrong is right and right is wrong
M	55-64	R	N	Metro	Politics and stupid ideology. Teach spelling, arithmetic and reading.
M	55-64	R	N	Metro	They are embroiled in left wing politics and failing to teach kids the fundamentals of reading, writing, math, history, and science.
M	55-64	R	N	Metro	Too much money and it never seems enough for them.
M	55-64	R	N	Metro	Too woke.

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F	65+	R	N	Metro	Too much time teaching for state test, classes no longer offered, no discipline, never has enough money anymore, teaching of who you are sexually as in transgender, gay or lesbian should not be taught at school and confuse young children.
M	65+	R	N	Metro	No good order and discipline. Woke policies. No prayer in school. No pledge of respect for old glory. Kids dress like slob going to school. Satan clubs in schools. No respect for the USA. Commie teachers.
M	65+	R	N	Metro	Too many closings of schools in aging neighborhoods.
M	65+	R	N	Metro	We have drag queens as teachers in our schools. They schedule drag queen story time for kids in our public libraries. The teacher's union is too liberal. As the largest contributor to the democratic party, they are too political and more committed to indoctrination than to education.
U	65+	R	N	Metro	The teacher unions only take care of themselves, not the students. It is called teacher union and not student union specifically because their interest is in themselves and they could care less about the students. The administrators and school boards are worse with their policies and the curriculum and covid policies and the horrible waste of our taxpayer dollars. The liberals are running everything and you need to get more conservatives in teaching and authority.
F	18-34	U	N	Metro	I think they are focusing too much on social issues rather than educating students and preparing them to enter the real world whether that be college or the work force.
M	18-34	U	N	Metro	Education in America is at an all time low. The average Americans intelligence by varying forms of systemic testing isn't improving by much if at all. We need to rework some key pieces of our educational system
M	18-34	U	N	Metro	I know of elementary schoolers that vape. Education is the lowest concern on the list of priorities for Colorado.
M	18-34	U	N	Metro	Teachers introduce their own political opinions everyday, and use tax payer money to just copy and paste questions from Google, they do less work and want more
U	18-34	U	N	Metro	I think schools need to focus more on teaching students basic education and less on political issues and gender confusion.
F	35-44	U	N	Metro	Local schools are not designed to address the complex needs of students in this day and age. Officials need to reimagine what education means to today's student and ultimately settle on what they are able to commit to providing.

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F	35-44	U	N	Metro	Most schools in my area, particularly those that serve predominantly black and Hispanic student populations, are deeply affected by structural racism and extreme economic disparity. Teachers are overwhelmed with class sizes of 30 or more. And administrators blame teachers for what are structural failures. It's time for a new way forward that doesn't reflect a rigid, prison industrial complex of learning.
M	35-44	U	N	Metro	Because they only teach half of wut I had to learn and I only graduated in 03
M	35-44	U	N	Metro	Denver Public Schools is spending money but not on teaching salaries.
M	35-44	U	N	Metro	Schools are not teaching anything to do with financial responsibility or money management. Kids are not being taught to think critically or independently. Kids are not being taught to question authority. These things should be taught and encouraged.
U	35-44	U	N	Metro	Look at the results, student scores on standardized test has been going steadily down for the last decade
F	45-54	U	N	Metro	Seems to me kids are not being taught what they should be learning. Keep opinions and politics out of schools
M	55-64	U	N	Metro	So when you see a kid that identifies as cat or dog and there being accommodated in a public school I think we're on the wrong track.
U	55-64	U	N	Metro	Not focused on learning what's needed to get a good job
F	65+	U	N	Metro	Extremely conservative school board members. Some racial issues not being properly addressed.
F	65+	U	N	Metro	The whole Charter School p i r a c y is one reason all these schools were built by residents in the area who either live to or migrate here from overseas or down south they paid to have the schools maintain for Generations and these slick operators come in take over these multi multimillion dollar schools from what I've seen it's Brown versus Topeka backlash starting with predominantly our schools with significant amounts of students of color these schools were taken over and say like Smiley Junior High that was maybe half black this supposed charter school is 98% White same with c o l e Jr High and Manual High School children of color are again being made to travel long distances to schools with the majority white students passing by the schools they would normally be going to that have been converted to Charter Schools where the majority of the students that are accepted are white students a public school should be open to everyone these Charter Schools absolutely have the audacity to qualify students to me that is against public education that is very core I will stop now since nothing matters but that's how I feel

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F	65+	U	N	Metro	They are not teaching the basic things to our children.theur off on the woke track. The children need the truth not new ideas of tearing down our government. Our government now is disgraceful. We need truth and liberty taught not lies and deception.
F	65+	U	N	Metro	They need managers - not bureaucrats.
M	65+	U	N	Metro	DEI, gender affirmation, racism (against white people), lowering of graduation standards...
M	65+	U	N	Metro	Not enough focus on core skills. Far too much politics, undermining of family values, bad communication with parents.
M	65+	U	N	Metro	With the focus away from core social & skill development toward Critical Race Theory, gender identification, etc, I believe DPS has abandoned that which actually prepares young adults for the future.
M	18-34	D	Y	Metro	They focus so much on gender and lgbt pride. Kids are failing in math, English, science and history yet teachers keep talking lgbt nonstop all year!!! And for the record, I am gay and am sick of these fake teachers focusing on agenda over education
F	35-44	D	Y	Metro	Because of the rating on great schools. Not getting proper education to be able to score well on standardized testing
F	35-44	D	Y	Metro	Colorado has one of the worst rated education systems. There are too many politics in schools
F	35-44	D	Y	Metro	The Douglas county school board is very white washed and wants to keep racism in our school books.
F	35-44	D	Y	Metro	The teachers aren't educating children on facts but rather opinions. They don't work with special needs children efficiently or talk to the children with respect.
M	35-44	D	Y	Metro	Violent kids are not removed from schools.
U	35-44	D	Y	Metro	Too much political influence and interference
F	45-54	D	Y	Metro	People that have never stepped foot inside a school are making decisions for schools and teachers. Teachers are treated like second class citizens with a whole separate job of paperwork to do after the students leave.
F	45-54	D	Y	Metro	Short staffed, large class sizes, overworked and under paid teachers. When my kids struggled I ended up hiring a tutor I pay 120 per week for my two kids to have help with math to meet standards. Their teachers have too many kids and not enough time to meet their needs.
M	45-54	D	Y	Metro	Buses have stopped. This is a major issue for our family. Excessive homework and teachers are not capturing attention of students for in class learning.
U	45-54	D	Y	Metro	They are starting to turn the focus away from education and more to social activism.

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F	55-64	D	Y	Metro	Douglas County School District eliminated all equity programs. Horrible racism is happening to children of color with no consequences to the white racist children. Also, they are pushing what teachers can have students read. The 4 main conservative members are not there for the children but their egos. My daughter went to Mountain Vista HS. Feel grateful she graduated when this racist and homophobic board came into "power". She is a junior attending CU Boulder. Also, she is Chinese American. Students tried to bully her when Trump won and during the pandemic. Teachers and administrators stepped in to stop it.
F	18-34	N	Y	Metro	Because they focus so much on Race my child comes home wondering why he's hated because he has a lighter skin tone
M	35-44	O	Y	Metro	The system does not work. They should teach students about real life things. Like economics, how to invest wisely, how to become entrepreneurs. Not the same stuff they have been teaching for over 100 years that dont work for nothing. The only good thing about school is that they teach students how to read, write and math. The rest of the things are no good in real life. And thats the truth and everyone knows it. Its time for the system to change.
F	45-54	O	Y	Metro	They are putting more money into HS programs and taking away from elementary. Focuses more on the latest social craze vs just teaching
F	45-54	O	Y	Metro	Too much money, spent on upper level administrators. Not enough on the actual teachers. Too much emphasis on sexuality and gender as opposed to actually reading, writing and math. We are falling behind compared to other countries in terms of actual knowledge and intellectual capability. Please start teaching kids things that will actually help them in their lives, such as budgeting, investing, maintaining a household, etc. Please stop trying to take away the parents ability to raise their own children.
F	18-34	R	Y	Metro	Students don't face any real punishments which worsens the education of students that don't misbehave.
F	18-34	R	Y	Metro	The kids are not encouraged to be curious. Everything is centered around testing and at neck breaking speed. It stresses out kids and parents.
F	35-44	R	Y	Metro	Woke political ideologies are having a negative impact on education in the classroom.
M	35-44	R	Y	Metro	The handling of the principle and assistant principle situation at Mcauliffe was handled very poorly by the school district.
M	35-44	R	Y	Metro	Violence

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F	45-54	R	Y	Metro	Changing the curriculum of my generation to whatever this is now. Especially math. If it isn't broke don't fix it. The next more important. Stop SHOVING THIS GENDER GARBAGE DOWN OUR KIDS THROATS. It's not ok. It's not ok for a 15 year old boy to think he's a girl. KEEP IT OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS. Where is all the funding going? Years ago you passed prop 64 for funding of schools. Her text books are 15 years old and the laptop she had to borrow several times was 10 years old and broken. Property taxes go up every year. Where is the money going, our local politicians pocket?
F	45-54	R	Y	Metro	I disagree with some gender and pronoun policies.
M	45-54	R	Y	Metro	Kids who do not fit the mold of a perfect student are lost and fail ou. Almost as if being "pushed" out.
M	45-54	R	Y	Metro	Most public schools in Denver seem to be focused on other areas than educating kids
F	55-64	R	Y	Metro	They are more concerned with other agendas and social issues than they are, and educating our kids. They are falling behind globally and education. They are actually introducing ideas that are extremely harmful for children and their mental and emotional development
M	55-64	R	Y	Metro	Political and bias manipulation is evident in
U	55-64	R	Y	Metro	Mandating crap like crt and gender shit. Pronouns
F	65+	R	Y	Metro	Because when I was in school it was NOT common for kids to not graduate from High School, everyone did. Now, children are allowed to drop out at 16 years old even if their parents disagree. And they are dropping out like flies. A LOT of children are making this choice these days so education efforts are totally wasted. They do not keep kids interested in the education they get. GO BACK TO THE 3 R's.
M	65+	R	Y	Metro	Boulder Valley SD doesn't focus on education, it focuses on diversity.
F	18-34	U	Y	Metro	We have low test scores, the teachers and staff are more concerned with LGBT issues, genders, covid regulations, and mental health. If we want to be a great economy/country we need to focus on educating with facts not feelings.

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F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	I see a huge addiction and violence problem in schools. The environments in public schools are punitive in most cases. Students that are striving for a substance free environment are inundated with peer pressure to use and the amount of substances available within the schools and on school grounds is baffling. Academic focus is on memorization and regurgitation of information for test taking rather than producing opportunities to use critical thinking and project based learning. Our education system is built to groom and program students rather than empower them to be free thinkers. Half or more of the information taught is historically inaccurate and does not help students learn from the past. I believe that these issues are far broader than DPS and are on a national level. Basic skills for f survival need to be prioritized taught in schools. I could go on- however I think you get the point.
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	Rely on technology and not all children are visual learners. Some need the hands on physical work; not just a tablet.
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	There is a lack of investment in quality character building opportunities for students, there is a push for belief and persuasion of ideas and opinions of lifestyle that is no business in a public education system. The forced approval and encouragement of personal and morally controversial opinions and preferences on students and families is unacceptable. High pressure academics and yet a lack of true learning or facilitating of a love or interest in learning. It is a grave disappointment the generations of young people coming out of our public education system, truly uneducated and violently opinionated people with a lack of ability to think critically, rationally or logically.
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	We are educating this generation using traditional teaching methods. They need something different.
F	35-44	U	Y	Metro	We don't need to be teaching 5 year olds about gender identity and sexual identity that should be taught by parents! I'm fine with whatever and whoever Y children want to be but I should be exposing them to that not Jeffco schools! Not to mention the scandal that is going on bc teachers passed out a survey to students to identify their gender. I'm dreading sending my kids to public schools!
M	35-44	U	Y	Metro	Politicized. Poor board leadership; little skill, does not balance views or follow due process.
M	35-44	U	Y	Metro	Schools need to focus on education and not on politics. Stop asking my daughters about pronouns. They're only 2 genders!!
M	35-44	U	Y	Metro	Too focused on standardized tests and social issues. Schools need to be about education not liberal policies

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M	35-44	U	Y	Metro	Too much political ideas into schools Parents shouldn't have to pay hundreds of dollars for classes each year when it's a public school that is funded by our tax dollars
F	45-54	U	Y	Metro	Our schools need to go back to academics and only teach academics. We are falling behind the world in math and science yet schools prefer to tech about feelings. The feelings social justice is extra AFTER academics is taught AND mastered and not until then
F	45-54	U	Y	Metro	Since \$50 billion in Colorado education funding was cut about 15 years ago there has been a noticeable drop off in terms of quality of education in Colorado schools. My daughter's friend who was in 6th grade and who has attended Lakewood public schools since pre-K could not read or write but was passed on to 6th grade with no issues.
F	45-54	U	Y	Metro	The schools in my local area are struggling with money and good teachers. They are rated low in educational rigor, skill levels and CMAS testing. As a result we commute and choice into another district. It would be great if all schools had the resources and supports as the schools 1 mile down the road.
M	45-54	U	Y	Metro	Lack of focus on basic spelling, writing, math and critical thinking skills.
U	45-54	U	Y	Metro	Curriculum
F	55-64	U	Y	Metro	With everything they do, they are trying to program the minds of the children with gender, morph, ism, and other kinds of programming. Basically, the school systems are geared towards making the children see, believe, and adhere this slave mentality that they want those children to adhere to. It's super messed up. Nobody is free to think as I want to think anymore.
M	55-64	U	Y	Metro	They need to stop telling the children what to think and instead teach them how to think.
U	55-64	U	Y	Metro	For at least the past 35 years and on kids are last on the list after money-politics-latest unfortunate learning trends--Covid--teachers who put themselves first ETC
U	55-64	U	Y	Metro	The open sexualization of children in the name of disenfranchised groups.
M	65+	U	Y	Metro	Watch the news every night it's pretty apparent school boards, etc. do not have the interest of students as a first, second or even third priority.
F	18-34	D	N	Mtn	Core curriculum changing and teacher lacking motivation due to low pay
M	18-34	D	N	Mtn	Public schools on average spend more per student than the average private school tuition while producing students scoring on average standard deviations below private school students in reading and math

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F	35-44	D	N	Mtn	My brother was a teacher for Denver public schools. He taught for 17 years despite being an engineer. He was so disgusted and disappointed by the public school system he finally went back to engineering. You are doing nothing to attract/ retain good/great teachers. It's our kids and our future that will be affected negatively. We need great role models and those role models need to be supported. Shame on our government for doing a really terrible job in achieving that. I'm sure Colorado has plenty of funding to do so. Maybe this also needs addressed on a federal level?
F	45-54	D	N	Mtn	I don't think traditional education is serving the children. Developing critical thinking skills should be of high importance as well as social and emotional development. Testing well is neither important in real life or indicative of intelligence. I think project based education with more freedom to choose topics would be a better model.
F	55-64	D	N	Mtn	Rural, mountains, bullying, no resources for challenged kids, should teach more inclusive history
M	65+	D	N	Mtn	Not enough teachers. Income too far away from cost of living!
F	45-54	R	N	Mtn	Marxist indoctrination, teacher's unions, lack of parental control, Trans indoctrination.
M	45-54	R	N	Mtn	CRT and sexualization of children
F	55-64	R	N	Mtn	Gender education, very against this insanity.
F	55-64	R	N	Mtn	Keep CRT out of our schools. Start teaching the basics AND LIFE SKILLS!
F	55-64	R	N	Mtn	Not enough emphasis on academics - too much emphasis on social engineering, DEI issues and gender/sexuality issues
F	55-64	R	N	Mtn	School 4 days a week-students on drugs!!! No career path! Embarrassing the way they look-act-work ethic
F	55-64	R	N	Mtn	Too much work agenda rather than old school learning
M	55-64	R	N	Mtn	DEI. crap Systemic racism doesn't exist. Suppressing freedom of speech is a taught illness. Shame on those people.
M	55-64	R	N	Mtn	Focus is misguided - have moved away from basic education principles
M	55-64	R	N	Mtn	No emphasis on academics.
M	55-64	R	N	Mtn	Teachers have stopped teaching and are focused on social issues not reading, writing and arithmetic. Private schools perform better with less funding in most cases.
M	55-64	R	N	Mtn	They need to teach the 3 r's not indoctrinate kids in left wing bs!
U	55-64	R	N	Mtn	1. Do away with teachers Union. Government workers do not belong in a union. Union dictates too much. School board is too liberal. Teachers pay and perks are better than their counterparts in private industry. It does not take a masters degree to teach elementary subjects. I could go on but I am sure you have heard this all before!

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F	65+	R	N	Mtn	Don't agree with the political garbage kids are being taught. They need to be taught reading, writing, arithmetic and to be patriotic. They need to be taught how we arrived here years ago, and to not take it for granted. They need to not be taught to hate America. We do not need to be teaching questioning if you're a girl or a boy!
F	65+	R	N	Mtn	Just have been some issues!! I know they actually had a Principal that had NEVER TAUGHT before being a Principal!!!! That was NOT right!!!!!! I worry about them and some of the choices they make!!! EDUCATION IS VERY IMPORTANT SO ALL DECISIONS MADE HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AS TO HOW THEIR RESULTS ARE AFFECTING THE OUTCOME OF THE STUDENT'S EDUCATION!!!! It will either make or break their future life!!!!!!
M	65+	R	N	Mtn	CRT. The district believe we are racist. They deficit spend and will be out of fund balance within a year.
M	65+	R	N	Mtn	Not bilingual, LGBTQ, racist, not enough math science and traditional civics
M	65+	R	N	Mtn	Poor testing. Woke policies
U	65+	R	N	Mtn	Too many woke ideas in all schools. Wasted time and young futures.
F	18-34	U	N	Mtn	Lack of teachers for a meaningful teacher to student ratio
U	18-34	U	N	Mtn	Most educators are communist and should be executed with extreme prejudice.
F	35-44	U	N	Mtn	The voters keep refusing to pay a tad more in taxes to increase teacher pay to match cost of living. They have short for the last three years. They have cross country as the only extra curricular activity. I am seriously considering moving when my daughter is school age.
F	45-54	U	N	Mtn	Let's get back to teaching math, science and English and quit letting politics and social agendas into the curriculum
F	45-54	U	N	Mtn	Too much focus on test results Not enough resources for the teachers who do an amazing job Not enough resources for the kids
F	45-54	U	N	Mtn	Too much political interference. Not teaching students what they need to know to be productive members of society.
M	45-54	U	N	Mtn	Transgenderism , equity, diversity, etc priorities over real education. Highest money oer student and education is still going down hill.
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	A lot of political influence and not sticking to main subject matter. Staying out of immigration topics.
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	Decreased funding, inadequate or high cost in school programs that many parents cannot afford
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	Take a look at the end product
F	65+	U	N	Mtn	They're not teaching the things kids need to succeed. Reading, math, writing.

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F	65+	U	N	Mtn	We live in the Vail valley. The salaries they offer the teachers are not enough to live on let alone attract top talent. Teachers can get paid more waiting tables. And they have to to be able to afford living here. They are burdened with unnecessary paperwork and redundancy.
M	65+	U	N	Mtn	Staff are underpaid. Administration is very conservative.
F	18-34	D	Y	Mtn	Our school board holds voting where we as parents can vote on how we'd like different things handled and it seems like our votes aren't actually the deciding factor. Even if the majority of parents want something a certain way, it's still ultimately decided by the school board itself. Doesn't feel like we're being heard and it feels very unfair.
M	35-44	D	Y	Mtn	Colorado is ranked toward the bottom in the US, which continues to skip in world rankings.
M	35-44	D	Y	Mtn	Our public school system mismanages money, there are no systems and no accountability. We had to remove our children from the local schools because of their poor performance. All our schools are focused on are things that have very little impact on student achievement. I am a registered democrat, but the democrats are losing me on education.
M	35-44	D	Y	Mtn	Ratio of students to teachers is too high, not enough buses, zero thought to infrastructure -many schools don't have sidewalks to and from them, schools allow parents to block traffic.
F	45-54	D	Y	Mtn	Horrible test scores and attendance
F	45-54	D	Y	Mtn	Kids don't move. They are all anxious and depressed due to lack of physical movement and fresh air. Kids with any problems with academics are left behind and instead of guiding them in an area that can support their learning they are left feeling worthless.
F	65+	D	Y	Mtn	Like most schools they teach for the test.
F	65+	D	Y	Mtn	The main HS environment is focused on athletics over academics and does not promote inclusion. The "alternative" school is preferable and DOES promote inclusion. I have kids there.
M	18-34	N	Y	Mtn	They indoctrinate children into adhering to the neoliberal/zionist I agenda of hating themselves and their heritage and encouraging them to practice genital mutilation.
F	45-54	O	Y	Mtn	Overcrowded and lack decent chpices
M	45-54	O	Y	Mtn	They have continuously made decisions that could have been financially beneficial and instead did not make the right decision.
U	45-54	O	Y	Mtn	The students can not do the basic The social studies are so low they don't understand a 1908 grade school test in it
F	18-34	R	Y	Mtn	Promoting the transgender ideology and forcing it upon students. Anything sexually related like that should be handled at home or in the bare minimum with older students I.e 16 and older with parental consent. Too much of this is being propagandized to the young children.
F	35-44	R	Y	Mtn	I think we need to get back to some core education

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M	35-44	R	Y	Mtn	They aren't interested in educating.
U	35-44	R	Y	Mtn	I've worked in public schools. It's all about test scores and funding. There are few of us who actually care about the education and well-being of children. Even fewer administrators.
F	45-54	R	Y	Mtn	Do not listen to parents when surveys are sent out and the response goes against the school districts desires. Only appoint "yes" people to the board. Do the bare minimum hours required by the state for education. Do not follow the rules of IEPs, keep kids with special needs from getting the help by not evaluating them honestly
F	45-54	R	Y	Mtn	Focuses off of a good education, focused more on the rights of very few students and leaves other students out- definitely wrong direction
F	45-54	R	Y	Mtn	Policy to not allowing the community to have a candlelight vigil after losing one of our 6th graders. NEEDS CHANGE HAVE A HEART
F	45-54	R	Y	Mtn	The superintendent & administration are unethical human beings with no regard to our children's rights or best interest
F	45-54	R	Y	Mtn	We need to focus on EDUCATION not lifestyle choices
M	45-54	R	Y	Mtn	Focus on Social and Gender Issues versus focus on academics.
M	55-64	R	Y	Mtn	District definitely needs to spend more time on the basic tenants of education and not spend so much time indoctrinating our students into subjects that have nothing to do with Language arts, reading, arithmetic, geography etc
F	35-44	U	Y	Mtn	Low teacher and administrative retention rates.
F	35-44	U	Y	Mtn	They dedicate too much time on confusing little kids on gender identity instead of teaching kids to be kind to each other and not be bullies. I've seen already some pretty disturbing disfunctions in little kids because of that gender identity push, so do many other parents I talk to
M	35-44	U	Y	Mtn	They have gotten way off track with the CRT stuff. They need to refocus on core studies i.e, Math, Reading, History, Science.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Dangerous policies that put both students and teachers at safety risk. Discipline matrix is problematic and communication in time of crisis is absolutely abhorrent. School board members abuse their power and misusing tax payer funds by making out of state trips and not bring accountable and transparent what those trips are for. Superintendent promotes a fearful working environment to silence educators. This who district needs to be cleaned top to bottom. It is one of the major reasons DPS is losing students.

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F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Hiring unqualified teachers & SPED personnel due to lack of applicants. Paying administration ridiculously high salaries while not paying teachers livable wages. Consumed with social justice issues while our students don't even hold basic knowledge of history, math, geography and the written word.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Inability to acquire and/ or retain teachers. Often times teachers are biased, prejudiced and end up being "let go".
F	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Our Board is a disaster, our superintendent is incompetent and a bully, and the corruption is off the charts. Teachers and principals are hung out to dry. I'm ready to move, for my kids' sake. I have no confidence in anything related to DPS.
M	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	No vocation education, no gym, don't teach financial responsibility, spend too much time on social issues when they should focus on core education. Kids aren't prepared for real life hardships and can't handle constructive criticism.
M	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Pronouns, gender confusion and all the LGBQRST crap
M	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	They have mandatory classes on wokeness. They are force feeding very specific opinions on very specific races, but are not AT ALL inclusive of other races and ethnicities
U	45-54	U	Y	Mtn	Indoctrination into liberal ideology is not appropriate in public schools.
F	55-64	U	Y	Mtn	They are more concerned about LBGTQ+, DEI and teaching small children whether they want to be a boy or girl- it's disgusting and horrible!!! It's child abuse!!!!
F	55-64	U	Y	Mtn	Too liberal in their thinking.
M	55-64	U	Y	Mtn	To much focus on gender and social Issues. Teachers are paid to teach and not indoctrinate children. Focus on education and let parents raise their children as they see fit...
F	18-34	D	N	N Metro	The violence and horrible threats that happen each year. we have to do something to change this.
M	18-34	D	N	N Metro	I don't have kids, I didn't go to school in this district, but when I see the way kids behave outside of school and the lack of respect they have I think it's crazy. I know this doesn't all fall back on their education and schools, a lot of it is parenting, but I think a proper education with better resources can help deter these kids from behaving in outlandish and inappropriate activities outside of school.
F	55-64	D	N	N Metro	I believe that the students need to be more motivated and encouraged to set and then achieve higher goals for themselves.
F	55-64	D	N	N Metro	I feel that too many of the wrong things are placed on teachers and taught to students and education is suffering. Children are not disciplinarians and baby sitters.
F	55-64	D	N	N Metro	Too much pressure from radical conservatives

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F	55-64	D	N	N Metro	Underpaid teachers; poor framed goals and objectives for teachers; uncertain leadership
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	Leaving out subjects I think are important, putting there religious views on students, book banning which is ridiculous
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	Public education is only focusing on the low-end students. Very bright kids are leaving because they're not being challenged. I'm mentoring 2 high school students who have left the local high school because they are not being challenged.
F	65+	D	N	N Metro	We have many first year teachers quitting in the middle of the school year. Or, a few who have been trying to hang in, but don't make enough money to afford living in Colorado.
F	35-44	O	N	N Metro	The education system is lacking on a large scale. Parents must be allowed to be more involved in the education of their children. Provide families with experiences that explore what the children are learning to enhance their education. And we must stop teaching our children about sexuality so young. They are too little and too easily influenced. Give them time to just be children.
M	45-54	O	N	N Metro	Too "woke". Leave that stuff for parents.
U	45-54	O	N	N Metro	Children can't do basic math, reading comprehension, geography, and completely ignorant of history. However they are highly efficient at being social justice warriors instead of actual justice warriors.
F	55-64	O	N	N Metro	Leadership
F	18-34	R	N	N Metro	I feel like education has taken a back seat to social issues and the school system is being used to push political agendas.
F	35-44	R	N	N Metro	Funding goes to wrong things. They still teach curriculum from 40 year or more outdated books. And all school lunch should be free to students who go there, regardless of the parents' income.
F	45-54	R	N	N Metro	The thoughts process around education is completely wrong!
F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	Because they are teaching liberal narratives and agendas
F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	Students are not being taught that basics. If u can't read or do simple math, you do not have necessary life skills.
F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	There is too much emphasis on gender identity instead of on academics. The standardized grading only makes kids think they don't have to put much effort into learning. A "1" is good enough when it is really failing. Opposing opinions and data on controversial issues are not allowed to be taught or they are taught as if the information is wrong. Kids are not taught to be critical thinkers. They are not allowed to have their own opinions without being graded down or ostracized by their peers.
F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	They took God out of the schools .

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F	55-64	R	N	N Metro	Woke teaching seems to be more important than teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. Also, the trans agenda has no place in school.
M	55-64	R	N	N Metro	Crt
F	65+	R	N	N Metro	Because of teaching critical race theory.
F	65+	R	N	N Metro	Much too woke. Need basic education. Children cannot read nor do math. Grammar is not addressed. Get back to education not indoctrination
F	65+	R	N	N Metro	Need to leave the school teachers union and stay away from the progressive crap they push
U	65+	R	N	N Metro	Self-righteous Unions; substandard leadership.
F	18-34	U	N	N Metro	Not following the latest science on what promotes learning for kids, Pushing gender and political views, working against parents instead of with them.
F	18-34	U	N	N Metro	They're buying unnecessary technologies, teaching kids stupid stuff, making everyone say their "pronouns" when learning how to pay bills is barely talked about
M	18-34	U	N	N Metro	In every area that teaches kids wrong information and I believe that every kid should be pulled from school
M	18-34	U	N	N Metro	They are focusing too much on pandering to minority extremist, and not enough on education.
M	18-34	U	N	N Metro	We need to spend more on each student and have more focused ways of spending the money collected
F	35-44	U	N	N Metro	Clueless kids and bad behaviors
F	35-44	U	N	N Metro	I feel all public schools are off on the wrong track. Politics and morals are a big factor
U	35-44	U	N	N Metro	Children are not taught to be upstanding contributors to society. They are not excelling in the fundamentals of knowledge and learning. And they are being propagandized and indoctrinated to a worldview of corruption, perversion, and evil.
U	35-44	U	N	N Metro	Teacher pay, class room sizes, and aggressive standardize testing are huge problems. We need to pay teachers more, have more school counselors, and encourage creative new approaches to education. Testing memorized material isn't education. It's temporarily memorizing facts. We need to pay teachers 4x more so quality people can come in and teach students how to think, learn, and act critically. More teachers for smaller classrooms and more counselors to help students who are suffering. Run schools less like a business and take the extreme salaries away from board members and principles. Give it back to the teachers and the staff!

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F	55-64	U	N	N Metro	Curriculum packages are bought too often without evidence based on if the previous package worked. Are used to sit on a Ciak. Additionally, the culture wars have invaded our classrooms, we don't need a culture war in the classroom. We just need our children taught critical thinking skills and core skills like reading history, English math Stem. Culture wars need to leave the classroom.
M	55-64	U	N	N Metro	Both of my children attended Thompson Valley Schools for most their K-12 education. Neither of my children had basic skills required to go on to college and finish successfully. My son was in the "Talented and Gifted program" which for all practical purposes did not exist. He barely made it out of high school but finished top of his class at CSU.
M	55-64	U	N	N Metro	Critical race theory, DEI, unions are all the problem
M	55-64	U	N	N Metro	Missing the basics
U	55-64	U	N	N Metro	The resources available are being funneled to gender and "I feel like a cat today" otherwise known as "Furries" identifications rather than investing in repairing our plummeting reading, writing, math, science and civics scores. This district, like most others around the state and nation, are dumbing down the students, and replacing learning bedrocks with inappropriate nonsense that the school boards, politicians, administrations and teachers are permitting and promoting.
U	55-64	U	N	N Metro	They are enabling students to identify as the students please. Books are in libraries that are not age appropriate. Teachers should only be teaching skills that that will make students successful in the work force. Teachers should not be sharing how they live their personal lives and should not be teaching them about gender, they should not be lying to them telling them their gender can be changed, etc. Boys should not be allowed in girls bathrooms or sports and girls should not be in boys bathrooms.
F	65+	U	N	N Metro	Need more focus on basics
F	65+	U	N	N Metro	Not focusing on the basics of reading, math, language, history, science. Too much emphasis on social agendas.
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	Based on my interactions with young, school age children in my area, they do not seem to have respect for the community or those of us who are older and retired who live in the community.
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	Because they are controlled by the government and unions. Stupid question after the given answers
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	Do not teach cursive, are very racist in their liberal Marxist teaching, and have downplayed the importance of basic math and science

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M	65+	U	N	N Metro	I see much more emphasis on Wolk, and politically correct, then I do on reading and math, which defeats the entire purpose of school in my pew
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	Too much emphasis on everything but reading, writing, math, and science. Need to forget about gender identity of students., need to quit worrying about equity. Need to quit trying to rewrite history to support theories of racism!
M	65+	U	N	N Metro	You know the teachers political views
U	35-44	N	Y	N Metro	I think they spend too much money I. The wrong areas
F	35-44	O	Y	N Metro	Focusing too much on mental health, equality, and politics rather than core education fundamentals.
F	35-44	O	Y	N Metro	Get rid of the SEL programs immediately and the indoctrination of our children with transgender ideology, race theory and lgbtq and abortion promoting garbage. I fully oppose this computer learning and schooling as well. I request we teach our children out of text books, work books, hand writing, civics, and facts. Get rid of google classroom learning. Enough of this wokism and activism. I do not send my kids to school for them to be brainwashed on how to be a social justice activist, leftist liberal democrat. This educational system needs to get back to the basics and teach our kids ACADEMICS. This educational system is failing our kids.
M	45-54	O	Y	N Metro	Bullying is rampant and unchecked, over focus on testing, over focus on sports over scholastics, poorly paid staff and teachers. Pretty much a joke
F	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	Bringing in a trans witch to educate our teachers is a horrible idea. I've heard of "furrries", children who identify as animals, being allowed in school.
M	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	Generally speaking public schools are too politically motivated, and teach children a one-sided political view which many parents do not agree with, they also seem to enact rules based on their political views which stifle kid's ability to express themselves or openly learn differing views.
M	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	Teachers dont get paid enough and parents get less of a say in the school system
M	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	The school district's don't know how to manage money or people. They waste so much time and money on things that are unnecessary in attempt to appease people who don't need or deserve it while kids with serious needs go without or get minimal help
M	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	Unions are bad for any industry. The government is forcing liberal ideology on students

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U	35-44	R	Y	N Metro	<p>Most of Colorado schools focus on the liberal agenda. Instead of educating our students about things that matter, they take time to promote political agendas such as homosexuality or gender neutrality/confusion and sex promotion/education, and other non-education related agendas such as gun control. The public school system has become a mechanism for "programming" rather than "educating" and teaching students to be government subjects rather than fostering creative thought and problem-solving skills. In addition, the medical system has crept in and now the schools are focused on offering things like contraception and birth-control, vaccines, and other medical treatments which are NOT the school's place.</p> <p>All of these things listed above cost taxpayer dollars and affect the schools' budgets. Rather than spending the money allocated to them wisely, schools insist on asking for additional fees for things like "supplies" or "art programs" (these are not extracurricular/optional fees, they are "required" fees by the schools or classrooms despite the fact that public education is supposed to be "free" as it is paid for by our taxes.)</p>
F	45-54	R	Y	N Metro	<p>District Salary and waste at the top is too fat. Too much waste. All text books are online, but half the kids in middle have 504 plans requiring print materials necessitating xerox copies of the text book. Just buy the dang books! Btw, xerox cannot be reused and text books can. This is a huge environmental and fiscal savings if you fix it! ! Focus less on DEI for less than 1% of the population and focus more on inclusivity in learning for 100% of the population. Kids have different learning styles and you are making them as sick and mentally unwell with single styles of pedagogy that seem all too important for a limited population but no one cares about the kids abilities to learn and be successful. They are defeated! Fix it!</p>
F	45-54	R	Y	N Metro	<p>Money isn't spent in a manner that benefits the students, just the administration. We don't need to put a ton of money into football but instead to music, art & textbooks & more importantly technology.</p>
U	45-54	R	Y	N Metro	<p>I believe more classroom time should be spent focusing on on the basics of education to include math, science, reading, writing and history. Education is moving more towards "social justice" and culture concepts. Although these are important topics to discuss this should not be taking up valuable time during the elementary and high school years.</p>
M	55-64	R	Y	N Metro	<p>Far too liberal. Too much time spent on brainwashing, gender fluidity, and not enough on sellable skills and common sense real world knowledge about finances.</p>
M	55-64	R	Y	N Metro	<p>To much administration and not enough educators</p>

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M	55-64	R	Y	N Metro	We were forced to homeschool our 16-year-old for several reasons. Firstly, we were told that the teachers would not support our child's need to do classwork/homework with paper and pencil and paper because of the strict transition to Google based learning platform on Chrome book only. Secondly, there has been sexual harassment by students in the classroom and continued bullying by other students throughout our experience with the prior school administration and teachers. There was a change for the better with the new principal. But unfortunately, the superintendent of schools, assistant principal, and other teachers continue turning a "blind eye" away from the harassment and bullying of our child and other children. Finally, while we were at extracurricular activities at the school, we noticed homosexual activity and racial slurs frequently used by students toward each other in the stands during several events. In my opinion, the school our child attended appears to have fostered a culture of disrespect over a number of years towards students, teachers, and parents.
U	55-64	R	Y	N Metro	Pushing gender, equity, lgbtq+++ is wrong. Stick to basics.
F	65+	R	Y	N Metro	DEI, trans issues, parental involvement exclusion, passing kids that have not mastered requirements at grade level
M	65+	R	Y	N Metro	Have totally diverted from basic education of reading writing and arithmetic to revisionist history indoctrination
M	65+	R	Y	N Metro	Woke agenda
F	18-34	U	Y	N Metro	I disagree with the overall methods of education in America and think we need to move in a direction based on solid scientific research on how children learn and the importance of play, choice, individuality, autonomy, and collaboration, rather than more and more tests, standardization, and competition within classrooms. I think my school district has a better understanding of these needed changes than a majority of the rest of the country, however, I think there is much work to be done in order to actually see Some of these changes accomplished in a meaningful way.
M	18-34	U	Y	N Metro	Indoctrination and pushing their own agenda. It's up to the schools to educate in a traditional sense and it's up to the parents to teach their kids right from wrong on social and religious issues

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M	18-34	U	Y	N Metro	Just constantly ask for more money. Every election there is a ballot initiative to increase taxes and supposedly that will fix education. Two years later there's another ballot initiative asking for more money and that will fix education. Over and over again. Too much money is wasted on administrative overhead. It has reached absurd levels. In addition common sense changes like making the school day start later in order to coincide with scientifically proven optimal learning times for growing children gain no traction. Too much time is wasted in the school day, organization is lacking, technology is not taught well and not used appropriately. Parent and employer feedback is not considered. There is a continued focus on preparing kids for college, but the value of college is highly questionable for most professions. There is little to no focus on practical instruction for basic skills in life or vocational training.
U	18-34	U	Y	N Metro	No individual guidance for strengths
F	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Children are not being taught the value of life and property. In that result teachers and students are being bullied uncontrollable.
F	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Stop trying to change math. It's only making it harder.
M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Focusing too much on LGBTQ issues and "inclusivity" instead of focusing on teaching kids.
M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Schools are focusing on "woke" agendas instead of teaching kids reading, writing, and arithmetic. They would rather follow the states directives on critical race theory which teaches kids they're a victim or privileged based solely on their skin color.
M	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Too much focus on social issues, identity politics. Need to return to the basics of educating children.
U	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Get woke out of public schools. Bring back team captains to make up even and balanced sports teams during PE. Champions or 'cool beans' should be put forward as well as local heroes, and men and women they can look up to as sources of inspiration.
U	35-44	U	Y	N Metro	Things have gotten political. I don't agree with certain "trendy" topics being brought into schools and introduced to children.
F	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	They are way too pushy encouraging kids to be transgendered. Even with kids that are disabled or have mental health issues to begin with. I support inclusion but not pushing this agenda on children.
F	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	Too much favoritism towards trans

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M	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	It appears that the school district is more interested in paying administrators than teachers and are cutting cost from the bottom up. They eliminated paraprofessionals from the payroll and have removed the teachers aide in many classrooms adding stress and additional pressure on an already underpaid and overworked teaching group. We need to look at the root cause for teachers leaving the workforce and ensure that we compensate the front line individuals that shape the future of our children. Education levels are key indicators to the health of a thriving community and we need to ensure that our children have access to the education that will give them the skills needed to solve the problems of tomorrow
M	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	Schools need to focus on the basics
U	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	Need to focus on educational basics first- and providing skills training for non-college bound kids. No "equity" and superventing parental rights
U	45-54	U	Y	N Metro	They are not focusing on the basics of teaching and preparing our children to succeed in the real world
F	35-44	D	N	SW	Removing books and working with right wing groups is appalling. Funding should be pit to better use into the arts and music programs.
F	35-44	D	N	SW	Serious concerns about school districts pushing an educational and social agenda that parents should be teaching to their kids.
F	45-54	D	N	SW	School boards are projecting their religious and political beliefs in public education, restricting curriculum and books to meet their personal agendas. Somewhere they have confused their supposed ideology of "freedom" with propaganda.
M	45-54	D	N	SW	Terrible city council letting the wrong people move into town and they influence the kids in a negative manner.
F	55-64	D	N	SW	A lot of people I know are sending their kids to a school in another district. There are different reasons but it doesn't make sense. Shouldn't school districts in this state be close?
F	55-64	D	N	SW	Status quo-still in 20th century. Not student first

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M	55-64	D	N	SW	My son was a student in the Alamosa School system from elementary through high school. He had ADHD, learning disabilities, social anxiety and other disabilities. Not one teacher or counselor made recommendations toward getting checked for any of these conditions. Working with children is their profession and one would think they have training and education in child psychology, sociology, and other training to spot these things in their students to help parents and the students to succeed and advance. Instead, my son, who was actually going to fail high school and be required to repeat 12th grade, passed only because the schools were all on shutdown due to Covid so he was shown some mercy. Had someone, yes, I blame myself as a single father, a teacher, counselor, anyone in the education system who worked with him all day, 5 days a week, even suggested I get him checked and possibly on medication, I would have done so.
F	65+	D	N	SW	It is due to all scary things happening in the schools and we no longer feel safe and secure
M	65+	D	N	SW	Students got lazy with Covid. Reading, math, social skills are off track resulting in poor work ethics. Students don't want to work, at school or to learn a job.
M	35-44	O	N	SW	Because the Department of Education exists and because No Child Left Behind is a joke.
M	18-34	R	N	SW	Because they have changed from challenging kids academically to only ensuring safetyism. Topics that are difficult have been banned or deemed threatening to students. They also force gender affirmation and play a part in kids being mislead about their health struggles. This is detrimental to their development and against education. Politics should be removed from school and it should be based purely on academia.
F	45-54	R	N	SW	I do not feel like the school system are set up for success. They are set up to meet the average and get the lower achieving student to average. There is no individuating for the students. Also, if certain beliefs are not allowed then all beliefs should not be allowed. For example if religion is not allowed to be discussed then also political beliefs should be left out as well. Teachers and the system needs to have a better to deal with bullying
F	45-54	R	N	SW	Just need to go back to teaching school.
M	45-54	R	N	SW	To much wokeness in the public school systems everywhere. Schools are ment for reading, writing, arithmetic, history, physical education not remaking innocent souls into monsters.
F	55-64	R	N	SW	Messages from unhealthy drag individuals
F	55-64	R	N	SW	Teachers work well with the perfect student or friends children but do not give the other students as much attention and help.
F	55-64	R	N	SW	When the students graduate, they are not prepared for college.
M	55-64	R	N	SW	Absolutely no politics in any schools

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M	55-64	R	N	SW	Go back to basics, teach kids how to survive in real life.
M	55-64	R	N	SW	Lack of basics in math and english
M	55-64	R	N	SW	Need to focus on fundamentals and only pass students that perform to grade level.
M	55-64	R	N	SW	Porno books in the library. Teachers steeped in Socialist and Communist ideologies should be fired at the very least.
M	55-64	R	N	SW	To much of a liberal agenda
U	55-64	R	N	SW	Because we live in a state ran by democrats
F	65+	R	N	SW	A better system then parents would not be taking their children out of public school. We would be maintaining building Nd not closing them. Proper payment of teachers attrach better teachers.
F	65+	R	N	SW	Actually, I think they're doing very well! However, That may not last with the growing teacher shortage. My 2 eldest grandchildren grew up in Durango's schools, graduating from AHS. They're doing well in college & I was very impressed by AHS(+ their very impressive new building) & hopeful my 2 youngest grandchildren will choose to go there. My youngest gkids started in the Charter school called the Juniper School. The youngest is still there. The older one is now @ Escalante MS, which is also very impressive!
F	65+	R	N	SW	DEI and Sex education are not the purview of the public schools. Stick to basics.
F	65+	R	N	SW	Don't agree with the woke policies or the crt agenda.
F	65+	R	N	SW	Focus should be on education. Not social issues. Not sexuality. Not race
F	65+	R	N	SW	Math, science, reading, social studies/government, art and music should be top priority. Too much else being taught.
F	65+	R	N	SW	Recent trip to South Dakota with one teacher veto resulting in failure to visit Mt Rushmore.
F	65+	R	N	SW	Skills are not stressed and expectations are not high enough to be effective. Nurse and personnel are more concerned about children's attitudes toward transgender and not higher education.
F	65+	R	N	SW	Teaching "woke" agenda without parents approval. Hide how funds are being used. Don't teach trades or practical skills to use for survival.
F	65+	R	N	SW	The Woke agenda and CRT has no place in the schools.
F	65+	R	N	SW	Too much politics involved. Should be teaching the 3 r's.
M	65+	R	N	SW	Because you are not teaching civics fundamentals, not teaching life skill fundamentals such as the 4 R's, yet tou focus on LGBTQT, and feelings rather than discipline, etc.
M	65+	R	N	SW	Need to focus on education, not woke policies.

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M	65+	R	N	SW	They should be teaching the basic academics instead of putting their own personal views and agendas into students hands. I feel a lot of the students are confused of who and what they are that's not the teachers business instead of. teaching history they are trying to destroy our nations history with their own personal views if a student has personal issues, they teachers should refer them to professional help
M	18-34	U	N	SW	Far too few resources, poor quality teachers, and crazy school board members.
M	35-44	U	N	SW	Generally don't support public education. Education should be left to individual families, private schools, or the church.
U	35-44	U	N	SW	Vaping and cell phone usage during class time and school is a big problem. Students being educated is not a priority for Pagosa Springs high school because there is little support for teachers trying to limit cell phone usage and everyone in the entire school knows that a majority of students vape but very few measures are taken to try and stop it.
F	45-54	U	N	SW	I work with many young people who are in high school or just graduated and basic math skills as well as spelling and grammar skills are lacking. Kids can't do basic cash handling math.
M	45-54	U	N	SW	They are preparing kids for something that no longer exists. The kids need the skills to competently navigate a world with AI and advanced robotics; no one is ever going to divide a fraction again after school. Our schools are dangerously close to irrelevance.
U	45-54	U	N	SW	Teaching genders and critical race lies are sick and wrong. Have not heard of any real history or math being taught its all social crap
F	55-64	U	N	SW	Brain washing our children with liberal ideas.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	District fights openings of new public charter schools for fear of competition.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	Do not indoctrinate...just teach needed skills...teachers opinion have no place in classroom...let parents teach values.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	Lack of proper resources and funding for facility maintenance, lack of housing for staff, and students lacking basic needs at home; ie food
F	55-64	U	N	SW	Not spending class time on academics. They waste time on "woke" topics that should not be in a public school. Teachers do not have knowledge of their subject matter, particularly in STEM areas.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	The kids run the school. The teachers are not able to discipline the kids.

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F	55-64	U	N	SW	The public school system has clearly forgotten how to educate. My neighbors daughter was basically told in class that she was privileged because she was white and moved her across the classroom with other white kids. How is this educating? It irritates me that I have to pay property taxes to a system that has lost its mind. I have told my own children to put their kids in private school or homeschool because the education system is failing parents and kids by focusing on non-academic things. Why don't you get back to basic education and people will gain confidence in the system again. If you continue in the non-education, there won't be a public education system left.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	There are two schools in our district with a total of about 170 ECE-12th grade. Salaries are low because money has to be spent on extra staff to make sure that everything works. Teachers with 25+ years are earning a pittance, yet rents and home values here are comparable to the front range.
F	55-64	U	N	SW	Woke schools are an embarrassment and discriminate against whites. They don't teach the constitution and about the forefathers.
M	55-64	U	N	SW	Financial and staffing handcuffs, poor parent support
M	55-64	U	N	SW	Teach all the bs
U	55-64	U	N	SW	The charter high school in my area is doing fine. It started because the public schools were failing.
U	55-64	U	N	SW	They're not teaching students what they really need to learn. Their teaching what the teacher thinks, not real world.
F	65+	U	N	SW	No money to recruit or retain quality teachers.
F	65+	U	N	SW	Not necessarily the school administrators or teachers themselves, but the increasing need for school boards to be politicized and spending time dealing with parental fractions at odds. It is wasting time and money and is not in the best interest of the students and sets a bad example for children.
F	65+	U	N	SW	The management does not listen to the teachers, parents to learn what is necessary to teach the children.
F	65+	U	N	SW	Wokeness
M	65+	U	N	SW	Not focused on basics
M	65+	U	N	SW	Spending time & \$\$\$ on non-core competencies such as "wokeness, blm, trans, crt, & other liberal issues.
M	65+	U	N	SW	Teachers Union

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M	65+	U	N	SW	The district recently hired a new superintendent but after only a few months they saw a bad situation and departed.
F	35-44	D	Y	SW	Poor leadership, lack of quality teachers, teacher salary, "quick fixes" as opposed to systemic change, public perception of teachers and the importance of education
F	35-44	D	Y	SW	The middle school in Pagosa Springs is not always age appropriate... there is lots of sex and drugs in the school.
F	45-54	D	Y	SW	Not enough attention paid to students unless they are misbehaving. No attention given to bullying. Guy rides golf cart in neighborhood looking for truants....he needs to get his butt back to school and WORK!
U	35-44	O	Y	SW	Between "CORE", CRT, and Trans "rights", schools in this country are a joke. God forbid we go to war. These flakey pansy "sensitives" would lose this country quicker 'n shit.
M	45-54	O	Y	SW	Math especially, but students are not where they need to be.
M	45-54	O	Y	SW	Poor administration and lack of support for teachers
F	55-64	O	Y	SW	There is lack of educators in our town and a lot of them with no credentials in education but teaching our children, and those that have the credentials to teach it is not allowed. We as educators that do go to school for that reason which is to teach. We are not given the opportunity to do so. The district here would rather have bodies there to fill these positions than to outreach educators in the field. It's not the education that has people in this field, it is who these people know that put our children's education at risk.
F	18-34	R	Y	SW	They aren't teaching appropriate values as in they should remain focused on math, English, history and keep it to the parents on how they want to educate their children about what is going on in the world. As in people claiming there is more than two genders, I feel like this is for parents only not teachers. We trust teachers to educate our children the skills they need to succeed in their educational needs as in MATH ENGLISH. Also, they aren't teaching history fairly, my daughters teacher is telling her that Thomas Edison was a FAILURE because it took him several attempts to create the lightbulb.
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	A lot of kids in other districts fell way behind in 2020-2021 and they are not caught back up
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	As long as they are teaching typical studies such as math science reading writing ok anything personal should stay out of schools and in the parents responsibility

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F	35-44	R	Y	SW	My local district does not understand, use, or believe in established best practices in education. They are unwilling to teach to state standards and use curriculum that is out of date. They do not understand statistics or data and have a hard time solving problems because they believe they are doing well. For reference, they are Sargent school district where 9% of sixth graders were proficient in math last year.
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	This is a very complicated question/answer, but if you compare the quality of graduates 100 years ago with those today, I think that answers it all.
F	35-44	R	Y	SW	Two gyms and no auditorium in our new school.
U	35-44	R	Y	SW	They do not give the same punishment to all the students. For example a white kid brings a vape pen to school gets expelled for the year. A native kid does the same thing and only gets suspended for 3 days. So yes a little prejudice towards white folks.
F	45-54	R	Y	SW	No electives, no district wide special Education professional, boces can't keep up work the requirements for special services for kids in IEPs. Not supporting parents rights. Allowing children to present as other gender without telling parents. Student guided conferences!!!
F	45-54	R	Y	SW	Students are behind in all subjects and the only thing the administration focus on is training after training for teachers but what needs to be addressed is the curriculum the teachers are presenting. Some are too high of a level and students get bogged down and overwhelmed. Over testing and relying on one test per year to account for learning growth. It's a broken system and we need to get back to basic foundations instead of test test and rigor rigor.
F	45-54	R	Y	SW	They let boys in the girls bathroom/spaces. Guys are watching them pee, and administration says they can't do anything about that. It's scary for a young girl. It's putting our young girls in a vulnerable position.
M	45-54	R	Y	SW	They don't teach anymore. More worried about kids feelings than education. Focus is all this woke bs.
M	55-64	R	Y	SW	CRT and Gender Pronouns are the agenda Schools and teachers are promoting. They should get back to teaching instead of indoctrination
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	Kids graduate but cannot read. They push them through and do not truly care about the kids. Its about a paycheck.
F	35-44	U	Y	SW	Teachers at mountain valley school district have prioritized fighting with administration and the school board over students for the last few years. I would not send my child there because of a half dozen selfish and cruel teachers

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M	35-44	U	Y	SW	Our superintendent and several other administrative employees make 6 figures while teachers in the district can't afford rent and are asked to use their already meager wages to provide school supplies.
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	Ratings are very poor in general. Many kids aren't going to universities after high school. My child isn't finding joy in reading, which I'm hoping they can help instill. The middle school especially is a place where parents are afraid to put their children. I haven't heard anyone satisfied with it, and have heard frustrated teachers who quit the profession because they couldn't get past student behaviors to teach. There is a huge amount of teacher turnover. Not enough extracurricular activities. 100 Mile Club funding wasn't renewed. Elementary and Middle School facilities are outdated by decades. Very little gymnasium room for kids to run indoors, especially for an area that gets so much snow.
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	Testing scores are well below state average. Kids are objectively not learning the things they need to. Basic reading and writing skills are really poor. Kids do not go to enough school, they only go 3 full days a week and one half day, and go on field trips at least once a week.
M	35-44	U	Y	SW	They are pushing the lgbtq crap.
U	35-44	U	Y	SW	Because my public school is like every other public school
F	45-54	U	Y	SW	Culture, academics, engagement, inclusivity, social emotional learning are declining and our children are not taught to think, just regurgitate.
F	45-54	U	Y	SW	Many of the young teachers have no clue how to manage a classroom. School administrators continue to implement stricter discipline for students, when the real issues go back to the teacher having zero classroom management skills. Schools don't communicate with families unless under negative circumstances. Less focus needs to be put on LGBTQ and accommodating their needs or wants.
F	45-54	U	Y	SW	The administration has a conservative agenda that is ultimately hurting teachers and students
F	45-54	U	Y	SW	Too much bureaucracy from state and local governance.
M	45-54	U	Y	SW	All public schools left the tracks in the late 70's when government stepped in. Now it is a mess of bureaucratic bullshit that follows the Marxist communist agenda. Soon treason charges will follow suit as well as seditious acts. We will bring our republic back and fix our fucked up country.
U	45-54	U	Y	SW	Because you all have a agenda

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					Individual teachers are out of control doing their own thing instead of teaching the subject matter they are paid to teach. For example, I have a child currently taking American Government, but instead of learning about our government and how it functions, the teacher is focused on politics. She has already created divisions within the kids in her class based on what she perceives their political viewpoints to be. Last year, this same student had an English class. However, the teacher taught their political agenda instead of English. They had a history teacher do the same thing prior to that. My child hasn't learned a thing about history or the American government, but can tell you all about their teachers' political beliefs. I would love to see good teachers get paid more, but I will never vote to increase any taxes whatsoever to increase teacher pay if this is what we are getting.
M	55-64	U	Y	SW	
M	55-64	U	Y	SW	There is zero accountability on any issue. From football gear needed to bus route times.
M	18-34	D	N	West	Our school board is not doing things with the best interest of kids in mind.
					There is not enough capital being put towards bettering the education of our youth. Teachers need higher salaries, and school lunches should be 100% free. We as a nation have the money to make this a reality in our public schools. It just requires us to stop spending so much on bombing children abroad and militarizing an increasingly violent police force. :-)
M	18-34	D	N	West	
M	18-34	D	N	West	Too focused on homework amounts and not having one on one with students who are struggling
U	18-34	D	N	West	I've heard many of my coworkers mention their children are begging to suffer from mental illness, ie transgenderism
					Steamboat Springs School district: Children 3-5 in Steamboat Springs School district are being denied FAPE. They are required to attend preschool 5 full days per week and are required to PAY for a part of EVERY DAY?!?! Middle school children are left without para support and can go an ENTIRE day without quality instruction or interaction from classroom teachers High school children with IEPs with specific reading goals and needs are placed in gen Ed grade level language arts classes. Many children in the Steamboat Springs school district have IEPs that are not being met
F	35-44	D	N	West	
F	35-44	D	N	West	The banning of books, clicking gender affirming care, and denying racism exists is creating a bunch of uneducated robots.
F	45-54	D	N	West	Teaching to the test. Nor embracing h although curriculum that is included dive of all gender and sexuality identities
F	55-64	D	N	West	Due to parental discipline, children do as they please- knowing that they will have any consequences

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F	55-64	D	N	West	I would like to see less testing. I would like to see more shop more arts and more supporting students interests. I would also encourage more inclusion and culturally aware classroom discussion. Education should include outdoor studies and cooking. It should be about learning how to learn and less team sports. More global awareness and less memorization.
F	55-64	D	N	West	Money is spent on fancy new wrestling gyms and not on paying teachers decent salaries and educational supplies. There are not many AP classes and too few school counselors to help guide kids toward their futures. The counselors we do have are wonderful but underpaid and overworked.
F	65+	D	N	West	Lack of degreed teachers as it's the one profession that is supposed to accept wages never adjusted for inflation for the last 20 years. Hence, students are going to schools manned by substitutes, many not degreed or teaching their core subjects. Scores will keep falling because of this. And the wealthy will resort to private institutions and the rest will watch movies for their 7 hour school day.
F	65+	D	N	West	The school board is bringing in personal opinions and try to dictate rather work with everyone involved. I think it is across the country that school boards are trying to control schools ability to teach children. Teachers have unrealistic actually stupid ideas around how they should or should not be teaching because of one person trying to take control and it is a very consecutive somebody. It is hurting schools nationwide. The schools principal, vice principal, and teachers need an influencing seat at the decision table, not politically motivated parents who want to take us backwards in time. School kids have a right to have their questioned honestly answered in sn age appropriate way. Kids have to live it now regardless of what has happened and have a right to be told the truth and acknowledgement of where we are, how we got here, what is right and what is wrong. Racism, denying sexual orientation is wrong because of someones genetics is wrong, Denying basic rights is wrong. Being told a lie and trying to make everyone believe it is true is wrong. We are currently a society with no values no morals. Our Congress and Senate of the United States are full of a bunch of people who support a lie and only their own interests and it is wrong. Denial is the weapon of the immoral, greedy, power seeking people and that is never a positive thing. The children of the United States need to be taught about what can distroy a country. Historically and presently.
F	65+	D	N	West	They went to a four day school week for lack of teachers. The curriculum is not balanced. Not much support and lots of suicide issues with students.
F	65+	D	N	West	We are being assaulted by a recently elected school board that wants the American Birthright Standard instead of the Colorado Approved social Studies 2022 Standards. The president (Tony May) also wants to reject the state's mental health program for students.

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F	65+	D	N	West	We need to remove politics from education. We need to teach fact-based and science-based information. We need to prepare young people to deal with the mess the older generations have them. It is only through educated people that can maintain our democracy. Strong, healthy public education is extremely important. I worked in public schools for 30 years. I know teachers need more support in every way now or they will turn away from being teachers. Teachers need respect from the parents and the community plus a living wage.
M	65+	D	N	West	Not teaching comprehensive history is a mistake. Students should be given all the facts and taught critical thinking! Inclusivity and diversity should be mainstream history critical thinking,
F	18-34	O	N	West	Recent student quizzes about sexuality, gender identity, politics etc. is becoming more prevalent in the district. Social acceptance and gender identity are not synonymous, yet seemed to be treated as so.
M	18-34	O	N	West	Too much money is going to things like sports, and not enough is going to classroom upkeep, educational materials (textbooks, lab equipment, school libraries), aid for disabled and special needs students, and teacher salaries. We need to ensure that all of our students are receiving an education that is on their level, and that no students are left behind. We also need to ensure that our teachers receive fair, honest salaries and are able to teach in safe, productive and stable environments.
F	55-64	O	N	West	The school year seems too short when compared to other areas. Kids are passing just for showing up. Also, I see local teachers on social media talking about politics, covid being fake, ranting about masks, transgenders, gays, etc. It's ridiculous.
M	65+	O	N	West	Teachers Union
F	18-34	R	N	West	Because peoples feelings are being taught as fact. Educating children in men becoming woman and forcing pronouns, yet the gospel cannot be taught in school makes no sense. You can't choose one or the other. My children 1000% will never attend public school as long as that's being taught.
F	18-34	R	N	West	Rural district that doesn't have a lot of funding. The buildings need to be updated and a lot of the athletic resources need to be updated. Therefore, a lot of parents don't want their kids going to this district.
M	18-34	R	N	West	I work in public education. Teachers don't get paid a liveable wage in rural school districts. District mismanage our money and there is no incentive for qualified individuals to pursue the career.
M	18-34	R	N	West	Liberal indoctrination
M	18-34	R	N	West	Starting to lean towards politically motivated environments

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M	18-34	R	N	West	Teachers in my area are very political and you can't have your own opinion. They can care less about the education that they give to these kids there is no extra help to students who need it teachers are there to get paid and go home.
M	35-44	R	N	West	Indoctrination not EDUCATING
M	35-44	R	N	West	Seems like the bad kids bring all the other kids. Too much bullying and don't think kids are taught right skills. There are some impressive students but unfortunately I feel those are the minority.
U	35-44	R	N	West	Money, turnover rates, and poor education.
F	45-54	R	N	West	Because the teachers are forced to teach what the DOE says to.
F	45-54	R	N	West	Federal requirements/ mandates take the decision- making from local school board and limit what the school's administration and board can do based on local needs. There is too much wasted time at schools and not enough pushing kids to excel and learn.
F	45-54	R	N	West	I don't know exactly why, but teachers are leaving faster than we can hire anyone! It definitely has to do with the superintendent! They are hiring non educated people, if they are working on there degree.
F	45-54	R	N	West	State Mandated sex education policies are wrong
F	45-54	R	N	West	Test scores are horrible. Too much CRT and Diversity focus. Teachers are too busy filling out information on their computers about their lessons to actually do the work needed. Test scores back up that this method is not working to teach the students what they need to learn.
F	45-54	R	N	West	They need to stick with the basics and prepare the kids for a job or military.
M	45-54	R	N	West	Schools are more for indoctrination than education these days.
U	45-54	R	N	West	Teachers not doing their job
F	55-64	R	N	West	P.E. is offered but not a required class. Adaptive should be integrated with class that reviews subjects that some kids need extra time and this should not lump in kids that do not need this. And how can a class that does this be efficient as they review all subjects. People have strong areas and not strong areas.
F	55-64	R	N	West	Reading, writing and arithmetic are important. Leave the sex out of the libraries and classroom as well as phones. Russian children are not allowed phones until Upper grades. Also, stop mandating vaccines, flu shots and masks. I've had enough of government intervention, local, state and national into the lives of our children.

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F	55-64	R	N	West	School should be learning ABC"S for the younger children. Not, teaching them about transgender ideas, that should be something that their parents speak to them about. Why isn't the school district transparent about where their spending our hard earned tax dollars? They found 1 million dollars extra a couple years ago and no one knows where they spent it?? Also, how many employees does it take to haul food, paper products to each school? Why do they have a separate maintenance group of employees? Do they only do lawn maintenance?, or do they help in any other way? I feel like your bus drivers should be recognized a bit more, they are the only folks who have to take drug tests why is that? I feel everyone should be tested, but, you guys don't do that!
F	55-64	R	N	West	They dont focus on how to help all students with different learning styles.
F	55-64	R	N	West	They need to concentrate on the fundamentals of education not cultural whimes.
M	55-64	R	N	West	All schools are of track.
M	55-64	R	N	West	More concerned with gender identity than actual math reading writing etc
M	55-64	R	N	West	Pitkin County/Aspen school district has a lot of money. Everyone knows that up here. My belief is that money should be used to teach the subjects presented. Much of the money is being used for thought indoctrination not basic education like what I received & benefitted from.
M	55-64	R	N	West	The curriculum is not set up to benefit the kids for their future, financially, work ethics, and communication with their peers. The fundamentals to make in this world are not taught and they are set for failure.
M	55-64	R	N	West	There are so many teachers who have a guiding teacher who are helping them over come whatever obstacles they face, plus the teachers have a para helping them in classrooms and the kids still aren't learning very well! Why is that?? What are we paying these teachers for? Also, these teachers are pushing their beliefs onto these kids which I feel is wrong.
M	55-64	R	N	West	They're pushing kids through just to get through and not actually teaching them. The kids learn to regurgitate what the teacher is saying is fact whether it is or is not and not how to actually think and learn. This works with good teachers, who give them the opportunity to discuss openly items and not just tell them what they have to believe.
M	55-64	R	N	West	To much bickering over needless issues instead of focusing on the needs of the students
M	55-64	R	N	West	Wasteful spending, refusal by administration to listen to parents, kids are less educated in areas of significance and more educated in areas of wokeness
F	65+	R	N	West	Any school that embraces critical race theory, or other progressive policies, is headed in the wrong direction.
F	65+	R	N	West	Students spend more time learning woke politics and not enough reading and writing.

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F	65+	R	N	West	The students are unable to read St grade/age level, or to do simple math.
F	65+	R	N	West	The teachers are not backed up. When a student acts up very badly, nothing is done. They get away with it.
F	65+	R	N	West	They are too liberal & too controlled by the teacher's union. They should be teaching reading, writing, arithmetic & science, not politics.
F	65+	R	N	West	Too much woke propaganda
M	65+	R	N	West	Not encouraging students to have a meaningful dialogue about their studies and their walk through life. School's taking way too much initiative in determining what's students should learn how they should behave in their options that may or may not be totally age-appropriate
M	65+	R	N	West	The school seem to promote the woke process.
M	65+	R	N	West	They don't seem to care about the parents anymore
M	65+	R	N	West	To many cockamamie subjects rather than traditional subjects. I am pretty much out of having to deal with curriculum now a days since my last child is a senior. However. The woke culture, critical race theory and other controversial platforms seem to be counterproductive and not within the majority of concerns. Take These radical ideas out of the classroom. If parents want their children to learn about those things, they can teach them at home!
M	65+	R	N	West	Trans gendered identity and forcing Enforcing the LGBTQ community down children's throats
U	65+	R	N	West	CRT, LGBTQ, Liberal Progressive Policies, Teachers Unions. Attempts to take Away Parental authority. Give the parents the tax money being spent for their kids and give them SCHOOL CHOICE.
U	65+	R	N	West	I feel they have embraced too much woke ideals and the LGBQ traits also the Critical Race Theory, and gender ideology even to the point of identifying as a Furry. It's time To get back to the basics. Reading writing and arithmetic and history and civics.
U	65+	R	N	West	Leaders lack a Biblical worldview. Gender and LGBTQ+ views are definitively wrong and very harmful. Discipline, attendance and the 3 Rs need to have priority.
U	65+	R	N	West	More reading writing and arithmetic
F	18-34	U	N	West	Most public schools are teaching crt and letting kids act in an inappropriate way. Teaching transgender is good and favoring then more
F	18-34	U	N	West	Too much focus on political issues rather than education and preparation for adulthood.
M	18-34	U	N	West	They are hypocritical
F	35-44	U	N	West	Superintendent is too progressive, bought a house over 100 miles away from the district, and then went on FMLA at the start of the school year.

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M	35-44	U	N	West	I think public schools around the nation are off track, need to focus more on math/English/history and leave politics and opinions out of school
M	35-44	U	N	West	We had a right wing takeover of our school board, pushing culture war agendas.
F	45-54	U	N	West	To much woke.
M	45-54	U	N	West	Conservative takeover of the school board
M	45-54	U	N	West	Spending too much money on administration.
F	55-64	U	N	West	Attract and reward the best educators Keep religion out of schools Keep libraries out of politics Emphasize the hard sciences and critical reasoning in our curriculum Stop funding school lunches/meals - these programs are a distraction School should be year round Consider mobile schools so we don't have to pay/fund as much perm infrastructure
F	55-64	U	N	West	My son has dyslexia and public schools in CO are not even able to test him for specific disabilities. They treat all kids with reading issues the same. They failed him and many others. We tested him end of 5th grade by independent company and he was only at 2nd grade reading. He had an IEP Since he was 3 years old. The school district always said he was improving every year, not to worry.
F	55-64	U	N	West	New math is ridiculous. Teaching specific political views as if they are the only valid opinion is wrong and similar to cultists brainwashing. Leaving major events out of history curriculum is giving them only part of the story and does our students a disservice.
F	55-64	U	N	West	Taking away or banning books, limiting lgbtqi plus members ability to be who they are, wasting money on continously adding to adminstrative employees and their pay, i.e., not terminating employees, the school district board is full of nasty humans and parental infighting, wasting taxpayer money on frivolous purchases, keeping adminstrative employees, other gop fascist ideals, policies, and regulations.
F	55-64	U	N	West	Too influenced by religion & conservative politics
F	55-64	U	N	West	WOKE agendas
M	55-64	U	N	West	Students are below state standards. Too many students not reading at grade level. "Learning" about social issues is emphasized more than basic education needs.
M	55-64	U	N	West	The public schools should be teaching things like reading, writing, arithmetic, history, the constitution, the bill of rights, science, biology. How the government was designed to work for the betterment of all its citizens
M	55-64	U	N	West	They are not listening to teachers and what they need to help them get through the day giving them time to recharge, decompress, return emails. There is no time leaving teachers very stressed to the point of tears.

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U	55-64	U	N	West	The superintendent and principals really don't do their jobs right they favor certain teachers which isn't fair to the other teachers
F	65+	U	N	West	Do not believe any tiny vestige of crt should be included in school curriculum
F	65+	U	N	West	I think too much money goes to teachers in special assignment or whatever they are calling them now. Some of those teacher weren't even very good teachers. I think our early intervention has declined from friends and colleagues who are still working in This district. I am a retired SLP who has worked in District 51.
F	65+	U	N	West	My grandchildren are in 2 different districts. The small school in a ranching community are on the right track. The larger district...51, has been losing great teachers and 3 out of 4 high-schools have lost their principles due to the district director. Schools have closed, creating too large of classes. Also concerned about CRT being taught versus focusing on the critical courses needed to be successful.
F	65+	U	N	West	Need to stick to reading , writing, arithmetic, economics, history. Facts not opinions. No woke crap.
F	65+	U	N	West	Not enough pay for teachers.
F	65+	U	N	West	The administration is huge and the monies are not going into the classroom. Our teachers are not properly remunerated. Some of the curriculum should be not taught!
F	65+	U	N	West	There are several independent schools in the area attracting students from our traditional schools.
F	65+	U	N	West	They need to be teaching history, English, math, and reading skills.
F	65+	U	N	West	This is a very conservative part of Colorado and if it isn't sports I fear the school administration's are that engaged in STEM curriculum. But give them a chance here and all the books will be banned from school.
M	65+	U	N	West	Liberals, sex change, equality, identity !
M	65+	U	N	West	Look no further than the test results
M	65+	U	N	West	Low standards and passing kids with insufficient knowledge.
M	65+	U	N	West	Our teachers are not paid for the responsibility they have teaching our children. Instead monies are going to building new schools and executives
M	65+	U	N	West	There seems to be a community-wide lack of respect for education.

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M	65+	U	N	West	They feel the like they have the authority to be the parent, felling to realize they are only the teacher , reading, writing, arithmetic, with a huge emphasis on reading are the only subjects they should teach in school, we need to step back about 100 years in school functions and what goes on in school , they need to let boys be boys and girls be girls , and quit promoting fake ungodly sexual orientation! Teachers need to dress and act respectful as adults should act and keep their political thought to themselves! And this 0 tolerance policy is bs , if students have a scuff let them settle their scuff , don't make both parties guilty, we as am have the right to self defense, so if a bully gets his butt and ego whooped, so be it don't punish the students for standing there ground, also you all need to understand the separation of church and state , it does not mean that there cannot be religious activities at school, it means the government cannot dictate the religious activities! Also kids are allowed to walk around with a gay pride shirt, but heaven forbid if a student wears a shorty or hat that mentions guns or hunting, boy are we upside down in this country, I took my hunting education from our local division of wildlife at school, and it still should be that way !
M	65+	U	N	West	Woke, CRT, sexual ethics are not a part of education
F	18-34	D	Y	West	Our schools prioritize sports too much. Spending should be spread evenly throughout all extra-curriculars, including but not limited to art, book clubs, English classes, wood shop, welding, auto class, and especially classes that earn college and trade school credits. We live in Olathe, CO, which is a part of Montrose County, and funding goes mostly to Montrose High School while Olathe Middle and High School can't afford regular size lockers to prevent student back injuries. At Olathe High School graduation they also had a pastor come and pray, and unless we are taking hours praying and honoring every singles religion in the school, this is unacceptable.
F	35-44	D	Y	West	Focusing and catering to much on people of color
M	35-44	D	Y	West	Only 17% of elementary students are reading at a proficient lvl. (Probably because of people like me who abbreviate everything)
F	65+	D	Y	West	Too centered on testing and heading students to college.
F	35-44	O	Y	West	Our district has many classes without full time teachers in all grades. This is especially true fpr Sped classes/staff. The district wasted nearly 100000 repainting our High School when roofs are falling in and the plumbing doesnt work in many bathrooms. Almost 40% of last years students are enrolled in alternative education choices this year.
M	35-44	O	Y	West	They are far right and resist anything but far right views

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U	45-54	O	Y	West	Public schools are failing due to excessive government intervention and a lack of competition in the education system. Government-run schools, with their one-size-fits-all approach, stifle innovation and fail to cater to the diverse needs of students. Additionally, the absence of a free-market approach in education prevents parents from choosing the best educational options for their children, resulting in a lack of accountability and efficiency in public schools. More parental rights & choice and a decentralized education system is the way to improve the quality of education.
F	18-34	R	Y	West	Prioritizing sexuality over a proper education
M	18-34	R	Y	West	Lowering standards for children does not aid them to function well as adults. They need dress, behavioral, and learning standards. Our students need to be taught how to learn not how to test. There is a significant difference between understanding what you're learning and simply being able to answer a test question. Our education system is significantly flawed in this regard.
M	18-34	R	Y	West	Public school in general is more concerned with indoctrination rather than education, they don't genuinely care about giving our kids the best education they can, they don't teach real life skills, and they need to focus more on hands on learning of real valuable skills they kids are interested in and factor the education into those lessons. Kids don't want to sit in a classroom and get lectured all day they want to participate in a hands on manor. Also the government politics need to stay away from our children and we need to preserve innocence while shaping capable strong adults.
F	35-44	R	Y	West	Changing curriculum to include controversial matters such as gender identification and introducing these topics to elementary aged students is outrageous!
F	35-44	R	Y	West	Schools are too focused on the subjective rather than the objective. For example a social interpretations of inconsequential topics like gender identity and social justice which are subjective by nature and not facts of education like mathematics and English language which are objective by nature.
F	35-44	R	Y	West	Stick to teaching and do not push your political bias on our kids! The parents know best and should know what is going on at school at all times. It is our business. We are the first teachers and should be responsible and involved in their education.
F	35-44	R	Y	West	The students are continually given less autonomy, our children are not androids. The "skills" they are taught are woefully inadequate for the modern world and the school seems like they are in no hurry to alter them.
M	35-44	R	Y	West	Because of shortage of teachers, they are reckless on spending, they try to doctorate our children instead of trying to teach them.

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M	35-44	R	Y	West	I believe kids are behind. Find it odd that they don't even get homework. Also if they do get homework it is usually optional
M	35-44	R	Y	West	Not enough focus on education
					Teachers don't hold students accountable. Deadlines on assignments are soft so children don't take them seriously. School administrators get more money for having the least amount of interaction and impact with the student body. School Districts get money and don't develop and push solid curriculum plans and most teachers just make curriculum fun or focused around their interests rather than guiding and teaching students subject matter. Throw more money at a problem doesn't fix a problem. The areas of issues need to be isolated, focused on, and addressed with core concepts and principles that are tried and true, not new age and case study material weeks or months old. Teachers also rely too much on engaging students through computers and Chromebooks. There needs to be a hard reality in getting back to the basics and fundamentals of reading, writing, and arithmetic.
M	35-44	R	Y	West	
F	45-54	R	Y	West	Because teachers don't have the heart for teaching anymore thanks to parents!
F	45-54	R	Y	West	Don't care about the kids
					I don't feel they focus on the life skills kids need to survive on their own, ie: cooking, balancing a bank account, cursive so they can sign their names, a trade like wood or metal shop ect. common sense along with a Sense of pride with a job well done from effort not just because you showed up!
F	45-54	R	Y	West	Our superintendent and school board are terrible and have their own agenda and it's NOT for the students!!!
F	45-54	R	Y	West	Student standardized test scores are below average and the typical high school graduate lack basic skills to survive.
F	45-54	R	Y	West	There is no classroom discipline. The standards have been lowered time and time again. There are classes missing teachers. Teachers feel ignored and disrespected.
F	45-54	R	Y	West	Too much focus on common core education and not enough focus on education that will benefit the student in the long term.

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M	45-54	R	Y	West	There is no respect left in the school system. The rules have become so vague and light that it's not that important for students to really push themselves. Basically school has become a joke to students. I know the teachers and staff work hard to do their jobs. But if there isn't consequences for missing school and all this leeway for missing assignments, then what is really the consequence for not doing it. By nature, humans are going to take the path of least resistance. With the schools shutting down, and all the folding of hands, I believe the demon has been created. And the only way to fix a demon is the change the policies and push the students. If you don't the demons only going to get bigger. It already has. Luckily, this is my youngest students last year. I feel really bad for families that have younger students because I don't believe that anybody is going to put in the work that it's going to require to fix all this craziness. The school has been corrupted by politics, and it's also driven by politics. I think politics should stay out of schools. And rules should be enforced. I think based on the last couple years if you track the students that are going through the schools now you will see a much higher percentage incarcerated. And or with a lot of charges. I'm sure there's going to be a huge decrease in college.
U	45-54	R	Y	West	Fearful schools are influencing children politically. Should be teaching not influencing.
U	45-54	R	Y	West	One size does not fit all. Advanced students are held to the lower common denominator. There is not enough strict discipline and parents are not involved enough.
F	55-64	R	Y	West	Delta County public schools have about the worst record in the entire state. I think part of the problem is it has been a long -standing farming community and many old timers don't see the importance of educating our children and most certainly not viewing higher education as a necessity; therefore, no adequate preparation for kids to enter college or technical schools. I don't feel additional funding will help until the mindset of the community changes.
F	55-64	R	Y	West	For one, the kids should be held back if they're not passing their grades instead of being pushed through. I feel that the transgender and the gays should leave that at home not bring it in the schools. They should bring God back in schools.
F	55-64	R	Y	West	They need to stick with the basics..... stop trying to mold the kids to their beliefs and let the child see all around them
M	55-64	R	Y	West	Not enough support for students with IEP's
U	55-64	R	Y	West	I think the schools need to educate on social / etiquette skills and ethical standards of our society so that becomes the basic standard of what is expected in the real world. Too many kids are being raised by irresponsible parents

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M	65+	R	Y	West	The school system no longer teaches students actual life skills, ethics, or honesty. All those kids learn are liberal views, about we should live in a Utopia free of reins of strong work ethics and personal responsibility.
F	18-34	U	Y	West	There is no clear communication and the schools are only being lead by people with money
F	18-34	U	Y	West	They hide what they are teaching our children. Parents are being told they are not allowed to see the curriculum for the school year.
M	18-34	U	Y	West	Our school Dist has a grade of an F. That tells me that we need to fix it. We need to get rid of 10 year. Then the teachers will have to do a better job.
F	35-44	U	Y	West	Falling test scores
F	35-44	U	Y	West	The curriculum does not need to include politics and personal beliefs - public school in general has overstepped it's bounds regarding that. I would never send my kids to a standard public school, the public charter is the closest I'd come. Public school is so focused on testing and academia, kids are not prepared for real world problems. The CRT and others like it have no place in school.
F	35-44	U	Y	West	The issue with our schools is the curriculum, not the money.
F	35-44	U	Y	West	The state standards are ridiculously low, and the school district based their curriculum off that. In addition, the LGBTQ items being thrown into the curriculums is unacceptable.
M	35-44	U	Y	West	Catering to rich parents and using a way left leaning biased curriculum
M	35-44	U	Y	West	Highly politicized. An "anti-charter school" attitude. Teachers are sub-par. Lack of professionalism. Only a handful of decent schools but you have to be wealthy to live in those boundaries. Thank heavens for the handful of charter school options for Elementary and Middle school. Hoping we get more for HS.
M	35-44	U	Y	West	Our school superintendent is a liberal piece of trash
M	35-44	U	Y	West	Woke and liberal agenda influencing schools too much. Stop teaching kids they can be any gender and teach them the basics of bath, writing, reading.
U	35-44	U	Y	West	They are more worried about teaching identity politics and catering to LGBT students than actually educating children. Sex, sexual orientation and preferences have no place in the school system. I also do not approve of SSSD's transgender policy that force students to deal with transgender students in their locker rooms, bathrooms, hotel rooms etc. I also do not approve of their opting to keep secrets from parents.

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F	45-54	U	Y	West	STOP your DEI and gender ideology indoctrination and let kids be kids. Teachers are now teaching students to be tolerant but only if it's what they believe. There's no tolerance for truth in the public school districts anymore.
F	45-54	U	Y	West	Test scores are plummeting. Administration and counselors spend way too much time on woke principles.
F	45-54	U	Y	West	They are graduating students that has no idea of zipcode or address. They pass kids that they need to teach more instead of just passing them to not have to teach them. First day in highschool for one kid and schedule all messed up. This county has pushed all the good ones away and getting ones that do not care, pretty sad.
F	45-54	U	Y	West	We have good teachers but the curriculum is very lacking. Kids lack basic life skills at graduation and only learn to test for funding. Not a real education.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	Lack of funding, constantly changing superintendents, uneducated populous.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	Montrose is a shit show. Lack of funding, poor administrating, poor fund alocation, little to no consequences for any actions of students, laxk of parental support... the list goes on. We teachers are basically underpaid baby sitters at this point just trying to not let kids get stabbed with scissors on a regular basis.
M	45-54	U	Y	West	No schools should be teaching about puberty blockers and mutual masturbation as sex ed , gender ed is completely over board
M	45-54	U	Y	West	Too much Social justice and gender ideology
F	55-64	U	Y	West	Important courses are no longer taught (history, social studies, English). All funding goes toward the ESL programs or bonuses to the administration.
F	55-64	U	Y	West	Ridgway and Ouray School districts are run by the PTA and local good old boys who funnel money to their own precious children. Please do some research on the amount of suicides, deaths and pregnancies straight out of school in ridgway and Ouray. If you aren't in the clique, your children suffer greatly. I was on the school board and revealed 98% out of compliance with state statute. They kept it that way so they could do whatever they wanted with our tax dollars.

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M	55-64	U	Y	West	Seem to be adding more administrators while cutting staff needed in the classroom
U	55-64	U	Y	West	I feel teachers and staff(Principal and Vice included) are too concerned with the students feelings (Almost like the ones IN CONTROL have to walk on Eggshells as not to upset the students, That does in return show failure in the student being taught what he or she needs to allow he or she to advance to the next grade knowing what they need to know. I do have kids in the school system and have seen this first hand, When a teacher who knows their student is falling behind and makes no effort to get this child the help they need(Even the parent going as far as to reach out begging to get help for this child) to gain the knowledge needed to bring an F up and passes them anyway. That is a Failure not only with these teachers, But also with the school system as well.
F	65+	U	Y	West	Because of what they're teaching in the school, I don't believe that we need to teach sexual differences. A man as a man and woman is a woman and that's all there is to it God made man and woman. God didn't make mistakes and I don't think they need to teach, otherwise that's not their place