Key Findings (April 23 to 30, 2021)
Reporting from 2,800+ Alberta Teachers and School Leaders

1. COVID-19 Quarantines/Isolations
   - 90% of Alberta classrooms have had students moved into quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19 infections or exposures.
   - 80% of Alberta school leaders have had to directly contact families in their communities due to COVID-19 exposure(s).
   - 1 in 2 Teachers & School Leaders have been quarantined and/or isolated due to COVID-19 infections or exposures.

2. Mental Health Indicators
   - 93% of respondents reporting fatigue
   - 91% of respondents reporting stress
   - 65% of respondents ‘extremely’ concerned about teacher mental health
   - “The trauma of the pandemic and fear of getting sick has a significant impact on the mental health of everyone in the school system.” – Alberta teacher
   - “HALF of all respondents feel hopeless!”
   - “There is the overwhelming sense of frustration and hopelessness – like everything is out of control.”

3. Student Learning
   - 76% of teachers state that many students in their classes are struggling with learning.
   - “I am worried about the long term mental health for the students and teachers. I am also worried about the gap in learning that has occurred in the past two years. I am terrified of the ripple effect of the pandemic.” – Alberta teacher
   - 61% of teachers are extremely concerned about their conditions of professional practice (workload/balance/control).
   - 92% of teachers are concerned about the new K-6 draft curriculum.
   - “The new curriculum is such a mess, to put it mildly…. It is so unrealistic and with no resources how will it be implemented?”

4. The Future
   - What will you need for a successful start to school in September 2021?
   - “Mental health supports for students, and government support for education that actually benefits teachers, students and staff.”
   - “Predictability and stability. There has been so much uncertainty this year… it would just be nice to know what is going on and what to expect.”
   - “I need to feel that my role as a teacher is valued. I have never felt so undervalued in my life. I blame the government.”
   - “I need my health back after contracting COVID-19 from a student back in December. My stamina has been greatly impacted and I can no longer work full days.”
   - “Vaccinated staff and students and their families. Additional funding. Small class sizes. Additional supports in classrooms to address academic gaps and other needs!”
   - “36% of teachers had received a COVID-19 vaccine by April 30, 2021... with a remaining 51% stating they would get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible!”

Margin of Error +/- 2% on all questions (19 times out of 20).
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