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Survey Results of Most Critical Issues of Public Education in Pennsylvania Warren County Education Association

A total of 458 members of the Warren County Education Association located in Warren, Pennsylvania, were surveyed as to what they felt was the most concerning issue in public education today. Several teachers listed more than one issue. The following are the results of 257 responses which are attached:

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| • No Child Left Behind | 111 (total) |
| ○ Excessive testing or not testing on grade level | 48 |
| ○ Certification issues (Bridging, Social Studies, Praxis) | 10 |
| ○ Class size too large | 9 |
| ○ Not enough state and federal funding for mandates | 6 |
| ○ Drop-out rate | 3 |
| • Mandate all-day kindergarten | 42 |
| • Inclusion concerns | 37 |
| • Lack of parent involvement and student responsibility | 6 |
| • Early retirement incentives | 6 |
| • Amount of paper work interfering with teaching | 6 |
| • Arts as a priority | 5 |
| • Reduce nurse's student load from 1,500 to 750 | 5 |
| • Increase priority of Physical Education | 4 |

Fourteen percent reported the following:

- Act 48
- Gifted education
- Computer/Technology concerns
- Low wages in rural areas
- Provide services for low income families
- Reading as a priority
- Libraries
- Charter and Cyber school – lack of accountability
- PA State Science Standards
- Project 720
- Tutoring
- Need text books geared for the PSSA test