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“Ready...Set...No!” Say Teachers About School Readiness for Remote Learning

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Despite promise of vaccines for young children, nationwide survey shows concerns remain about classroom shutdowns.

HERNDON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- With the coronavirus pandemic lingering, the specter of another school shutdown is haunting many teachers. Even as a safe vaccine for children is being rolled out, school-based COVID cases **remain high** and parents aren't yet lining up to get shots in their kids' arms: according to the **Kaiser Family Foundation**, 32 percent of parents said they would “wait and see” about the vaccine, and nearly a quarter said they will “definitely not” get their kid vaccinated.

This will mean U.S. schools must be prepared for another pivot to online learning – and a study conducted by **Stride, Inc.** (NYSE: LRN) suggests many teachers are worried about having the right resources to do so. In all, 63% of teachers said they're concerned about their school or school district's ability to support education online and just 34% considered their school or school districts very prepared.

The survey also found more than 85% of respondents are concerned about possible teacher shortages, particularly as relates to potential for increased class size and declining student academic performance. More than 7 in 10 teachers think using state-certified online instructors to fill gaps is a good idea.

Stride's study found 54% of polled teachers asked their school or school district for additional resources to aid online learning and 61% believed such resources could improve the quality of online learning. And 79% of teachers said an education technology partner could help create a more effective online learning environment.

Stride stands ready to help schools ensure online learning delivers. A Northwest Evaluation Association survey

found **Stride's established K12 schools outperformed the national trend of learning loss** and boosted student performance during the 2020-21 school year, when schools across the country had to quickly pivot to remote instruction during the coronavirus pandemic.

"While much remains uncertain about the pandemic, one thing is clear: online learning is here to stay," said Dr. Jodi Marshall, Senior Vice President at Stride. "Teachers deserve access to the essential resources to keep education moving forward, and Stride Learning Solutions is ready to help any educator, school, or district prepare for their short or long term online or blended learning objectives."

Interviews for this research were conducted online between October 13 - October 20, 2021, from a national sample of 630 kindergarten – 12th grade teachers in the U.S. by Stride in partnership with 3rd party research provider Qualtrics. Survey results can be seen **here**.

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