LATINOS AND EDUCATION

CONCERNS FROM LATINO FAMILIES IN COLORADO

71% 🏠
of Latino Coloradans are personally concerned that their children are spending too much time away from school, or not learning enough from online schooling and will fall behind.

54% 🍎
of Latino Coloradans are personally concerned that their children or close family members will have trouble accessing free or reduced school meal programs.

76% 😷
of Latino Coloradans are personally concerned that their children might be exposed to coronavirus if they go to school in person.

As reported by Latino Decisions by Latinos in Colorado.

A STORY BEHIND THE DATA

"Latinx Family Leaders are incredibly strong and resilient, even in the midst of this global pandemic. They are ready to lead the movement for educational equity and transform our broken school system. They are architects and not just objects of policy."

—Veronica Palmer, Executive Director of RISE Colorado

DIGITAL DIVIDE:
The digital divide has been an issue for Latino families and the COVID-19 pandemic only exacerbated the issue. The internet quickly became a vital school supply that two in three Latinos were missing prior to the pandemic. [Source]

57% 🌐
Expect errors or problems connecting to the virtual classroom.

33%
Do not have enough computers for everyone to use.

25%
Say their child will not be able to access English language assistance programs.

39%
Do not have an adult to stay at home to supervise children.

39%
Say their child will not be able to access special education or individual learning programs.

25%
Say their child will not be able to access English language assistance programs.

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ACTION STEPS

What can we as individuals DO to help Latino families WITH education?

- Virtual resources for learning and teaching (broken up by category).
- Find resources like those that the State of Colorado Department of Education offer.
- Offer support where you can to people that you know are struggling with the changing situation.
- Connect with local organizations doing the work in the education field such as:
  - RISE Colorado
  - El Grupo Vida
  - Latin American Education Fund

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