A TEACHER REFLECTS

LESSONS FROM THE FRONTLINE
I SURVIVED PANDEMIC TEACHING
2020-2021
Teachers were more stressed than everyone else working during pandemic

More stressed than other working adults

A much higher percentage of teachers reported frequent job-related stress and symptoms of depression compared to the general adult population, in part because they were navigating unfamiliar technology and struggling to engage students, while also having concerns about returning to in-person instruction amid a pandemic.

In January 2021, 78% of teachers said they experienced frequent job-related stress, compared to 40% of employed adults, according to a survey of public school teachers from the Rand Corp. funded by the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers.
HYBRID TEACHING IS NOT IT.
VIRTUAL TEACHING IS NOT IT.
IN-PERSON TEACHING IS IT.
85% of schools are offering full-time in-person with remote options for some students.
IMPLICATIONS FOR POLICY
LISTEN TO TEACHERS
Biden wants to fix the nation's teacher shortage. Educators say the problem is worsening.

**Not enough teachers for America's students**

Teacher demand exceeded supply for grades K-12 in the country's public schools by more than 100,000 in 2019 for the first time ever, according to the Learning Policy Institute, a Washington-based education policy think tank that has extensively studied the causes and effects of the teacher shortage.

The projected number of retirements and pandemic- and burnout-related exits from the field in coming years far exceeds the declining number of students pursuing teaching preparation programs. Since 2010, the amount that demand for teachers has exceeded supply has approximately quadrupled, according to LPI research. More
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WHY IT’S HARD TO SEE THAT LESS IS MORE
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