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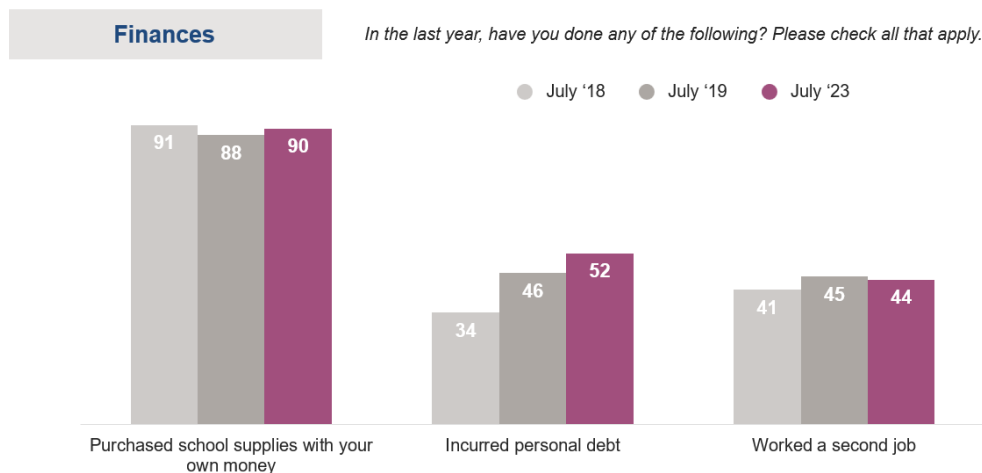
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## Poll Analysis: Maryland Educators Increasingly Facing Financial Strains

A new survey<sup>1</sup> among members of the Maryland State Education Association finds that a majority of educators have incurred personal debt, an increase from previous years. In addition, most educators spent their own money on school supplies, and almost half have worked second jobs.

### Key Survey Findings

- Over half of Maryland educators have incurred personal debt.** In the last year, 52 percent of educators surveyed have incurred personal debt, up from 46 percent in 2019. Educators who are more likely to incur personal debt include those working in high poverty schools (57 percent), Black educators (65 percent), and Hispanic educators (61 percent).
- Most Maryland educators have purchased school supplies out of their own pocket.** In the last year, 90 percent of educators surveyed spent their own money on school supplies, up from 88 percent in 2019.
- Nearly half of Maryland educators worked a second job.** Forty-four percent of educators surveyed have worked a second job in the last year, similar to 2019 data. Educators who are more likely to work second jobs include educators under 30 years old (61 percent), Black educators (50 percent), and Hispanic educators (52 percent).



<sup>1</sup> GBAO administered this survey of 2,896 public school employees who are members of the Maryland State Education Association. This survey, on behalf of MSEA, was conducted online July 9th-16th, 2023. The survey results carry a margin of error +/-1.8 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence interval.