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The majority of New Jersey parents of high school students believe the state government's top budget priorities should be funding for K-12 education and higher education with healthcare a distant third, according to a Richard Stockton College/Zogby poll made public Wednesday.

The majority of high school parents who believe higher education should be a budget priority would trade off improvements to roads and infrastructure if that meant additional funding for New Jersey's colleges.

The poll found 60 percent of the parents support more aid to elementary and high schools, 54 percent support addition funds for colleges and 37 percent want additional aid for healthcare.

The poll results come a day after the Christie administration lost out on a chance to gain \$400 million in federal aid for public schools through, at least in part, a mistake on the application. In an effort to overcome a \$10 billion 2010-11 budget deficit, Christie cut \$1 billion in state school aid and about \$170 million in aid to public and private colleges.

"The point is driven home by the fact that nearly every respondent in every demographic category said it is important fo

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