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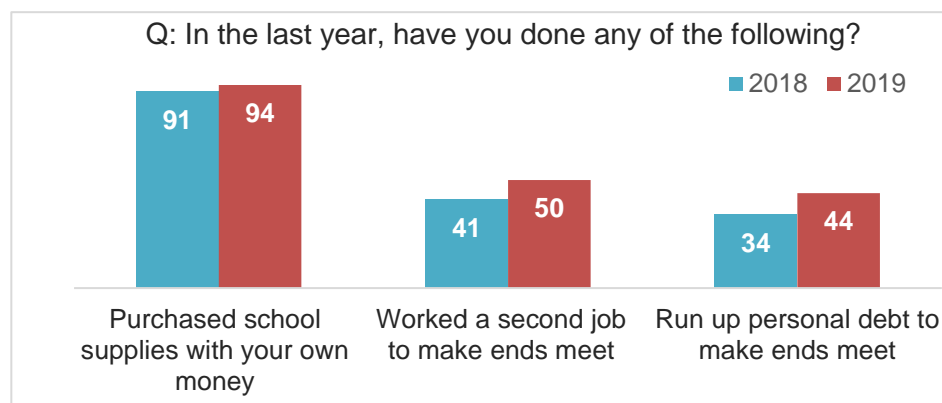
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Poll Analysis: Maryland Educators Increasingly Facing Financial Strains

A new survey¹ among members of the Maryland State Education Association finds that educators continue to spend their own money on school supplies, work second jobs, and run up personal debt just to make ends meet.

Key Survey Findings

- **Most Maryland educators pay for school supplies out of their own pocket.** In the last year, 94 percent of educators surveyed spent their own money on school supplies, up from 91 percent last year.
- **Half of Maryland educators get a second job to make ends meet.** To make ends meet, 50 percent of educators surveyed have second jobs, up from 41 percent last year. Among educators under 30 years old, 57 percent have worked a second job in the last year.
- **Over 40 percent of Maryland educators have run up personal debt to make ends meet.** Forty-four percent of educators surveyed have run up personal debt, compared to 34 percent last year.



¹ GBAO Strategies administered this survey of 800 public school employees who are members of the Maryland State Education Association. This survey, on behalf of MSEA, was conducted July 8th-11th, 2019 and reached respondents on both landlines and cell phones. The survey results carry a margin of error +/-3.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence interval.

