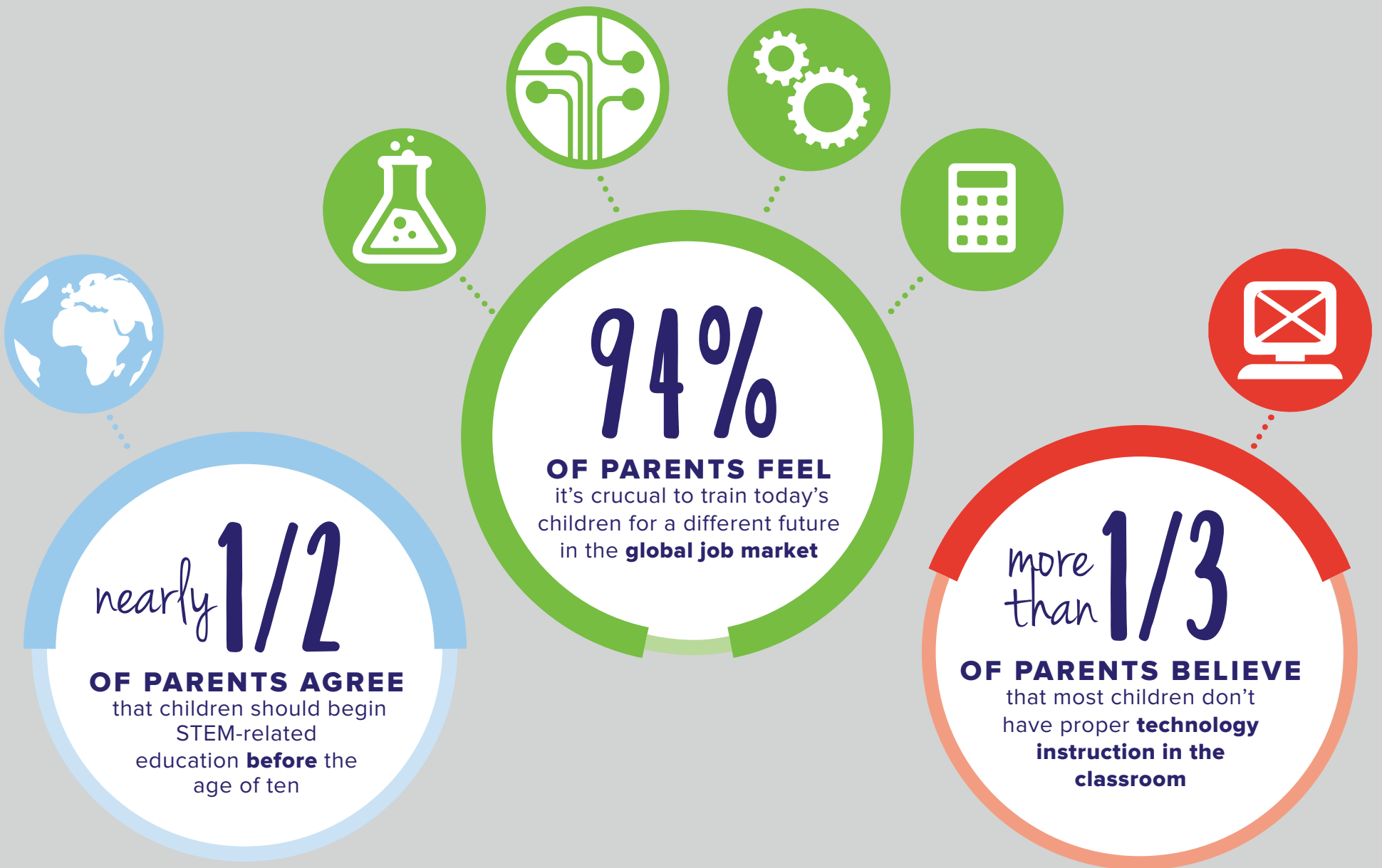


# Ready, set, STEM!

## ARE YOU READY TO #FINDYOUEDGE?

It's no secret that American children are dramatically falling behind their peers around the world in STEM proficiency. Sylvan Learning recently polled parents with kids in 1st - 8th grades to uncover their concerns regarding STEM education and their proficiency in Science, Technology, Education and Math. Here's what the survey revealed.



WITH AN ALARMING NUMBER OF PARENTS REPORTING THAT THEIR **CHILDREN LACK THE NECESSARY SKILLS IN:**



proving that  
**THERE IS A CRITICAL NEED TO INCREASE ACCESS TO STEM-RELATED PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO PREPARE CHILDREN FOR THE FUTURE**

**77% OF PARENTS AGREE** THAT MOST CHILDREN TODAY WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE JOBS THAT **DON'T CURRENTLY EXIST**

**90% OF PARENTS AGREE** THAT **STEM SKILLS WILL BE CRUCIAL** FOR THEIR CHILD REGARDLESS OF THE CAREER PATH HE OR SHE CHOOSES

**88% OF PARENTS WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE A SACRIFICE** TO PAY FOR AN EDUCATIONAL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

**89% OF PARENTS FEEL IT'S UP TO THEM** TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILD IS EXPOSED TO STEM OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

**75% OF PARENTS BELIEVE** THAT **SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF THE U.S. TEACH CHILDREN MORE** ABOUT TECHNOLOGY SKILLS NEEDED FOR THE GLOBAL WORKFORCE



\*The survey was conducted between February 10th and February 17th, 2015 among 1,015 American parents of children in grades 1-8, using an email invitation and an online survey.\*