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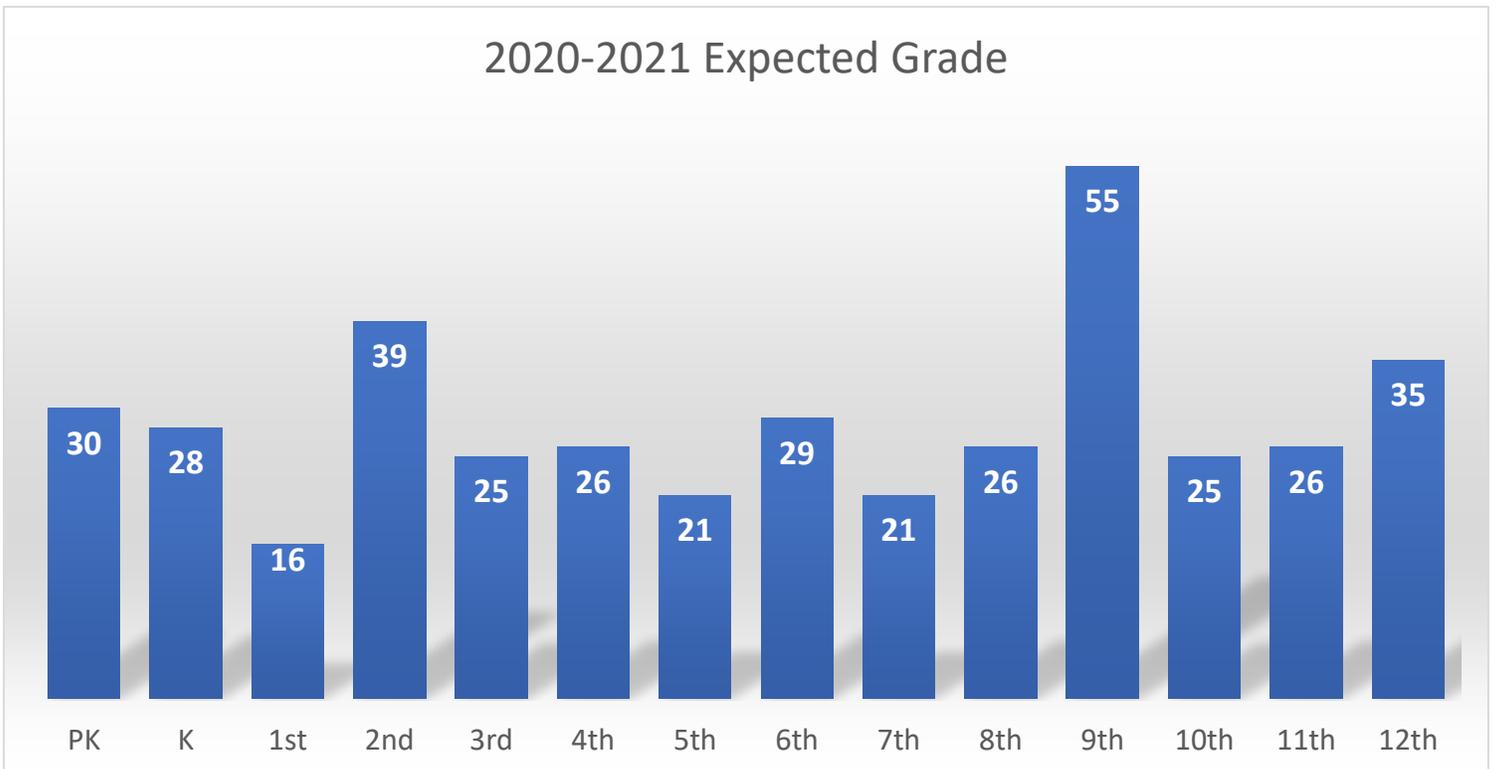
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Survey Open: 7/21/20 – 7/28/20
405 Responses

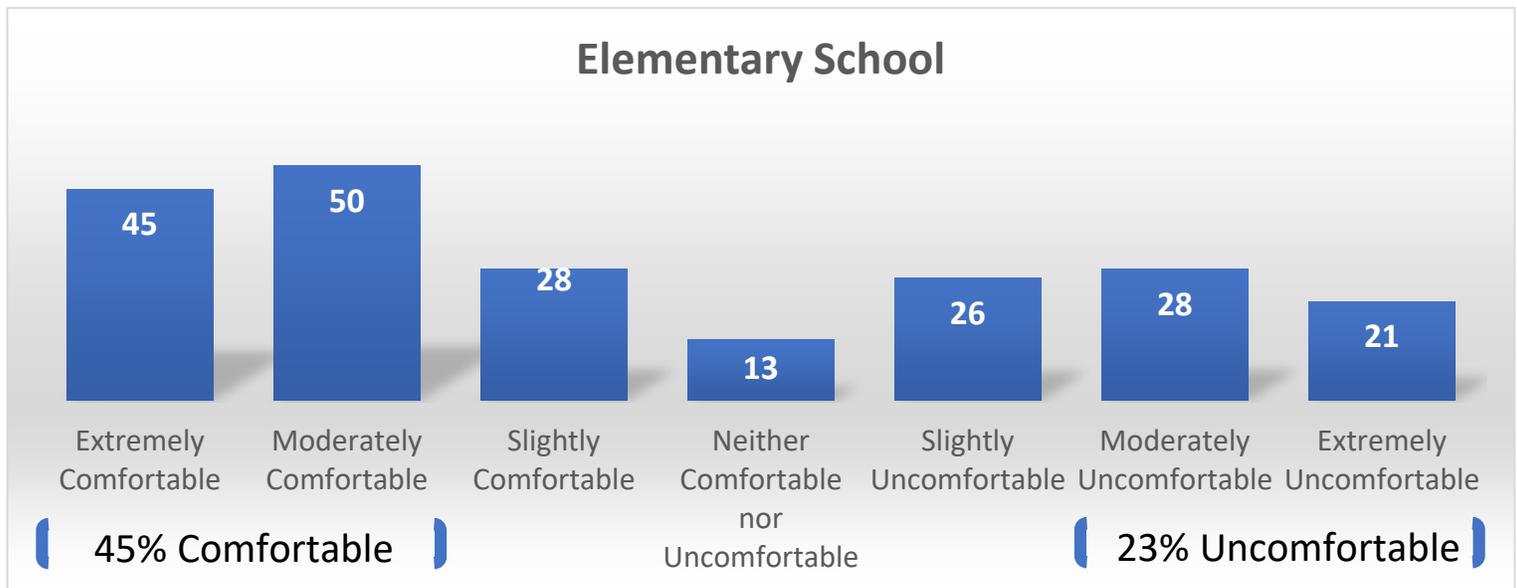
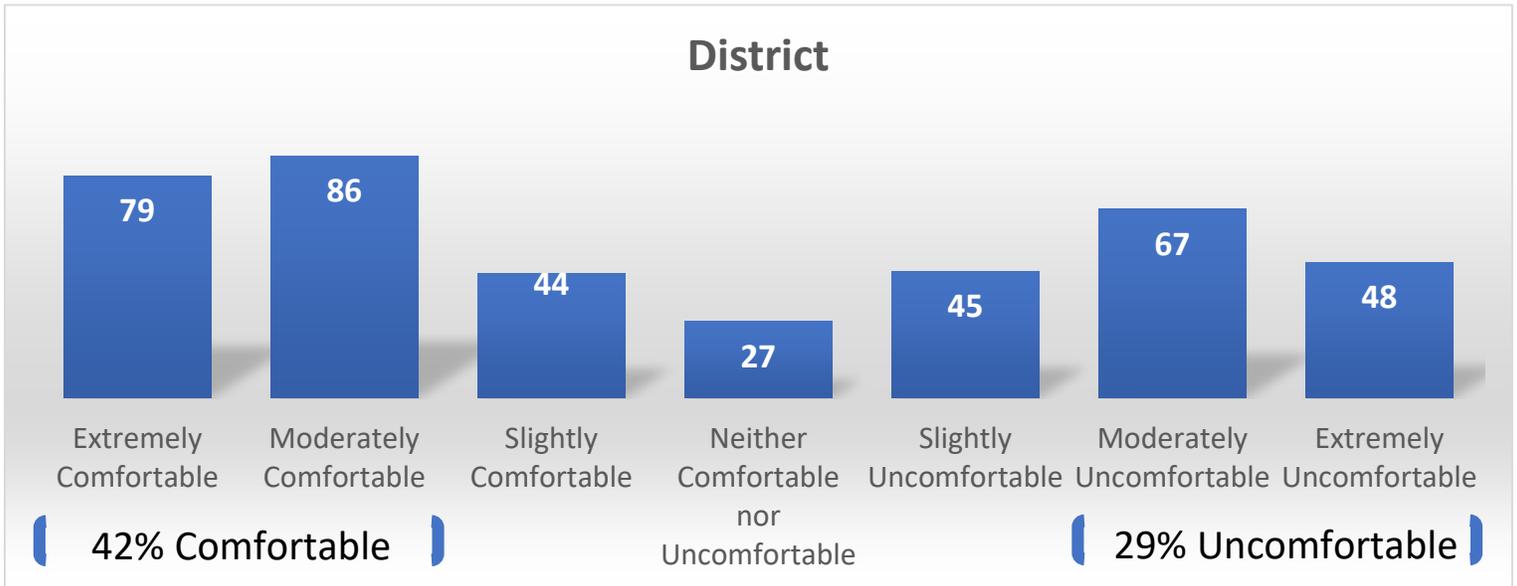
Thank you to everyone who contributed to this survey. We appreciated the time taken to give extensive comments and answer the questions. We want to ensure you that we are taking all your feedback seriously and with consideration, as we try to develop a re-opening plan that addresses academic, social emotional and safety of our students and community.

What grade will your child be in for the 2020-2021 school year?

2020-2021 Expected Grade



If in-person or hybrid learning is in place, how comfortable are you having your child return to the school building?



If schools reopen in an in-person or hybrid manner, will you send your child to school?

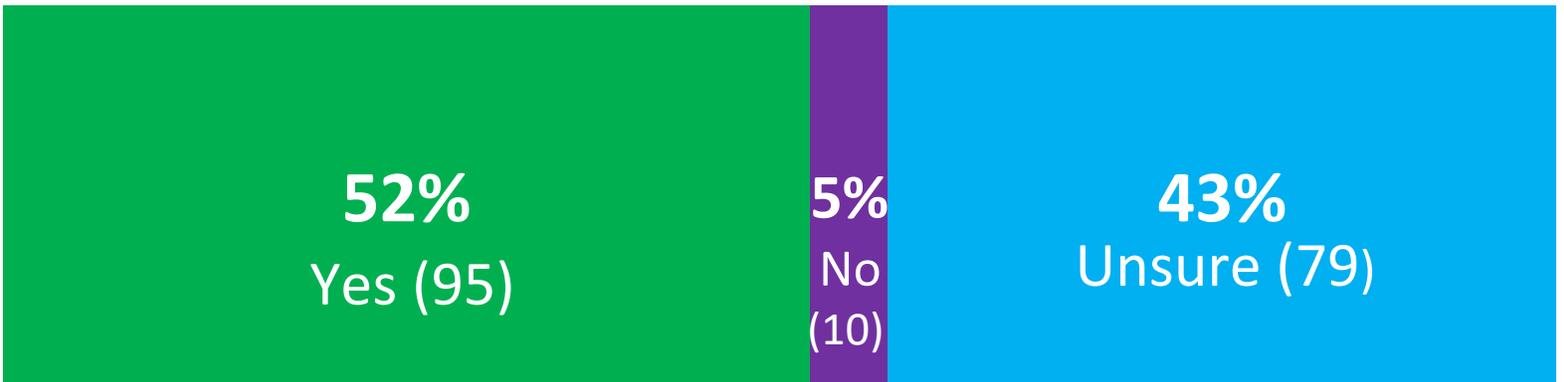
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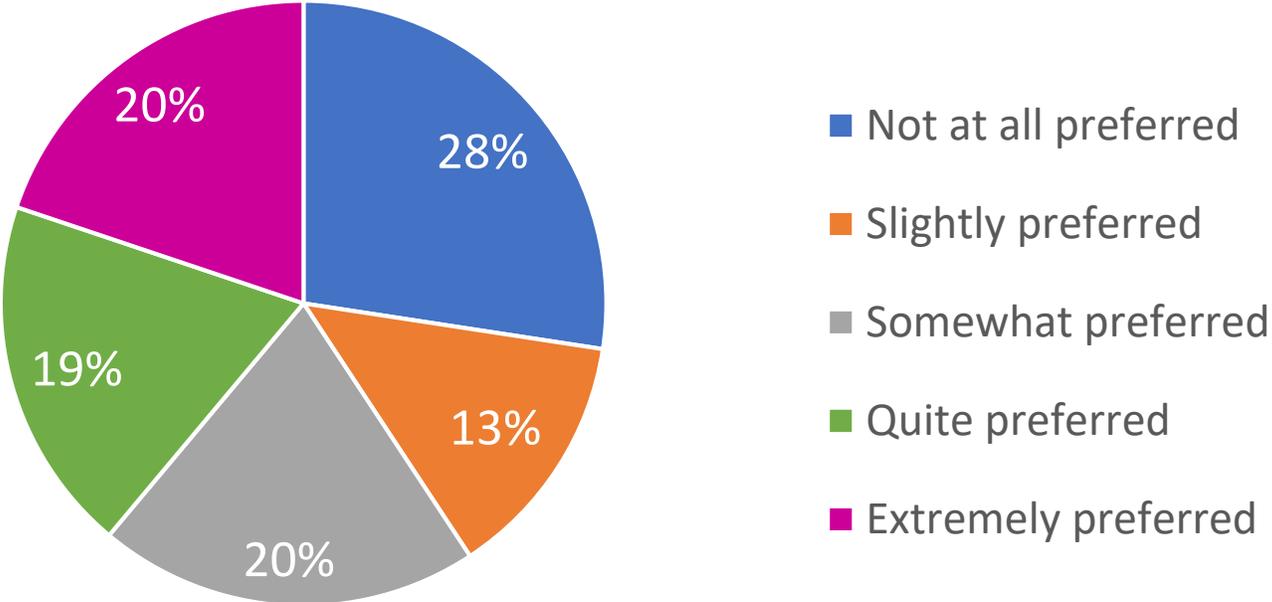


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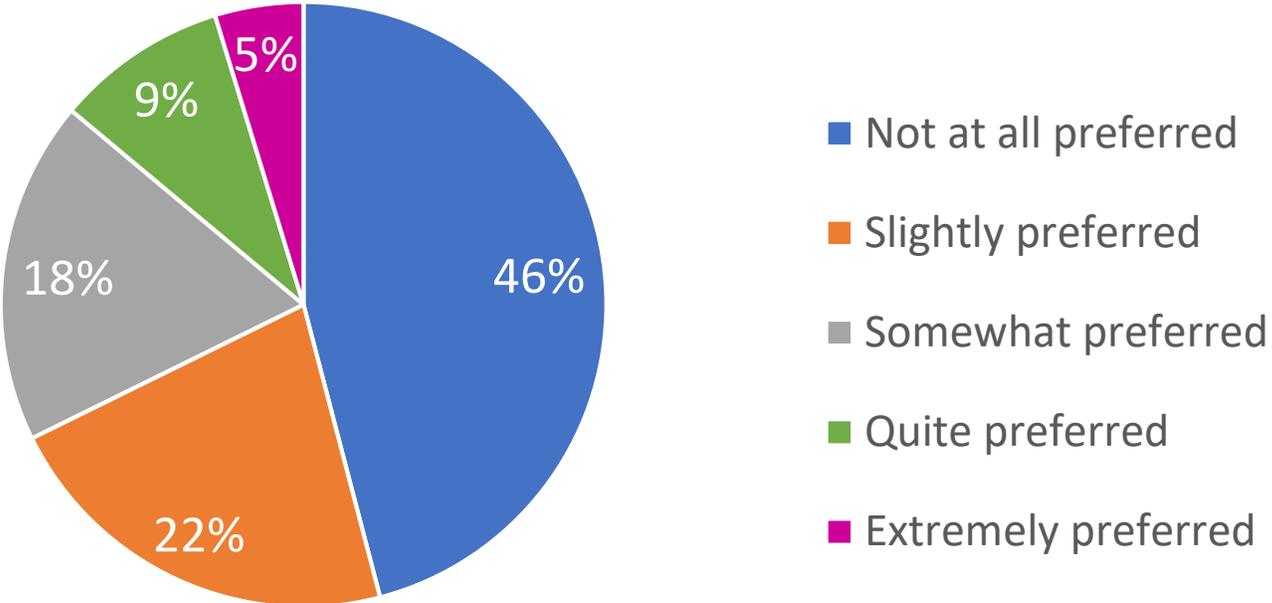


Please tell us your level of preference for each of the following hybrid models.

More in-person learning for younger grade levels over older grade levels.

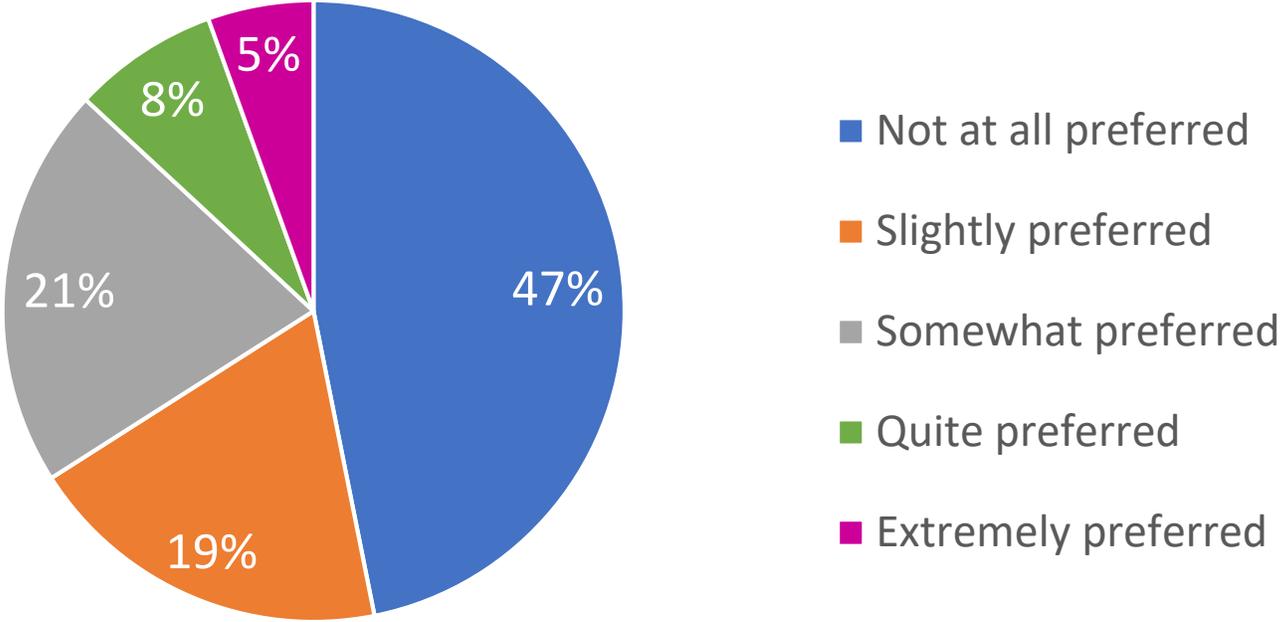


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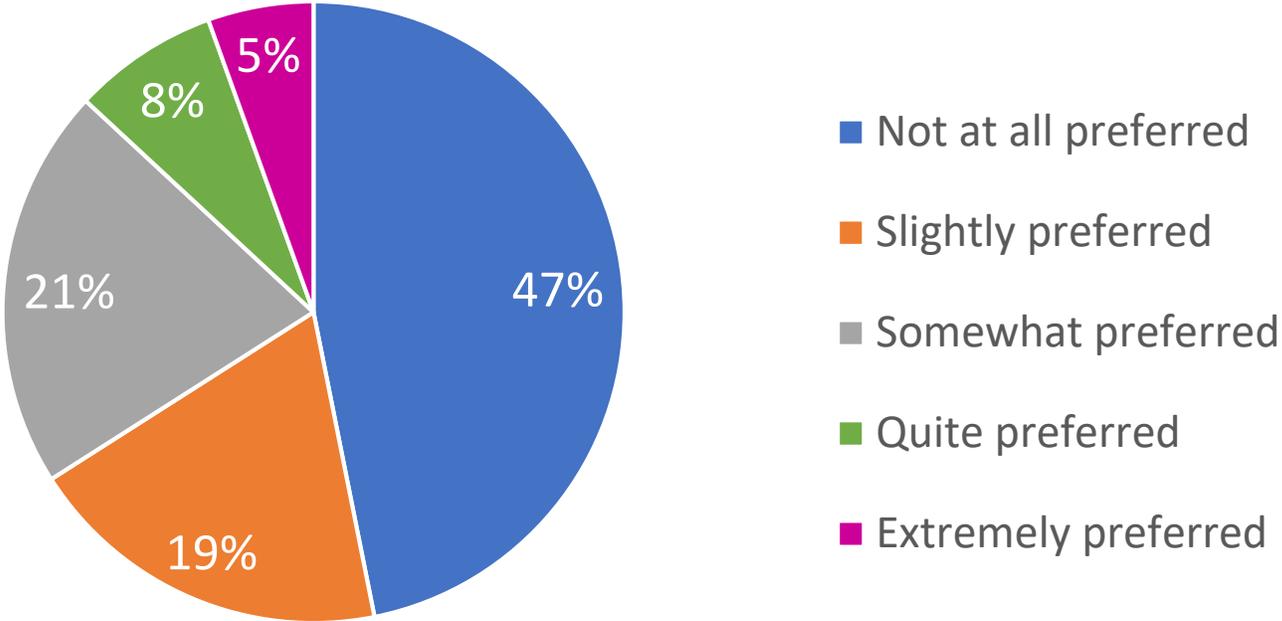


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Alternating days between in-person learning and distance learning.

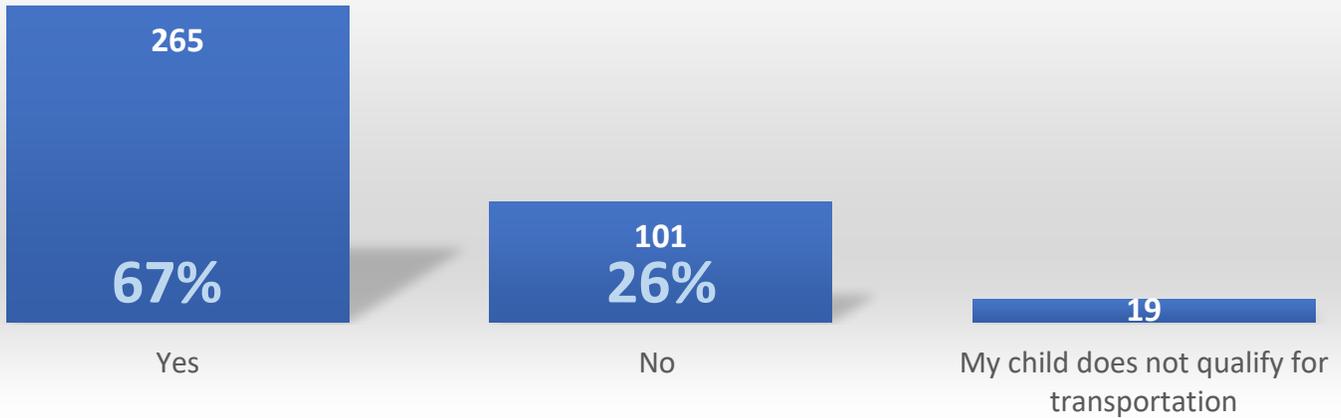


Set days for in-person learning and distance learning each week.

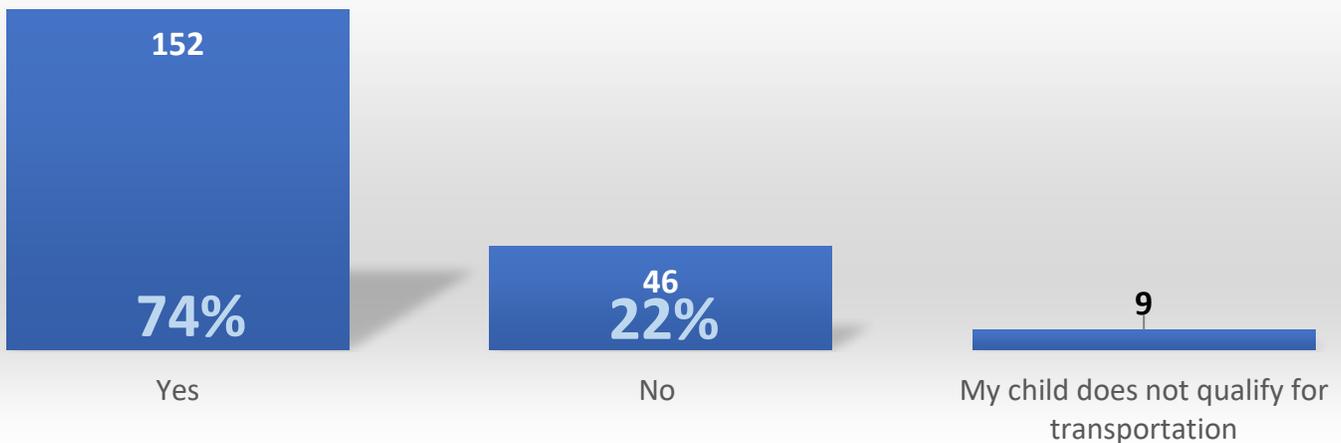


If we open with a hybrid or in-person model transportation will be a challenge, due to social distancing on buses. Would you be willing and able to transport your child to and from school?

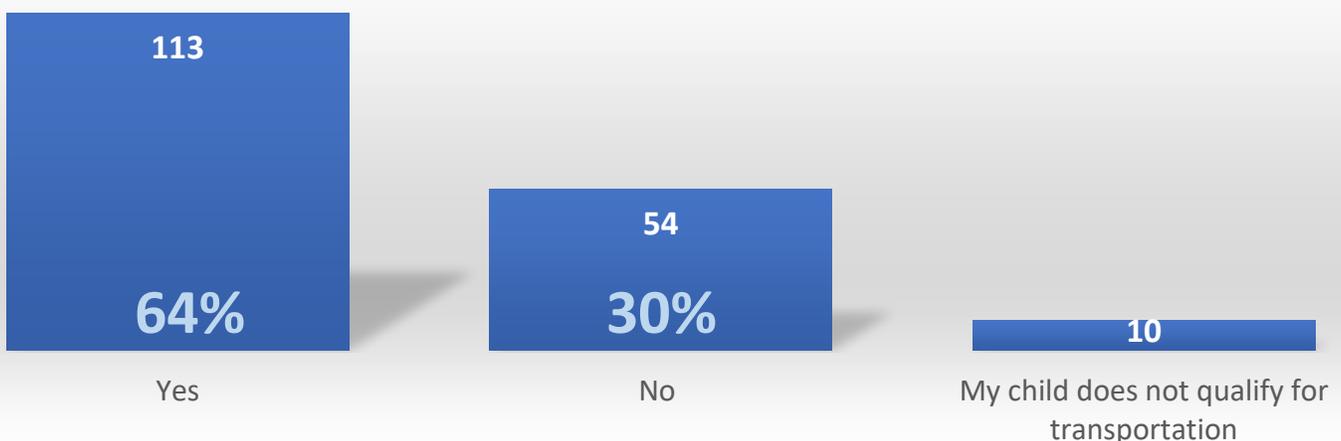
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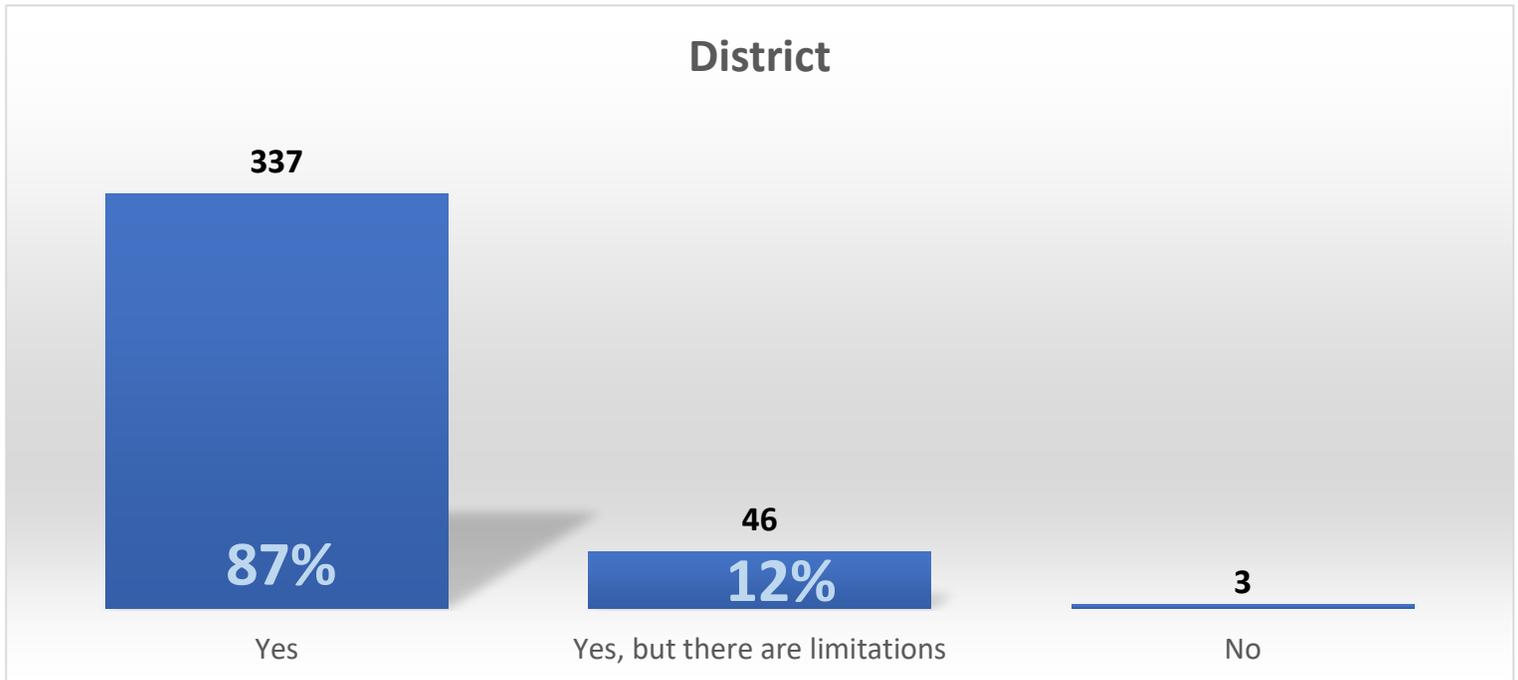
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Will your child have access to the internet for remote or hybrid learning models?



Limitations:

Internet not reliable

Multiple kids, limited number of devices

Depends on where they are for childcare

Childcare will not do distant learning

Ipads sent home were not compatible with programs being used (Pearson)

No internet, school computers do not have a data plan

Limited internet speed

Limited screen time for child

Ipads have short battery life and died constantly at end of school year

Limited data available in household

Guidelines issued by NYS indicate that students must wear masks. Will you support this requirement and require your child wear their mask on the bus, in the hallways, in classrooms, etc.?

70%
Yes (270)

7%
No
(25)

23%
Other
(89)

Other:

“My children currently wear masks when we are in public. I understand the importance of wearing masks and support this. I do not believe that any child can wear a mask for hours on end in school and adequately learn and breathe.”

“I think it will be difficult to have kindergarteners wear masks all day. I understand wearing them in certain situations but think it’s unrealistic to think they’ll be able to wear one the entire day.”

“In hallways and busses but not in classrooms”

“Health concerns with breathing”, “Medical condition”, “Asthma concerns”

“Depending on class set ups and cleaning/spacing guidelines I would consider potentially letting my children attach a visor to their hat such as cap guard or wear a different kind. It would be based on outside variables and requirements but I would support them wearing a certain level of PPE”

“I will support him wearing a mask when in close contact with multiple people. If seats on buses and in classrooms are spaced, a mask is not needed.”

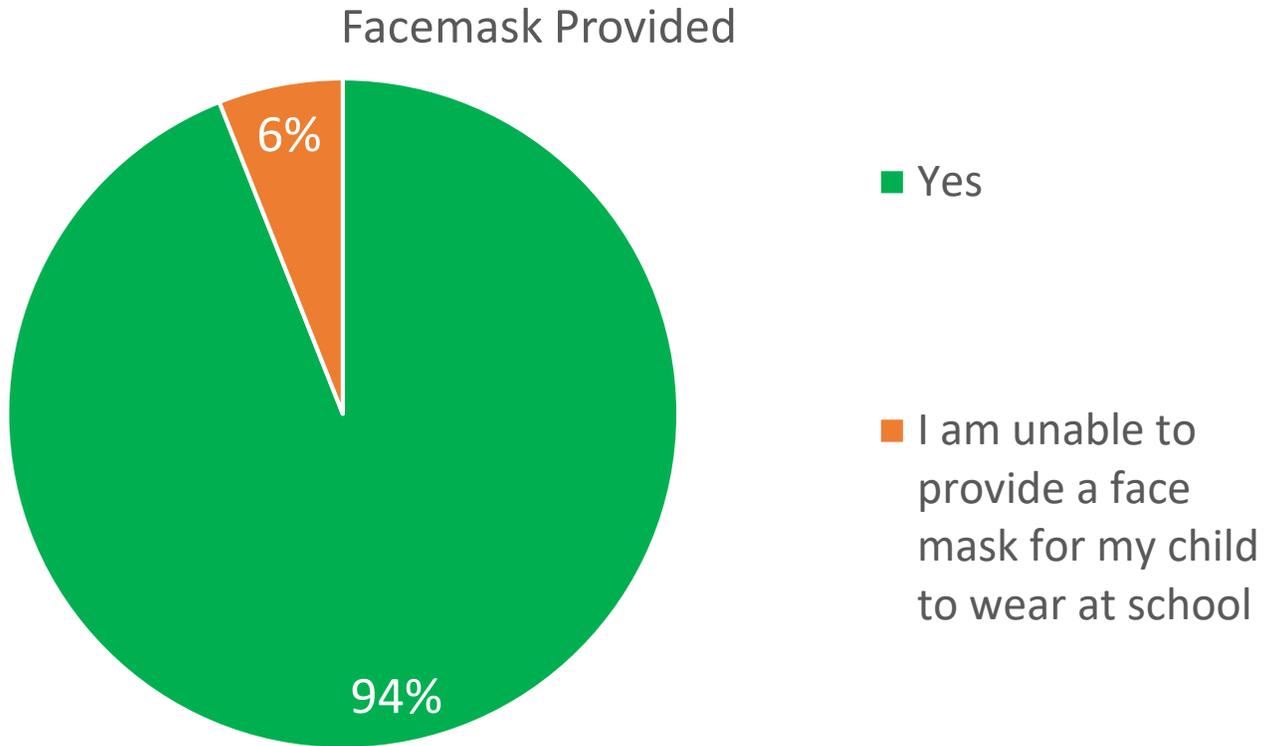
“What about face shields?”

“I will support this requirement but getting little kids to keep a mask on and not touch their face is a challenge”

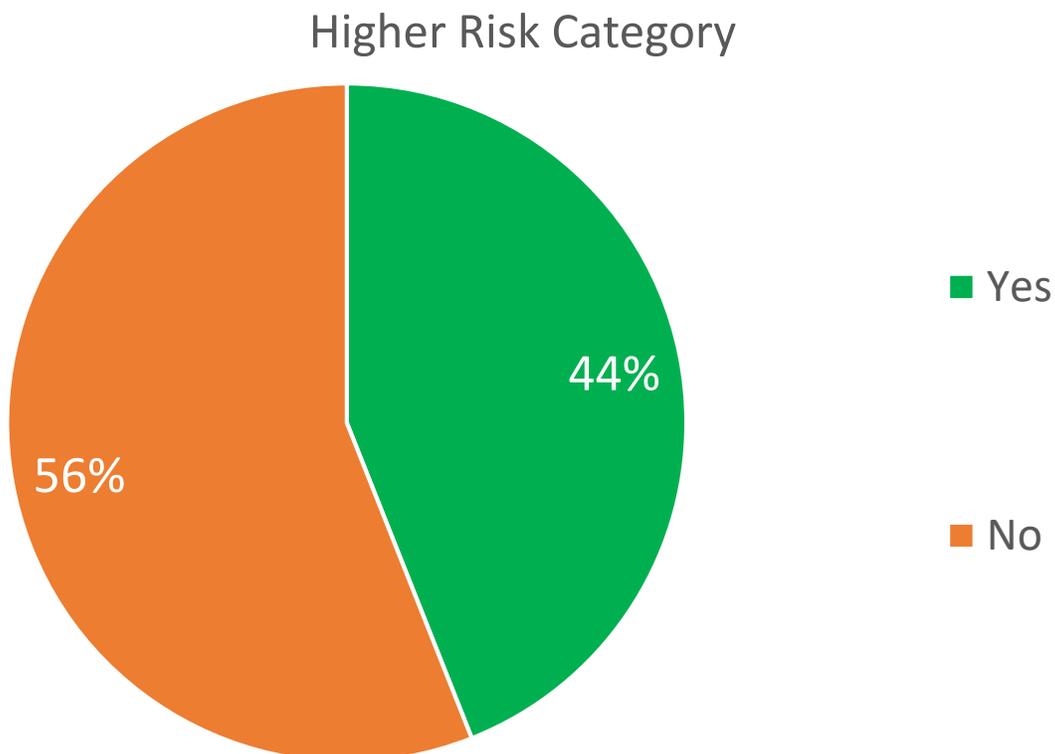
“This will be difficult as, my one child does not like wearing a mask. He gets anxiety over wearing it for longer periods of time.”

“Yes but have concerns about small children's ability to wear masks all day.”

Will you provide your child with a face mask to wear at school?

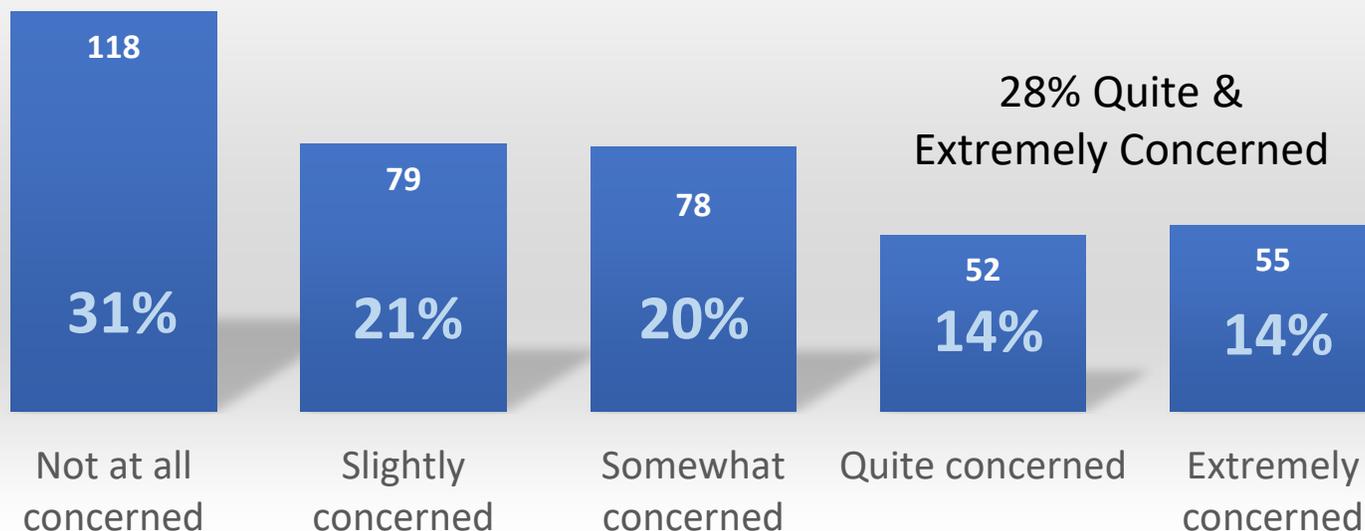


Are you, your child or any member of your household in a higher risk category of COVID-19 illness/injury due to asthma, immunocompromised, diabetes, hypertension, cancer, etc.?

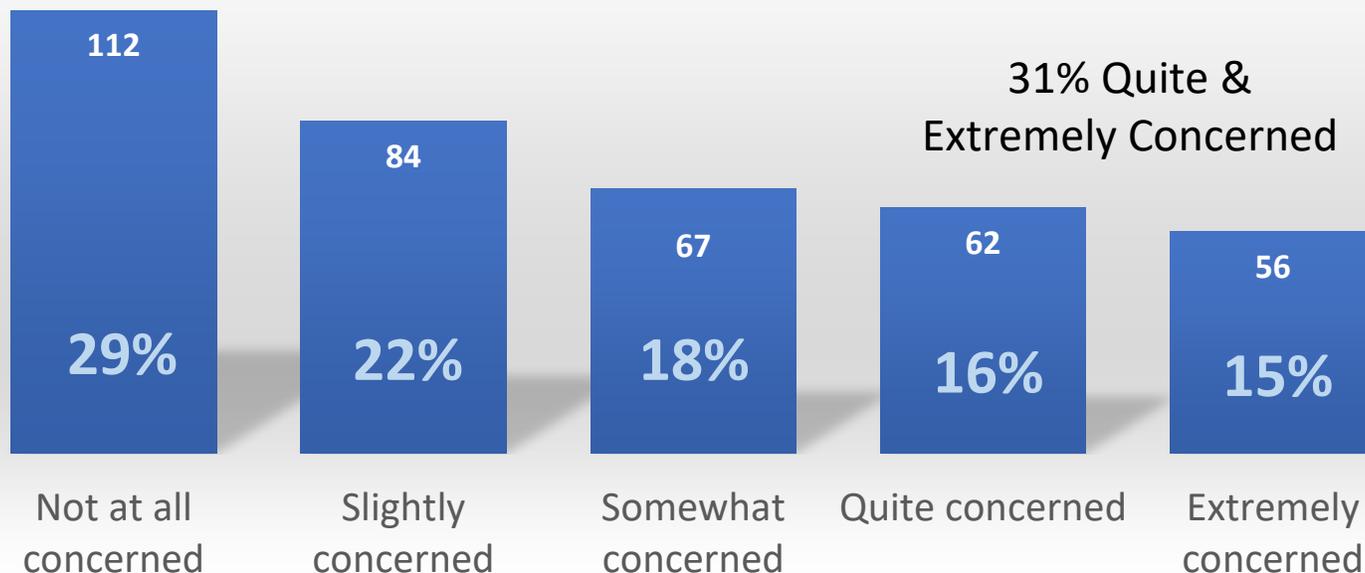


Please help us understand your child's social-emotional well-being so we can better support students when school resumes.

How concerned are you with your child returning to school in the fall in terms of their social-emotional well-being?



How concerned are you about your child's peer relationships because of social distancing?



If you have any information or ideas that you would like the REOPEN GCS Planning Team to consider, please enter it below.

“Scheduling and consistency are going to be huge factors For student return with in person models. If parents are willing and able to drive their children, and have multiple children, schedules will need to be aligned. Parents are going to find it challenging to support academics(with any model),drive, arrange childcare, etc., if models or schedules are not similar for siblings.”

“Parent work schedules may not coincide with hybrid model and could be challenging for childcare/ transportation. Please also factor families with multiple children in different age groups. (It will be challenging if primary and secondary models are also not similar.)”

“Cleanliness will be key. Hiring professional cleaners having sanitize stations throughout school.. washing hands after each class mandatory.. buses provide wipes for students to wipe seats and hands upon entering and exiting It only takes 1 person to spread an entire school. School is the 1st place gems are contracted. Home school online classes are the most reasonable resolution. Perhaps offering tutoring to students that struggle. One on one in home learning affordable or provided.”

“Schools should have the same ventilation/filtration requirements as malls and hospitals.”

“We are interested to know what a school day would look like--the logistics of their day. Will they go outside? Will they have music, art, gym etc. Are after school activities happening? Or is it one classroom with desks spread 6 feet a part all day. I understand kids need to learn but I am concerned this type of atmosphere will be more traumatizing than learning remotely.”

“Remote learning needs to be improved; teachers need help from the district with their internet quality; there should be at least 1 zoom per day for the class (not 1x per week!); and with such small class sizes, 1:1 zoom sessions should be done at least weekly. i cannot teach my 4th grader, I am not qualified, and I work full time”

“Any way tents could be used for the first two to three months as classrooms?”

“Distance learning needs more than a weekly check in with the students. They should have a set daily schedule that mirrors the class schedules. There needs to be a better focus on IEP goals. The last report didn't measure progress on 2 of 3 my sons goals for reading and writing which further delays his progress. Distance and hybrid models needs to include proper access to measure and work on these goals.”

“Questions about comfort sending children to school are difficult to answer without knowing more about what safety measures will be in place. Outdoor classrooms for part of the fall would be a great option and I hope that there's a way that younger children will not have to sacrifice recess and unstructured play.”

“My son needs in -person education. He gets nothing out of distance learning.”

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“Our main concern would be single point of use items, (Such as desks, school supplies, personal items like tissues) and the cleaning of multiple use items (such as bathrooms, hallways, doors, seating other than students desks). Are the bathroom stalls going to be cleaned between each use? We are also concerned with enforcement of mask use and hygiene standards. (Child touches nose or mouth then touches a common use surface) Will the school be able to hit the standard of temperature screening everyone entering the building? (Staff, students, parents, and vendors) Will there be mixed classes where you are unable to enforce social distancing. (Gym, art, music, recess) Conditions for food service where masks must be removed?”

“Remote learning was difficult for our house due to daily planning and time restraints. We had several days with no meetings, then others with multiple meetings. Some kind of structure would also be helpful to try to limit the multiple platforms that were used for their daily assignments. Going from one program to another, different passwords, etc. made it frustrating and difficult to track what was done and where to get the information to complete an assignment.”

“If there could be fresh air, outdoor classrooms, we would feel MUCH more comfortable sending our daughter to school. And if this isn’t possible, open windows in the classrooms at all times, even in winter. The inconvenience of bundling up would be absolutely worth the decrease in risk.”

“I’m honestly unsure about my children returning to school. However, they need more structure with online learning. For example, set zoom times for every class. That way it is like a classroom setting for all classes.”

“Temperature checks upon getting on the bus for the kids taking the bus and for the walkers on entering the building. And sending home weekly questionnaires about family travel and exposure. Maybe distance learning for children who have potentially been exposed or traveling until they can come back to school.”

“Re-opening is more of a health issue. I'm concerned with how the school will enforce the mask policy, more importantly that masks are being worn correctly by students, teachers, aides etc. The dept of health should give a class to everyone in the school on how to properly wash hands and wear mask as well as what do so when you sneeze and cough to minimize spreading germs. Throughout the school term, there should be "quick refresher" classes on the washing hands to minimizing germs (the more you repeat the message, the more it soaks in!). It is an expense, but maybe each student receives a kit with tissues, 3 pens or pencils, etc so if they forget "these types of supplies" at home, it is in their locker. In terms of delivering education to students, I understand that distance learning had to be put together quickly, however, it was disappointing that "in person" teaching didn't transition from the front of a classroom to the teacher living room with a portable/small white board set up and ready to be used. With the hope of a blended learning style, the above would just be a speed bump in the past. If everything continues as distance learning in September or is needed to be reinstated later in the year, I hope that the GCS team encourages more lessons to be taught online as if everyone was in the "brick and mortar" classroom. It is all a new "learning experience" that will shape the future of education and one I hope Germantown will be a leader for the county and maybe the state.”