



Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District

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Memo

To: KGBSD School Board Members

From: Melissa Johnson, Interim Superintendent

CC: Kerry Watson, Board Clerk

Date: January 21, 2021

RE: Superintendent Report for December January 26th meeting

COVID-19 Upcoming Information:

Determining Levels of the KGBSD starting January 31, 2022

As of January 31, 2022, we will no longer be able to rely on local public health data (the dashboard) to inform our risk level setting. The only numbers on which we can rely are the numbers available at our schools: positive cases reported to the schools. However, cases in which the COVID-positive staff/students were NOT in the buildings during their infectious periods do not pose an immediate risk to the school populations. *Therefore, the recommendation is to use the number of cases reported to the schools that required contact tracing due to the COVID-positive staff/students being in the buildings during a portion of their infectious periods.*

If we use the *same multipliers that we're currently using* to set operational risk levels based, but we use those multipliers on the school district overall population in schools (2446 building staff/ students enrolled in "brick and mortar" schools [not FastTrack students] as of 1/14/22), our risk level threshold numbers would be the following

The threshold numbers that we would use to determine the District wide risk level:

- **Low:** 1 or fewer cases of COVID-positive staff/students in the schools during infectious periods (district-wide)
- **Moderate:** 2 cases of COVID-positive staff/students in the schools during infectious periods (district-wide)
- **Substantial:** 7 cases of COVID-positive staff/students in the schools during infectious periods (district-wide)
- **High:** 13 cases of COVID-positive staff/students in the schools during infectious periods (district-wide)

Survey Results

Survey Results are located on the KGBSD Website.

<https://www.kgsbd.org/>

Attached are the PDF's with the results of the Students, Staff and Parents survey.



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Upcoming CIP Projects

The Ketchikan Borough Assembly approved to amend the FY 2022 Borough Budget by making supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$475,000 from the school bond CIP fund for Capital Improvements to various schools throughout the district.

The following projects for FY 2022 have been approved:

- Valley Park Retaining Wall \$25,000
- TSAS Entry Door Replacement \$30,000
- Schoenbar Drainage \$75,000
- Schoenbar Wall Painting \$45,000
- High School Security Upgrades \$300,000

Total: \$475,000

Curriculum/PD/Assessment:

- Test security agreements, test administration training, and scheduling for the new state assessment, AK STAR, are being prepared.
- Budget priorities for the KNEPC (Title VI) are being drafted and have been shared with Saxman IRA and will soon be with KIC.
- Most grade levels and the charter schools have reached a consensus on what math curriculum they would like to adopt for the next cycle. The Illustrative Math pilot with K-2 teachers is underway. The goal is to bring K-12 recommendations to the school board by the first meeting in March.
- Todd White will be returning to Ketchikan and working with the Eval Pilot principals and teachers January 31st through February 4th.
- The School Climate and Culture survey started this week and the window goes through February 18th.
- June 6-10 we will be hosting the Alaska Arts Education Consortium's Arts Institute where educators from the region will be able to learn about integrating art and Native studies into existing curriculum.

Business Manager

- FY23 Budget Cycle
This week kicks off the FY23 Budget cycle. Attached is the FY23 Budget Development timeline, also available on the District's website under the Business Office page. Projected revenues and fiscal assumptions will guide budget development (included in presentation).

Ketchikan School District
Budget Timeline for FY 2023 Budget

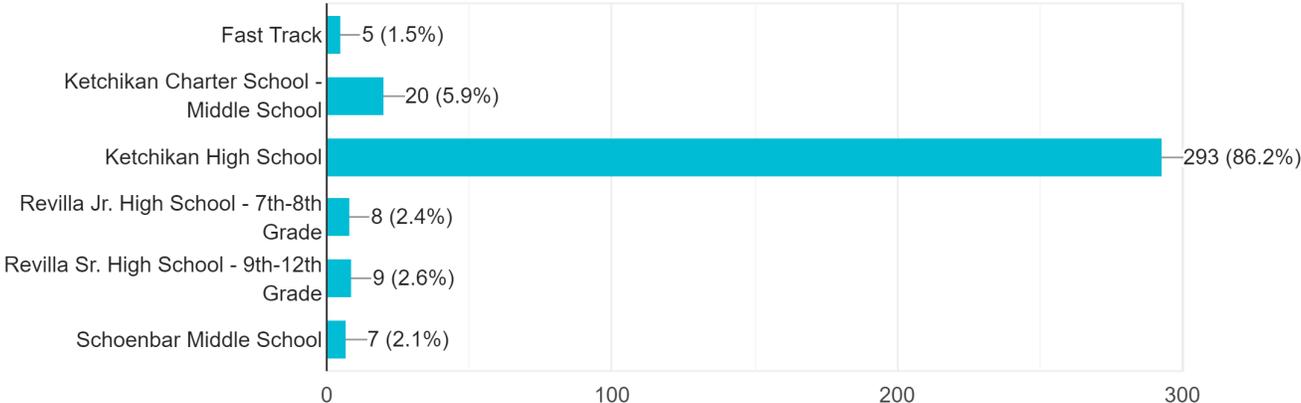
September 30, 2021

Memo To: Melissa Johnson, Interim Superintendent
From: Katie Jo Parrott, Business Manager
Subject: FY 2023 Budget Development Timeline

Date	Steps	Who
January 13	Superintendent & Administration reviews fiscal assumptions	Superintendent
January 26	Superintendent & School Board review fiscal assumptions	Superintendent & Business Manager
February 03	Release of FY23 Budget Survey	Superintendent & Business Manager
February 10	Business Manager presents detailed fiscal assumptions to Administrators	Superintendent & Business Manager
February 28	Last day to spend from teacher stipends.	Teachers
March 05	Budget adjustment requests due to Business Manager	Administrators
March 06	Public Budget Forum – TBD	Superintendent & Business Manager
March 16	Finance Committee Meeting to set priorities for draft budget	Board, Superintendent, Business Manager
March 31	Completion of FY23 Draft Budget for review	Superintendent & Business Manager
April 01	Deadline for out of state purchases	All district employees
April 13	FY23 Budget Public Hearing #1	School Board
April 15	Charter Schools projected enrollment due	Charter Schools
April 20	Budget Work Session with School Board, if applicable	Superintendent & Business Manager
April 27	FY23 Budget Public Hearing #2	School Board
April 27	School Board adopts Budget	School Board
April 30	Transmit Budget to Borough Assembly	Superintendent & Borough Manager
April 30	Request Expenditure Authority	Superintendent & Borough Manager
May 01	Deadline for all purchases (grant expenditures reviewed)	All KGBSD Employees
May 02	Present Budget to Borough Assembly	Superintendent & Borough Manager
May 16	Initial Borough ordinance for total budget	Borough Assembly & Borough Manager
June 01	Charter Schools provide APC Approved Budgets	Charter Schools
June 15	Business Manager provides modifications to Charters	Business Manager
July 15	Transmit Approved Final Budget to State of Alaska	Business Manager

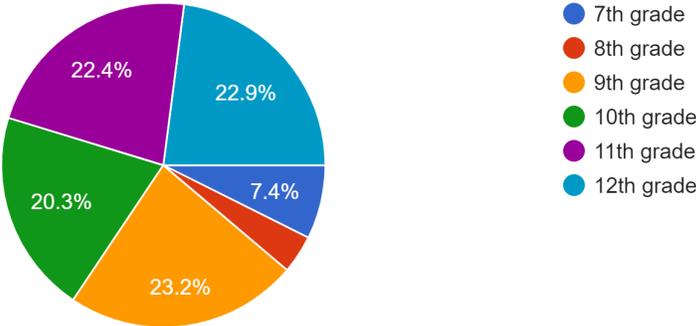
In which school/program are you enrolled?

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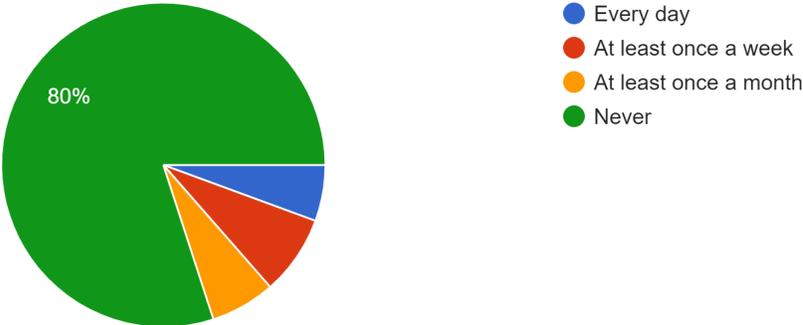
In which grade are you enrolled?

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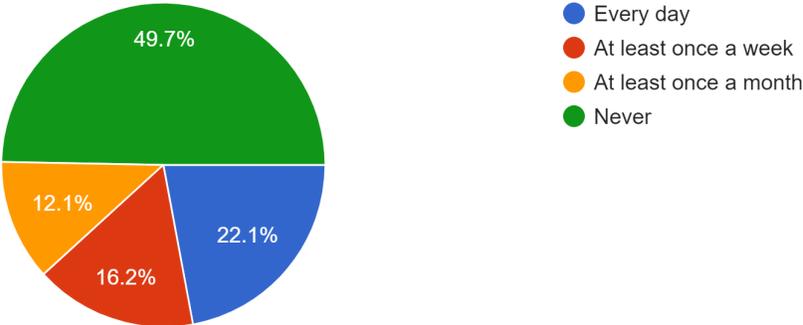
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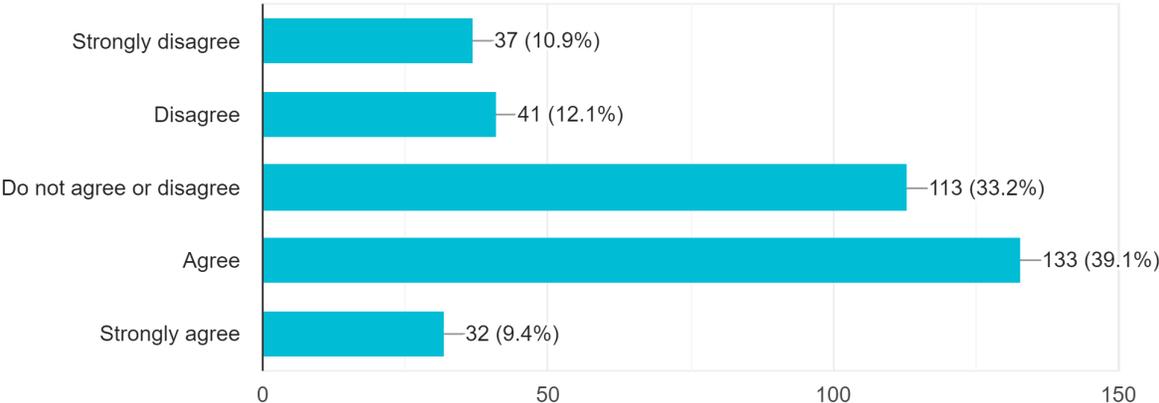
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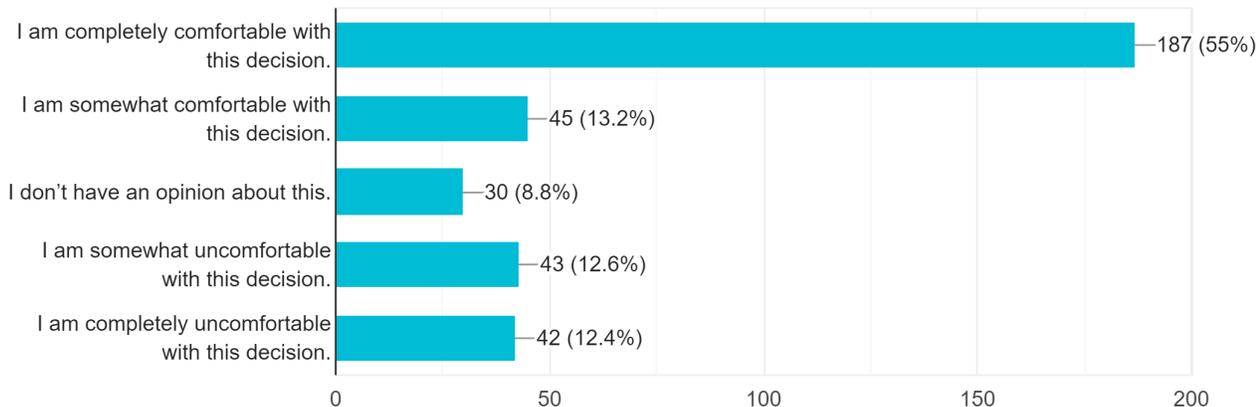


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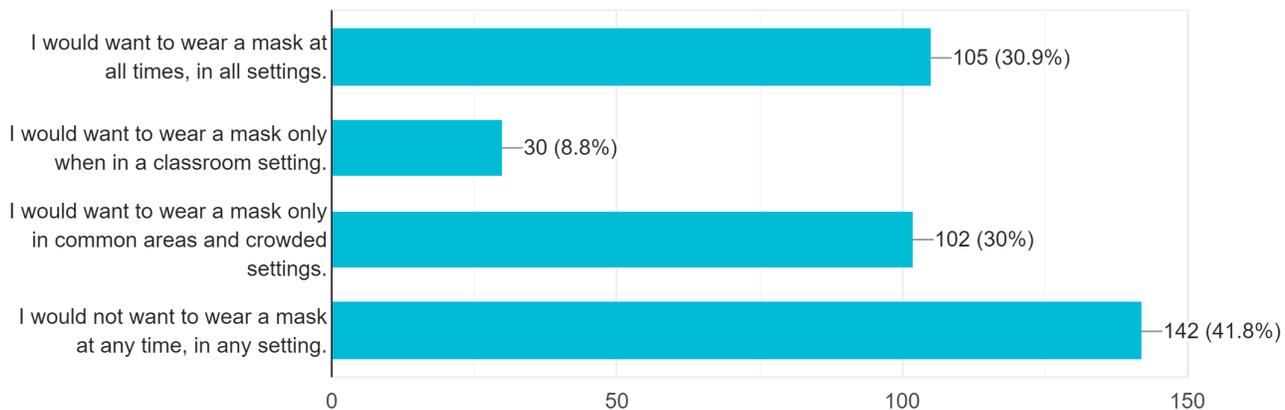
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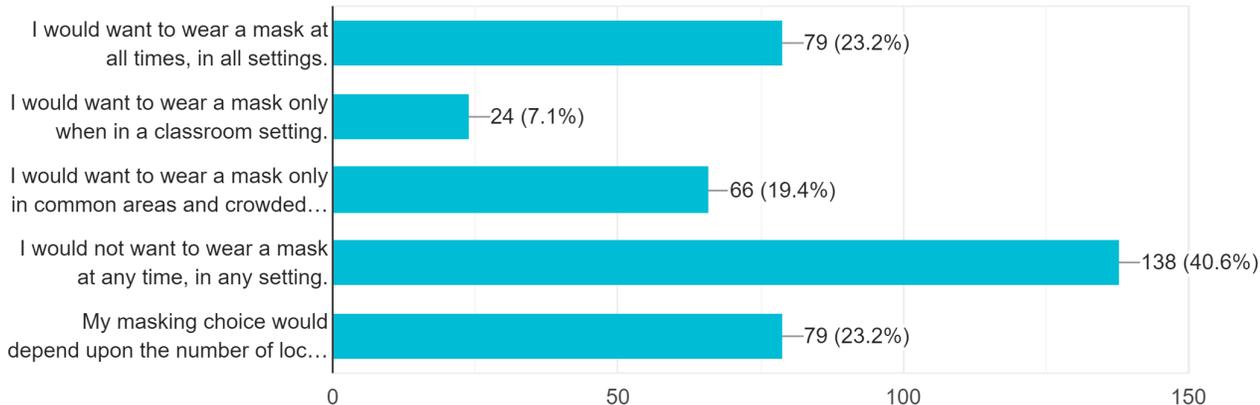


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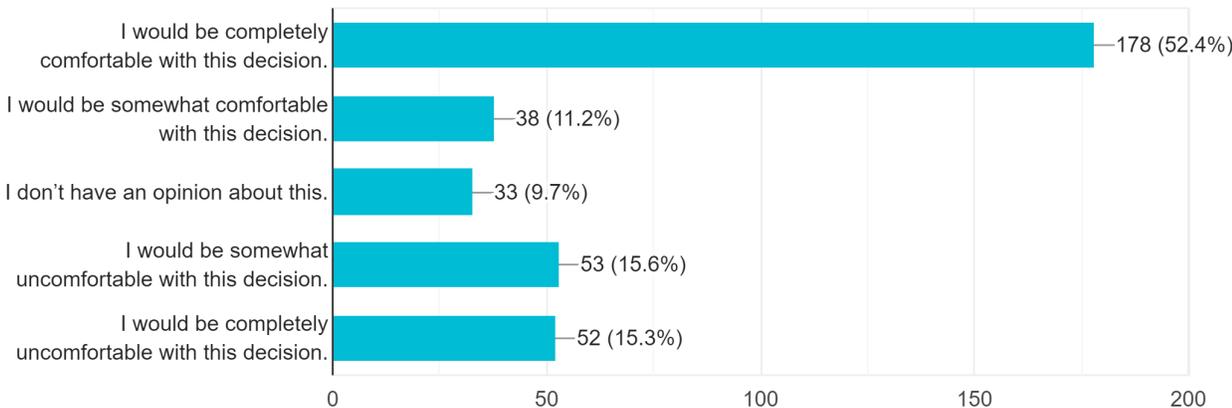
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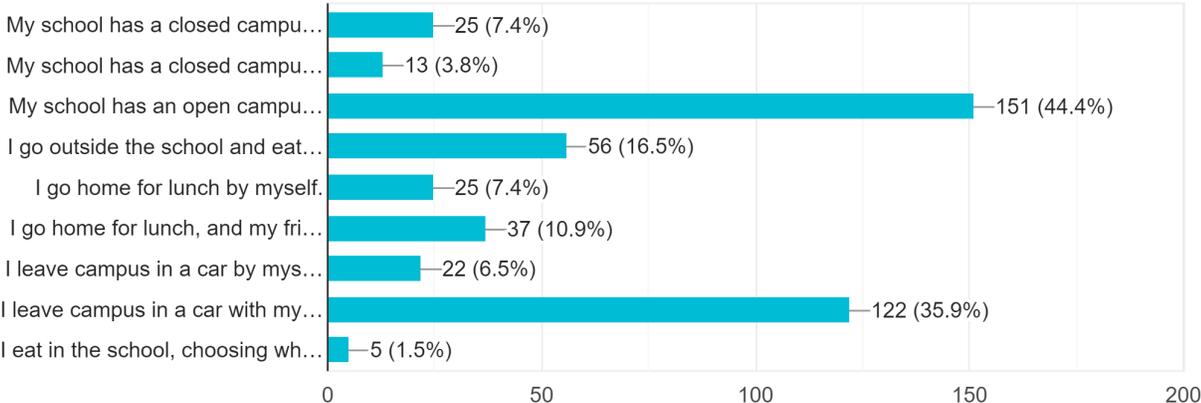
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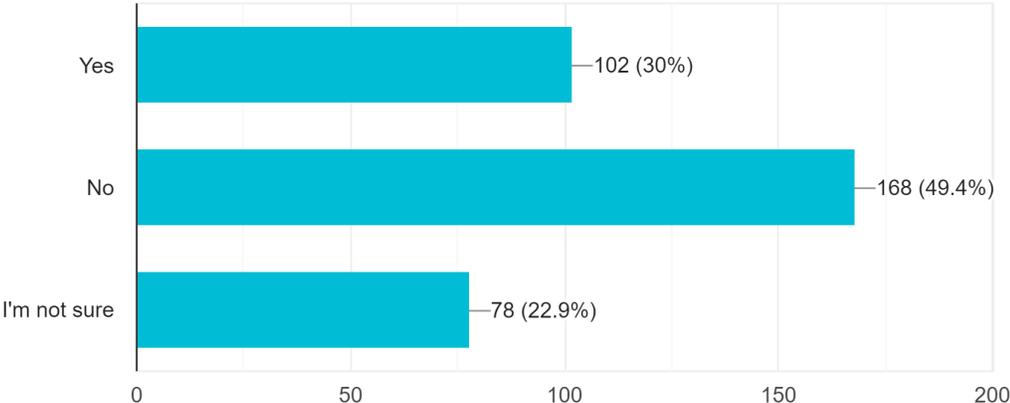
Which of the following best describes your actions during lunch time?

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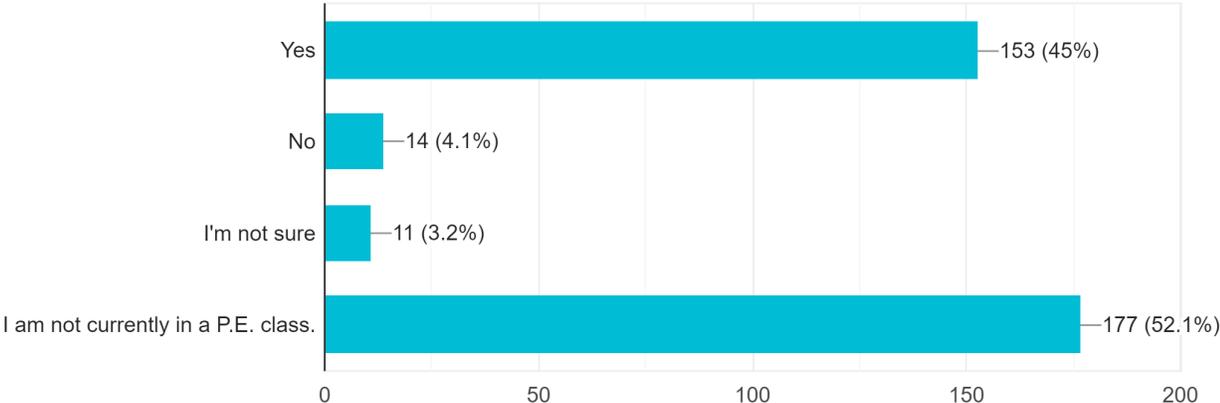
Is wearing a mask negatively affecting your ability to learn?

340 responses



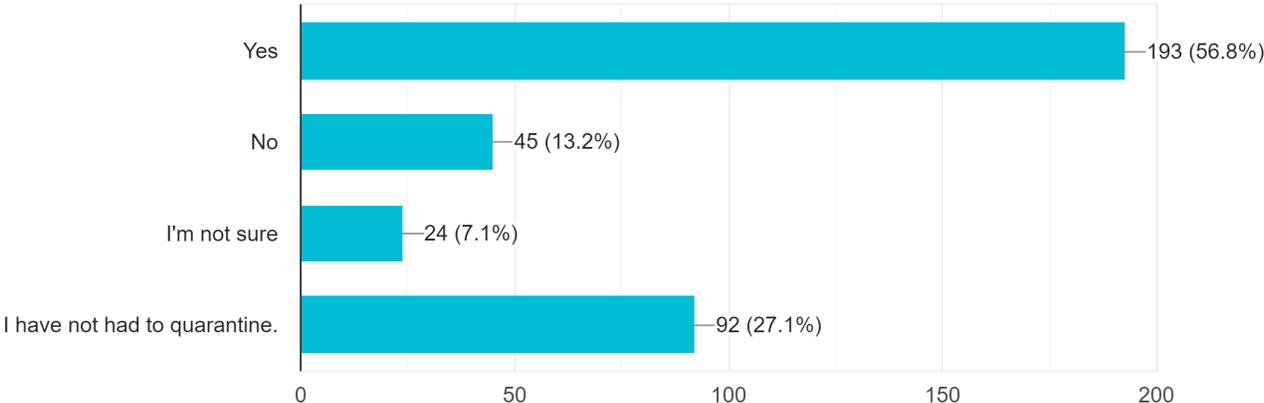
Is wearing a mask in P.E. negatively affecting your ability to perform physical activities?

340 responses



Has quarantining due to being identified as a close contact negatively affected your ability to learn?

340 responses



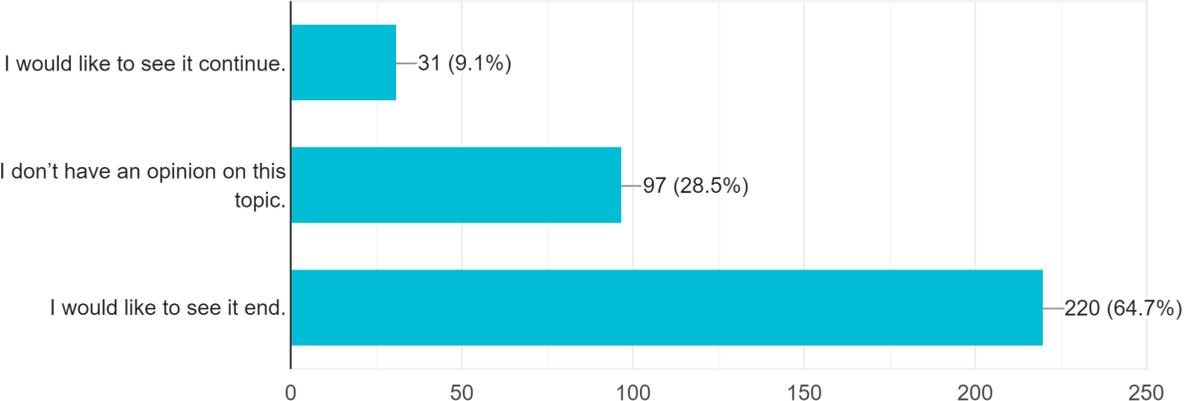
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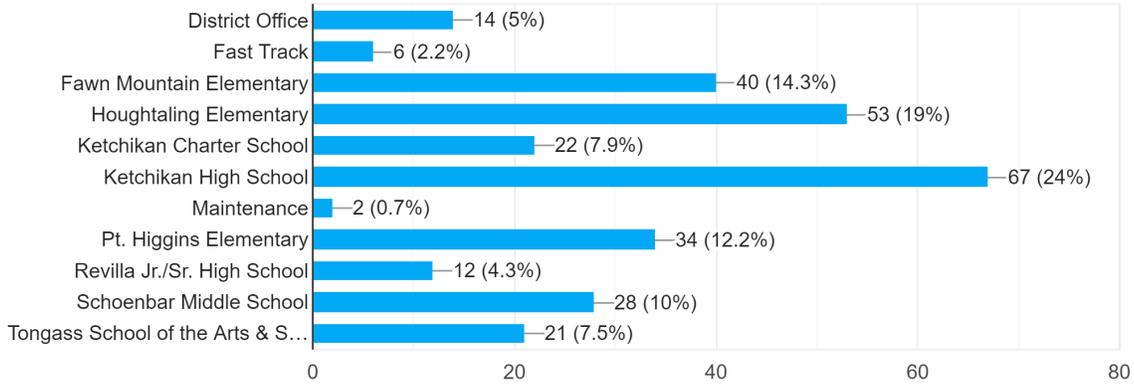
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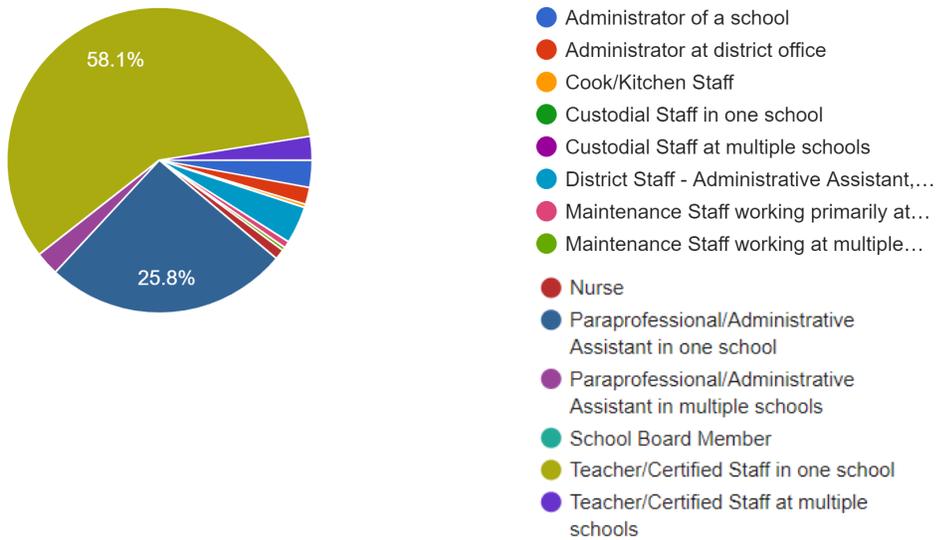
Which of the following is your primary work site?

279 responses



Which of the following best describes your position in the district?

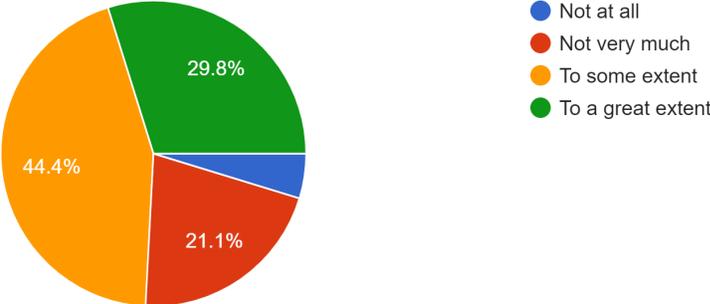
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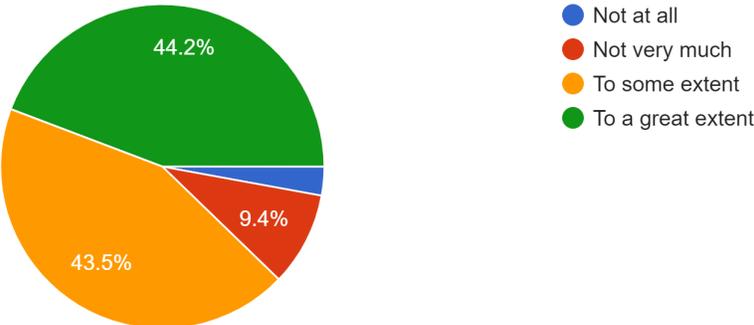
To what extent is the COVID-19 pandemic affecting you personally?

275 responses



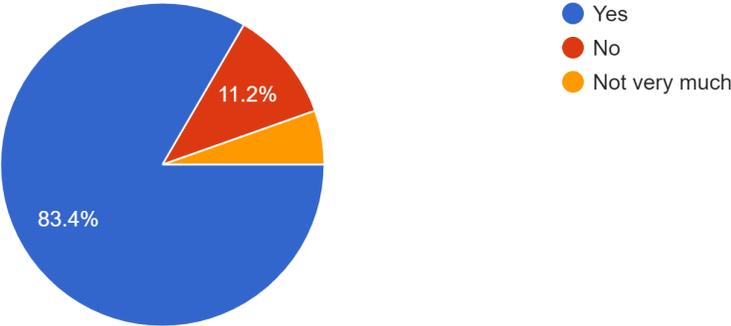
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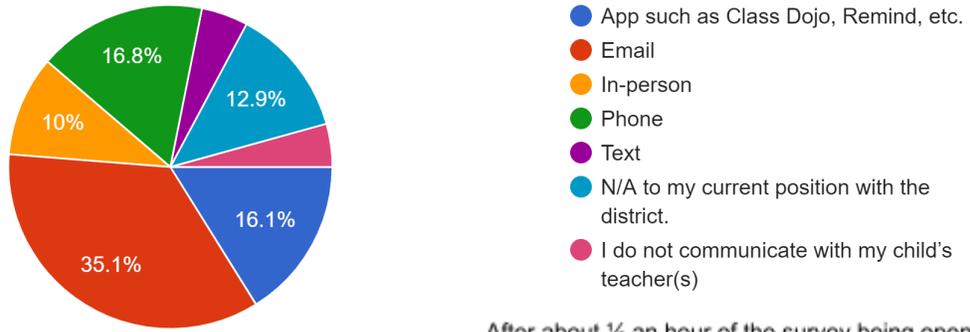
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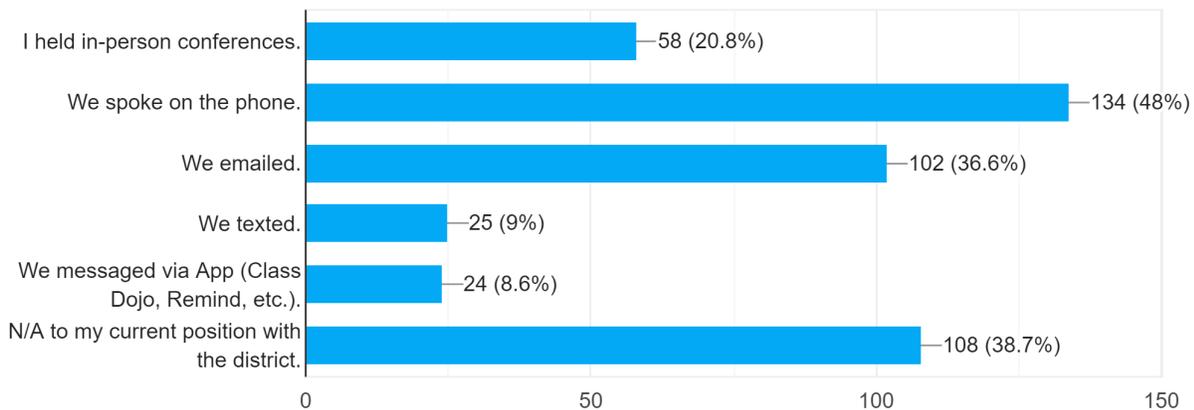
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After about ½ an hour of the survey being opened, this typo was reported and this answer choice was changed to "I don't communicate with my student's parents."

How did you communicate with your students' parents/guardians during parent/teacher conferences? Check all that apply.

279 responses

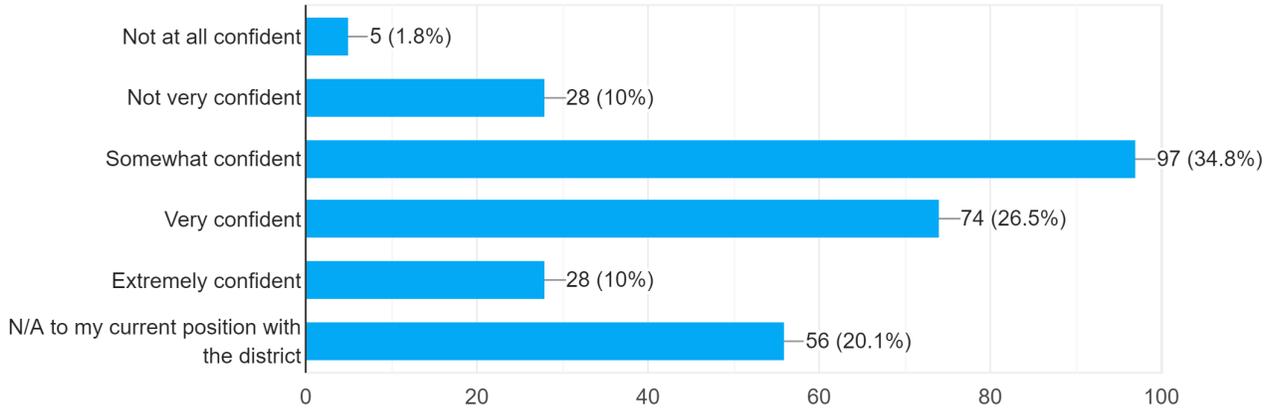


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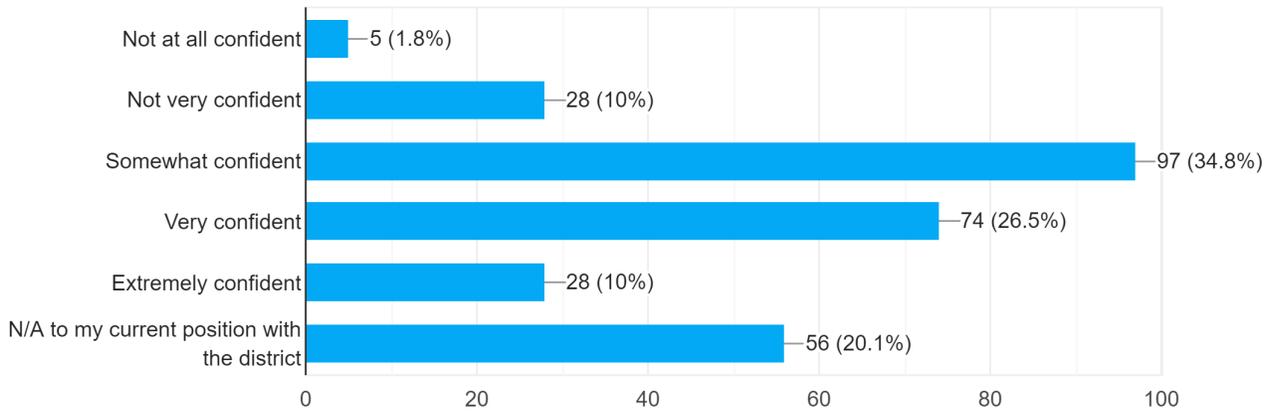
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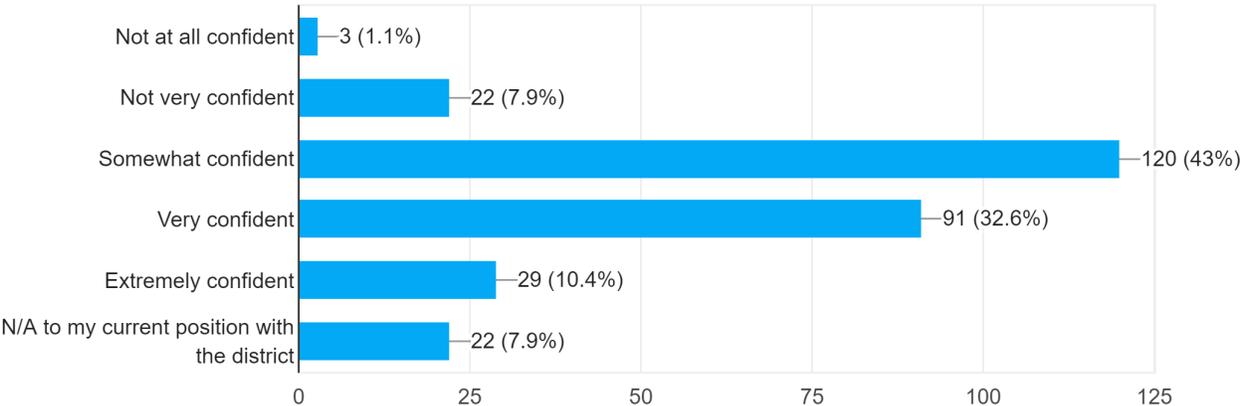
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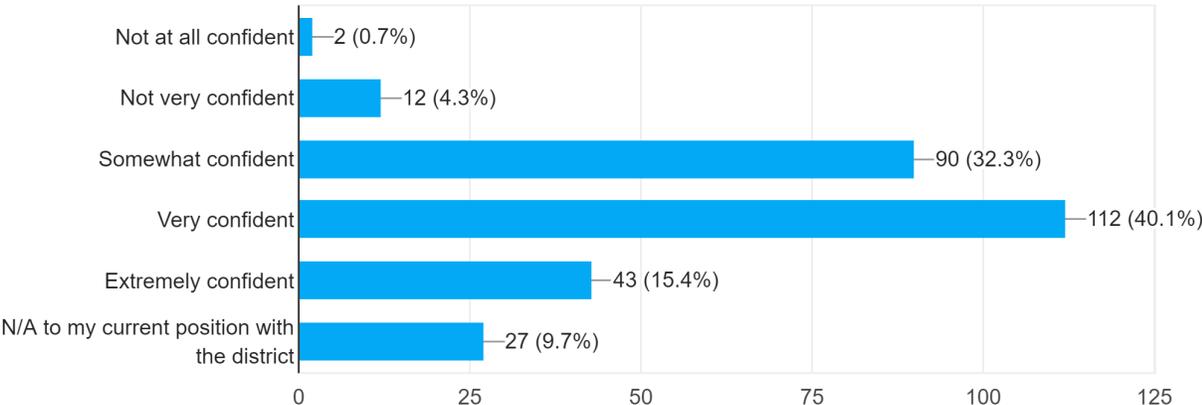
How confident are you in your ability to support students' social and emotional needs?

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How confident are you in your ability to deal with students' behavioral issues?

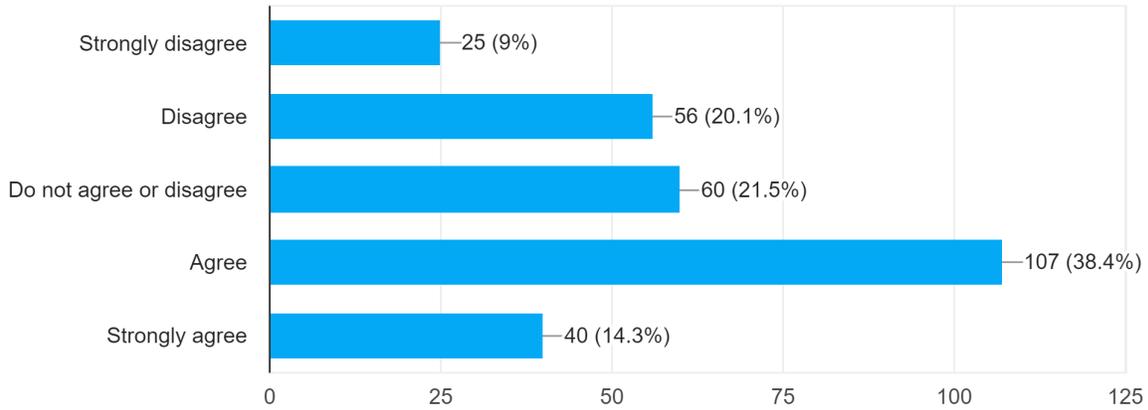
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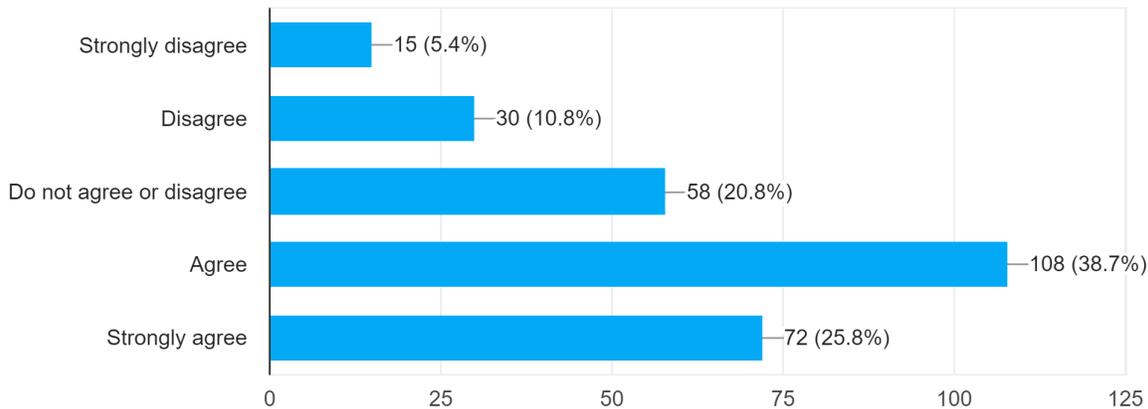
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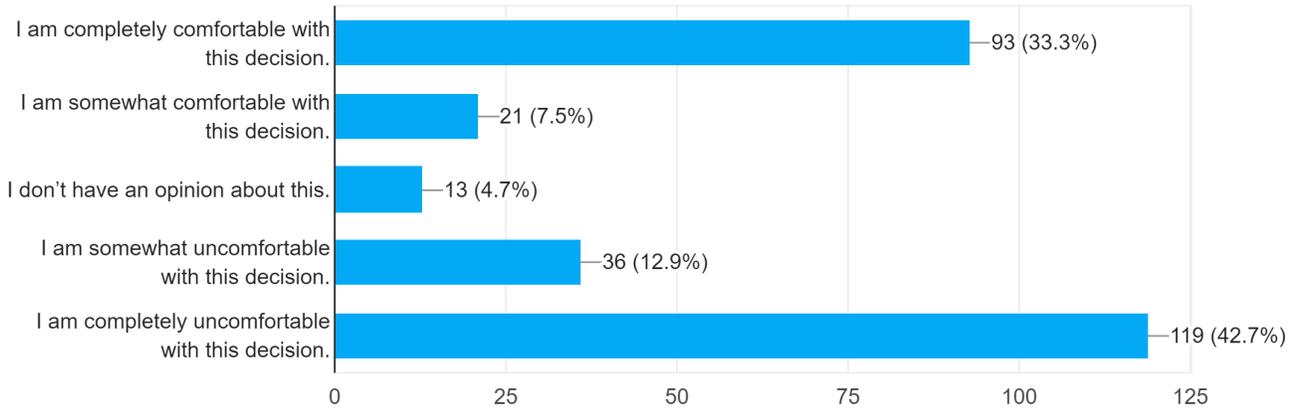
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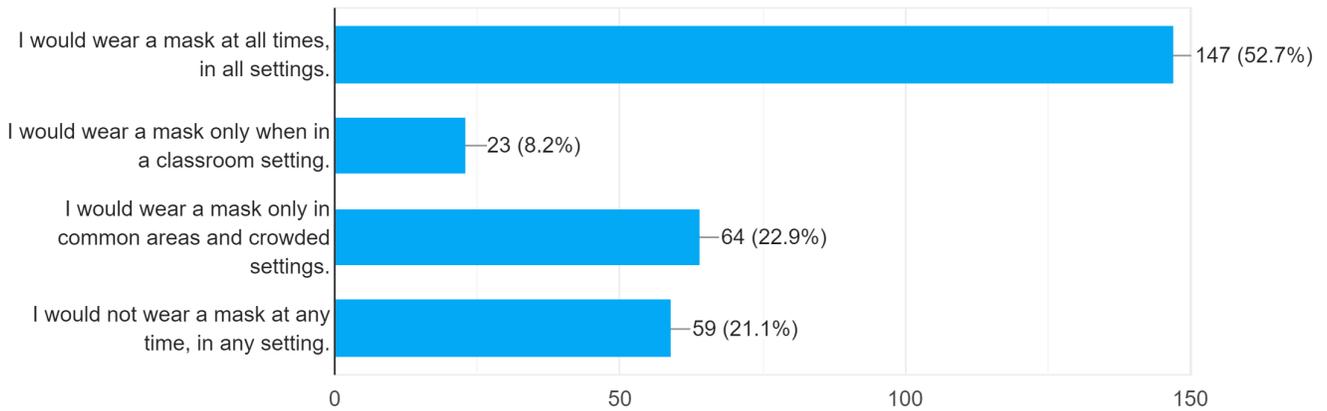
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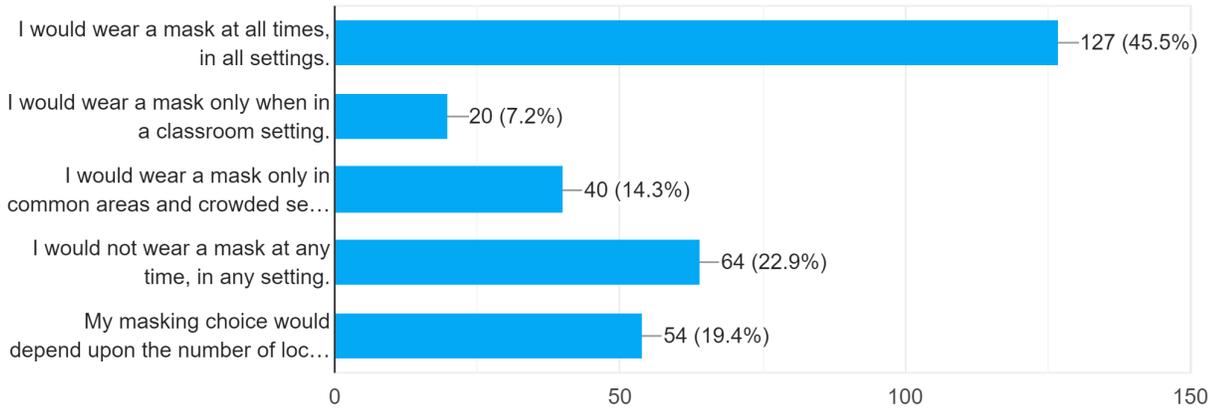
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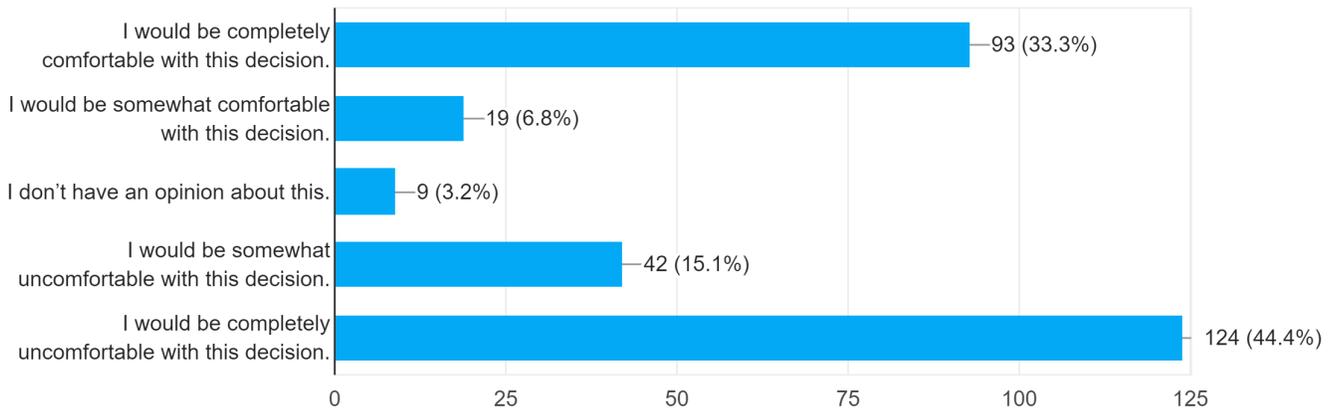
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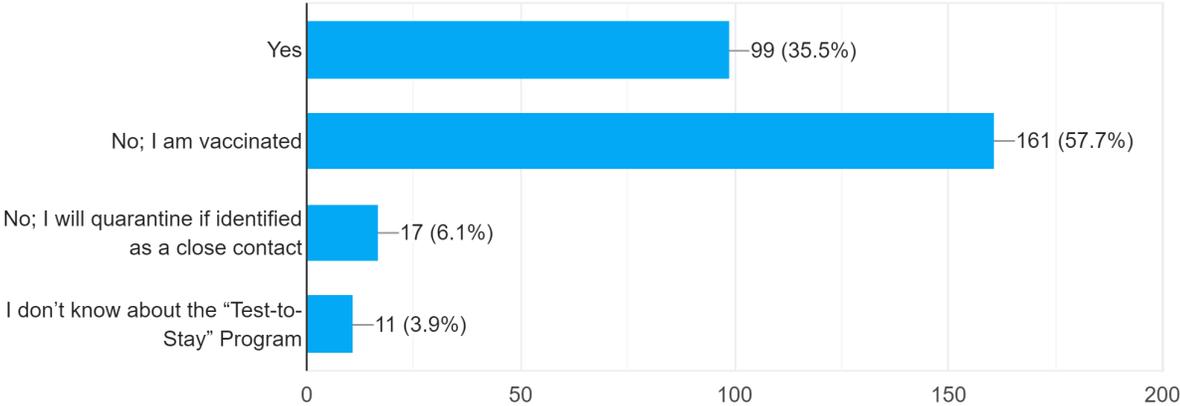
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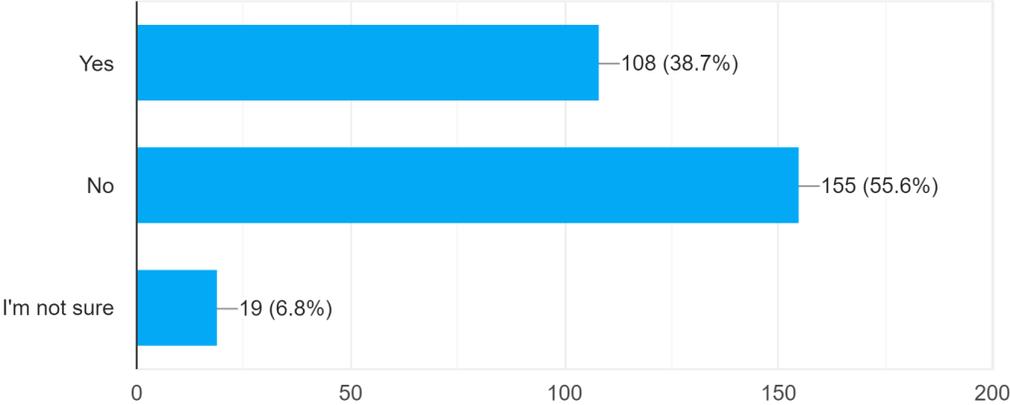
Will you take advantage of the district's "Test-to-Stay" Program?

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Is wearing a mask negatively affecting your ability to perform your job?

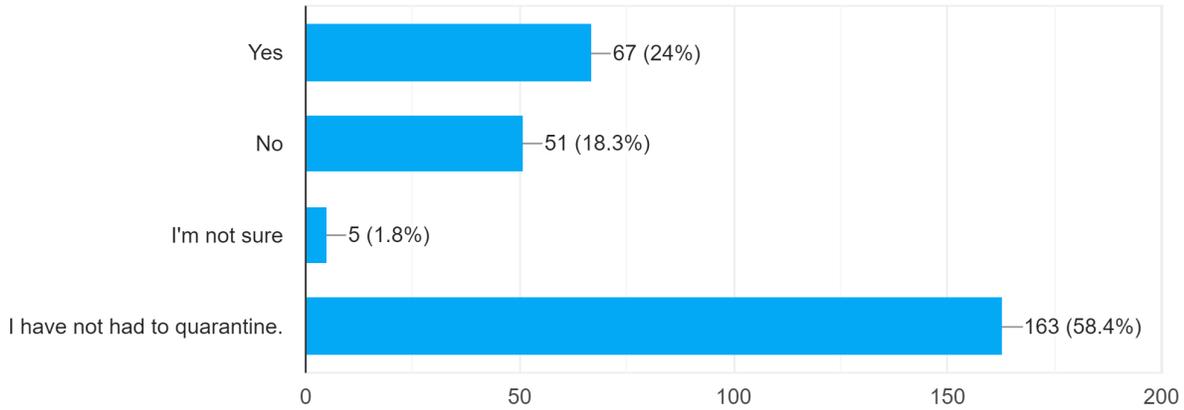
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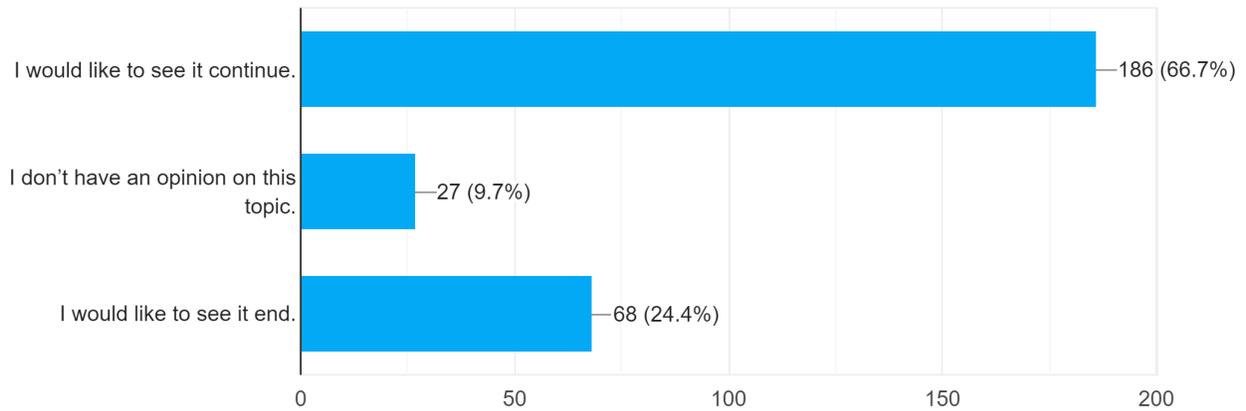
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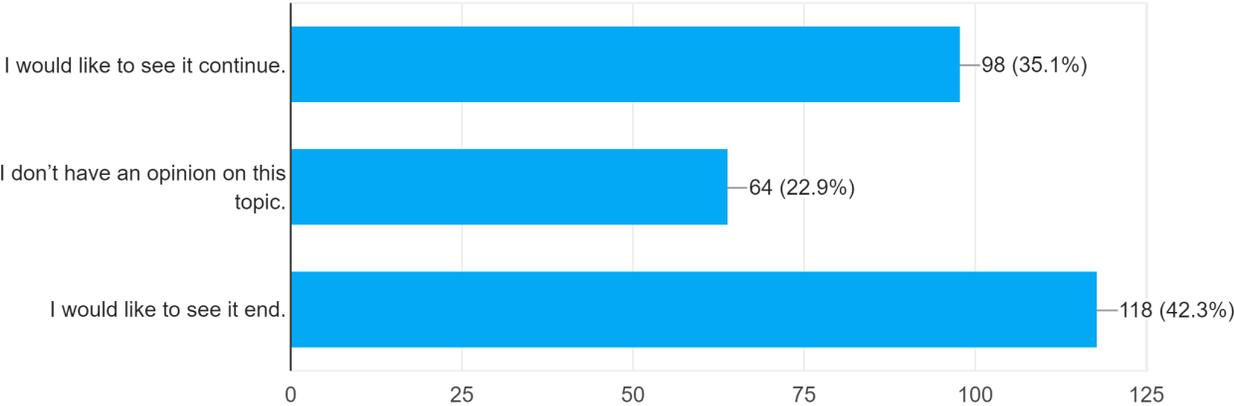
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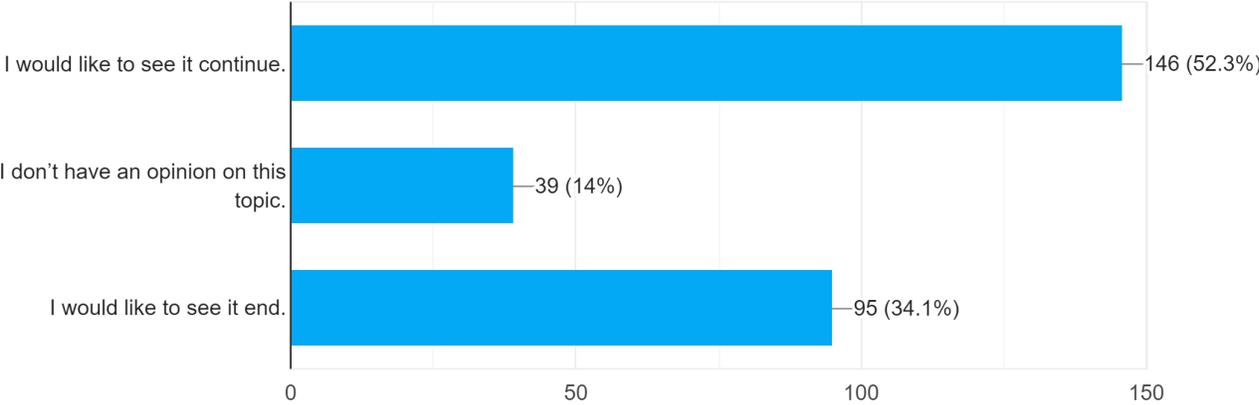
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What is your opinion on limiting visitor access to school buildings at the SUBSTANTIAL and HIGH risk levels?

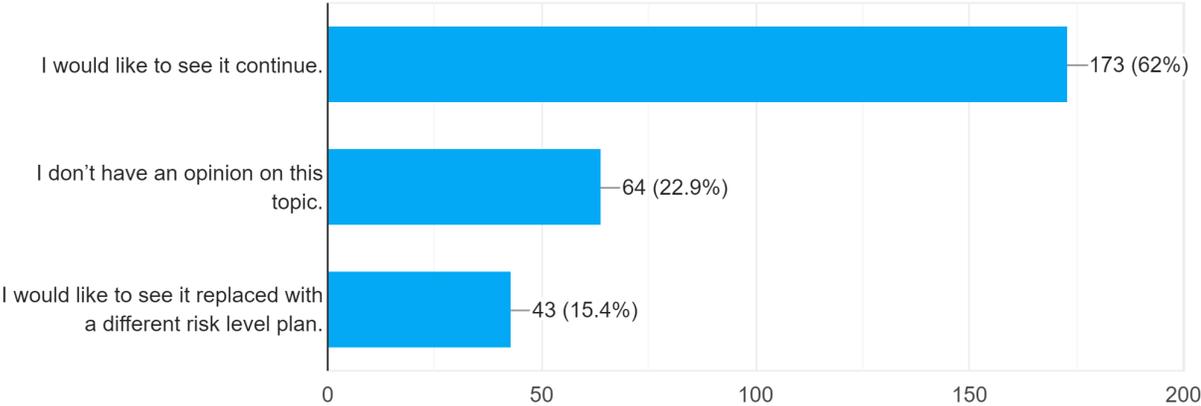
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What is your opinion on the district setting a district-wide operating level each week?

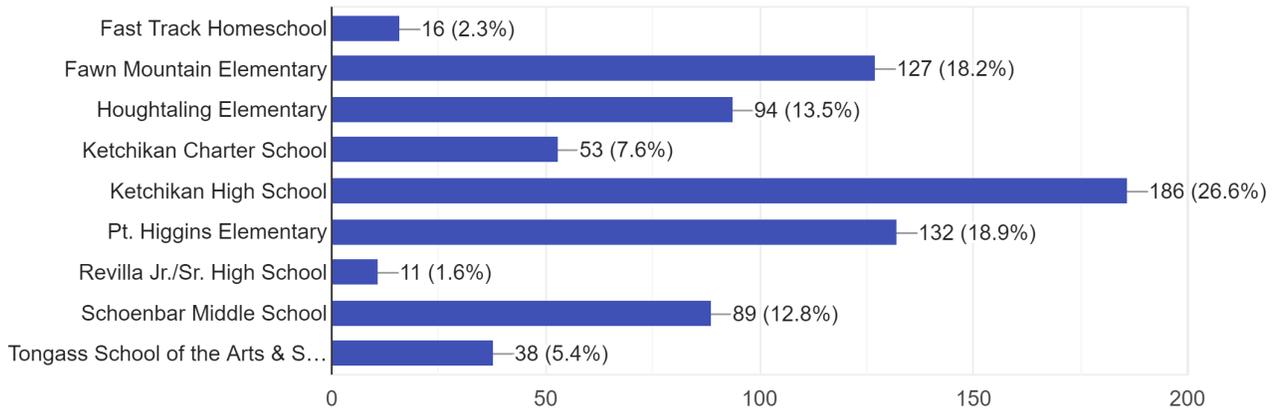
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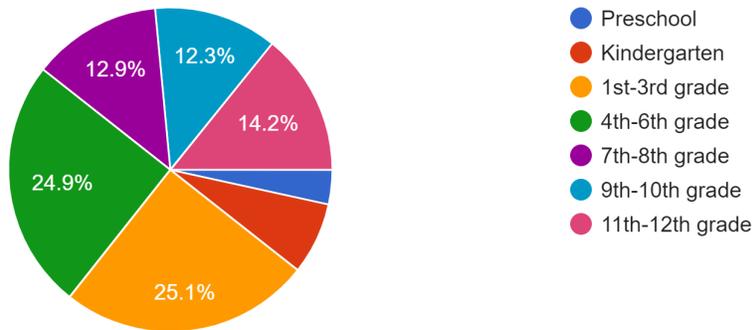
In which school/program is the child you have in mind when completing this form enrolled?

698 responses



What is the current grade level of the child you have in mind when completing this form?

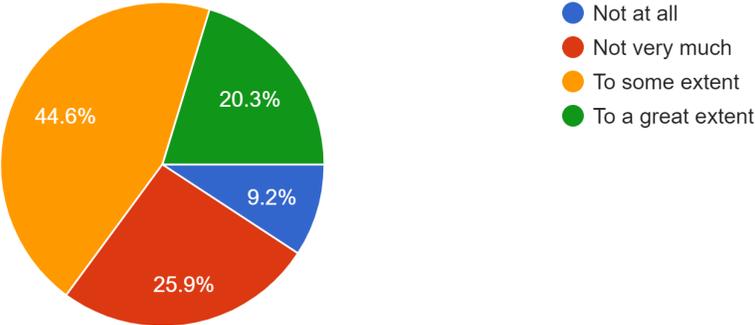
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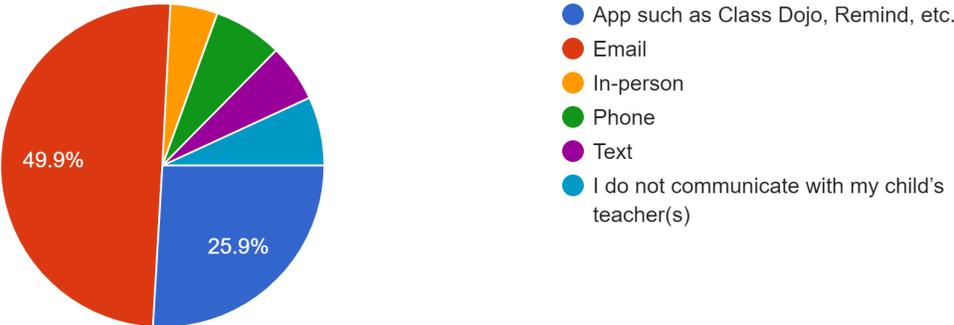
To what extent is the COVID-19 pandemic affecting your family?

695 responses



Which of the following describes the way by which you most often communicate with your child's teacher(s)?

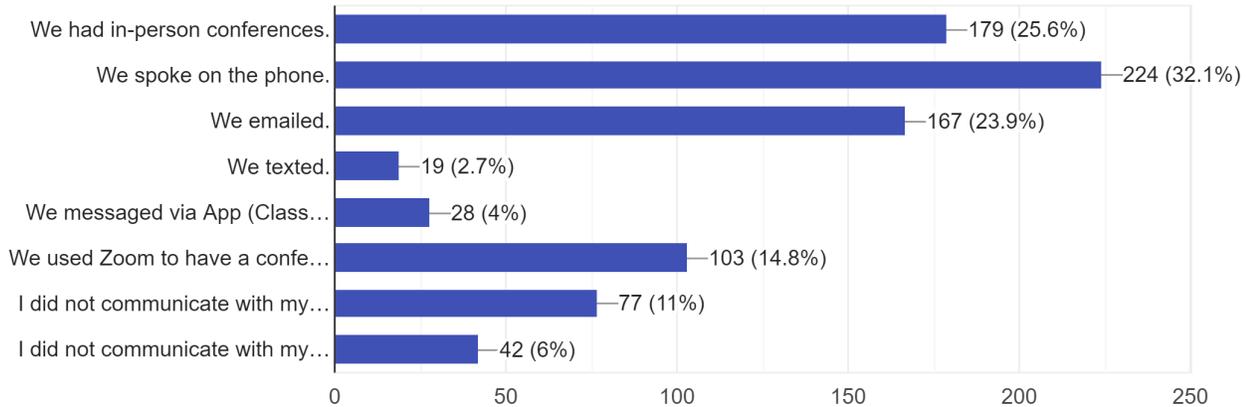
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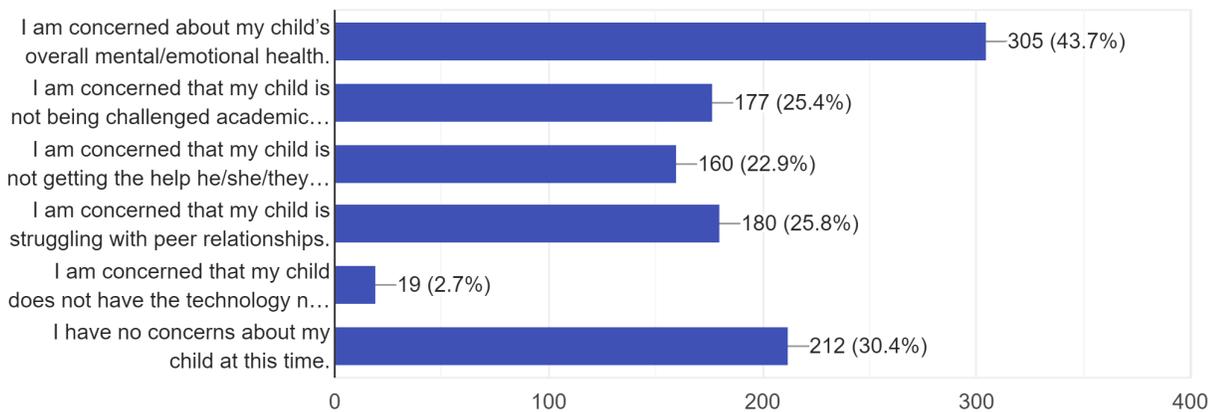
How did you communicate with your child’s teacher(s) during parent/teacher conferences? Check all that apply.

698 responses



Which of the following are concerns you have about your child (choose all that apply):

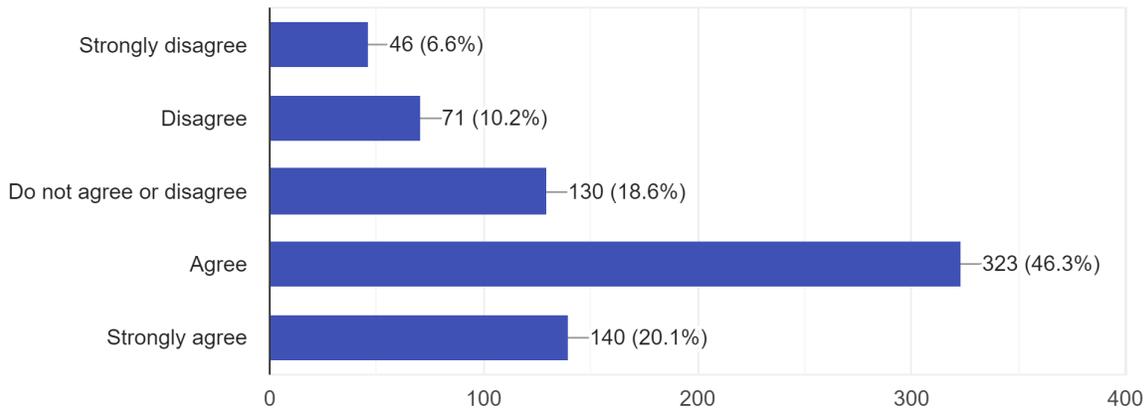
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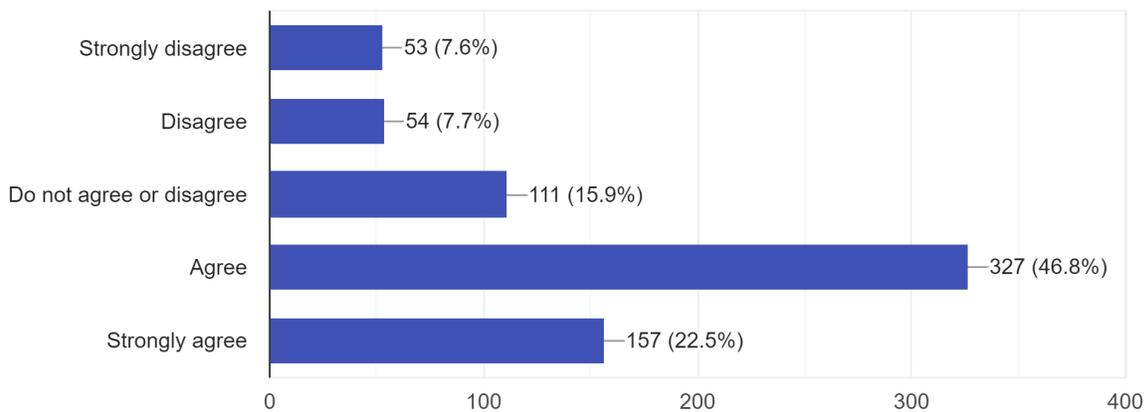
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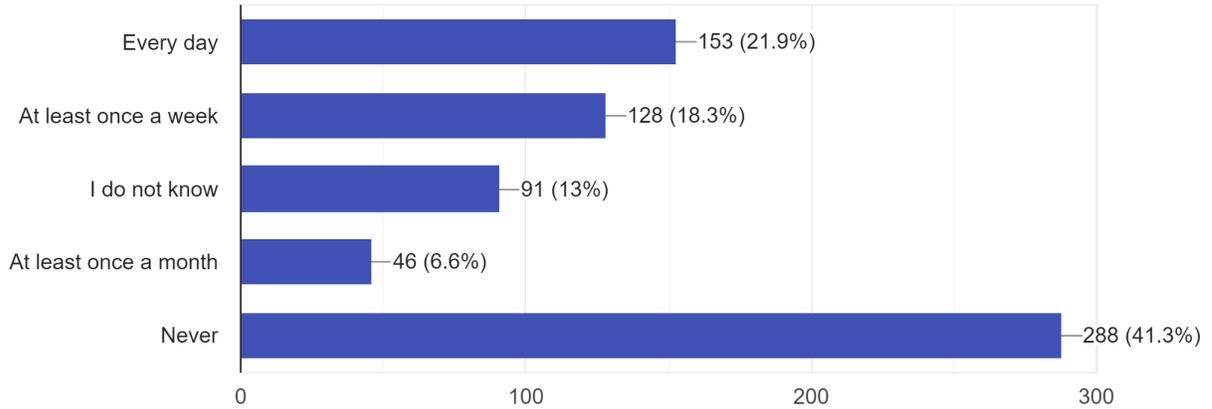
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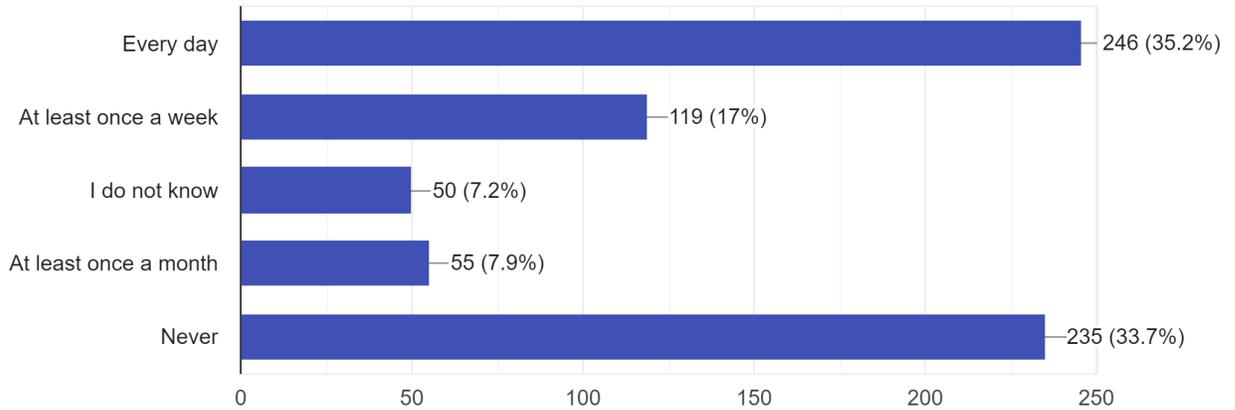
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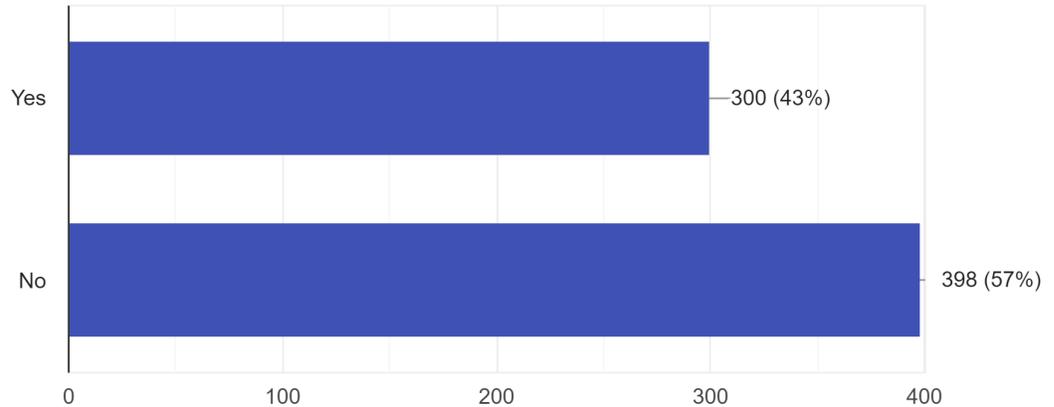
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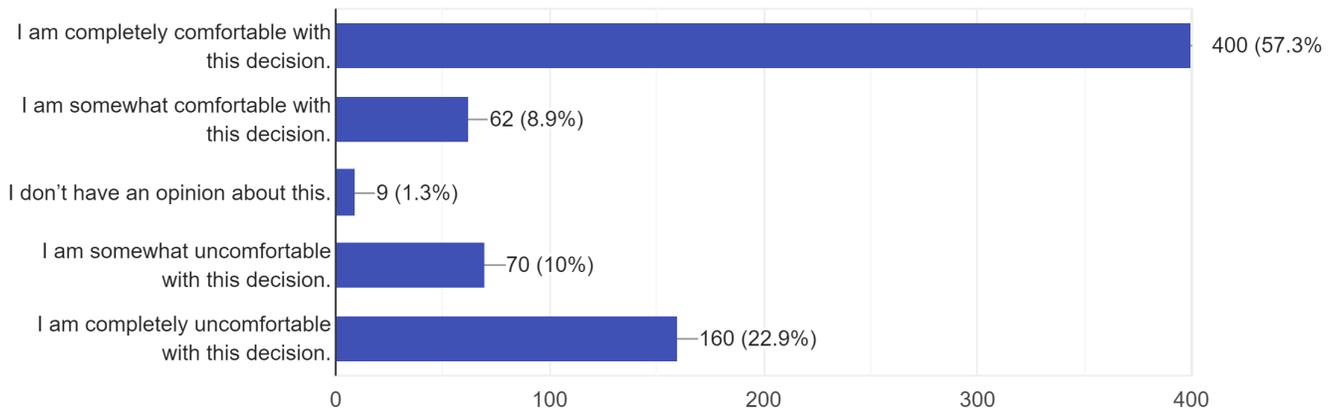
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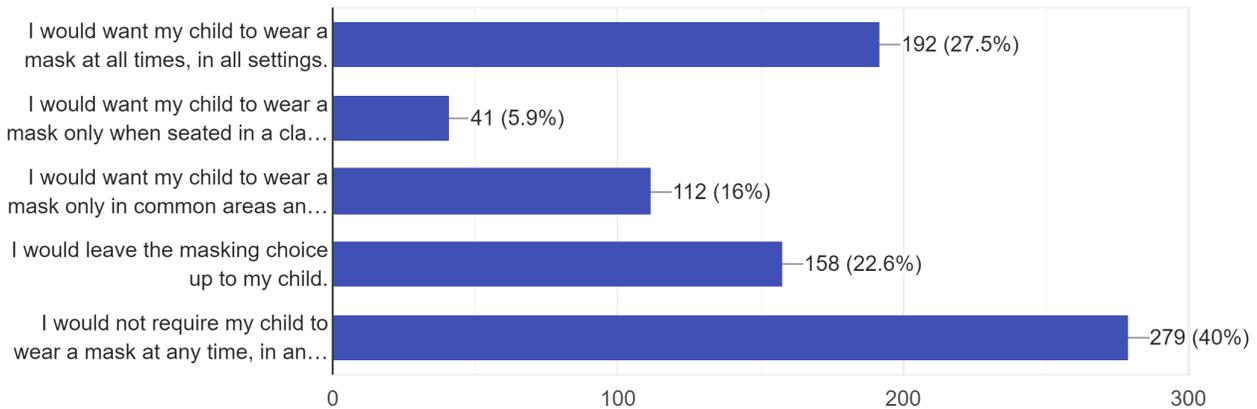
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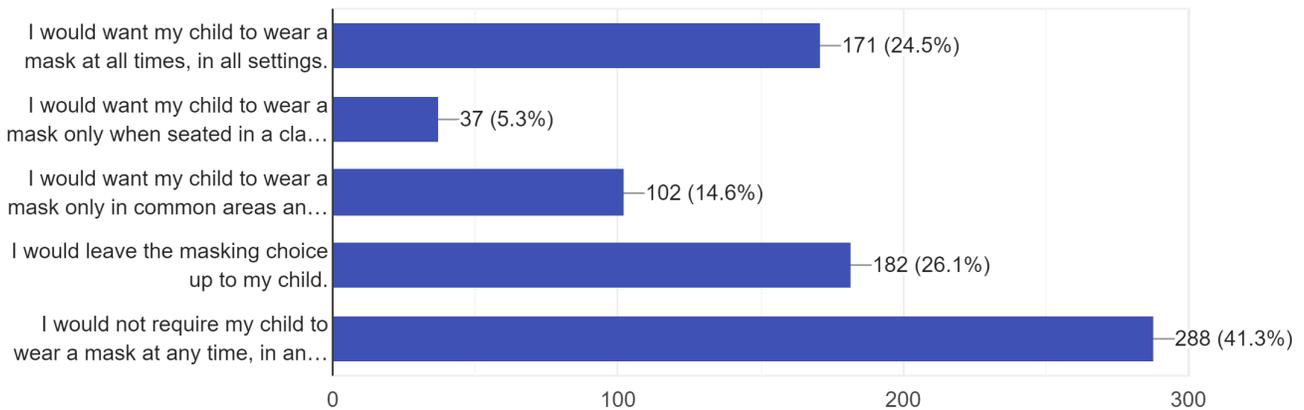
If masking was made optional when the district is operating in HIGH risk, which of the following would apply to your choice for your child:

698 responses



When the school district is operating at a risk level where masking is optional for students and staff, which of the following would apply to your choice for your child:

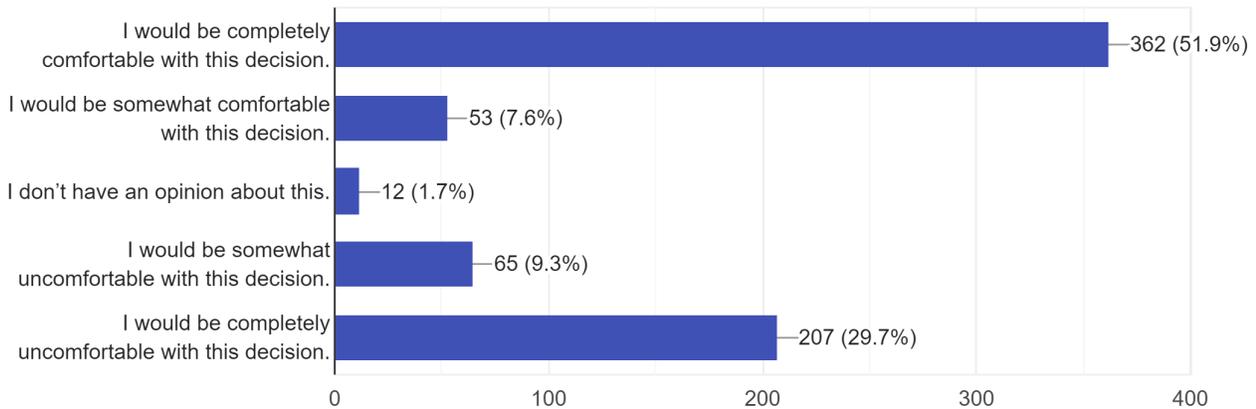
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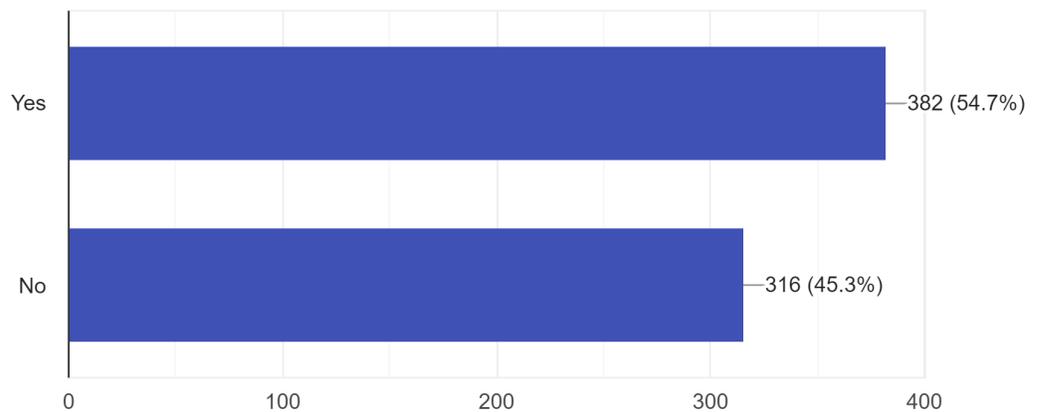
How comfortable would you be if masking was made optional for all people in all areas of all schools at all risk levels?

698 responses



Has your child missed school days during this 2021-2022 school year due to being identified as a close contact to someone with COVID-19?

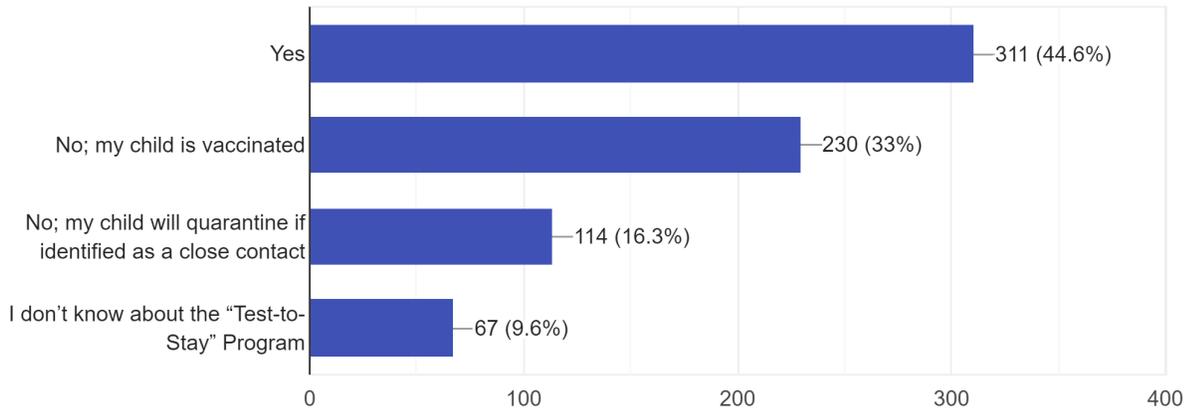
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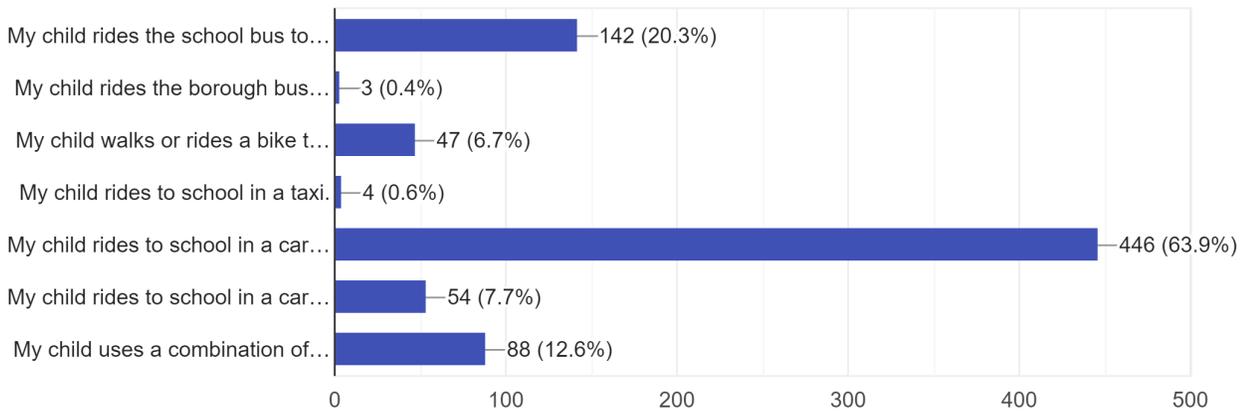
Will your family take advantage of the district's "Test-to-Stay" Program?

698 responses



Which of the following best describes your child's transportation to school in the morning?

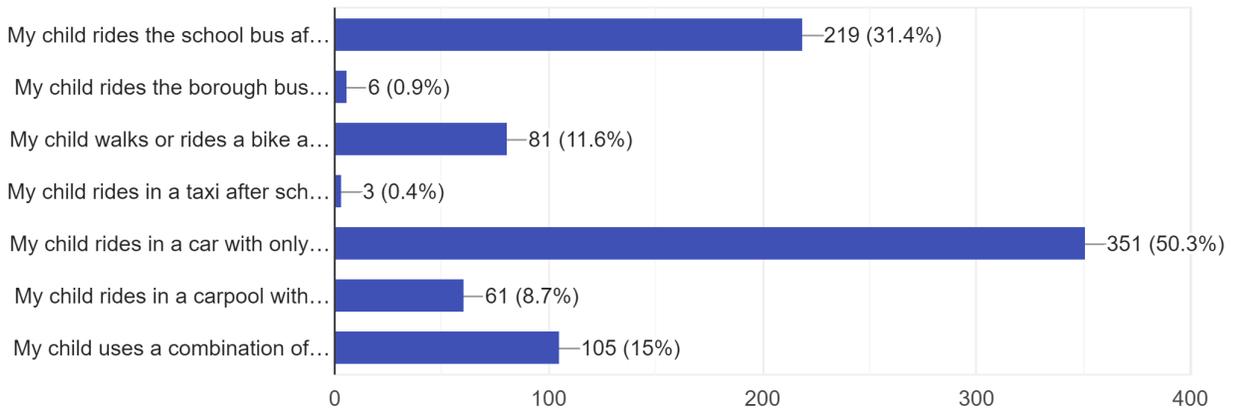
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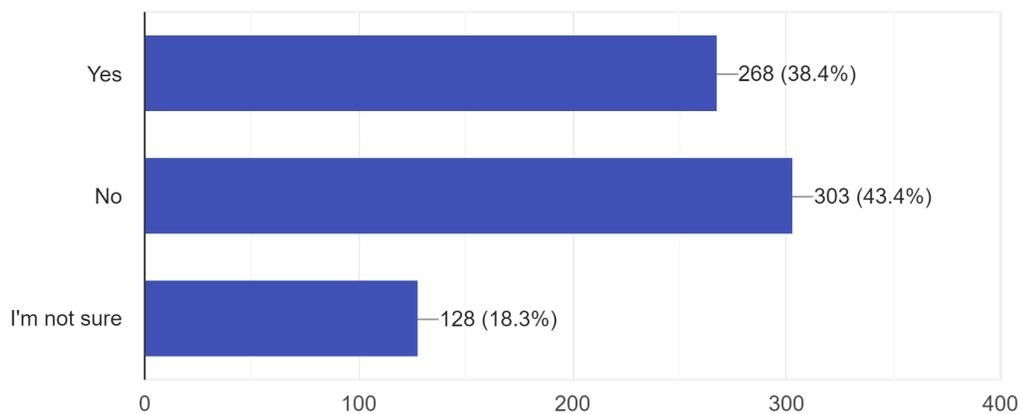
Which of the following best describes your child's transportation from school at the end of the day?

698 responses



Is wearing a mask in the classroom negatively affecting your child's ability to learn?

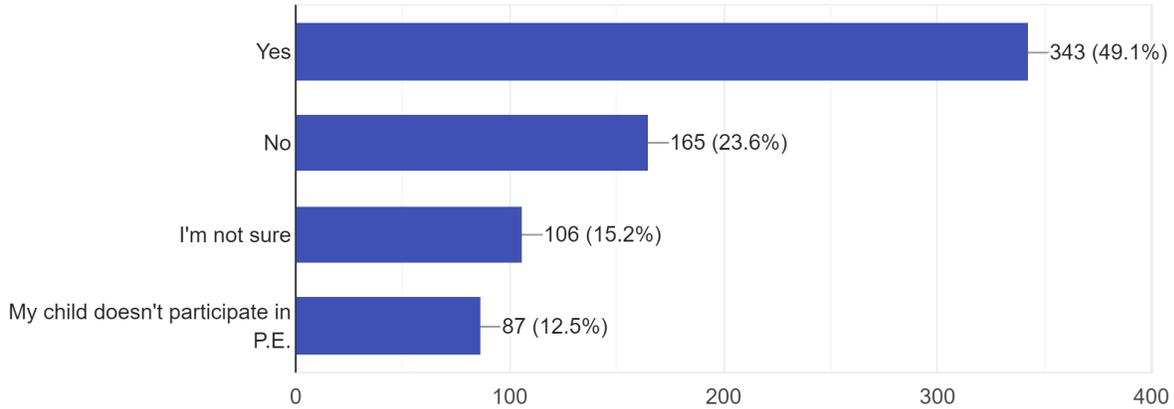
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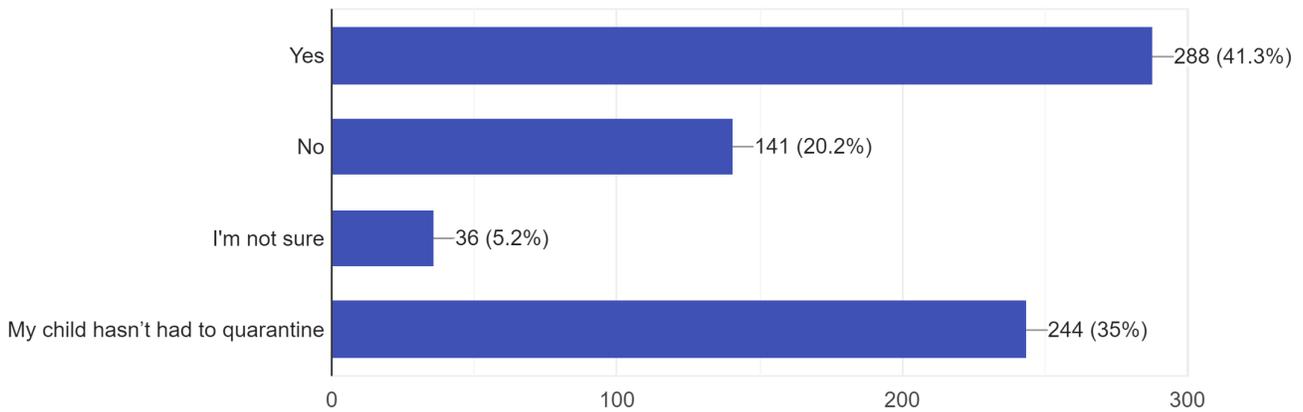
Is wearing a mask in P.E. negatively affecting your child’s ability to perform physical activities?

698 responses



Has quarantining due to being identified as a close contact negatively affected your child’s ability to learn?

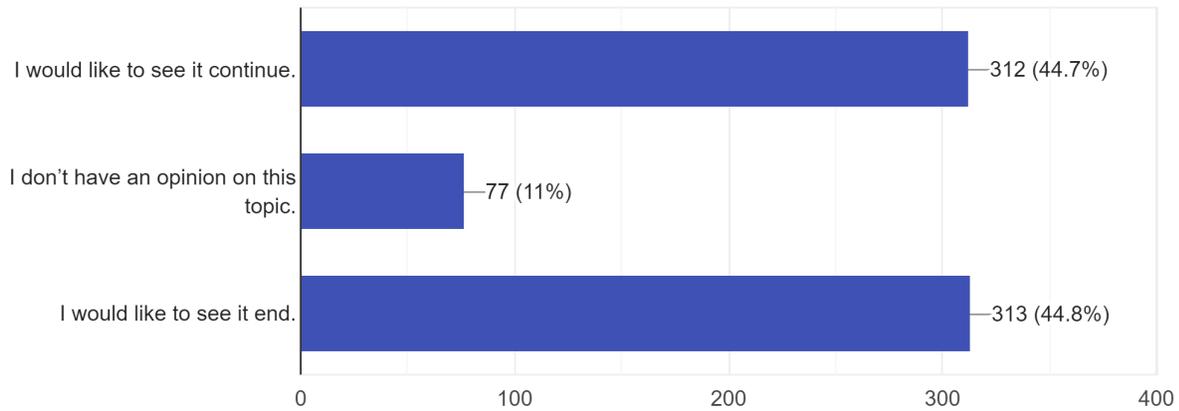
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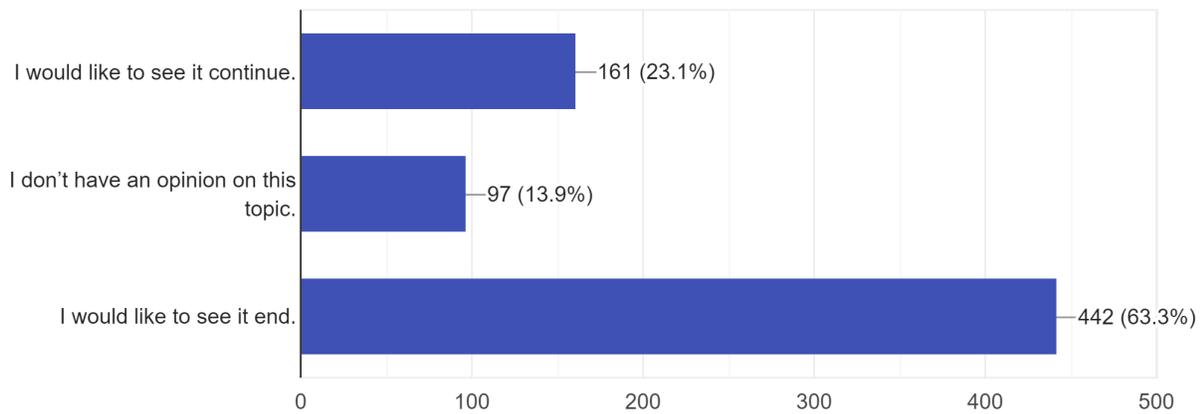
What is your opinion on wearing masks in school during large-group settings (assemblies, concerts, etc.) when the district is operating at the HIGH risk level?

698 responses



What is your opinion on staff and students wearing masks in P.E. classes?

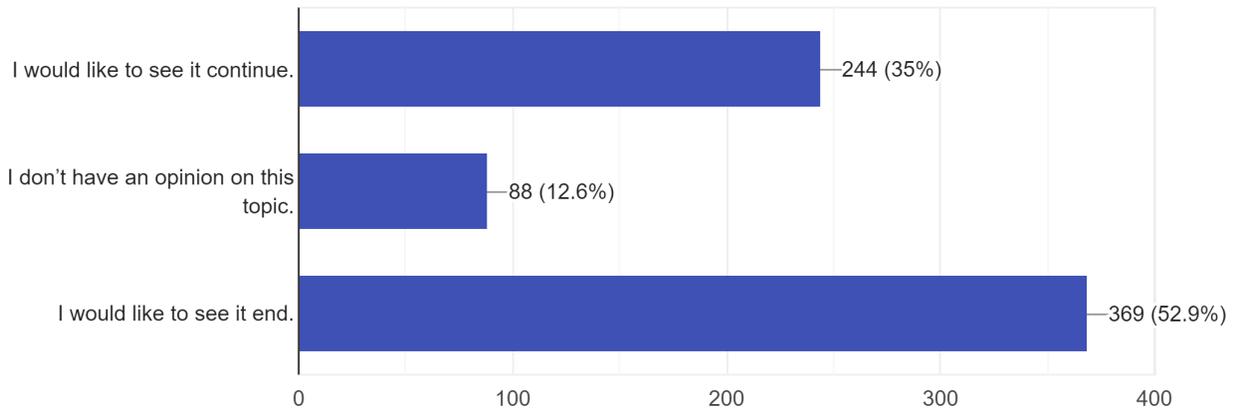
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What is your opinion on limiting visitor access to school buildings at the SUBSTANTIAL and HIGH risk levels?

698 responses



What is your opinion on the district setting a district-wide operating level each week?

698 responses

