

## Reopening of Schools Parent Feedback Survey Executive Summary

Katy Independent School District (ISD) conducted its Reopening of Schools Feedback Survey for the 2020-2021 School Year for Parents from June 22 to June 26. Email invitations went out beginning at 10:00 am CST on June 22. Reminders were sent on June 23 and 25. The survey closed at 11:00 am CST on June 26.

### Survey Participation

In total, 95,579 email invitations were delivered and there were 31,713 survey responses — a 33% response rate. Of the 31,713 survey responses, 125 identified themselves as non-parents. Their responses are excluded from the summary below.

### Survey Highlights

- Just over three-quarters (76%) of participants said the online learning opportunities provided to their child(ren) this past spring were valuable or somewhat valuable.
- When asked to select important aspects of online learning “an environment that keeps students engaged but provides flexibility” was chosen by Katy ISD parents/guardians 32% of the time. Followed by “personalized feedback and engagement” (24%), “an environment as close to the traditional school environment as possible” (21%), and “support for a child who is struggling” (20%). This data point is based on the percentages of votes for each item, rather than the percentage of participants.
- Of the 6% who selected ‘other’, most frequent responses included online learning needing to have clear expectations set at the beginning of the semester; having classes/assignments/platforms that students can access and complete by themselves with minimal to no parent involvement; having increased accountability for students and teachers; having more opportunities for students to have social interactions with peers; and more considerations for students who receive special education services.
- Overall, 64% of participants said they would be uncomfortable or somewhat uncomfortable with children being transported to and from school on school buses. When those participants were asked if they would feel more comfortable knowing that Katy ISD school buses would be sanitized after each route, 44% said yes, they would feel more comfortable.
- Overall, 52% of participants said they would be comfortable or somewhat comfortable with their child(ren) participating in co-curricular/extracurricular activities this Fall.
- Overall, 49% (15,389) of participants said they would be comfortable or somewhat comfortable with their child(ren) returning to school for in-person instruction this Fall and 51% (16,185) of participants said they would be uncomfortable or somewhat uncomfortable with their child(ren) returning to school for in-person instruction this Fall,
- 43% (13,611) of participants said they prefer their child(ren) to participate in a full-time online learning model.
- Less than 1% (178) of survey participants said they do not plan for their child(ren) to return to Katy ISD in the Fall.
  - Of those who do not plan to have their child(ren) to Katy ISD, the majority selected ‘other’ when asked what their plans were for their child(ren) for the Fall semester.

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Most 'other' responses were that participants wanted a blended model or were not sure yet of their decision.

- Overall, 88% of participants strongly agreed or agreed that their child(ren) is/are academically prepared for the Fall 2020 semester. Of the 7% who strongly disagreed or agreed, 59% strongly agreed or agreed that their child(ren) will receive instruction necessary to be able to 'catch up'/remain on grade level when instruction resumes this Fall.
- When asked about health and safety measures being implemented for the 2020-2021 school year, 96% of participants strongly agreed or agreed with frequent hand washing and 94% said they should receive alerts to new cases of COVID-19 at their child(ren)'s school(s).
- When asked about health and safety measures being implemented for the 2020-2021 school year, 76% strongly agreed or agreed that employees should wear face coverings and 64% said students should wear face coverings. Additionally, 87% said employees and students should have their temperatures monitored prior to entering school buildings.
- When asked to rank their top three concerns for the Fall semester, participants ranked their top concerns as
  - Keeping my child(ren)/family healthy and not exposed to the virus
  - Providing high quality educational experiences and curriculum for my child(ren)
  - Providing resources for my child(ren) to efficiently participate in online learning
- When asked to share additional feedback or concerns for the 2020-2021 school year
  - Participating parents want to ensure that all guidelines/policies/protocols are clearly communicated, consistent, and enforced. Participating parents are also concerned about the proper, daily cleaning of all desk, chairs, equipment, doorknobs, water fountains, etc.
  - Participating parents would like for classes to be more engaging. This included one-on-one meetings with teachers, more collaboration with peers, opportunities for social interactions with peers, actual/real time, teaching sessions, and more interactive activities/sessions/class meetings. Parents also want to ensure structure/consistency, including schedules across subjects from week to week, consistency in platforms used across grade and school levels, and clearly defined expectations, schedules, assignments/due dates policies, and instructions for assignments/platforms.
  - Participating parents have concerns over children, especially younger children, following social distancing guidelines. This included in the classroom and on school buses. Parents are also concerned with adherence to other policies, such as daily temperature checks, wearing of face coverings, frequent handwashing/sanitizing, and accessibility to personal protective equipment (PPE).
  - Participating parents do not feel that online learning and provided supports for SPED students were adequate.

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- Working parents are concerned about how they manage their child(ren)'s online learning needs with their own work requirements, including childcare for those who cannot work from home.
- Other concerns included how online instruction will affect students' GPA, especially those in high school; ensuring younger students have breaks during the day, such as recess; having smaller class sizes to ensure social distancing protocols are followed; how schools will handle/be flexible for attendance policies for students who feel/get sick; and how schools will handle students who come to school sick.

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## Results and Analysis

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# Participation

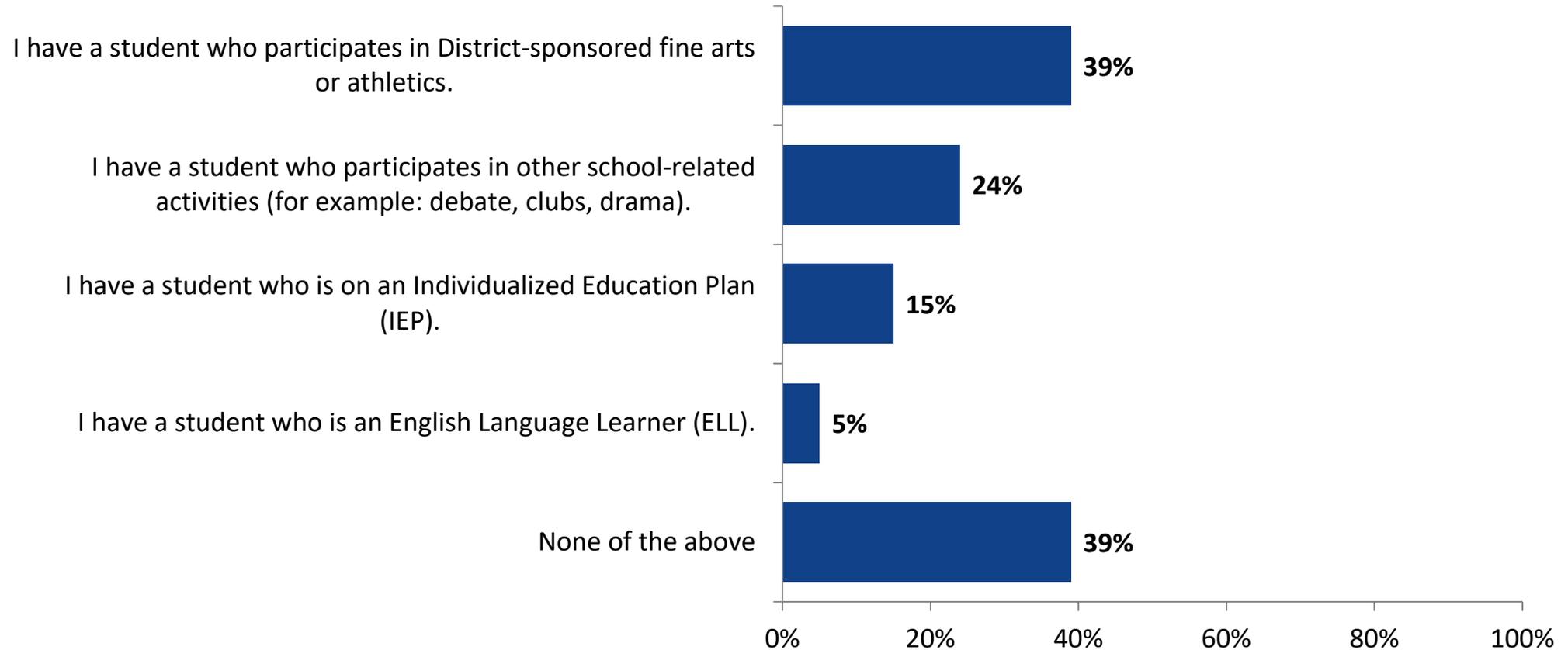
Responding Group	Number of Invitations Delivered (NMax)	Number of Responses (N)	Public Access Link Responses	Total Responses
Parents	95,579	31,529	184	31,713

Are you the parent of a current Katy ISD student? (N=31,713)

Response	Count (N)	Percentage (%)
Yes	19,584	62%
No	125	1%
Did Not Answer	12,004	37%

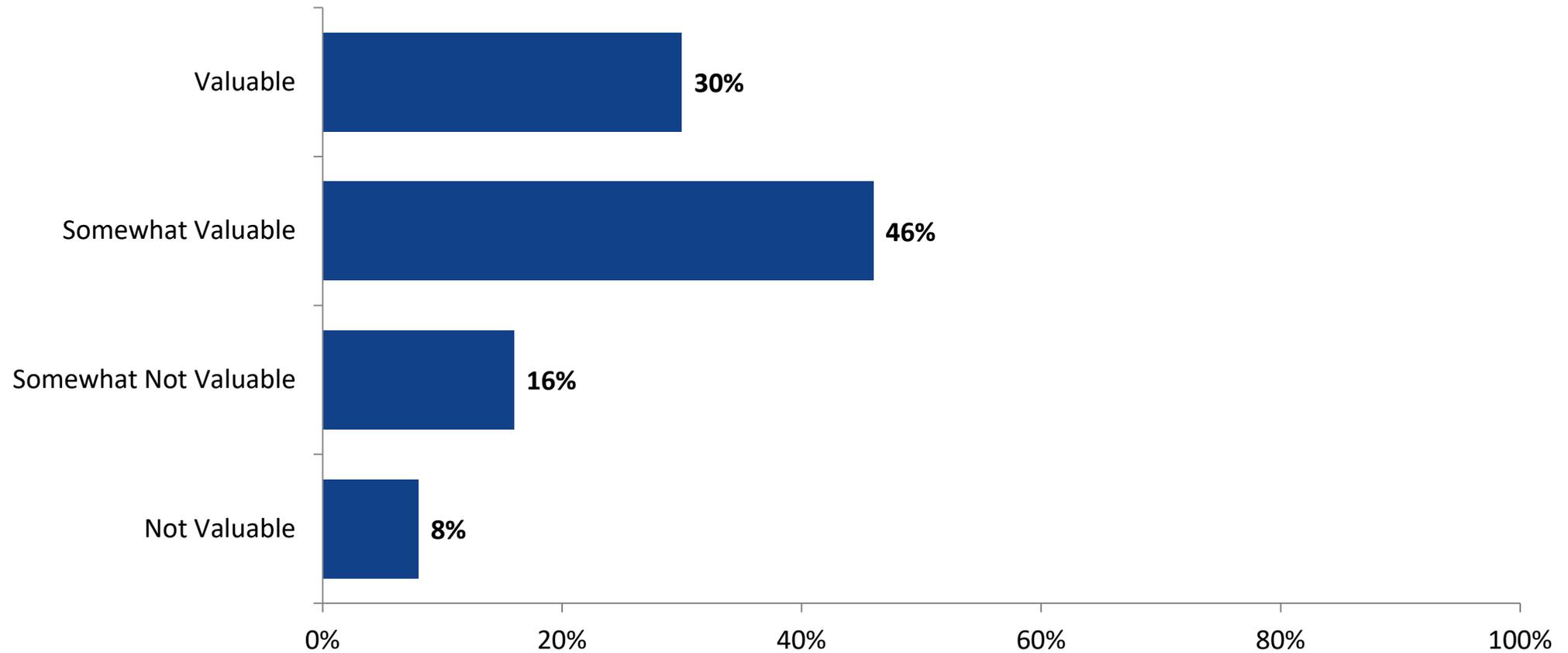
# Student Information

Tell us a little about your student(s). (N=31,573)



# Spring Closure Feedback

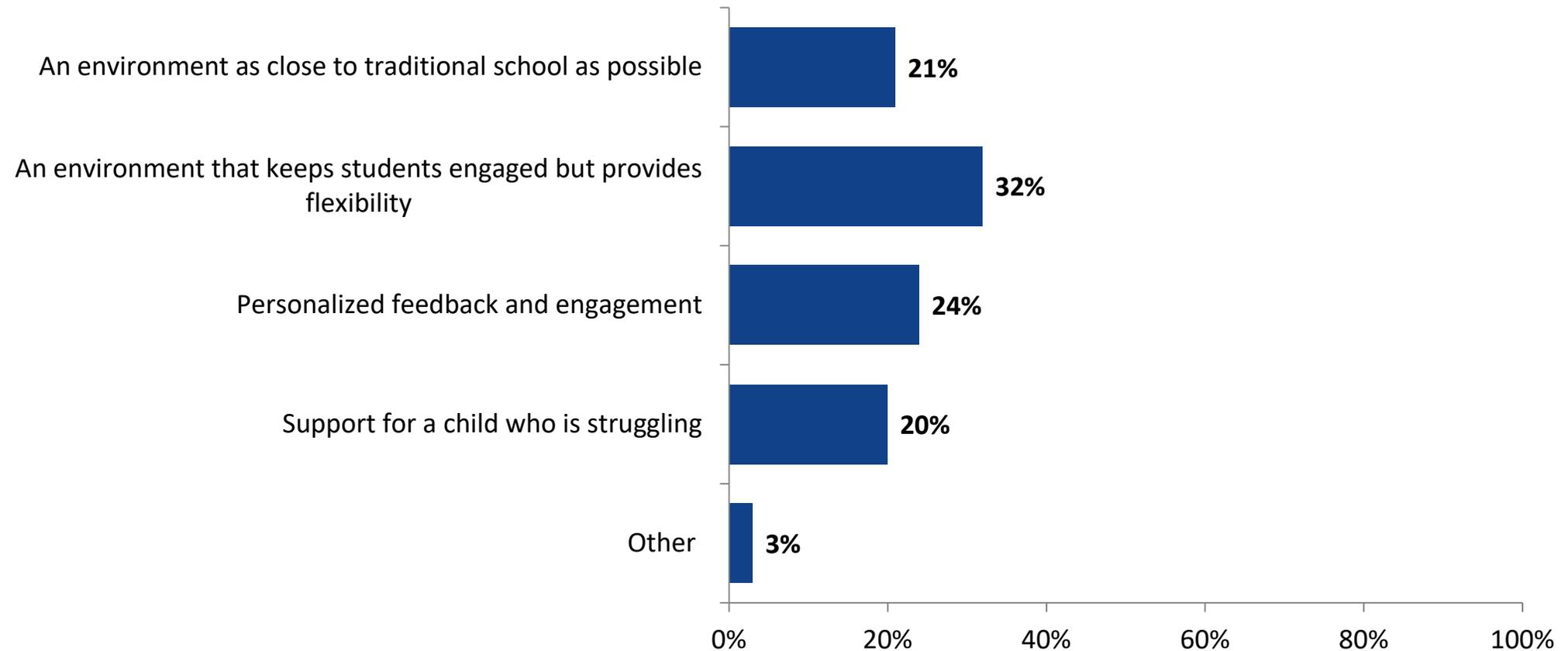
In thinking about your child(ren)'s online learning experience this past spring, the online learning opportunities that were provide to your child(ren) were ... (N=31,574)



# Aspects of Online Learning

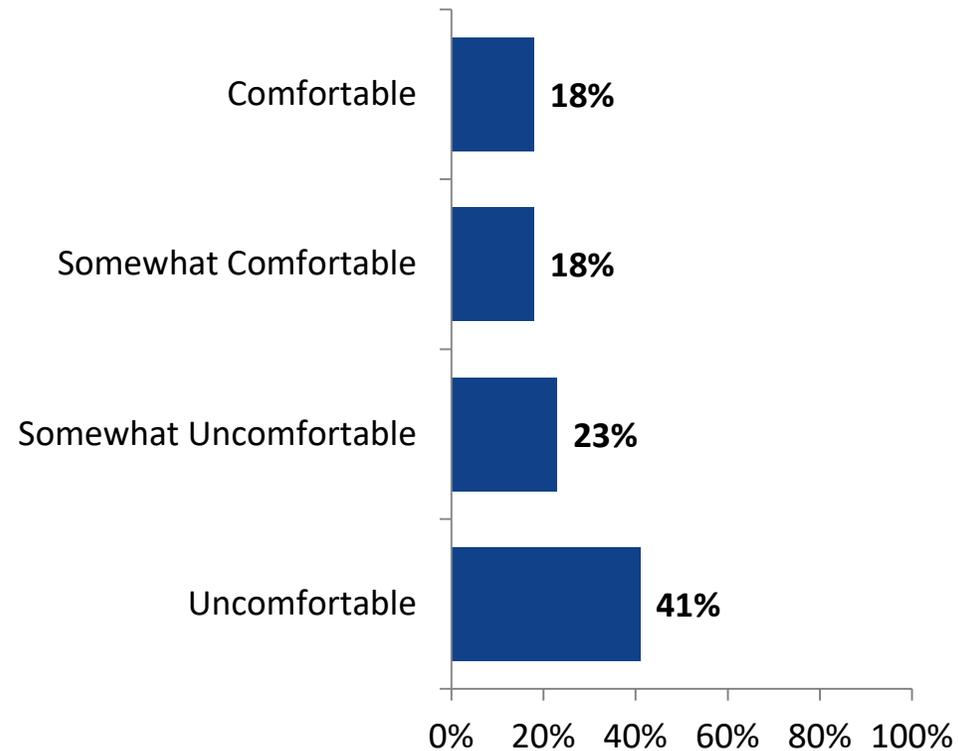
What do you feel is/are the most important aspect(s) of online learning? (N=31,574 participants and a total of 73,300 responses)

\*This data point is based on the percentages of votes for each item, rather than the percentage of participants.

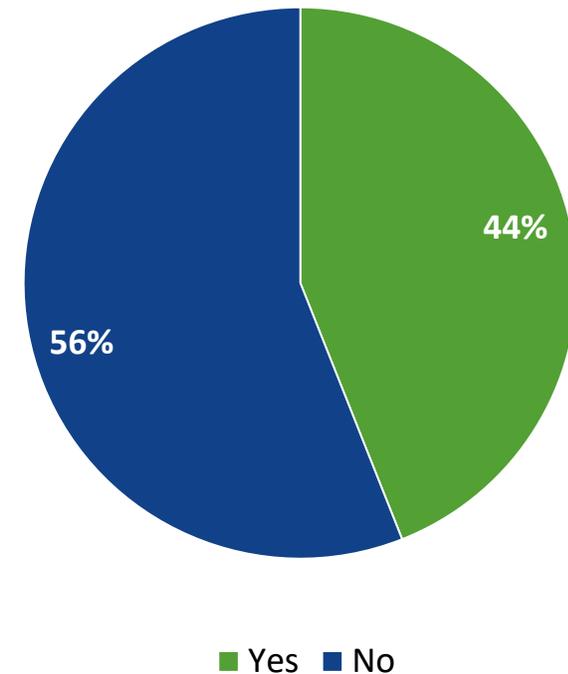


# School Buses

In thinking about returning to Katy ISD campuses this Fall, what is your comfort level with children being transported to and from campuses on a school bus? (N=31,574)

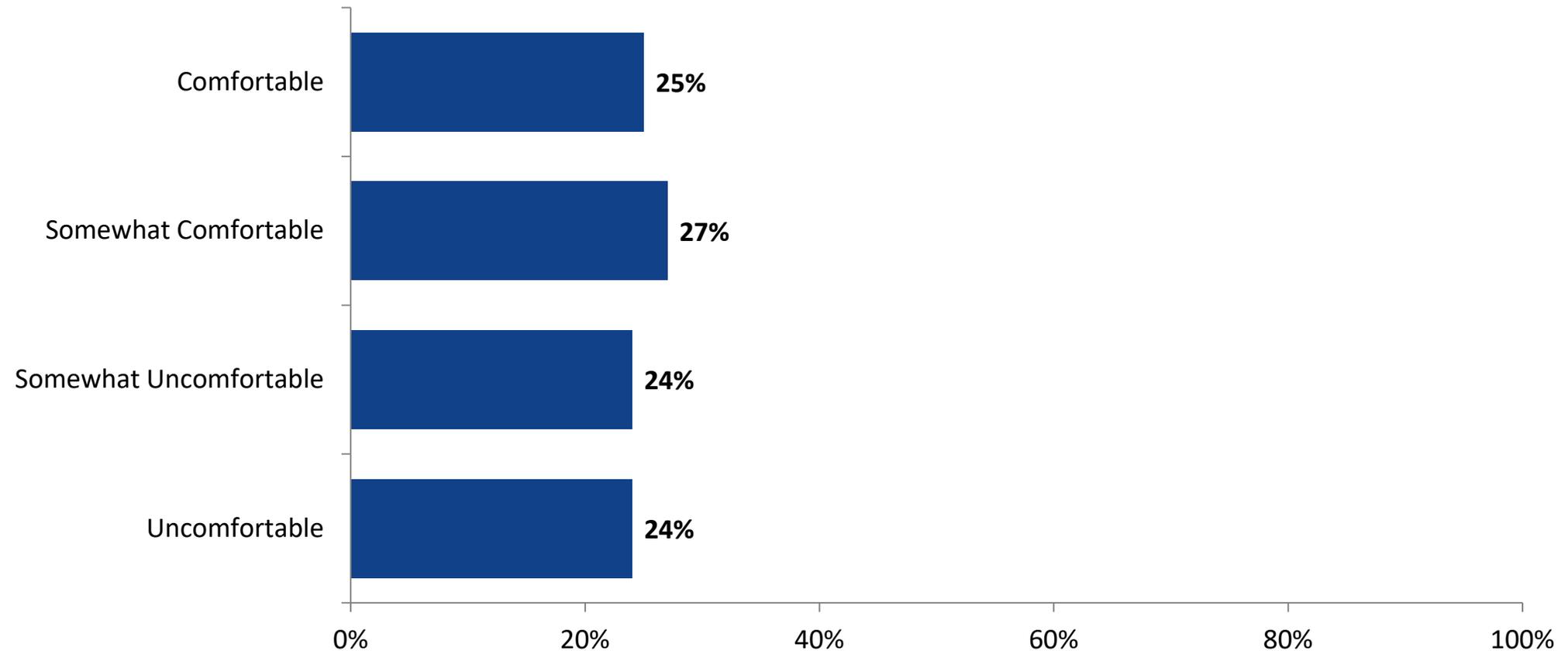


You selected that you would feel "somewhat uncomfortable" or "uncomfortable" with children being transported to and from schools on a school bus. Would you feel more comfortable knowing that Katy ISD school buses will be sanitized after each route? (N=20,



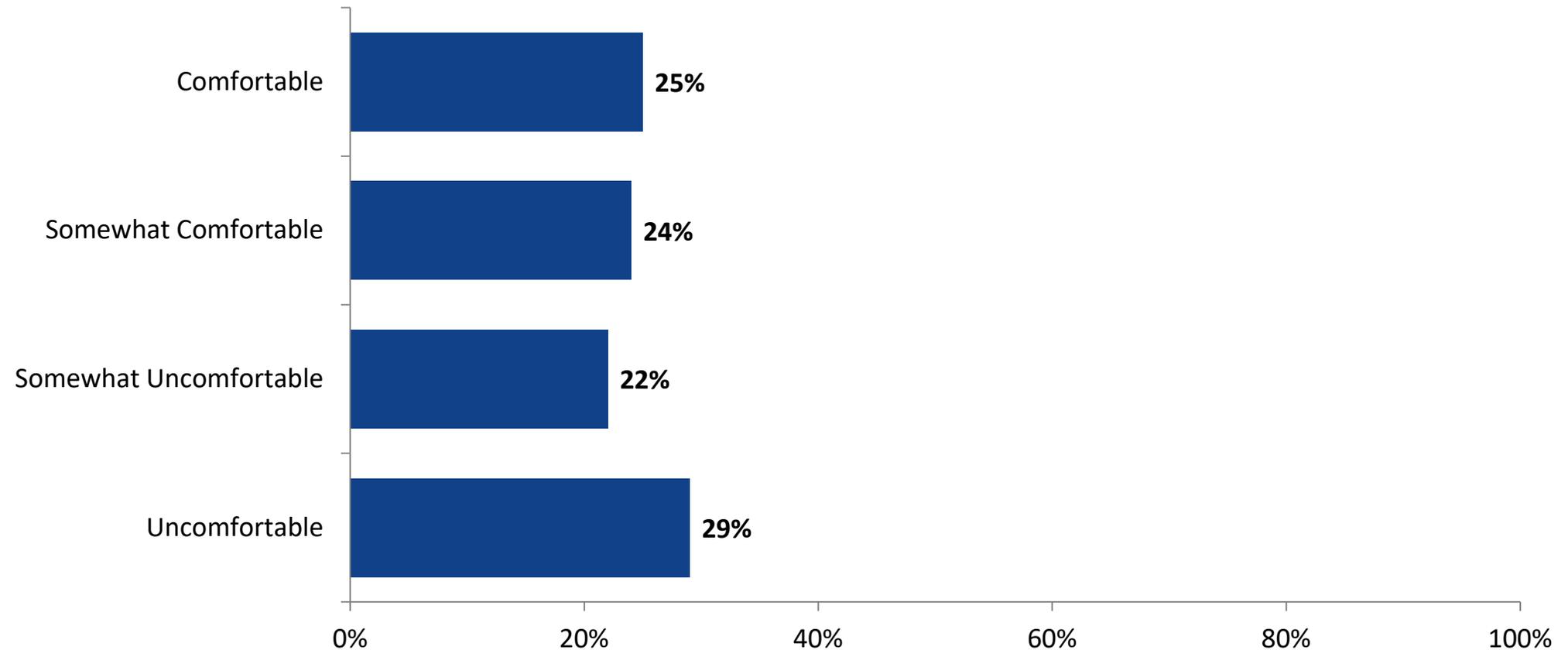
# Co-curricular and Extracurricular Activities

In thinking about returning to Katy ISD campuses this Fall, what is your comfort level for having your child(ren) participate in co-curricular and extracurricular activities (fine arts, athletics, clubs, etc.)? (N=31,574)



# In-Person Instruction

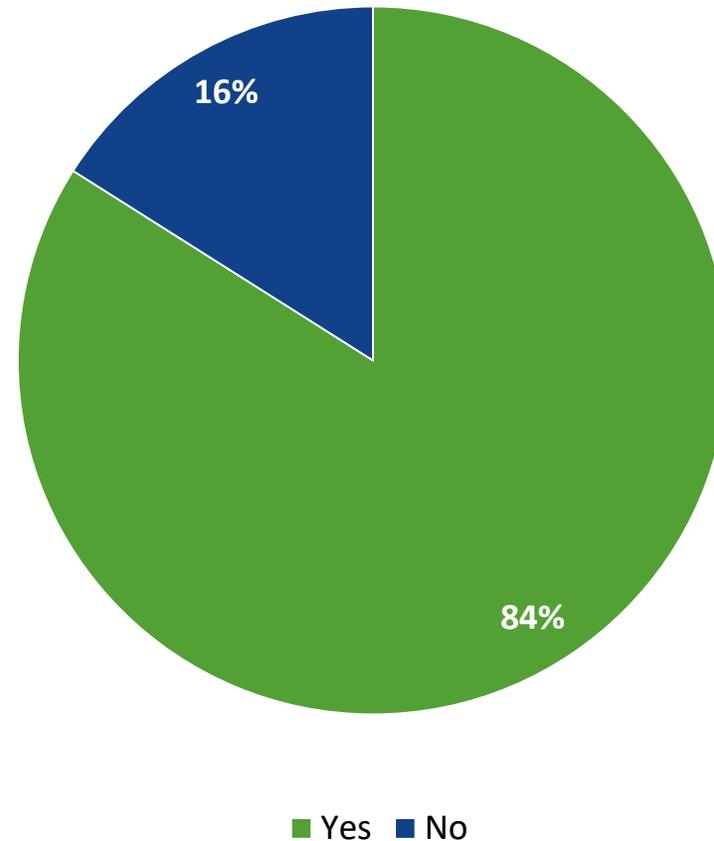
In thinking about returning to Katy ISD campuses this Fall, what is your comfort level for returning your child(ren) to school for in-person instruction beginning this August? (N=31,574)



# Online Learning Model

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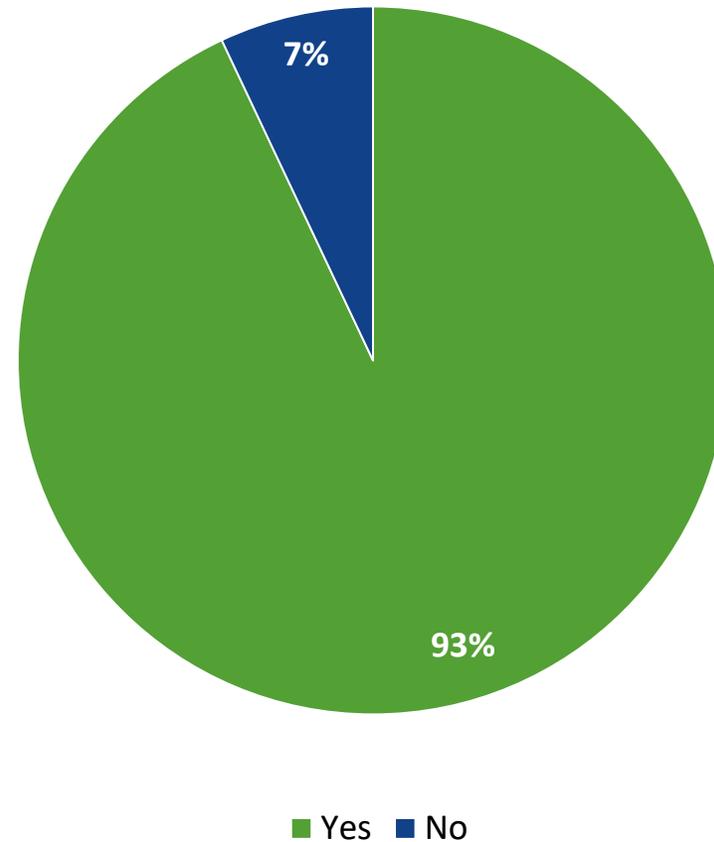
You selected that you are "somewhat uncomfortable" or "uncomfortable" returning your child(ren) to school for the Fall 2020 semester, that will begin this August. If Katy ISD provided the option for a full-time online learning model, would you wish to have your child(ren) participate in that option instead of in-person instruction? (N=16,185)



# Returning to Katy ISD

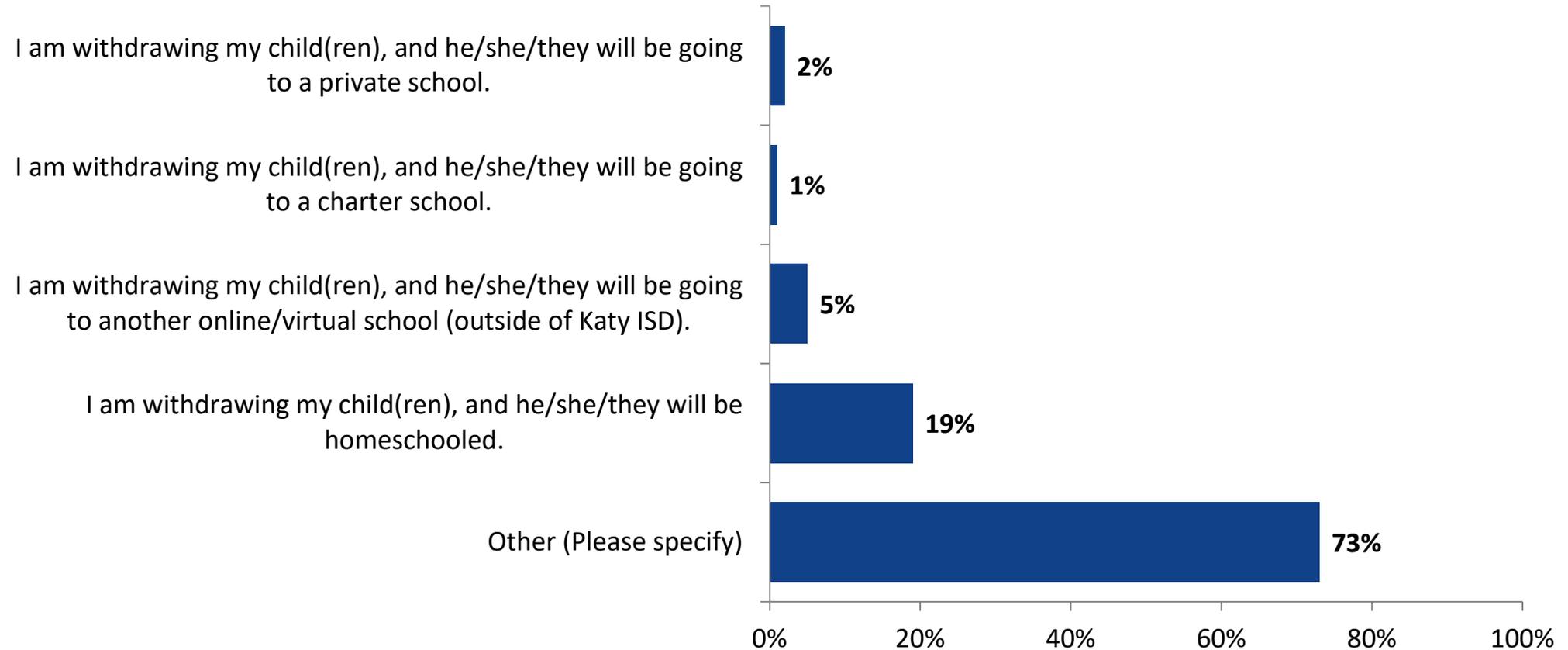
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You selected that you are "somewhat uncomfortable" or "uncomfortable" returning your child(ren) to school for the Fall 2020 semester, and that you do not wish to have your child(ren) participate in a full-time online learning model. Do you intend to return your child(ren) to Katy ISD in-person instruction this fall? (N=2,574)



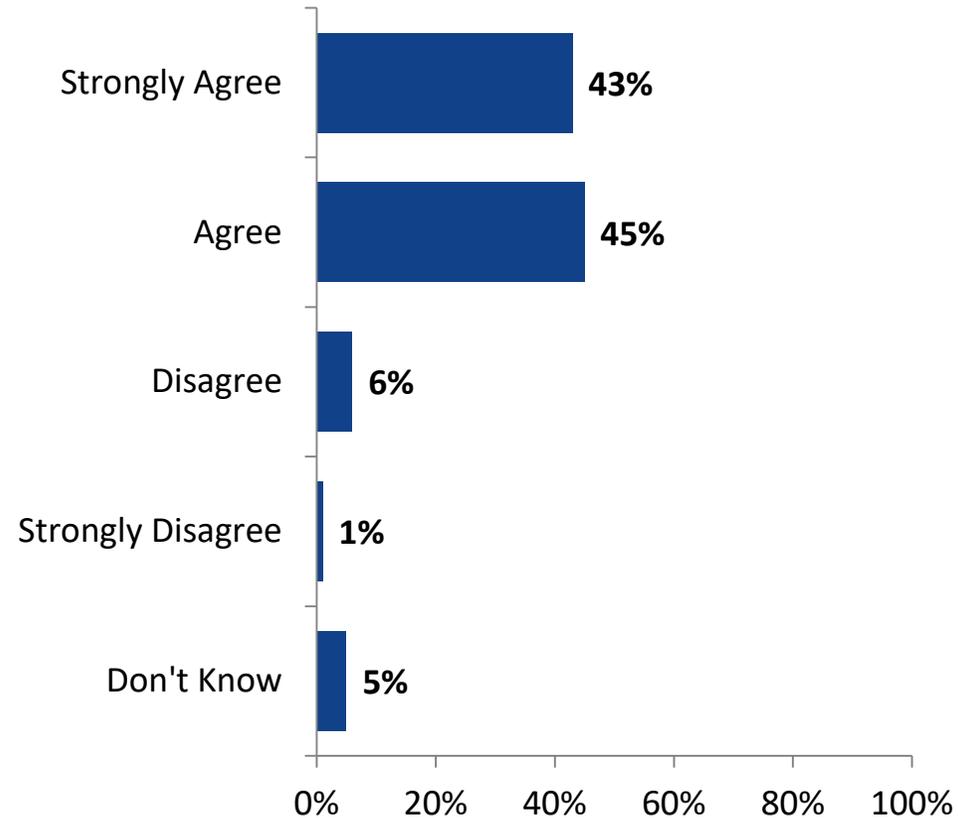
# Alternate Learning Plans

You selected that you are not returning your child(ren) to Katy ISD schooling for the Fall 2020 semester, and you do not wish for your student to participate in Katy ISD online learning, please help us understand your plans for your child(ren)'s schooling this Fall. (N=178)

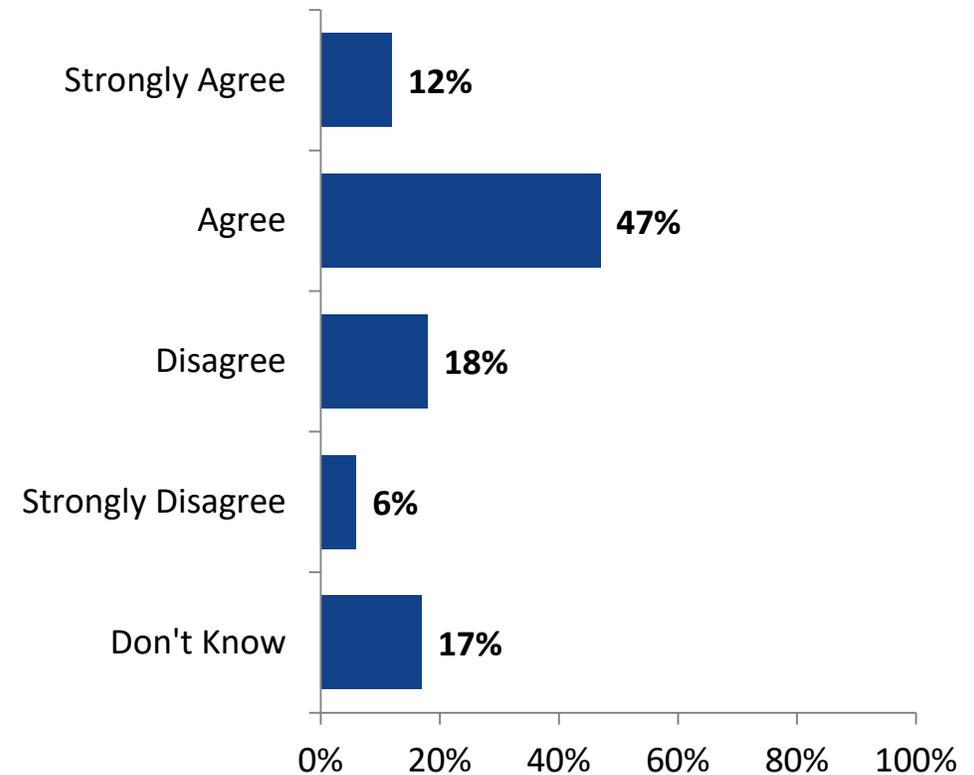


# Academic Preparation (Continued)

I believe my child(ren) is/are academically prepared to begin grade-level instruction this fall (August 2020). (N=31,396)

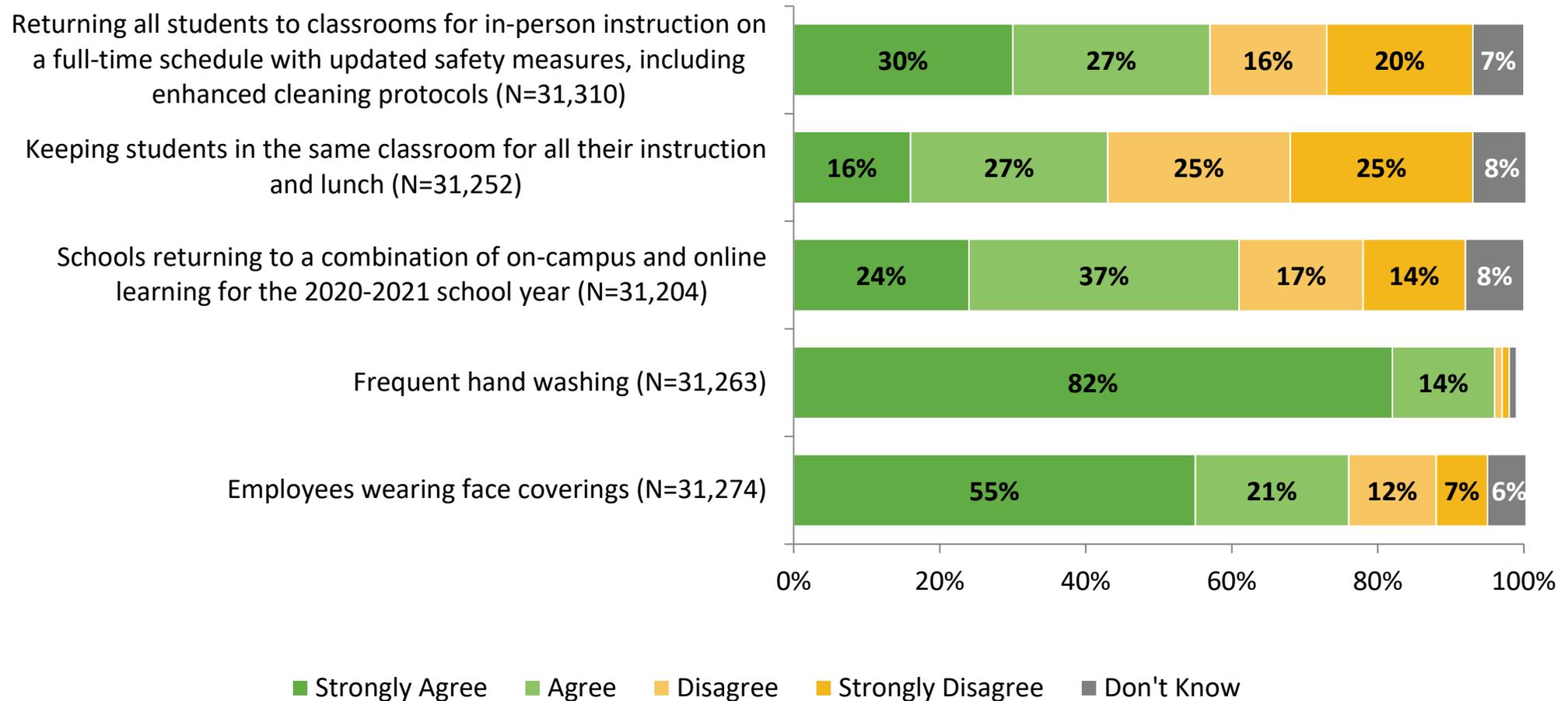


When instruction resumes this fall, I believe my child(ren) will receive the instruction necessary to “catch-up” and/or remain on grade level. (N=2,343)



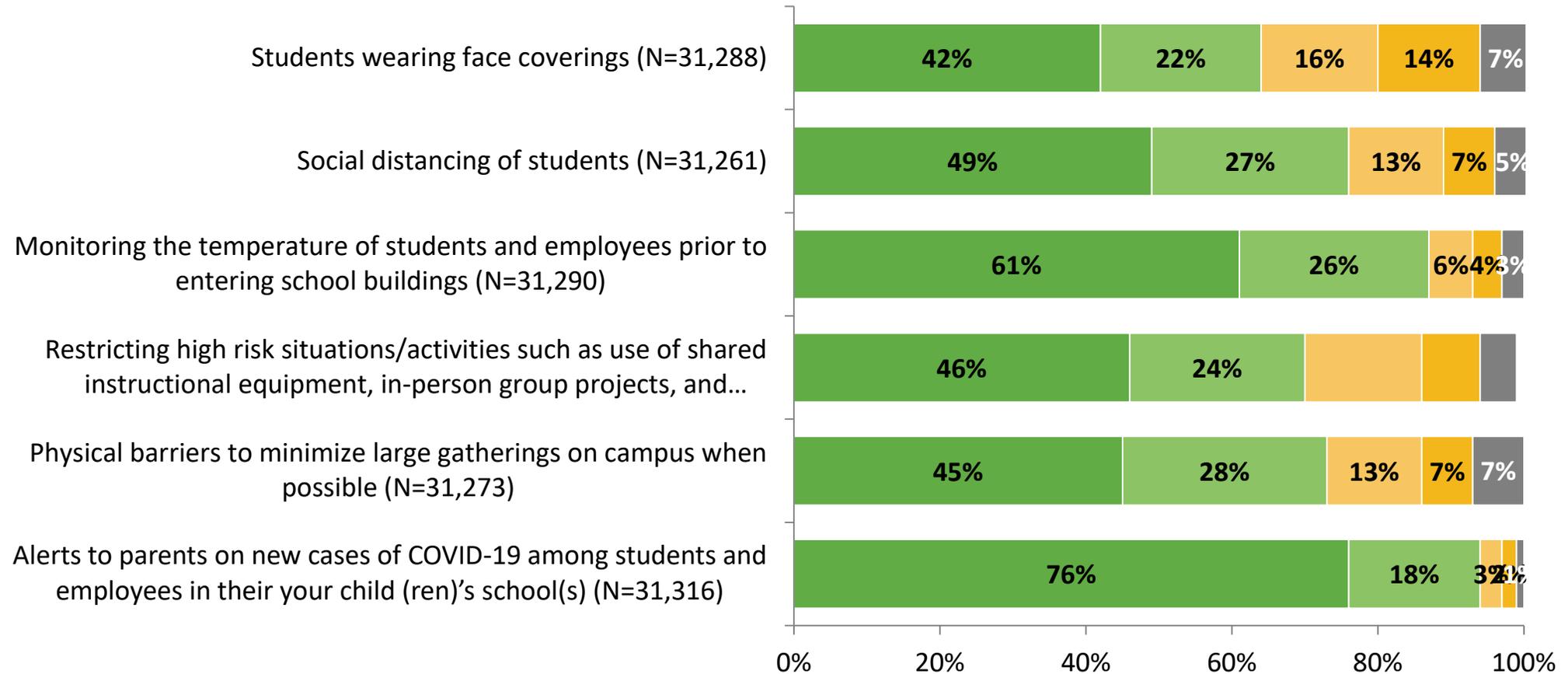
# Updated Health and Safety Measures and Protocols

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following health and safety measures being implemented in the 2020-2021 school year?



# Updated Health and Safety Measures and Protocols (Continued)

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following health and safety measures being implemented in the 2020-2021 school year?



# Top Three Concerns

What are your three biggest concerns for returning to school in the fall, with 1 being your biggest concern? (N=31,146)

Response	Weighted Score	Relative Weighted Score	Overall Rank
Keeping my child(ren)/family healthy and not exposed to the virus	57358	100	1
Providing high quality educational experiences and curriculum for my child(ren)	47003	82	2
Providing resources for my child(ren) to efficiently participate in online learning	20039	35	3
Providing opportunities for my child(ren) to socialize with peers	18993	33	4
Balancing my work schedule and demands with my child(ren)'s school schedule	14513	25	5

## Top Three Concerns (Continued)

What are your three biggest concerns for returning to school in the fall, with 1 being your biggest concern? (N=31,146)

Response	Weighted Score	Relative Weighted Score	Overall Rank
Providing extracurricular/athletic activities for my child(ren)	11266	20	6
Access to healthy meals	5974	10	7
Access to counseling/mental health services	5397	9	8
Finding childcare for my child(ren) during the day should I choose to have them participate in full-time online learning	4063	7	9
Finding childcare for my child(ren) before/after school	2270	4	10

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