

Mill Valley School District Survey Responses - October 2020



In preparing for a Return to In-Person Instruction on November 30, 2020, the Mill Valley School District shared a commitment form for elementary families and an additional survey to gather data and input from families in grades 6-8 on October 16th. This data is being used by our working groups for both elementary and middle school staff. Below are charts and graphs summarizing the data we received.

K-5 Responses

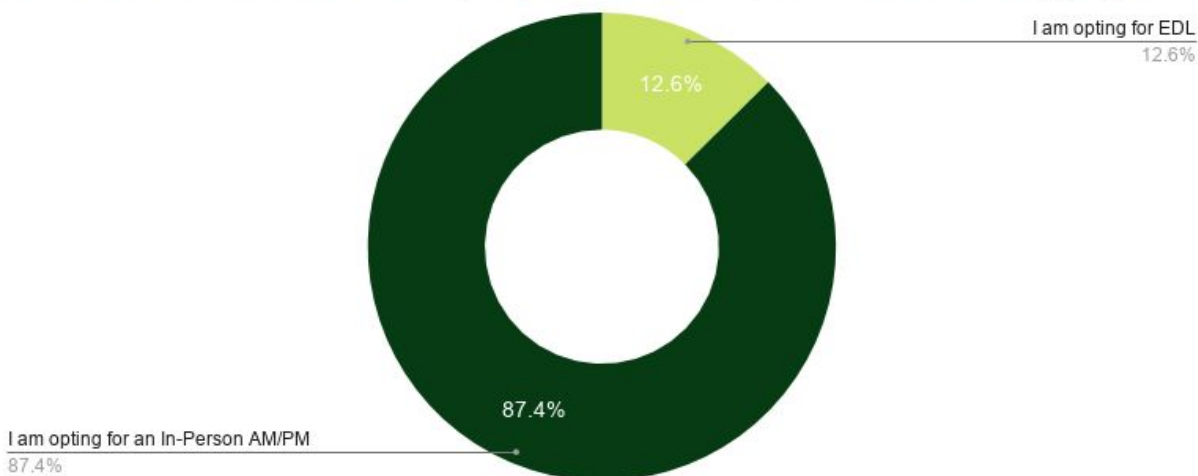
Total Responses: 1,676 (99.6%)

Total Number of Students: 1,683

Total number of Respondents: 1,222

November 30th Questions

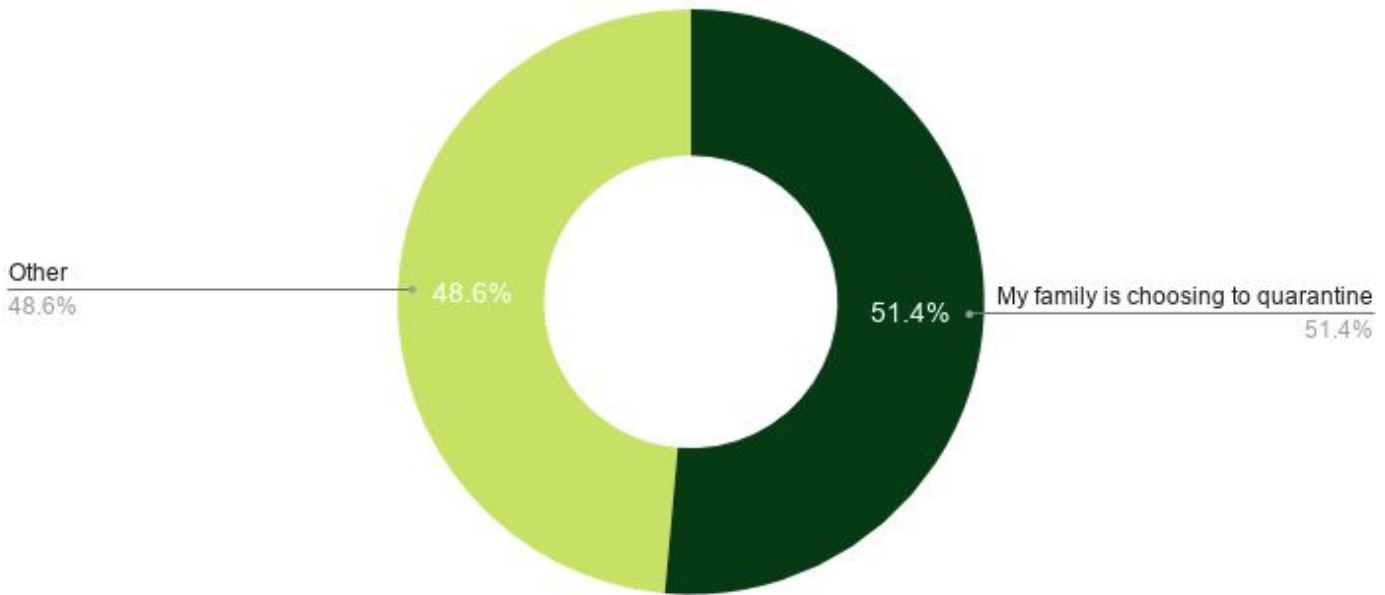
For the remainder of the school year, I will commit my child to the following program:



I am opting for an In-Person AM/PM cohort: 1,467 responses

I am opting for EDL: 212 responses

If you are opting for EDL, what is your primary reason for doing so?



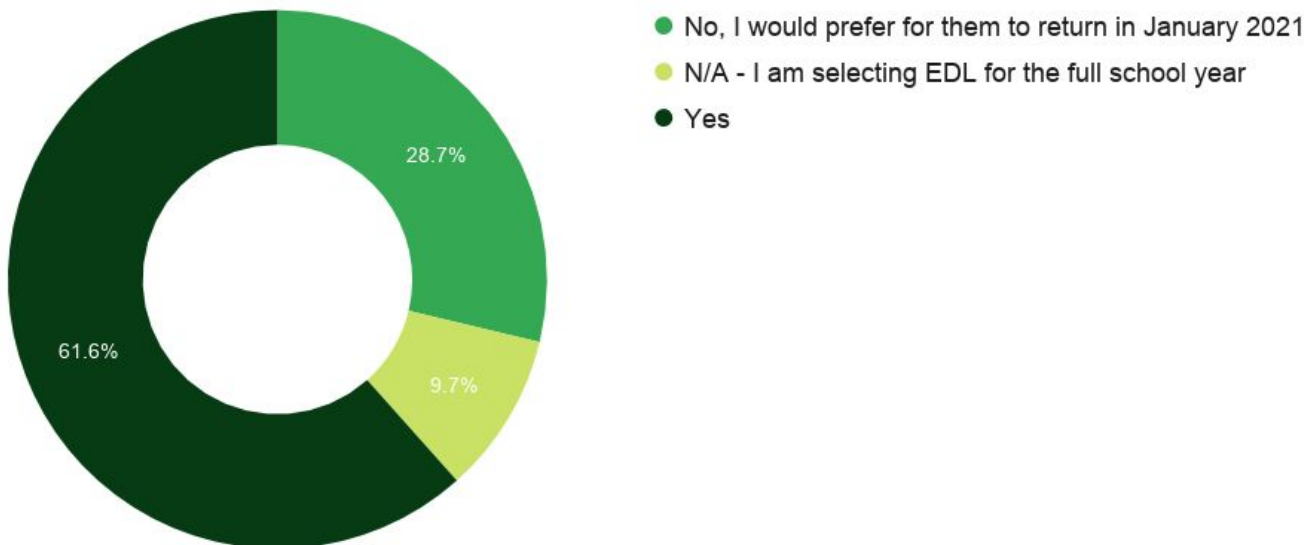
My family is choosing to quarantine: 127 responses

Other: 120 responses

If you selected "other," please explain:

A large majority of "other" responses encompassed the family being high risk in some way and choosing to quarantine. Some other common responses included children being in a pod and quarantining together; the in-person day being too short for working parents; not being comfortable going back around the holidays; and a concern about disruptions to their child's education if in-person.

We plan to return on November 30th, but also know that many families travel and see family during the holidays. Do you feel comfortable about having your child return to in-person instruction between



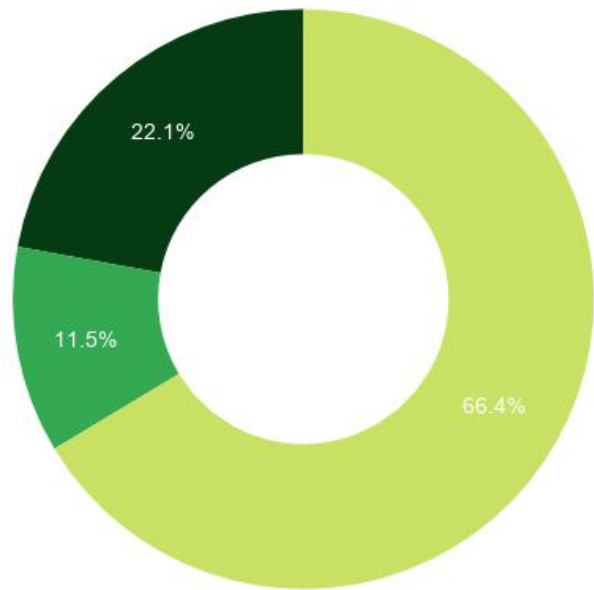
N/A - I am selecting EDL for the full school year: 162 responses

No, I would prefer for them to return in January 2021: 481 responses

Yes: 1,030 responses

Many families have requested the morning cohort. While we will not be able to accommodate requests, we would like to know if some prefer the afternoon cohort as we may be able to accommodate those requests. Do you prefer the afternoon cohort?

- No
- N/A - I am selecting EDL for the full school year
- Yes



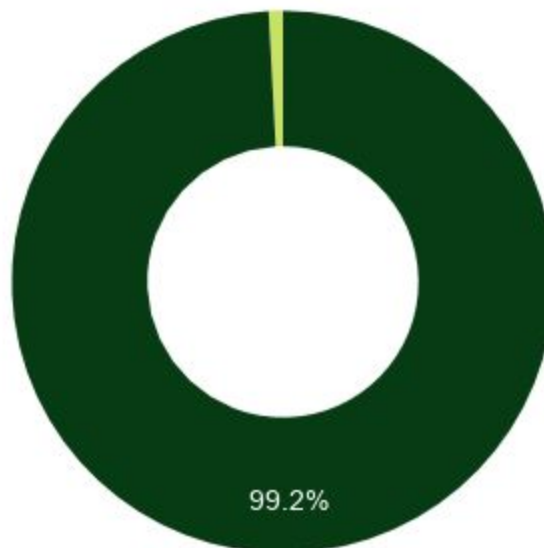
N/A - I am selecting EDL for the full school year: 193 responses

No: 1,111 responses

Yes: 370 responses

My child knows how to properly wear a mask.

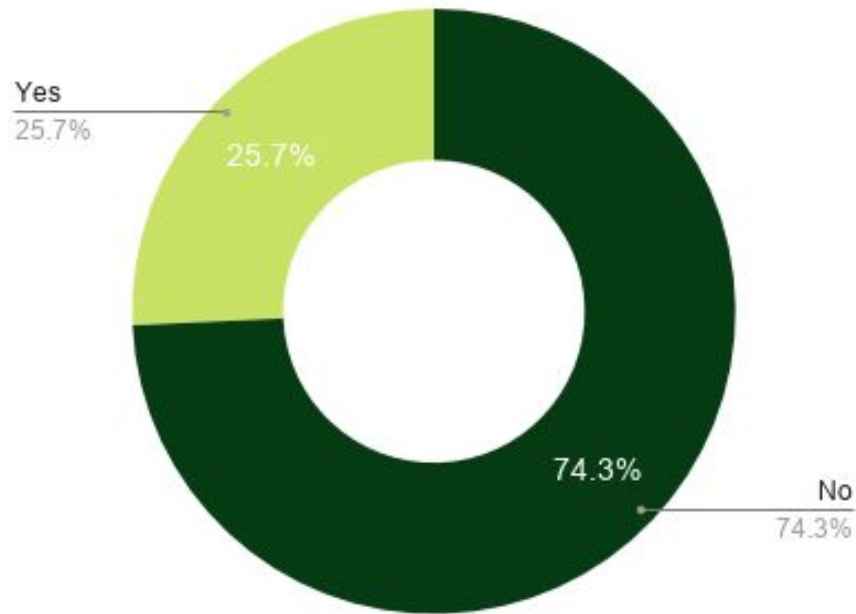
- Yes
- No



No: 14 responses

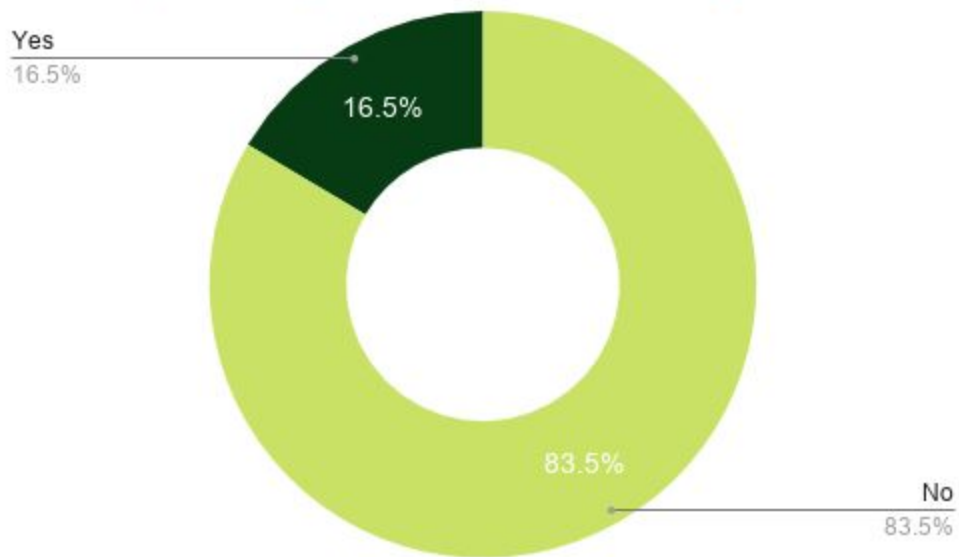
Yes: 1,657 responses

Are you (and/or your spouse/co-parent/etc if applicable) an essential worker?



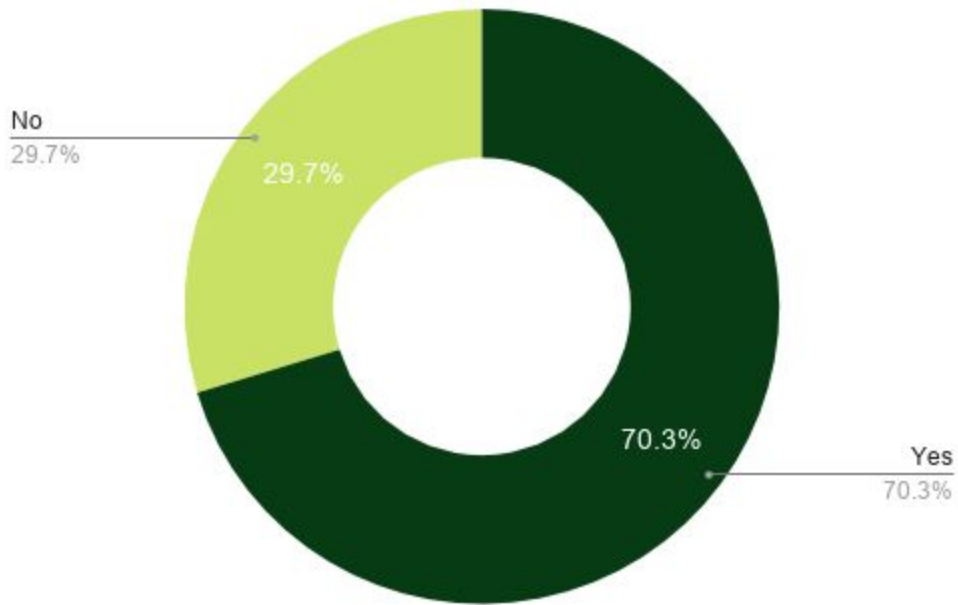
Yes: 430 responses
No: 1,241 responses

Is someone in your household high-risk for infection or are you caring for someone who is high-risk?



Yes: 275 responses
No: 1,396 responses

Is your child using an MVSD-provided device (iPad)?

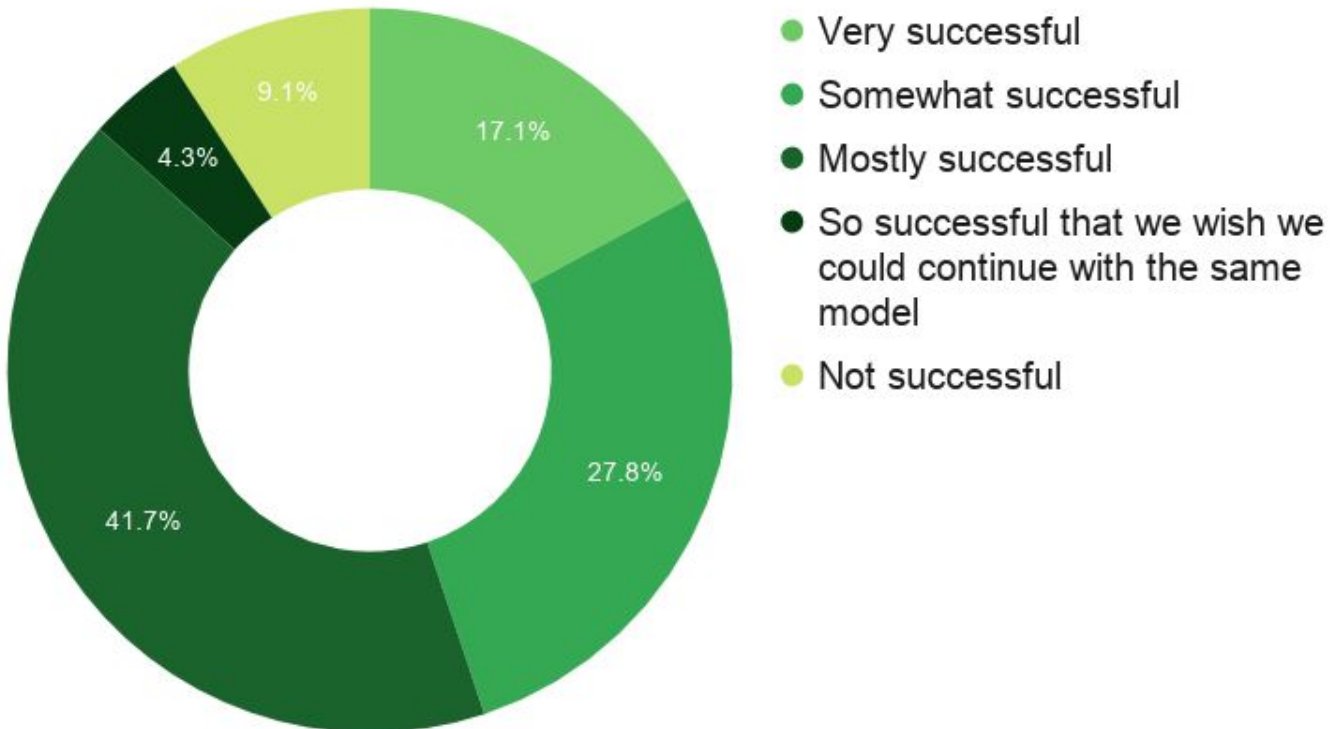


Yes: 1,175 responses

No: 496 responses

Distance Learning Experience Questions

How successful has your child been with distance learning?



Very successful: 286 responses

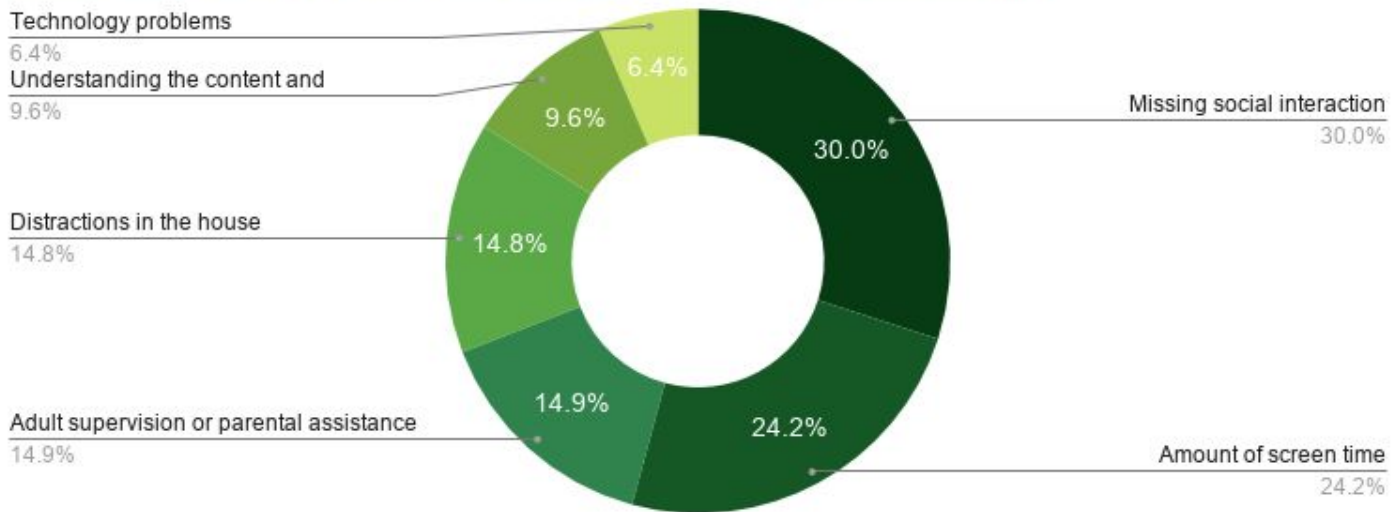
Somewhat successful: 464 responses

Mostly successful: 697 responses

So successful that we wish we could continue with the same model: 72 responses

Not successful: 152 responses

What have been your biggest challenges with distance learning



Adult supervision or parental assistance: 672 responses

Missing social interaction: 1,350 responses

Amount of screen time: 1,090 responses

Distractions in the house: 668 responses

Understanding the content and instruction: 434 responses

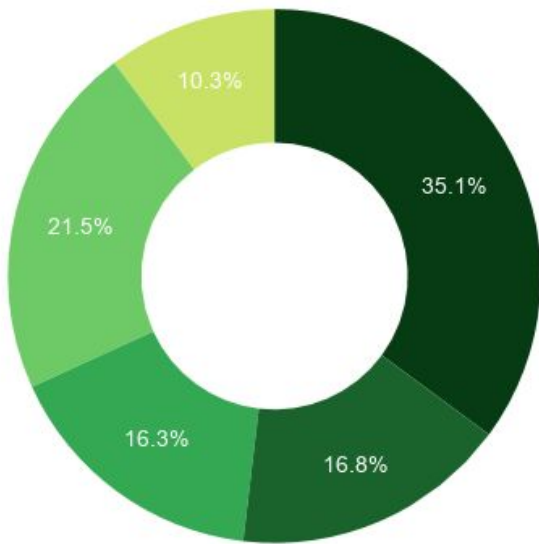
Technology problems: 289 responses

Other: 242 responses

If you selected "other," please explain.

Some common themes from "other" responses include: a lack of differentiation of instruction; students who are more extroverted volunteering to answer questions and students who are more quiet not getting called on; students who are bored/material not challenging enough; lack of activity during PE lessons; difficulty for children with special education/IEP needs; difficult to arrange parent/adult supervision; child having difficulty focusing; a lack of peer to peer learning; needing more one on one teacher assistance; and no issues, everything is going well.

What have been your biggest successes with Distance Learning?



- My student has gained independence
- My student's organizational skills have improved
- Flexible work schedule
- The lessons and assignments have been engaging
- Accomodation of different learning styles

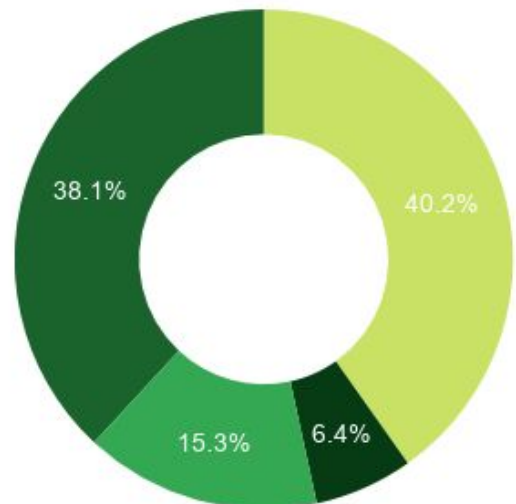
- My student has gained independence:** 861 responses
- My student's organizational skills have improved:** 411 responses
- Flexible work schedule:** 400 responses
- The lessons and assignments have been engaging:** 528 responses
- Accomodation of different learning styles:** 252 responses
- Other:** 374 responses

If you selected "other," Please explain.

Some common themes from "other" responses include: Being a part of the learning process/know what the class is learning/understanding my child's learning needs; Our child's teacher is amazing/engaging/creative; we are able to feel safe learning at home; lessons are better than the spring; learning to be independent and navigate technology; there have not been any successes/benefits; learning life lessons/things aren't always fair or perfect.

As we plan to re-open for in-person learning on November 30th, what is your priority for having your child return to campus?

- My child will benefit from more social/emotional interaction
- I do not plan on having my child return to campus
- I need to work and I prefer my child to be on campus
- My child could benefit from face-to-face instruction as opposed to distance learning



- My child will benefit from more social/emotional interaction:** 1,243 responses
- I do not plan on having my child return to campus:** 198 responses

I need to work and I prefer my child to be on campus: 474 responses

My child could benefit from face-to-face instruction as opposed to distance learning: 1,178 responses

Other: 103 responses

If you selected “other,” Please explain.

Some common themes from “other” responses include: I do not like the full-year EDL option/we do not want to be in EDL for the rest of the year; I would rather go back in the spring for safety reasons; Lack of distractions at home will be a learning benefit/Child will be more focused; Peer learning; Mental health will be better-supported in-person; Hands on learning from teacher; I want my child to stay with their current teacher

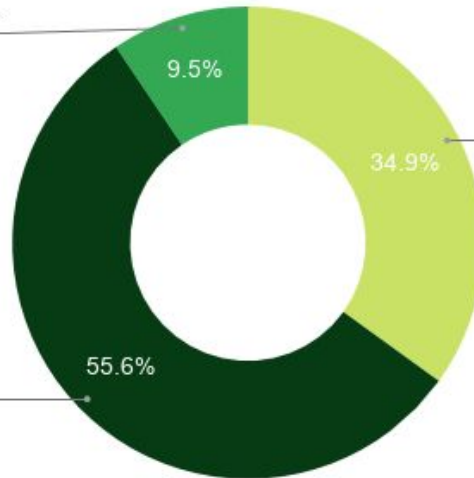
If we fall back into the Purple tier, how comfortable would you feel continuing in-person learning?

N/A - I am selecting EDL for the full school year

9.5%

Comfortable

55.6%



Uncomfortable

34.9%

Comfortable: 929 responses

N/A - I am selected EDL for the full school year: 158 responses

Uncomfortable: 584 responses

Is there any additional feedback that you would like to provide?

Some common themes from written feedback include: We prefer fewer, longer days rather than 5 days at 2.5 hours/2.5 hour days do not work for working families; distance learning has gone well, much better than in the spring; Thank you teachers/educators/administrators/staff; It would be advantageous to see what is working for other districts that have already returned; We think returning before the holidays is a mistake; We want our children to be in the same cohort as other students they are in a pod with; Bring those with the most needs/youngest students back now and remain in distance learning otherwise; Concerned about other families traveling during the holidays/would like required tests or quarantines; Believe Mill Valley is safe and the schools have proper safety protocols; EDL needs to be equitable; Everyone has a different threshold for safety/preferences during this time; We want our child to stay with their teacher; We would like the option to transition back to in-person after choosing EDL; We want both of our children to be in the same cohort time; We need to return to in-person as soon as possible.

6-8 Responses

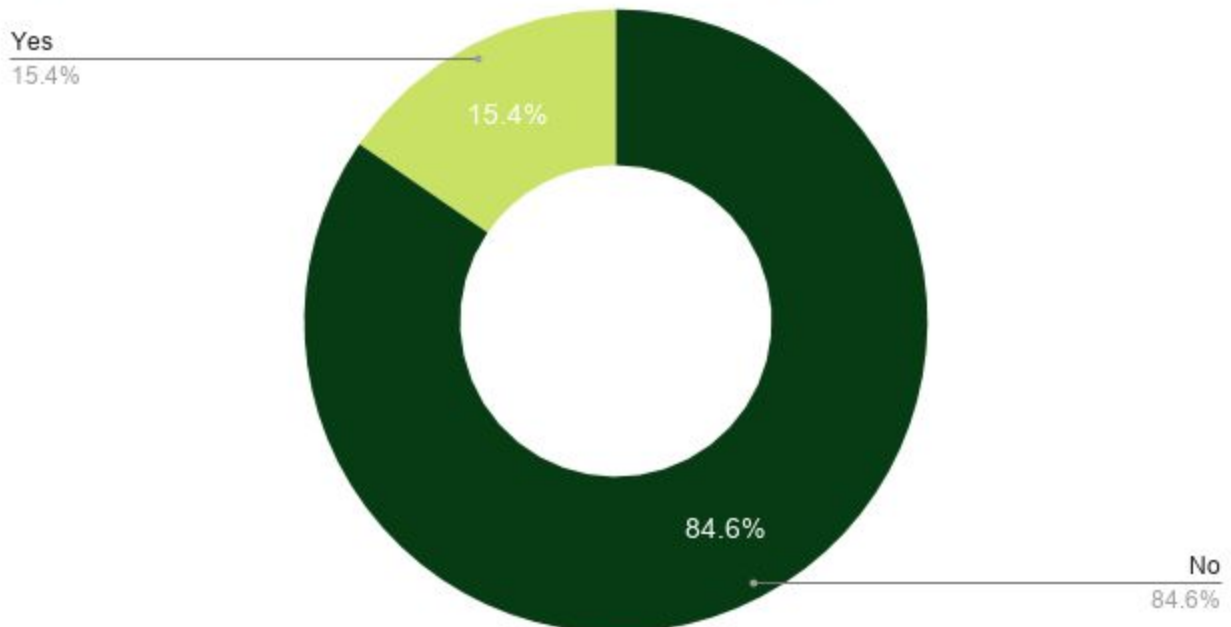
Total Responses: 826 (87.8%)

Total Number of Students: 941

Number of Respondents: 736

Current Commitment Level

Regardless of in-person schedules or county tier changes, I plan for my child to be in Extended Distance Learning for the remainder of



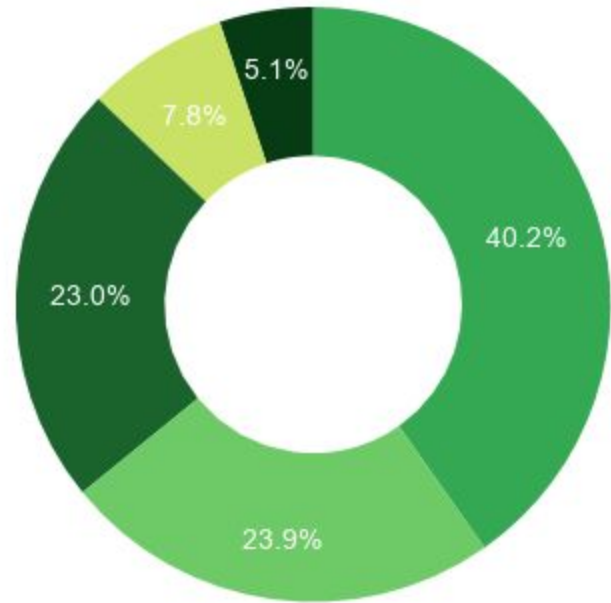
Yes: 127 responses

No: 698 responses

Distance Learning Experience

How successful has your child been with distance learning?

- Mostly successful
- Somewhat successful
- Very successful
- Not successful
- So successful that we wish we could continue with the same model



Mostly successful: 332 responses

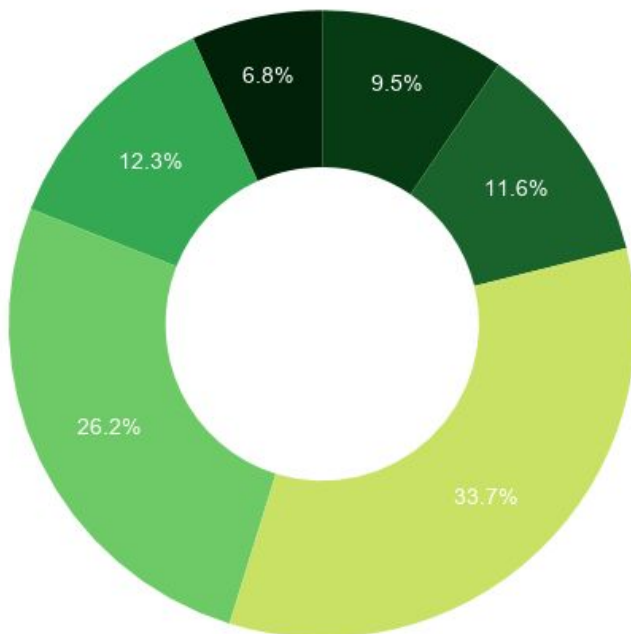
Not successful: 64 responses

So successful that we wish we could continue with the same model: 42 responses

Somewhat successful: 197 responses

Very successful: 190 responses

What have been your biggest challenges with distance learning?



- Technology problems
- Distractions in the house
- Missing social-emotional interactions
- Amount of screen time
- Understanding the content and instruction
- Adult supervision or parental assistance

Technology problems: 187 responses

Distractions in the house: 228 responses

Missing social-emotional interactions: 662 responses

Amount of screen time: 515 responses

Understanding the content and instruction: 241 responses

Adult supervision or parental assistance: 133 responses

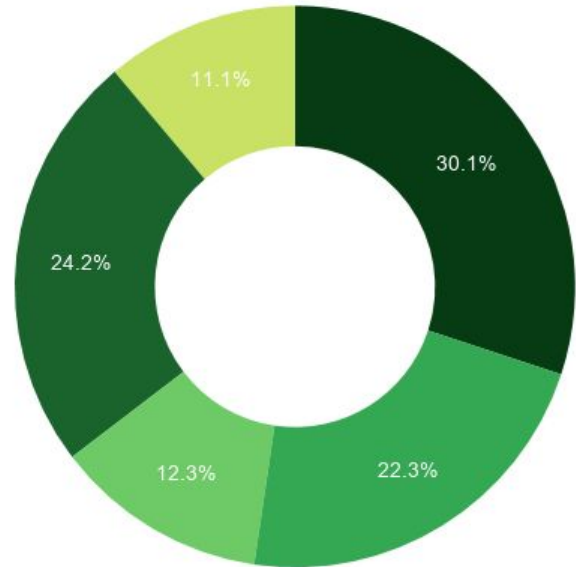
Other: 137 responses

If you selected “other,” please explain

Some common themes from “other” responses include: my child is bored and/or has difficulty focusing; my child needs in-person interaction; too much asynchronous work/homework is assigned; google classroom is overwhelming/teachers posting in multiple locations; harder to develop relationships with teachers; we have had no challenges/going well; I am more aware of my child’s learning; more teacher engagement would be helpful; my child with learning disabilities needs in-person support.

What have been your child's biggest successes with distance learning?

- My student has gained independence
- My student's organizational skills have improved
- The lessons and assignments have been engaging
- Flexible work schedule
- Accommodation of different learning styles



My student has gained independence: 413 responses

My student’s organizational skills have improved: 306 responses

The lessons and assignments have been engaging: 169 responses

Flexible work schedule: 333 responses

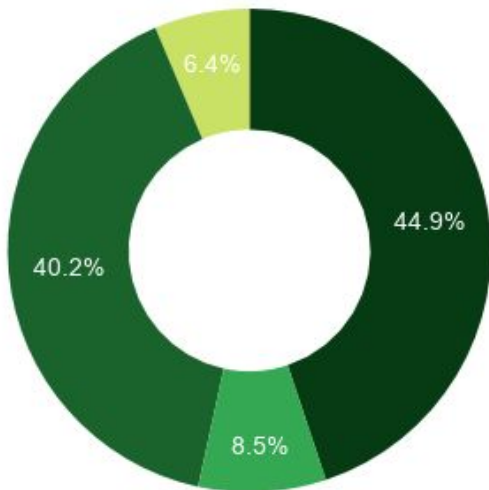
Accommodation of different learning styles: 153 responses

Other: 146 responses

If you selected “other,” please explain.

Some common themes from “other” responses include: Developing resilience, organizational skills, prioritizing, and technology; no benefits from distance learning; Staying safe from COVID and active shooter fears; less stress in the morning; fewer distractions at home.

As we plan to re-open for in-person instruction on November 30th, what is your priority for having your child return to campus?



- My child will benefit from more social-emotional interaction
- I need to work and I prefer my child to be on campus
- My child could benefit from face-to-face instruction as opposed to distance learning
- I do not plan to have my child return to campus

My child will benefit from more social-emotional interaction: 606 responses

I need to work and I prefer my child to be on campus: 115 responses

My child could benefit from face-to-face instruction as opposed to distance learning: 543 responses

I do not plan to have my child return to campus: 86 responses

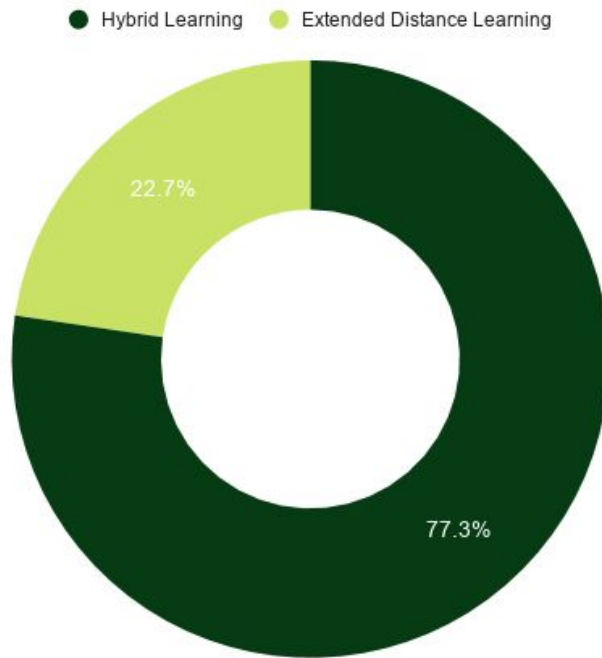
Other: 94 responses

If you selected “other,” please explain.

Some common themes from “other” responses include: Preferring to wait to go back in-person until January/Spring/a vaccine is available; wanting to maintain current classes/continuity of instruction; remaining safe from COVID; maintaining clubs, electives, and academic support; hands on learning and peer to peer learning.

Instructional Program Terms

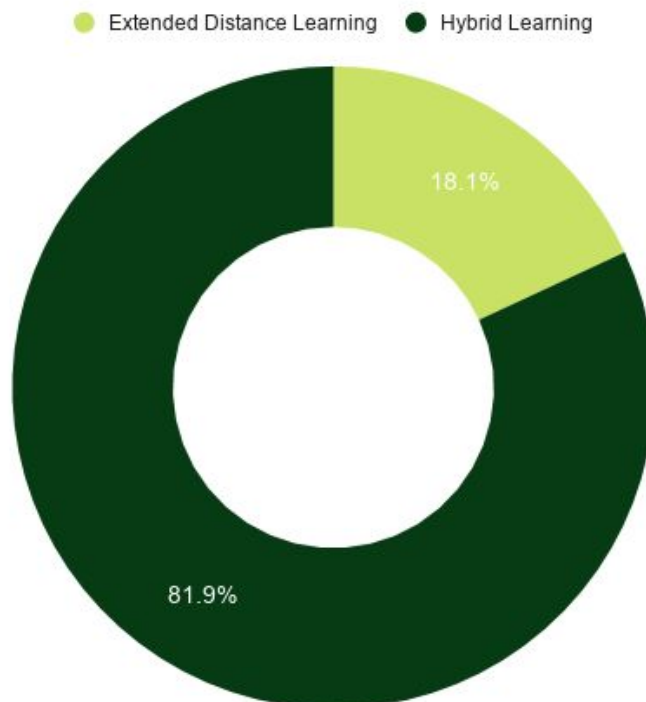
For Hybrid learning, if the schedule was in-person instruction 5 days a week (AM/PM with approximately 40 minutes of instructional time per class period, per day) utilizing the 3 by 3 format, I would choose:



Hybrid Learning: 638 responses

Extended Distance Learning: 187 responses

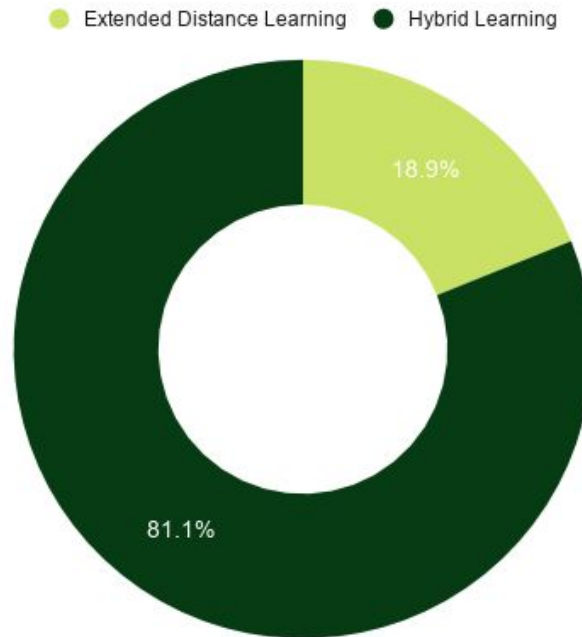
For hybrid learning, if the schedule was 2 days of in person learning (with approximately 1 hour of instructional time per class period, per day) and 3 days asynchronous learning, utilizing the 3 by 3 format, I would choose:



Hybrid learning: 661 responses

Extended Distance Learning: 164 responses

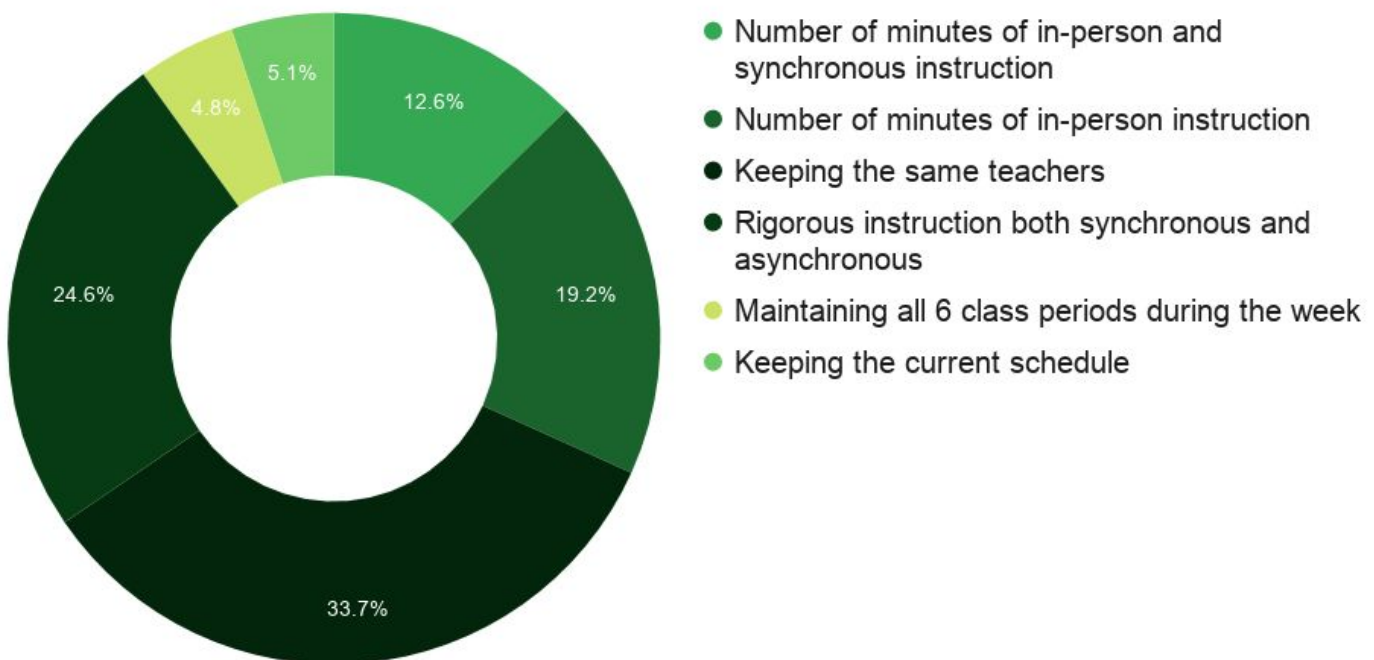
For Hybrid learning, if the schedule was 2 days of in person learning (with approximately 1 hour of instructional time per class period, per week), and 3 days asynchronous learning, with all 6 periods, I would choose:



Hybrid Learning: 669 responses

Extended Distance Learning: 156 responses

What is your highest priority for your child's education?



Keeping the current schedule: 42 responses

Keeping the same teachers: 278 responses

Maintaining all 6 class periods during the week: 40 responses

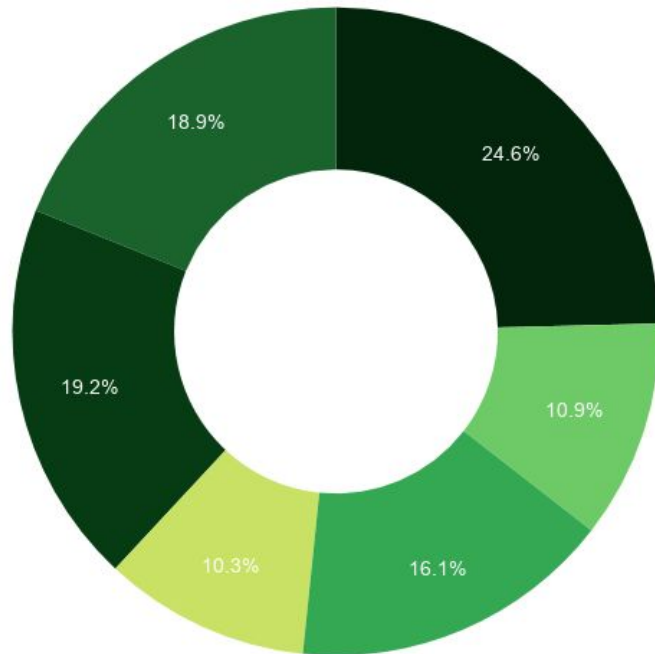
Number of minutes of in-person and synchronous instruction: 104 responses

Number of minutes of in-person instruction: 158 responses

Rigorous instruction both synchronous and asynchronous: 203 responses

What is your second highest priority for your child's education?

- Keeping the same teachers
- Maintaining all 6 class periods during the week
- Number of minutes of in-person instruction
- Keeping the current schedule
- Number of minutes of in-person and synchronous instruction
- Rigorous instruction both synchronous and asynchronous



Keeping the current schedule: 85 responses

Keeping the same teachers: 203 responses

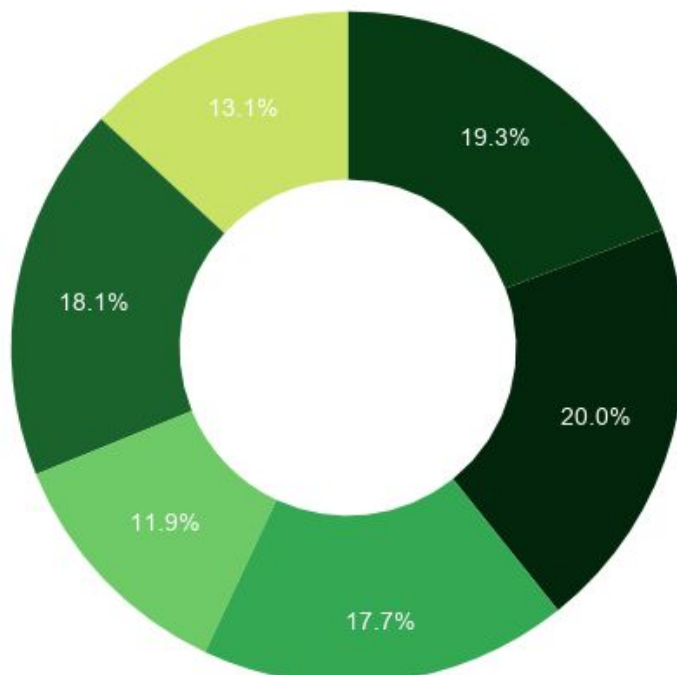
Maintaining all 6 class periods during the week: 90 responses

Number of minutes of in-person and synchronous instruction: 158 responses

Number of minutes of in-person instruction: 133 responses

Rigorous instruction both synchronous and asynchronous: 156 responses

What is your third highest priority for your child's education?



- Rigorous instruction both synchronous and asynchronous
- Number of minutes of in-person and synchronous instruction
- Maintaining all 6 class periods during the week
- Keeping the current schedule
- Keeping the same teachers
- Number of minutes of in-person instruction

Keeping the current schedule: 98 responses

Keeping the same teachers: 149 responses

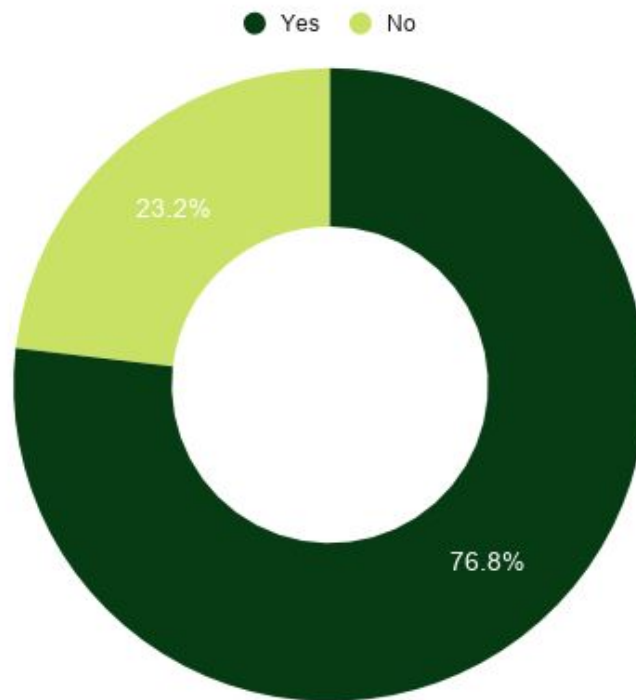
Maintaining all 6 class periods during the week: 146 responses

Number of minutes of in-person and synchronous instruction: 165 responses

Number of minutes of in-person instruction: 108 responses

Rigorous instruction both synchronous and asynchronous: 159 responses

I would support a slower return to in-person learning starting Nov. 30 which may look like adding 1 grade level per week prior to winter break in order to allow systems to be adjusted and smaller groups of students to enter campus over 3 weeks.

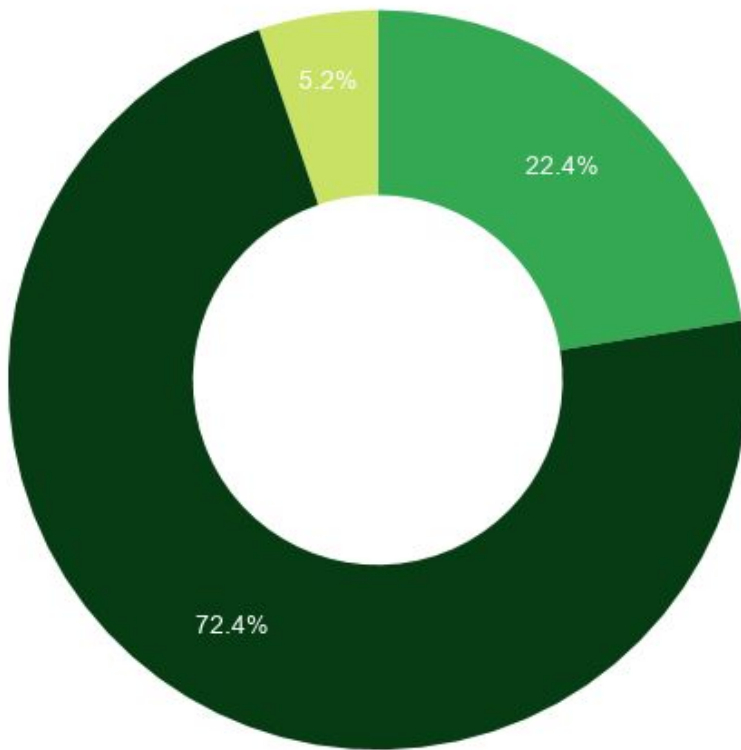


Yes: 634 responses

No: 191 responses

Family Preference

My preference for my child's learning is:



- Our current Distance Learning schedule
- A Hybrid Model (combination of in-person and asynchronous)
- Extended Distance Learning (allowing other students to return to school if they want to, while also being able to keep your student at home)

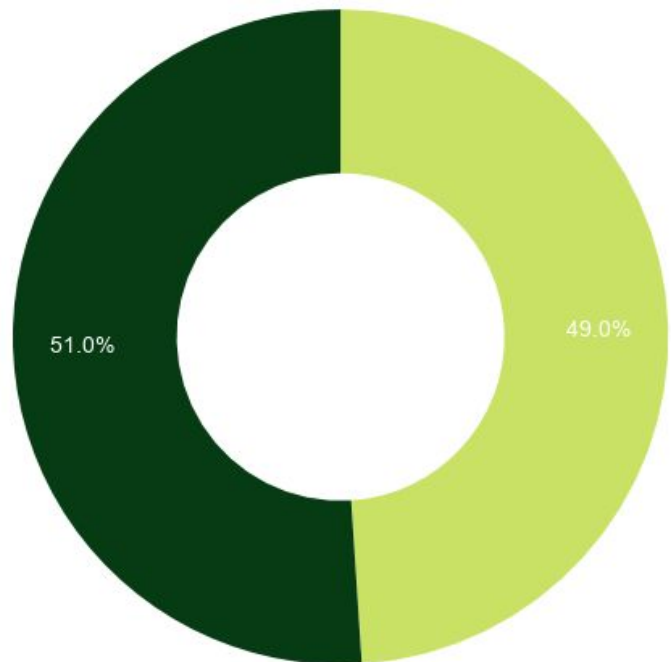
A Hybrid Model (combination of in-person and asynchronous): 597 responses

Extended Distance Learning (allowing other students to return to school if they want to, while also being able to keep your student at home): 43 responses

Our Current Distance Learning schedule: 185 responses

We plan to return on November 30th, but also know that many families travel and see family during the holidays. Do you feel comfortable about having your child return to in-person instruction between November 30th and December 18th?

- I would prefer for them to return in January 2021
- Yes



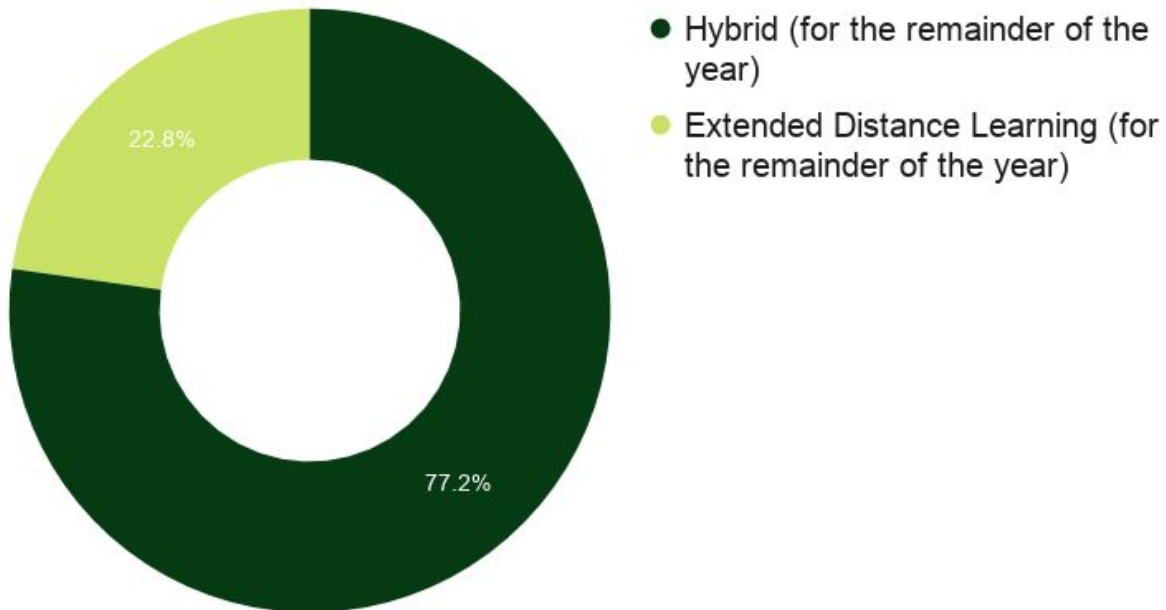
I would prefer them to return in January 2021: 404 responses

Yes: 421 responses

Note: In the data presented for the question above has been updated to reflect all responses, including those opting for EDL - updated 11/3/20

County COVID Conditions

County health conditions remain as they are now, what type of learning would you choose for your child starting November 30?

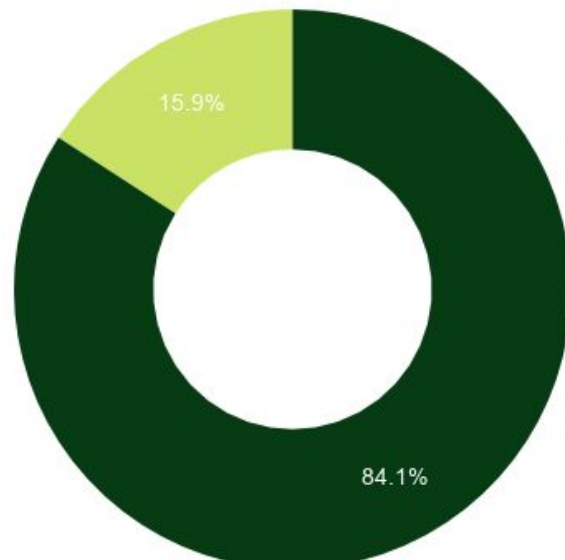


Extended Distance Learning (for the remainder of the year): 188 responses

Hybrid (for the remainder of the year): 637 responses

If County health conditions improved by November 30, what type of learning would you choose for your child?

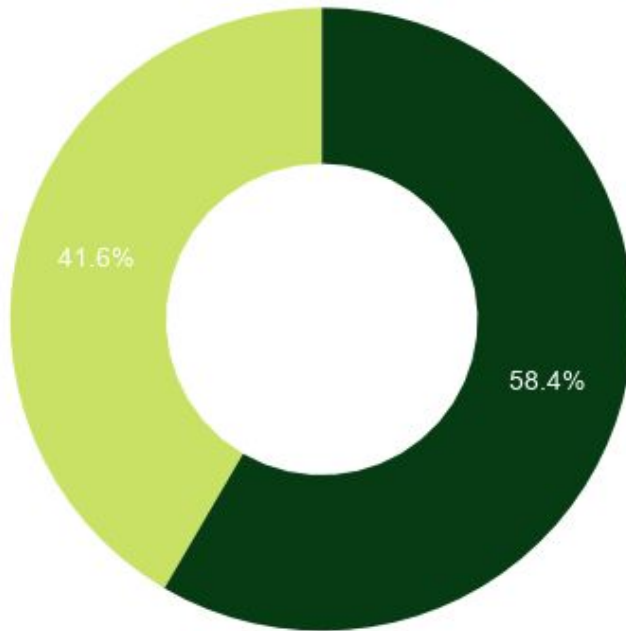
- Hybrid (for the remainder of the year)
- Extended Distance Learning (for the remainder of the year)



Hybrid (for the remainder of the year): 694 responses

Extended Distance Learning (for the remainder of the year): 131 responses

If County health conditions declined by November 30th, (but remained in the red) what type of learning would you choose for your child?



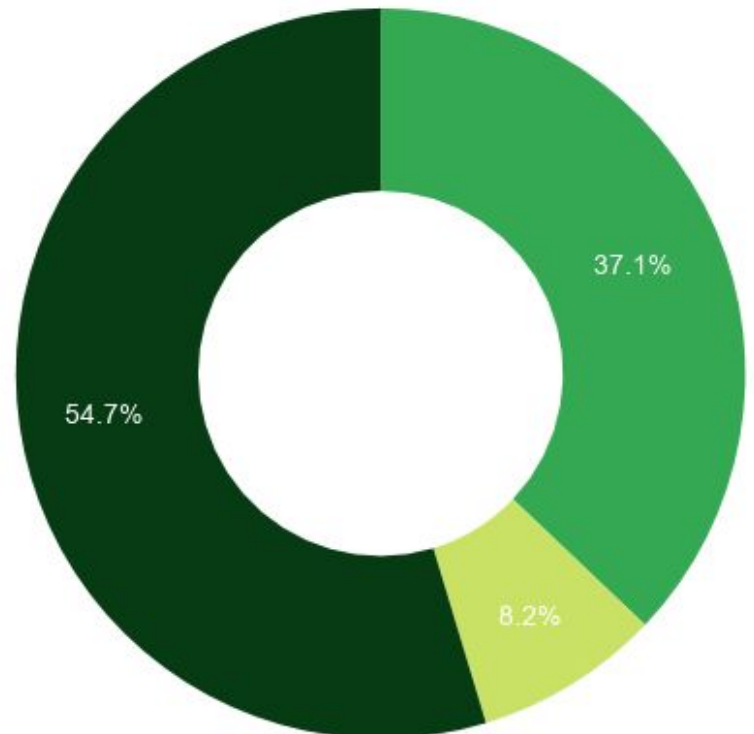
- Hybrid (for the remainder of the year)
- Extended Distance Learning (for the remainder of the year)

Extended Distance Learning (for the remainder of the year): 343 responses

Hybrid (for the remainder of the year): 482 responses

If Mill Valley Middle School opened on November 30, and then Marin County fell back to the purple tier (most restrictive) what would you choose:

- Continue with in-person instruction so long as all safety precautions continue to be in place
- My child will not be doing in-person learning this year, so this question does not apply
- Fall back to Distance Learning until County conditions improve



Continue with in-person instruction so long as all safety precautions continue to be in place: 400 responses

Fall back to Distance Learning until County conditions improve: 603 responses

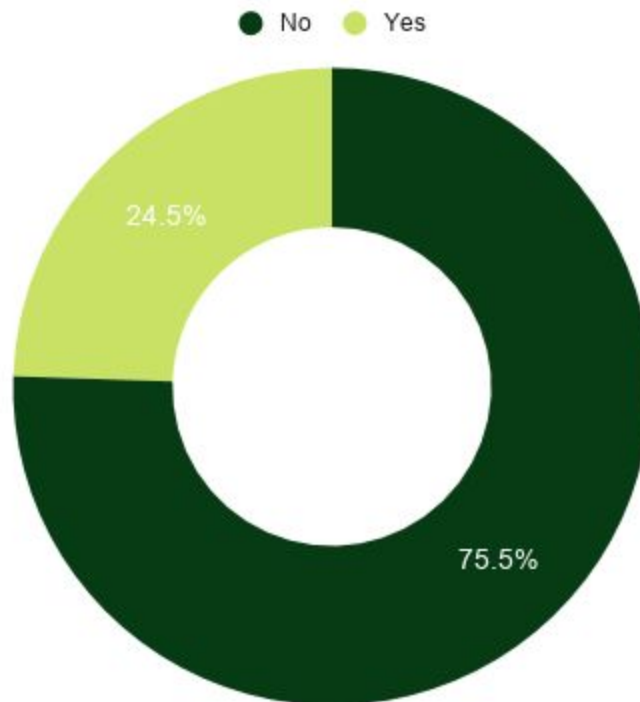
My child will not be doing in-person learning this year, so this question does not apply: 93 responses

Is there any other feedback you would like to provide?

Some common themes from written feedback include: I am concerned about returning during flu season/the holidays/I would prefer to return in January; Consistency is most important; I would prefer a full-time schedule; My child needs social interaction; Please bring kids back to school as soon as possible; I support bringing back small groups in person; Please hold outdoor classes; I would like more details about EDL; None of these models are ideal; I prefer fewer, longer days in person; Why can't there be zoom instruction while students are not in class/I want a zoom window into the classroom; 2.5 hours a day is not enough; Students in EDL should keep current teachers.

Family Data Questions

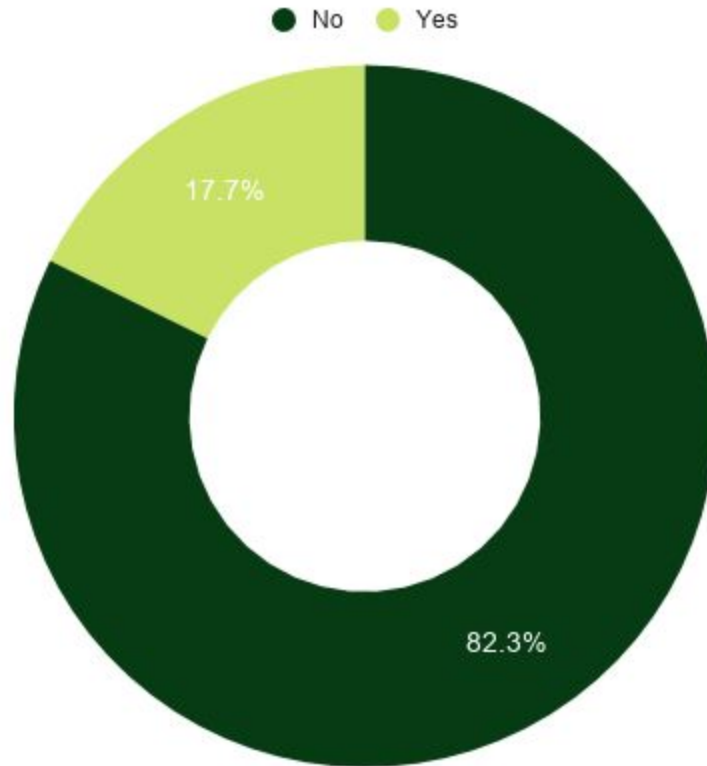
Are you (and/or your spouse/co-parent/etc. if applicable) an essential worker?



Yes: 202 responses

No: 623 responses

Is someone in your household high-risk for infection?



Yes: 146 responses

No: 679 responses

Is there any other feedback you would like to provide?

Some common themes from written feedback include: I want to build social interaction into the current model; Social interaction is most important; I want to wait to return after the holidays; Returning on November 30th is disruptive; Thank you for your efforts; Please do a 2 days on, 3 days off approach; We want to keep our current teachers; Going back before January is a risk; Can students have a Zoom window into the classroom if they are sick or in EDL?; We want to maintain our current distance learning program; Please get students back into the classroom as soon as possible.