

HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY ON REOPENING OF H.E.S. FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

To begin planning and preparing for the return to school for the 2020-2021 school year, Hampton Elementary School, we are looking to get parent feedback.

Please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey to help our work group make informed decisions as we move forward together. It is important to keep in mind that there are no firm plans in place or specific directives from the State of Connecticut. Any decisions about the reopening of school must be consistent with the directives we receive from public health officials, CT. State Department of Education, and the State of Connecticut.

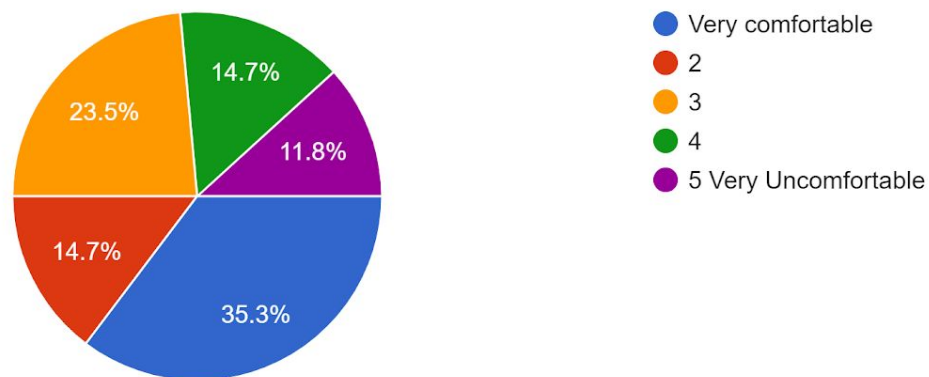
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Please complete by June 30, 2020

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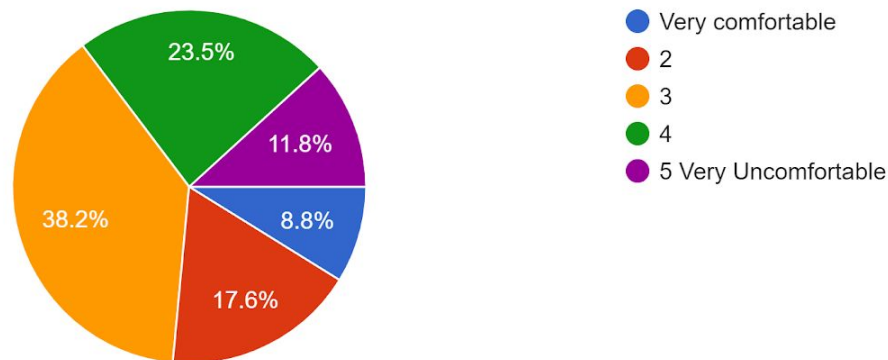
34 responses



What best describes your comfort level, at this point, with having your student(s) return to school for the start of the 2020-2021 school year, reopening school with all health and safety guidelines strictly in place, with a HYBRID SCHEDULE that might include every other day and/or shortened days with supplemental online learning?

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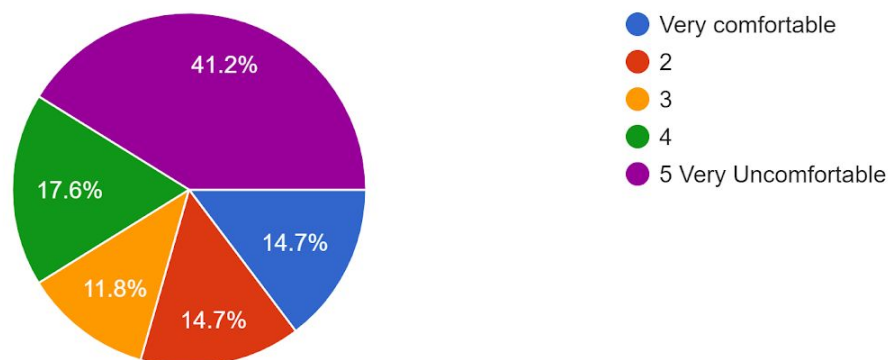
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What best describes your comfort level, at this point, with having your student(s) return to school for the start of the 2020-2021 school year, reopening with ONLY DISTANCE LEARNING at first and then a gradual re-entry, hybrid model based on the directives of public health officials and the state of Connecticut?

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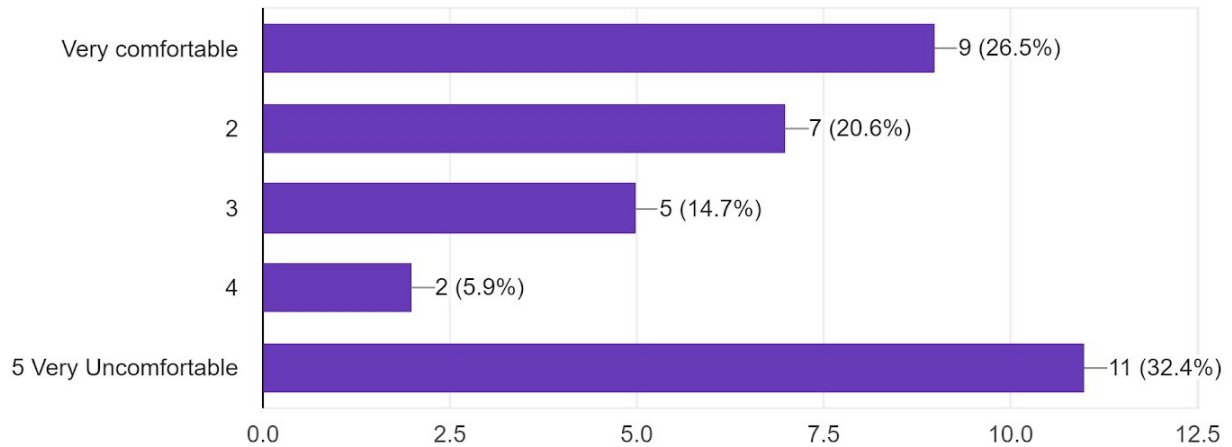
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If school reopens with our typical weekly schedule or with a hybrid schedule of in-person and distance learning, how comfortable are you with your student TAKING A BUS to and from school, with all safety, health, and rigorous disinfection guidelines in place?

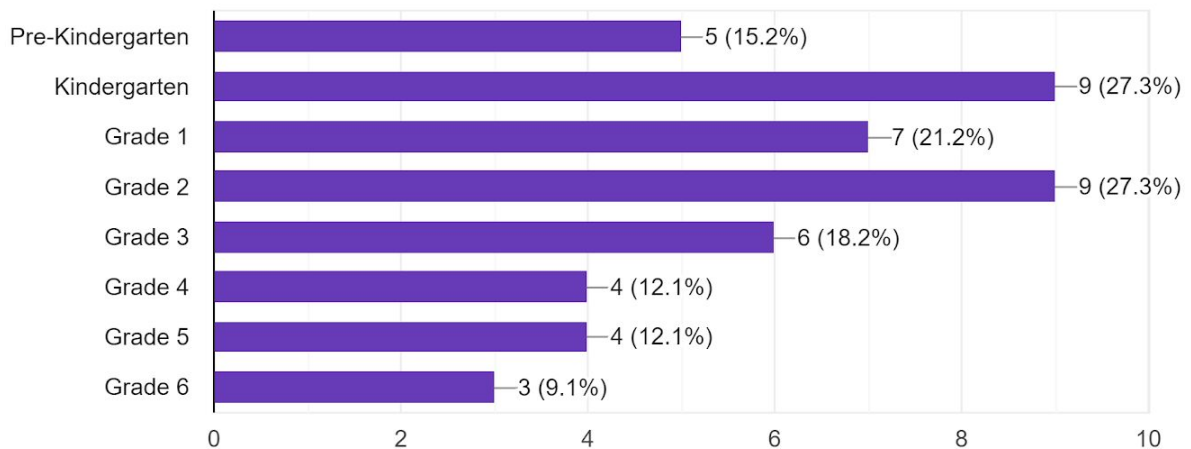
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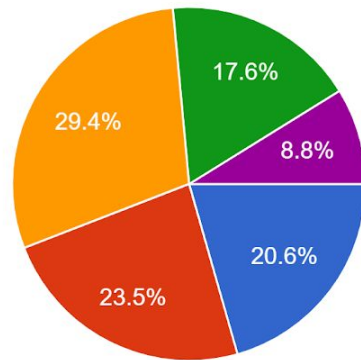
Grade levels of your children attending HES (Check all that apply)

33 responses



The impact of distance learning on my child's learning and skills

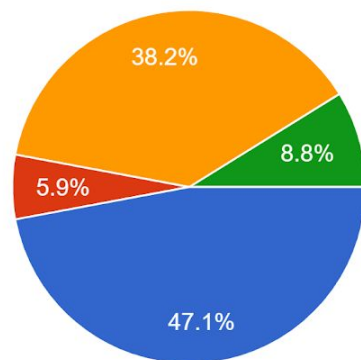
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- Positive & effective
- Positive but not as effective as expected
- Less Positive than hoped for
- Not Positive
- Should not be continued

At this time, will you be sending your child back to H.E.S. in September, 2020?

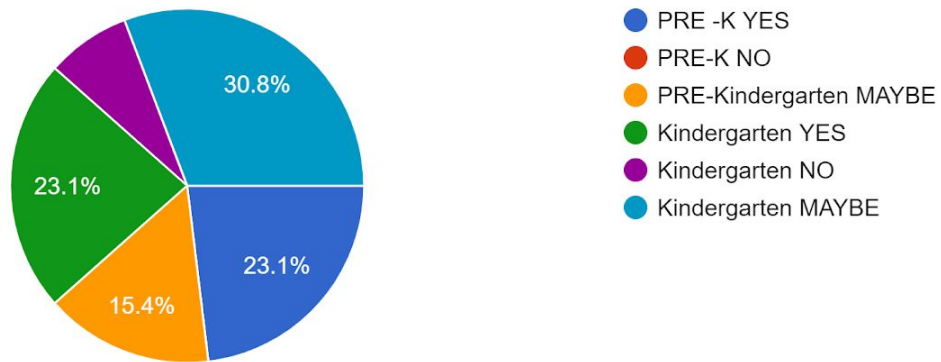
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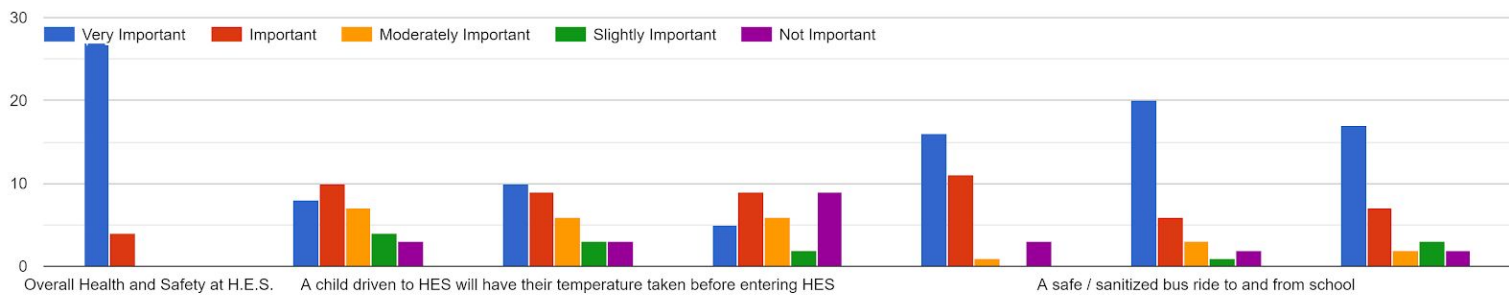
- Yes
- No
- Undecided
- No - if distance learning is continued to be offered

PRE-K and K PARENTS ONLY: Knowing how young students interact-will you send your child to HES?

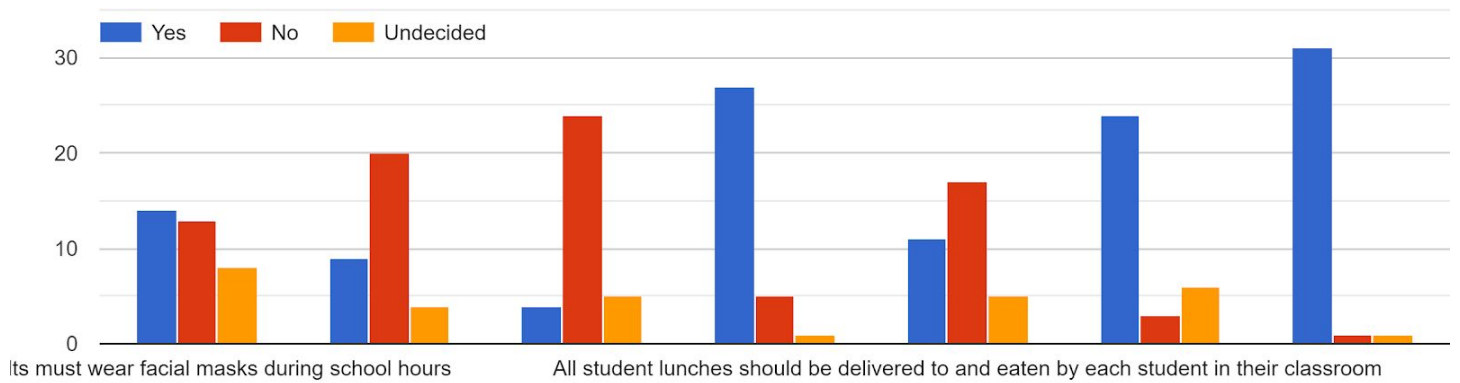
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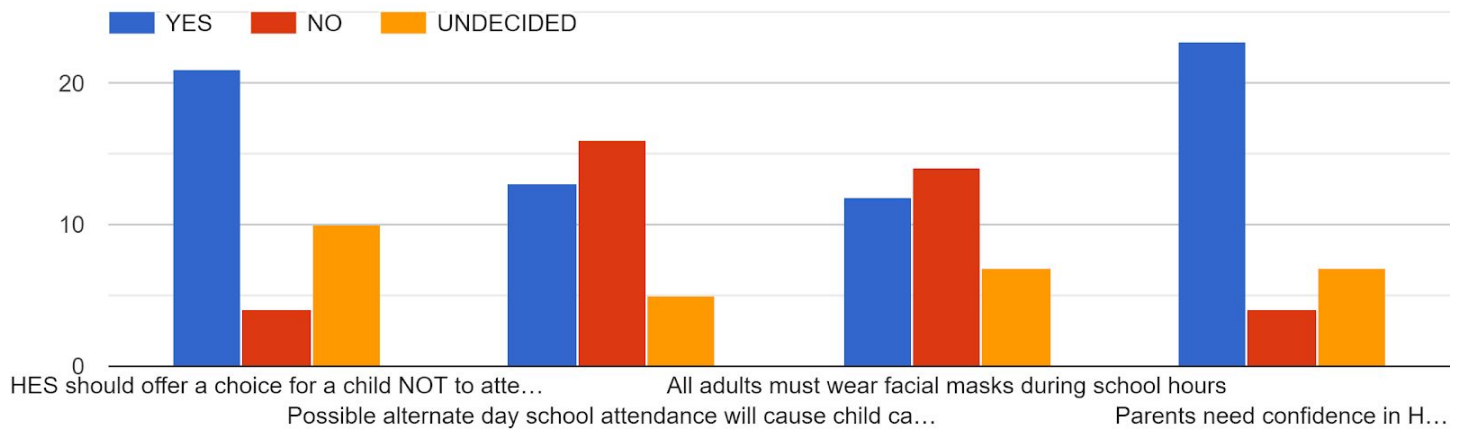
Please assess the importance of the following topics associated with HES's plans for reopening school from your perspective as a parent/caregiver.



From your perspective as a parent/caregiver, check your concerns associated with the H.E.S.'s POTENTIAL plans for reopening school.

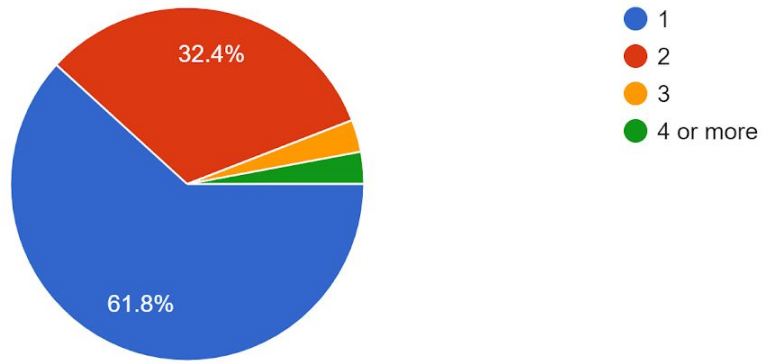


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Number of children in your household attending HES

34 responses



ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK

Basically I feel we should open as normal pending what the summer brings and I feel distance learning from home is a great option if the state has crazy ideas how to manage this crisis.

I would not feel comfortable sending my child to school where she is required to wear a mask. It's unfair to expect that from a 6 year old child. If she is unable to interact with her teachers and other classmates I would prefer the option to have her still enrolled but be able to distant learn from home.

I will be waiting for a reliable vaccine to become available before sending my children back to school

if distant learning is not offered full time, maybe a hybrid schedule of half the children in the class every other WEEK instead of every other DAY with a deep classroom clean every weekend. While on their at home week having distance learning. This gives the children and teachers more time face to face to get core lessons completely understood with less of a rush. It also alleviates having to switch back and forth daily for teachers, could lead to burn out quicker.

Children should not be required to wear masks. They are uncomfortable and a great distraction for the children.

Important to have a consistent schedule and clear guidelines for families.

I am for my kids going back to school, but I am NOT a fan of them having to wear a mask all day. I don't think they should have to. I can barely wear a mask for an hour without feeling like I am going to faint.. how will my kids feel?? I think with proper procedures they would be fine without a mask. Ultimately I want my kids to feel happy about going back, not like they are in a prison with all these guidelines. I understand the need for them, but I think without recess and gym and all those fun activities they would normally have that can have an effect on them emotionally...especially the young ones.

A child sitting in one room all day is like a prison. I guess it's time to look into homeschooling.

Asking our children to wear masks ALL day during ALL activities is way too much for them.

At this point and time in their life school is such a big part of their social and emotional development. Having the interaction of peers and that time to make friends.

Distance learning for us was extremely difficult and I felt that my child DID NOT retain anything from it, especially with a very very limited and small plan set in place.

Distance learning was not and is not something that worked for us or in our home.

* We need to ask the BOF for additional funding to adequately clean and sanitizes all locations students are in contact with during the day at HES.

-Every Family has their own Definition of social distancing.

-Having the option for on- line learning for those who thrived on it during the spring is great and caregivers who can handle that.

-My children need social learning.

There is absolutely no supporting evidence that any of these "health guidelines" are effective in any way. Masks restrict oxygen and there are a multitude of health risks that come from this. There is no evidence that masks even help prevent the spread of anything. If anything they are a breeding ground for bacteria and will make it easier for children and adults to get sick from a bunch of other illnesses. Kids need to exercise their immune systems by being

exposed to bacteria, germs and viruses. Emotionally they need to be able to interact with their classmates and teachers in a normal setting. Even implementing one of the ridiculous "health guidelines" is borderline prison for kids which does not facilitate a good learning environment. There is no need for anything to change in the following school year. The virus is proven to not survive on surfaces and there is no chance of asymptomatic people being able to spread it. I agreed with the precautions in the beginning because it was unknown. But now they have proven (CDC, WHO, etc...) that it does not affect elementary aged children and the numbers were grossly inflated and combined with flu and pneumonia numbers. We don't put in ridiculous restrictions during normal flu seasons and this shouldn't be any different. My children suffered greatly the last few months and if there's even an inkling of this continuing to the next year we will be pulling our children. Also none of these guidelines support children with extra needs such as my son with his speech delay and sensory issues. I implore you to look up the health risks that masks, social distancing and even social distance learning has on our children's physical and mental health. Also look up the OSHA regulations for mask wearing. It does not support students or employees wearing masks effectively in anything but a sterile environment for more than 20-30 mins at a time.

My child is not wearing a mask to go back to school. If that becomes the requirement of the school, I will have to look at other alternatives for my child's education.

The bathrooms should be sanitized on a daily basis and throughout the day.

For the most part I did not find the distance learning to be very effective

The form wouldn't allow me to check different categories of questions or even the same all the way, but I selected very important for all questions asked. That is why I'm submitting my form this way.

I prefer to be overly cautious and honestly, I would rather have my child happy, safe, and not put through all the extra things that might stress them out or be uncomfortable. Sure, distance learning is tough and social life is important as well, but is it really worth rolling the dice and gambling teachers, children, and families safety just for the easier option of putting kids back in school? I don't mind having to do distance learning, because the children do get another perspective when it comes to learning. As long as there is a guide for me to teach my child, I feel okay if distance learning happens.

This will be a changing process from now until the school year is set to begin so as mentioned from principal Sam, responses may change over the next couple months. However as parents we need to know as early as possible if arrangements need to be made for childcare and what potential impact it could have on careers. The distance learning was a struggle in the sense it was not organized well. Possibly with the summer, more focus and training can be provided for the educators so there is more preparedness. An additional concern is what changes will be made to H.ES. due to the budget. We have been considering sending our child to another school prior to Covid due to the Team based learning and constant changes at HES. Best of luck.