

Safely Reopening TK-6 Schools Draft Plan



Superintendent Sara Noguchi, Ed.D
and Executive Cabinet
Monday, October 12, 2020



Purpose of Presentation

- ▶ Timing and process for safely reopening schools
- ▶ Overview: MCS TK-6 Reopening Plan
- ▶ Review survey feedback - Parents & Staff
- ▶ Review timeline & next steps
- ▶ Board Trustees' feedback & any questions



District Goal Alignment

- ▶ **Goal 1:** Increase academic achievement and ensure equitable access to enable all students to attain college and career readiness.
 - ▶ *1.1 Ensure Great Instruction First Time (GIFT)*
- ▶ **Goal 3:** Provide a safe, welcoming, and respectful learning environment for every member of the school community while ensuring effective district-wide communication for students, staff, families, and community partners.
 - ▶ *3.4 Improve customer service for students, families, staff, and community to support welcoming school environments.*



The Path to Reopening - Waiver

- ▶ For elementary schools (TK-6) to reopen:
 - ▶ Need waiver approval from County and State Public Health.
 - ▶ Need to show evidence of 1) consultation with **labor and parent organizations**, and 2) have a plan posted on our website for 14 days prior to opening.



Stanislaus County

As of 10/9/20

We need to be in “red” for 14 days consecutive before we can start the next 2-week waiting period to look at trying to partially reopen grades 7-12.



County risk level	New cases	Positive tests
WIDESPREAD Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed	More than 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	More than 8% Positive tests
SUBSTANTIAL Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed	4 - 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	5 - 8% Positive tests
MODERATE Some indoor business operations are open with modifications	1 - 3.9 daily new cases (per 100k)	2 - 4.9% Positive tests
MINIMAL Most indoor business operations are open with modifications	Less than 1 daily new cases (per 100k)	Less than 2% Positive tests

TK-6 Reopening Plan (Draft)

Posted on the home page:

www.mcs4kids.com

- ▶ Draft plan available in English & Spanish
- ▶ Survey was available for staff and parents to complete from 9/29-10/7



TK-6 Reopening Plan & Survey

Publicized in the following ways:

- ▶ Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- ▶ Messages (voice, email, text) to families and District staff
- ▶ News articles in The Modesto Bee
- ▶ Spanish radio station 30-second ads
- ▶ Outreach to community groups
- ▶ Community Forums (virtual) - 10/1 and 10/5



TK-6 Reopening Waiver Sections

- ▶ Section I - Learning Models
- ▶ Section II - Prevention
- ▶ Section III - Monitoring
- ▶ Section IV - Communication Plan
- ▶ Section V - Distance/Remote Learning for Particular Students

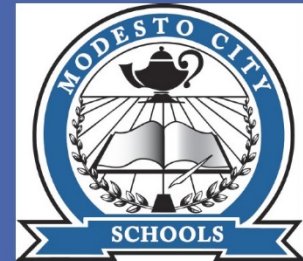


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**SAFE SCHOOLS RE-OPENING PLAN:
TK-6 ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

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TK-6 Waiver - Section I:

In-Person Learning Model (Example Only)

(under consideration)

Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A	At School In-Person Learning	At Home Independent Learning	All Online: Teachers conduct small groups (virtual or in person). Teachers provide feedback for digital learning.	At School In-Person Learning	At Home Independent Learning
B	At Home Independent Learning	At School In-Person Learning	All Online: Teachers conduct small groups (virtual or in person). Teachers provide feedback for digital learning.	At Home Independent Learning	At School In-Person Learning



TK-6 Waiver - In-Person Learning - Phased-In Reopening (Example Only)

(following Public Health approval)

- ▶ *Start bringing back TK-2 students (incl. preschool)*

Wait 2 weeks...

- ▶ *Bring back Grades 3-4 students*

Wait 2 weeks...

- ▶ *Bring back Grades 5-6 students*



TK-6 Waiver - Section I: Learning Models

▶ Distance Learning:

- ▶ Based on parent/student needs, it is our goal to continue to offer a distance learning model, to the extent possible.
- ▶ *Keep in mind, as we look to open TK-6 schools, the classroom and distance learning environments will look different. (i.e., your student's teacher)*

▶ Important Note for Students in Grades 7-12:

- ▶ Per State requirements, Stanislaus County is currently only permitted to look at the possibility of reopening of TK-6 schools.
- ▶ When we reach and sustain the “red” tier of COVID case measurement, MCS will look at the possibility of phasing in the reopening junior high and high schools, but we are not yet to that point.



TK-6 Waiver - Section II: Prevention

- ▶ Physical Distancing
- ▶ Hygiene Measures
- ▶ Cleaning & Disinfection
- ▶ Staff Training & Family Education
- ▶ Additional Safety Measures for Teachers & Other Staff



TK-6 Waiver - Section II: Prevention

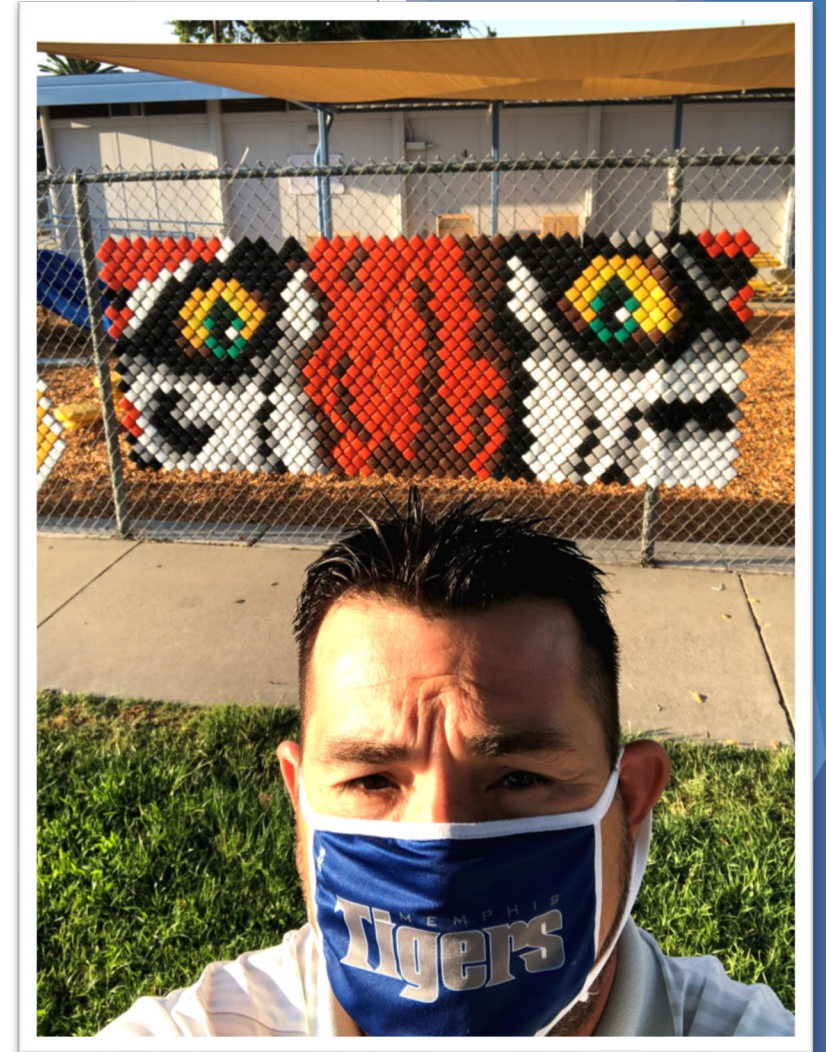
- ▶ Physical Distancing:
 - ▶ General (spacing in classrooms, when practicable)
 - ▶ Entrance, Egress and Movement Within the School
 - ▶ Bus Transportation (masks required, limited space)
 - ▶ Small, Stable Cohorts: Classroom Settings
 - ▶ Non-Classroom Settings
 - ▶ Electives/Extra-Curricular Activities
 - ▶ School Events



TK-6 Waiver - Section II: Prevention

► Hygiene Measures:

- Routines for handwashing & hand sanitizing
- Minimize sharing of equipment or supplies
- Face coverings:
 - Strongly recommended for TK-2nd grades
 - Required - Students in 3rd-6th grades
 - Required - All adults on school campus
 - *Some exemptions (special needs students or those with health/breathing issues)*



TK-6 Waiver - Section II: Prevention

- ▶ Cleaning & Disinfection and Additional Health/Safety Measures:
 - ▶ All sites cleaned thoroughly daily
 - ▶ Deep cleaning every Wednesday
 - ▶ Protective barriers/desk shields installed
 - ▶ Ventilation & opening windows/doors



TK-6 Waiver - Section III: Monitoring

- ▶ Health Screenings for Students & Staff
 - ▶ Contact-less thermometers will be used regularly.
 - ▶ On a daily basis before coming to school, Parents/Students and Staff need to self-conduct COVID-19 symptom screening.
 - ▶ *Do not* come to school if you have a temp above 100.4 degrees, cough, shortness of breath or respiratory illness.



TK-6 Waiver - Section III: Monitoring

- ▶ COVID Testing of Students & Staff
 - ▶ MCS is working to secure COVID test availability for our Staff.
 - ▶ Parents of symptomatic students will be contacted and testing will be recommended.
 - ▶ ***MCS does not offer or conduct COVID testing for students.***



TK-6 Waiver - Section III: Monitoring

- ▶ What happens when there are COVID Cases:
 - ▶ ***Negative test results:***
Individual stays home for 24 hours.
 - ▶ ***Positive test results:***
Individual can return to school campus 10 days after symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours with NO fever and improvement of symptoms. *County Public Health will also provide MCS and individuals with guidance on quarantine & contact tracing.*



TK-6 Waiver - Section III: Monitoring

- ▶ Identification & Tracing of Contacts
 - ▶ Close contact is defined as within 6 feet for 15 or more minutes or direct physical contact.
 - ▶ Working with County Public Health, contacts will be traced and notified to quarantine. Confidentiality is maintained.
- ▶ Next, we will describe when to close a class or school...



When to Close a Class



With public health, consider closing if one or more students or staff members is confirmed to have COVID-19

When to Close a School



With public health, consider closing if multiple "cohorts" or classes have confirmed cases OR 5% of all students/staff have confirmed cases

When to Close the District



25% or more of schools in a district have closed due to COVID-19.



When to Re-Open

Schools may typically reopen after 14 days and the following have occurred:

- Cleaning and disinfection
- Public health investigation
- Consultation with the local public health department



Survey Feedback

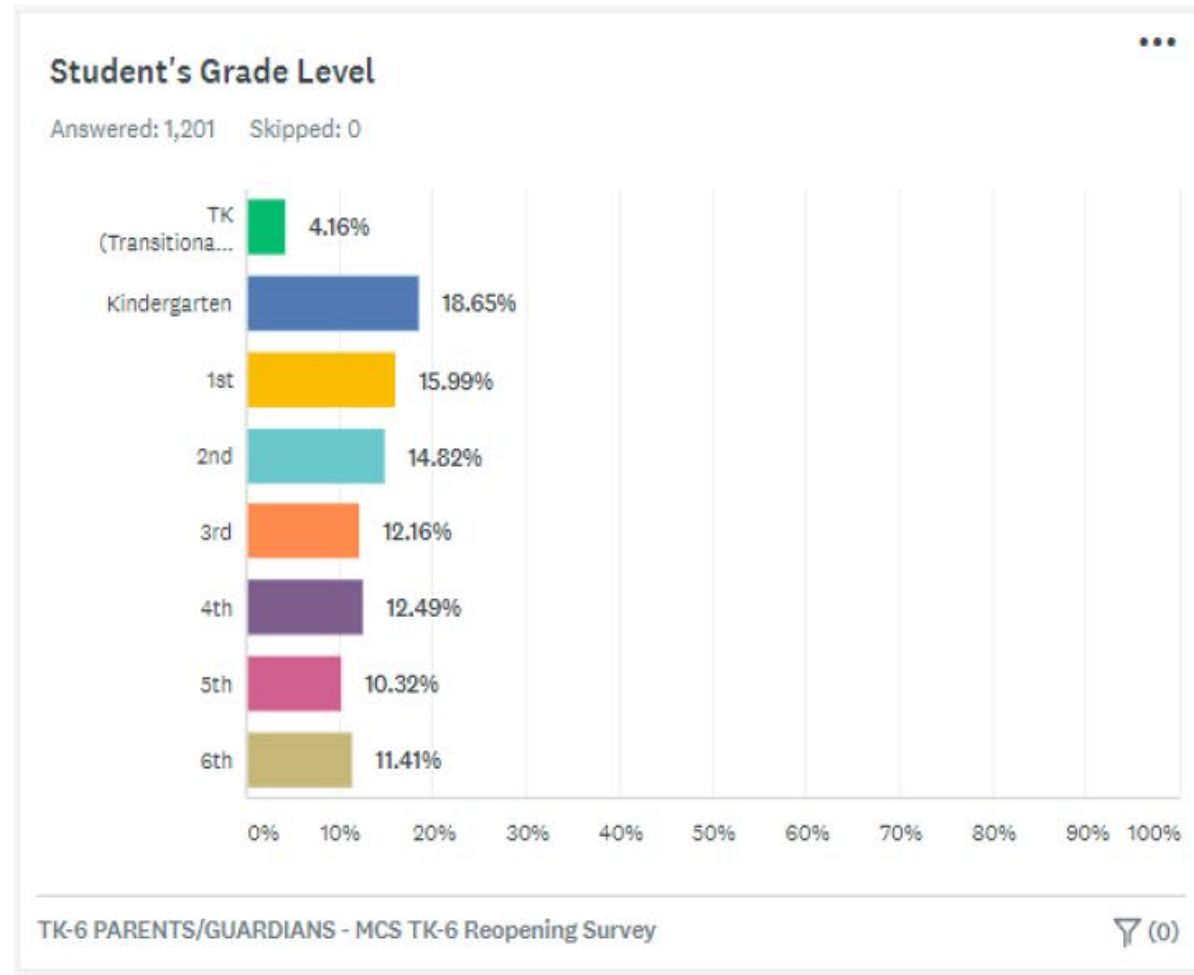
► Overview:

- TK-6 Parents (English & Spanish): 1,530 responses
- 7-12 Parents (English & Spanish): 850 responses
- District Staff: 1,556 responses
 - Certificated: 902 responses
 - Classified & Management: 654 responses

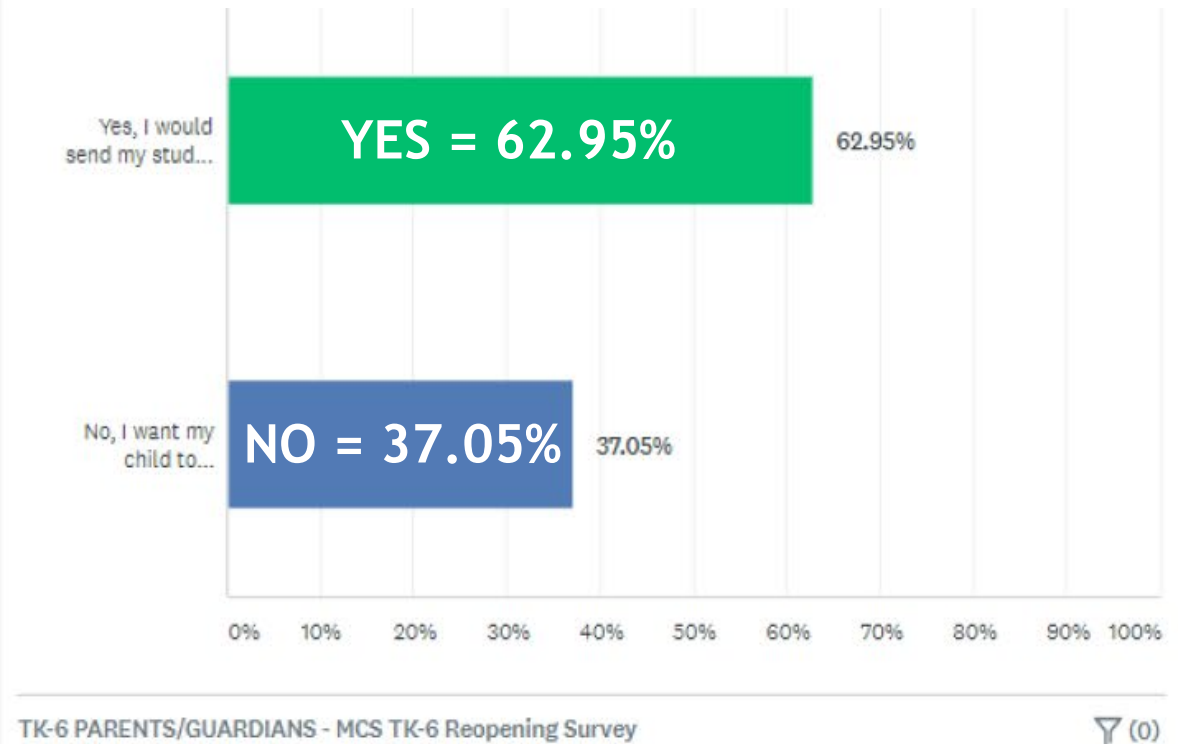


Survey Feedback - TK-6 Parents

ENGLISH (1,201 responses):

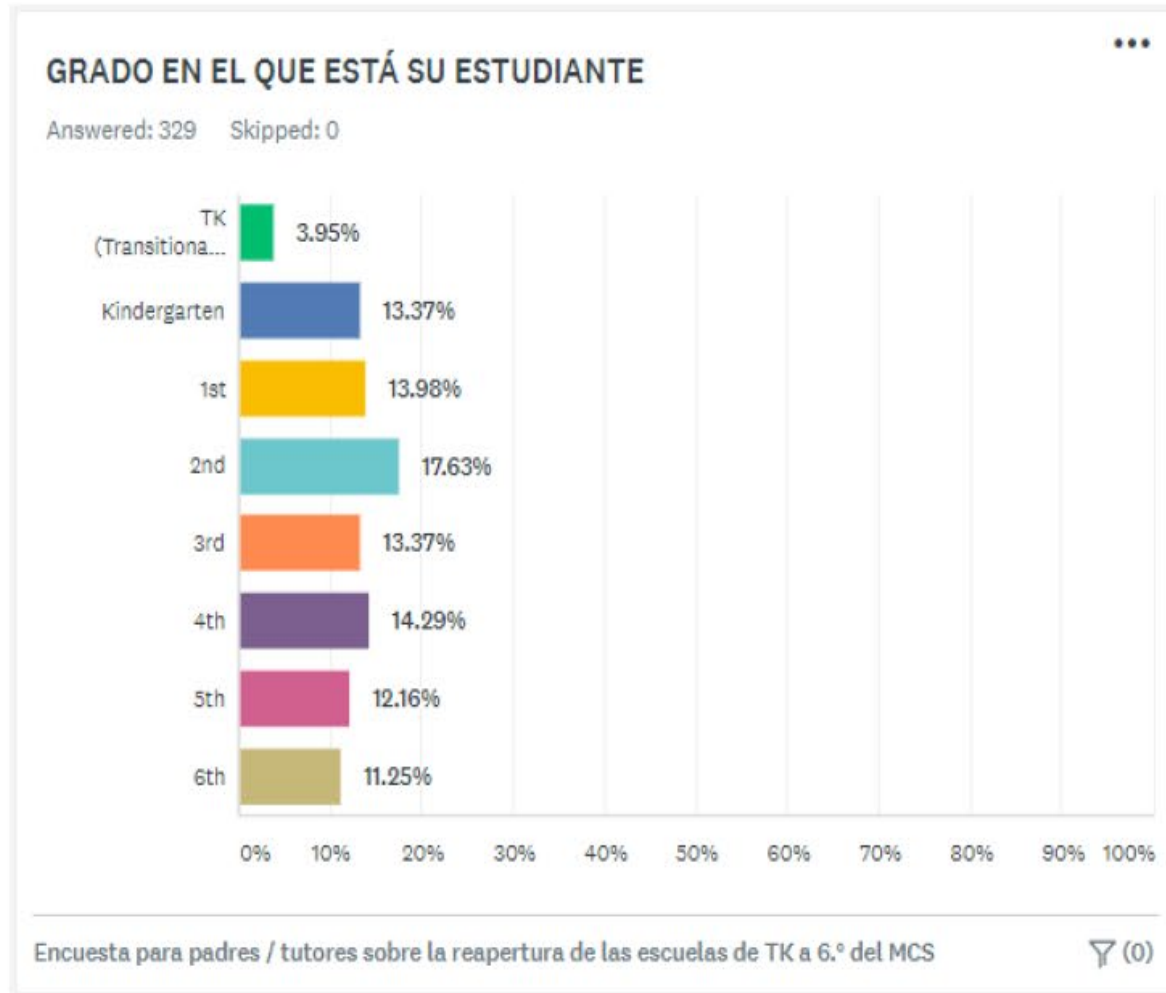


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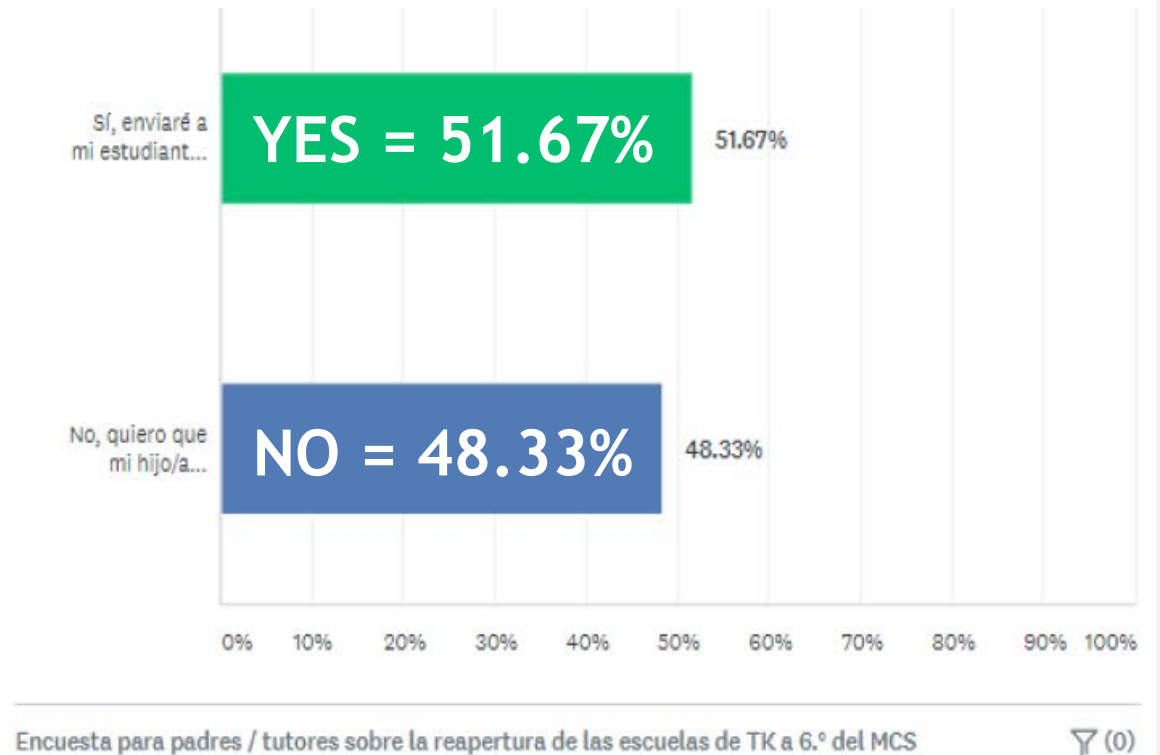


Survey Feedback - TK-6 Parents

SPANISH (329 responses):



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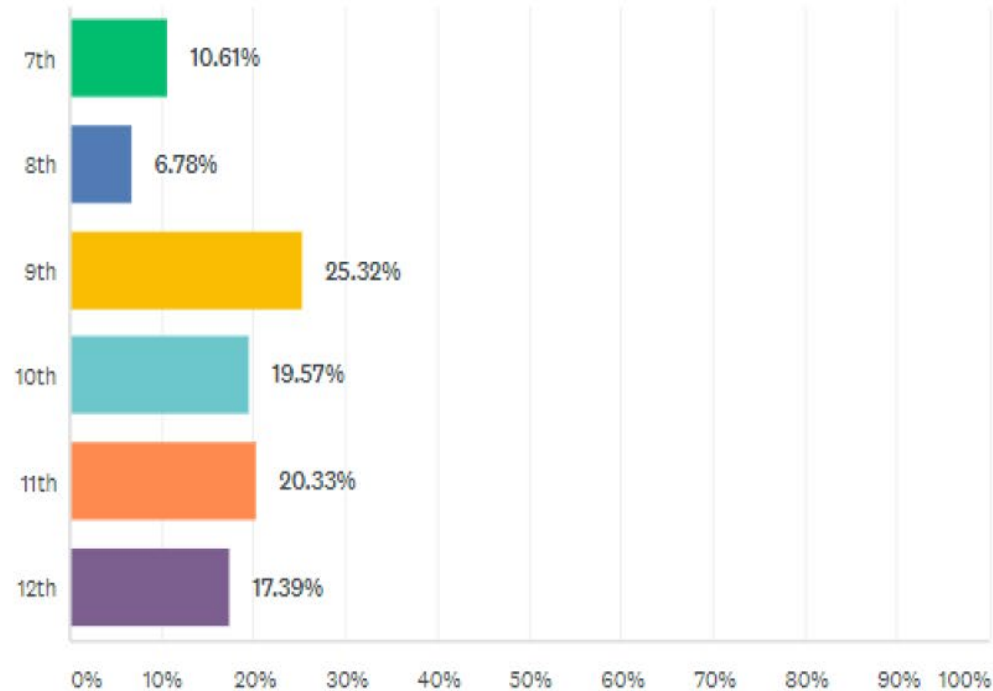


Survey Feedback - 7-12 Parents

ENGLISH (782 responses):

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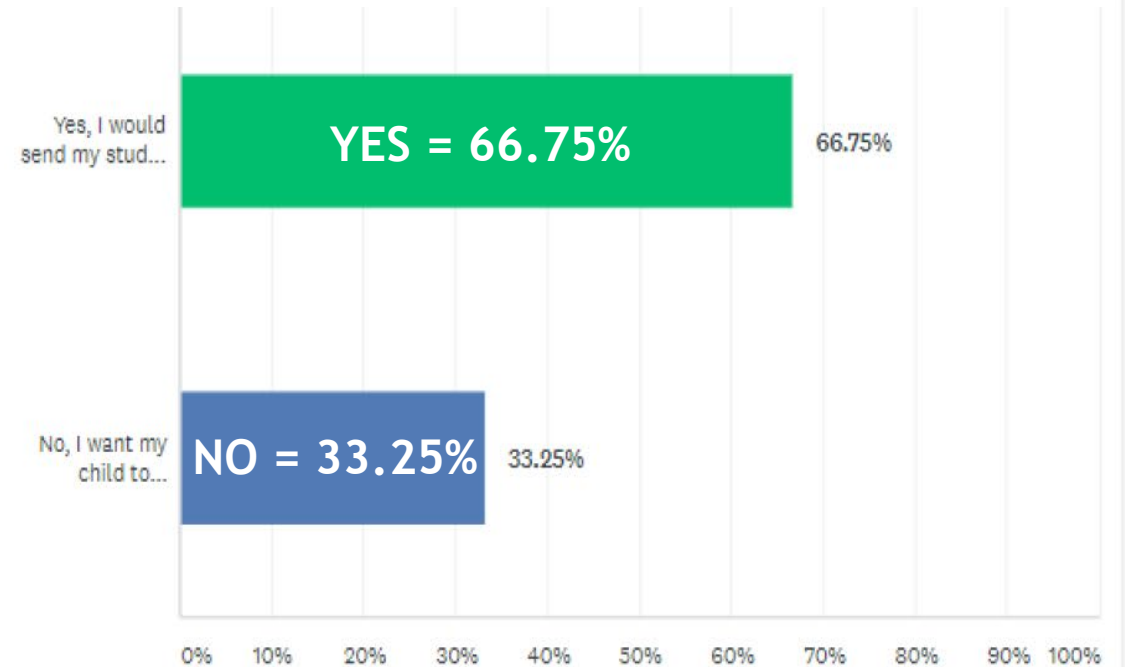
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7-12 PARENTS/GUARDIANS - MCS Reopening Survey

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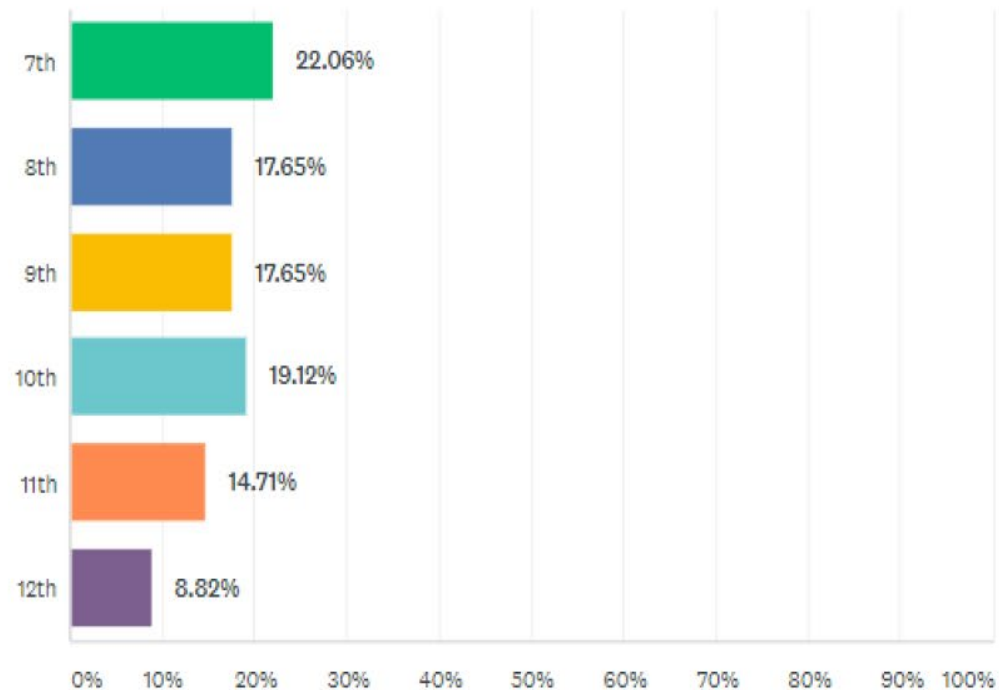
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Survey Feedback - 7-12 Parents

SPANISH (68 responses):

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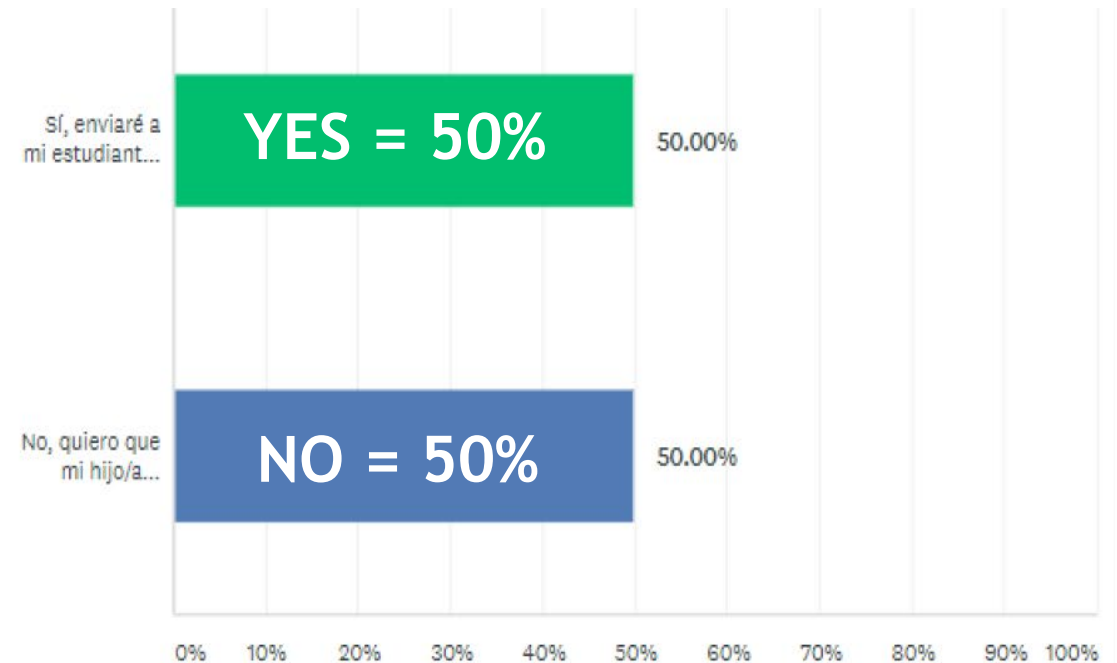
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Encuesta para padres / tutores sobre la reapertura de las escuelas de 7.º a 12.º del MCS

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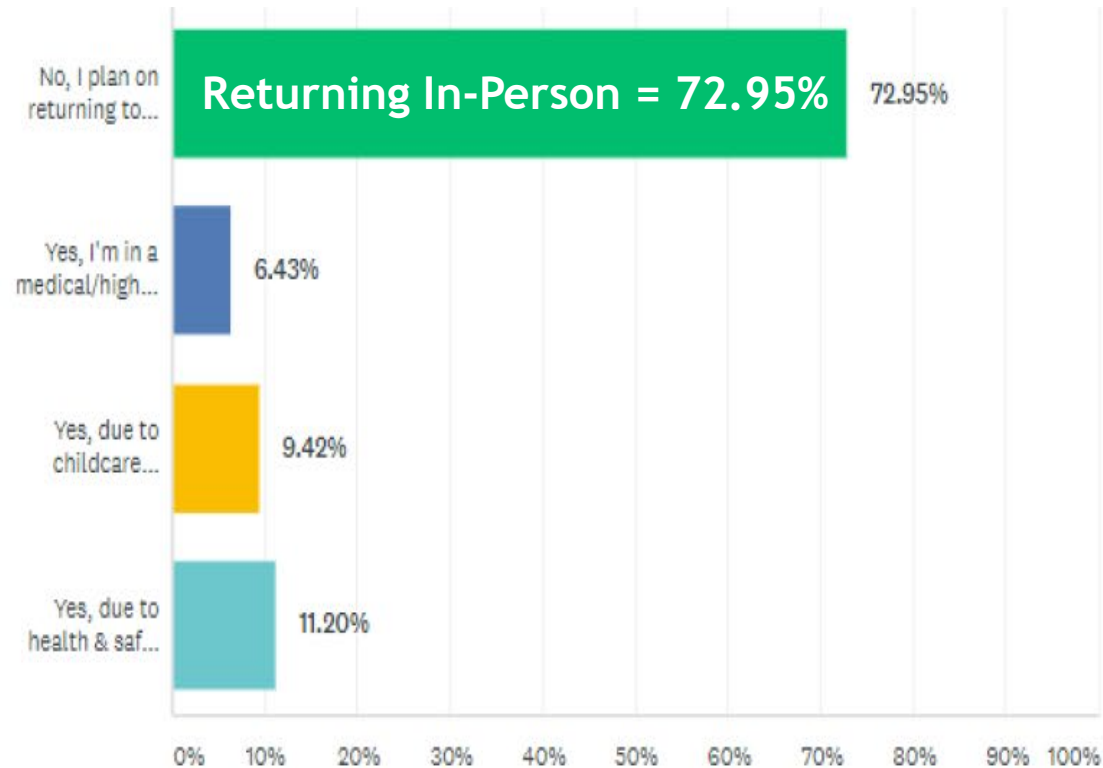
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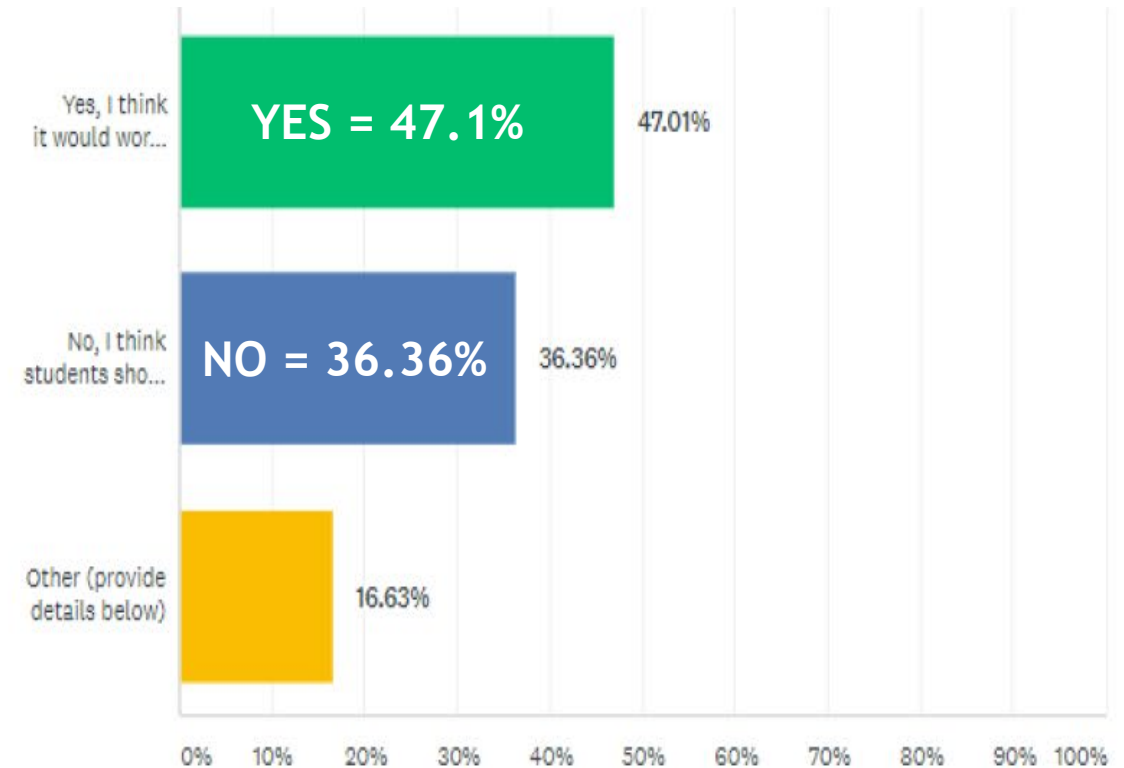
Survey Feedback - Certificated Staff

(902 responses; ECE = 4.32%; TK-6 = 50.89%; 7-12 = 41.02%)

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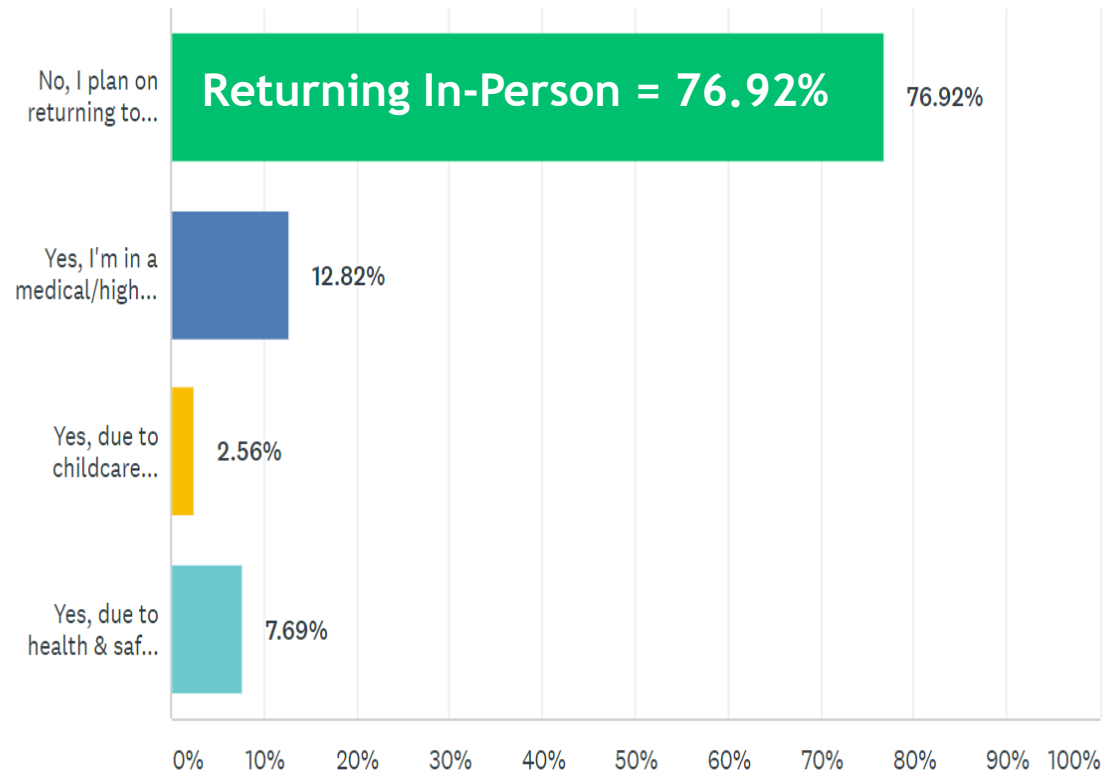
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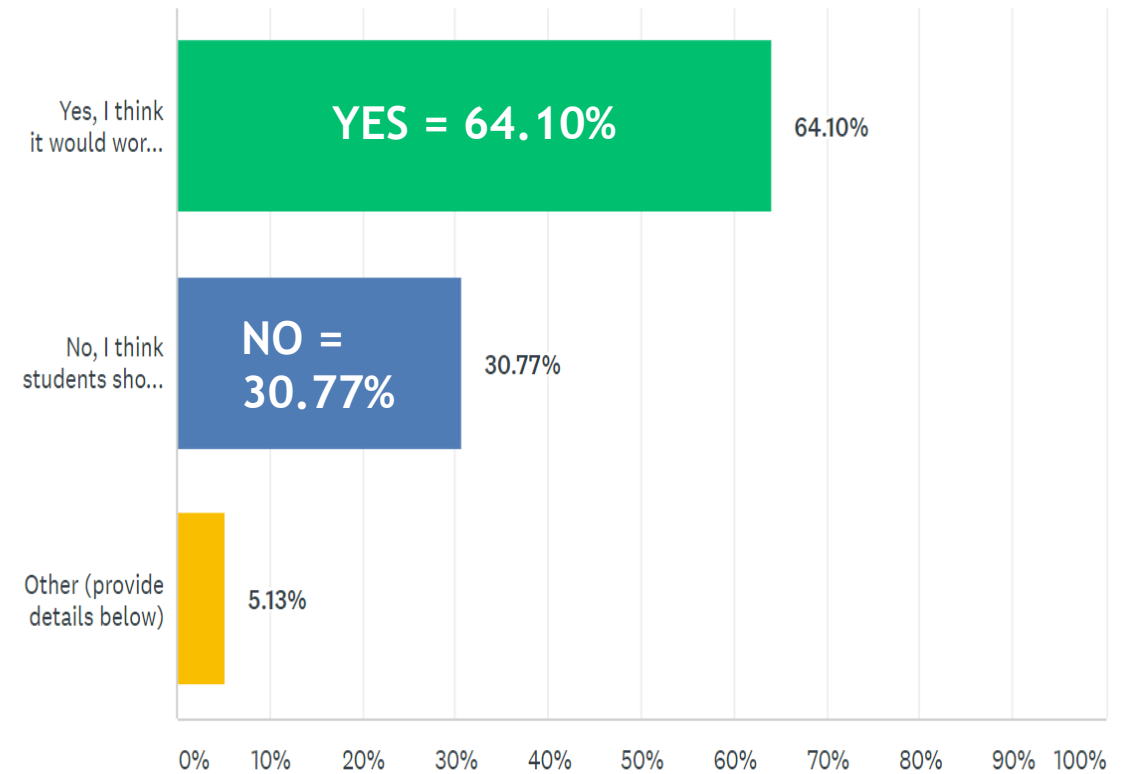
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(ECE teachers = 39 out of 902 responses)

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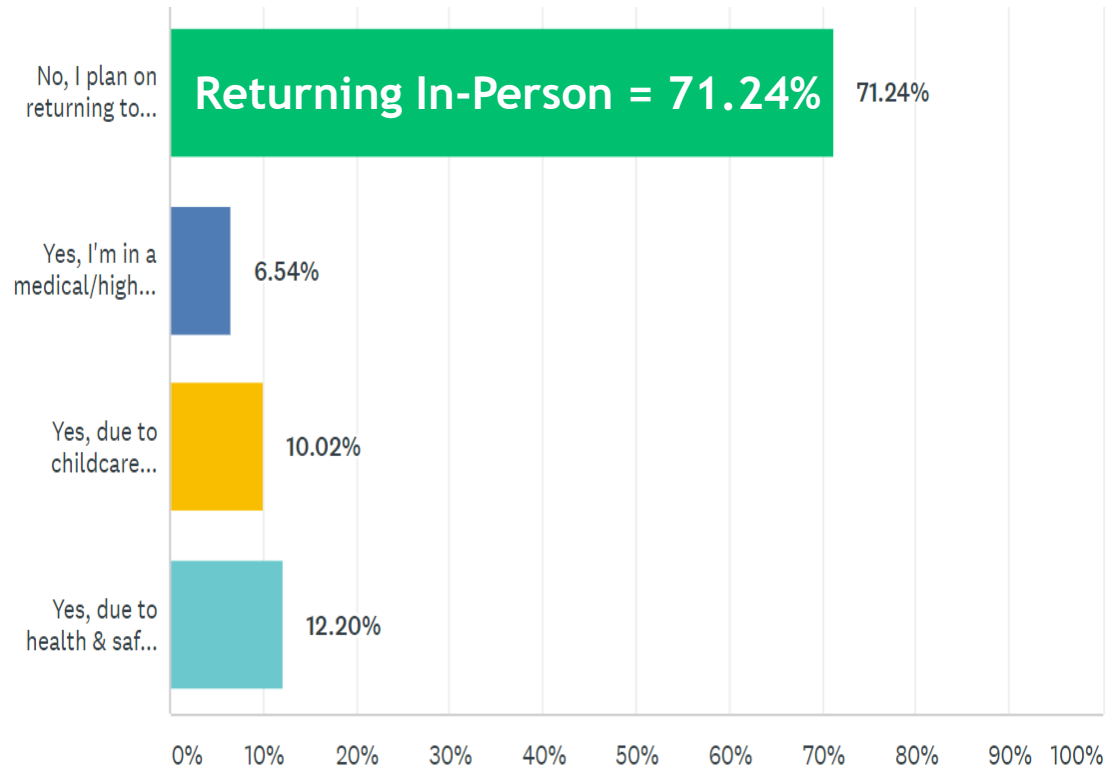
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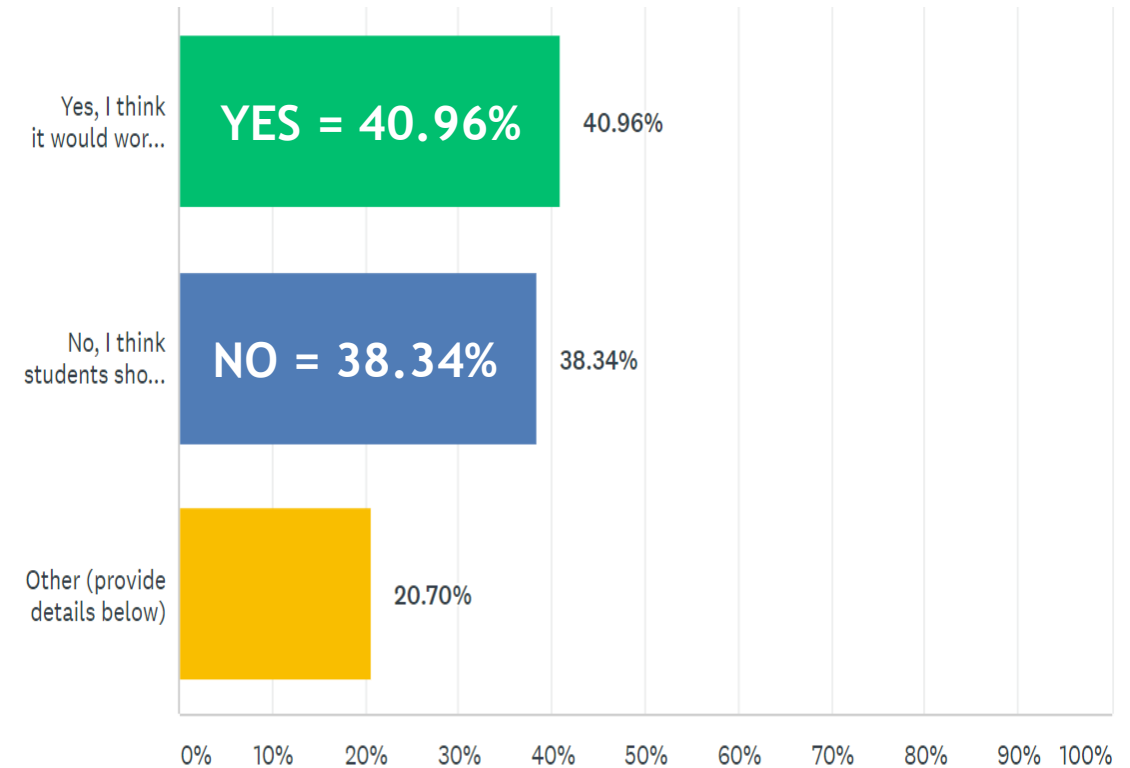
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(TK-6 teachers = 459 out of 902 responses)

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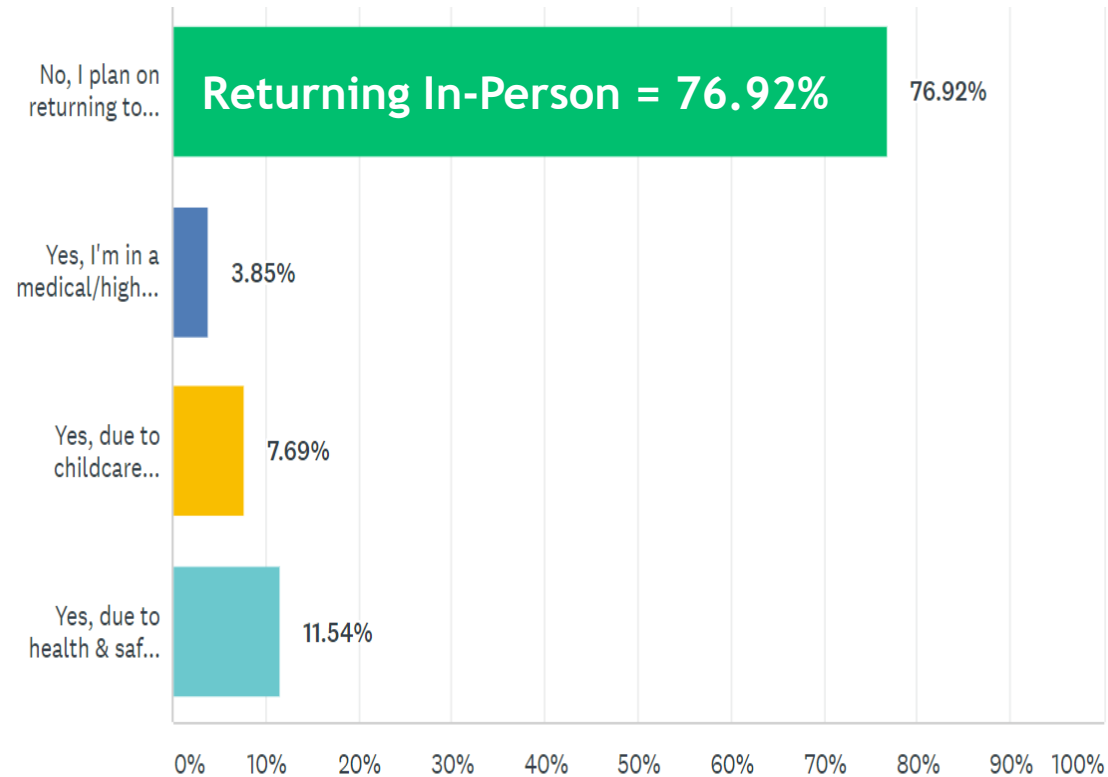
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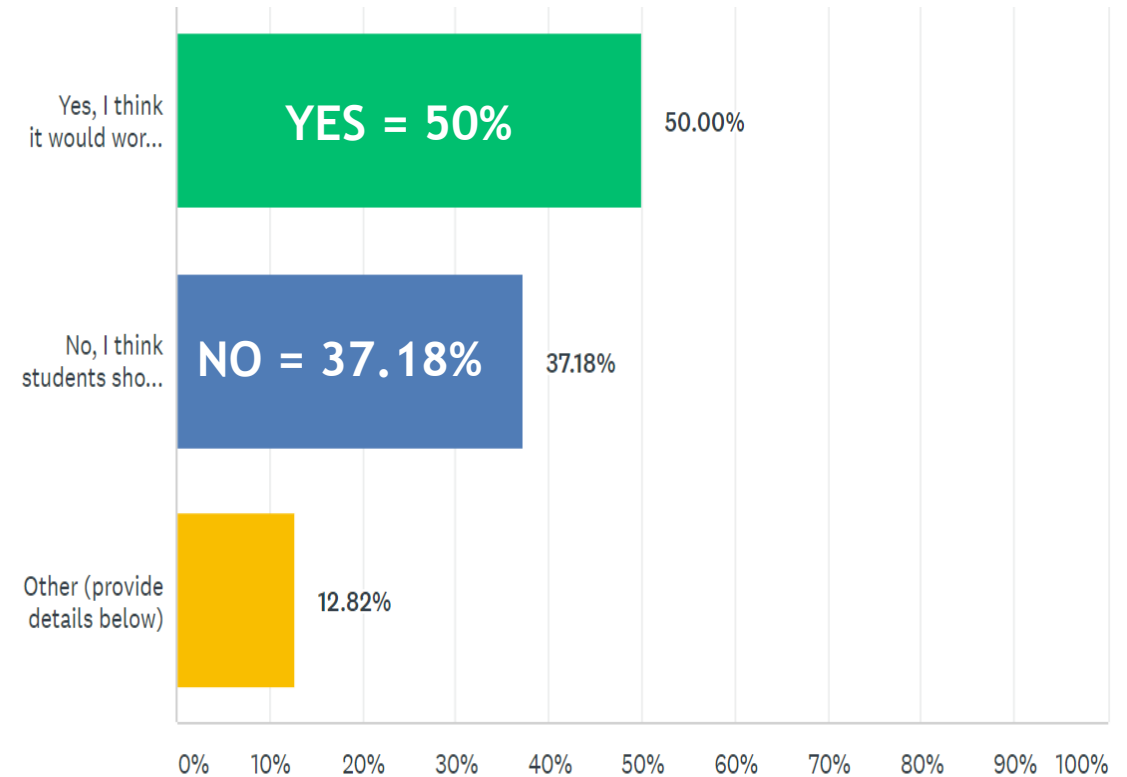
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(7-8 teachers = 78 out of 902 responses)

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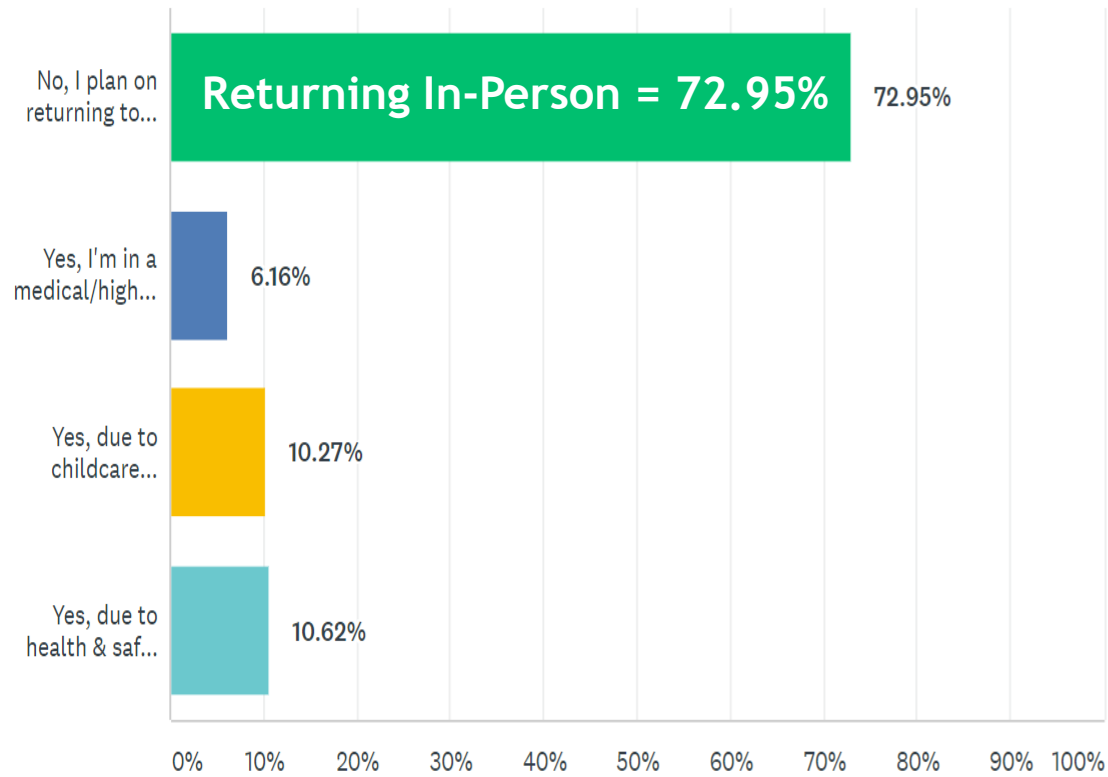
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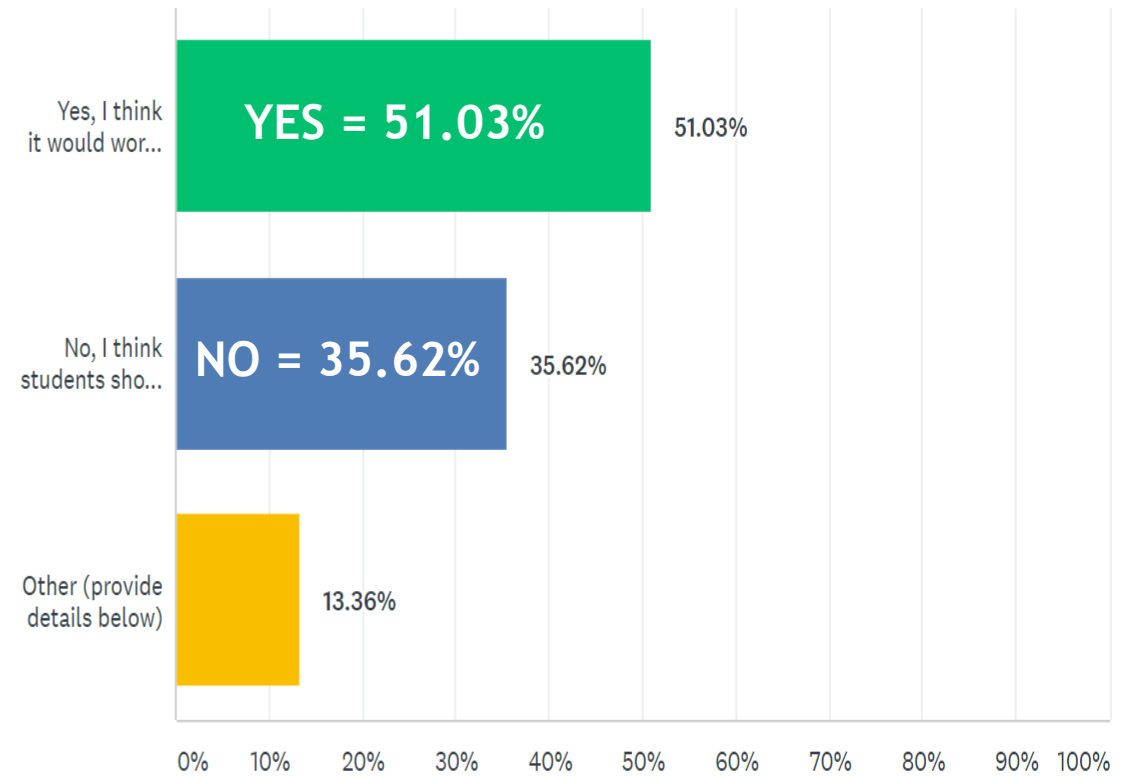
Survey Feedback - Certificated Staff

(9-12 teachers = 292 out of 902 responses)

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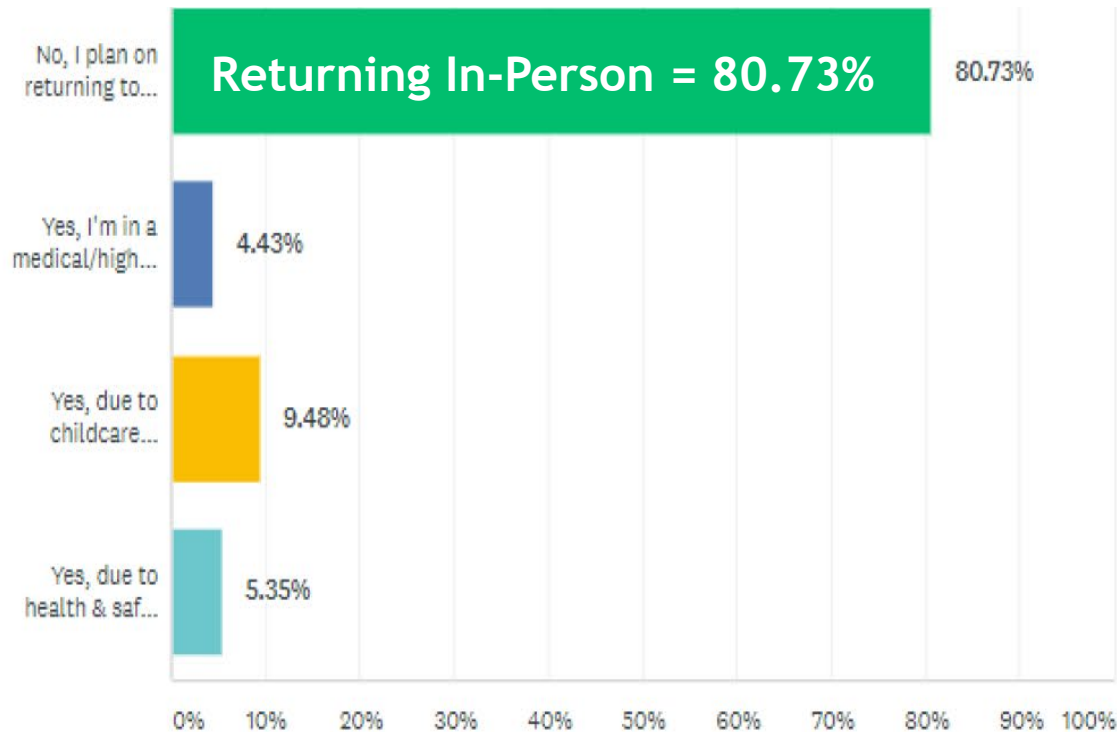
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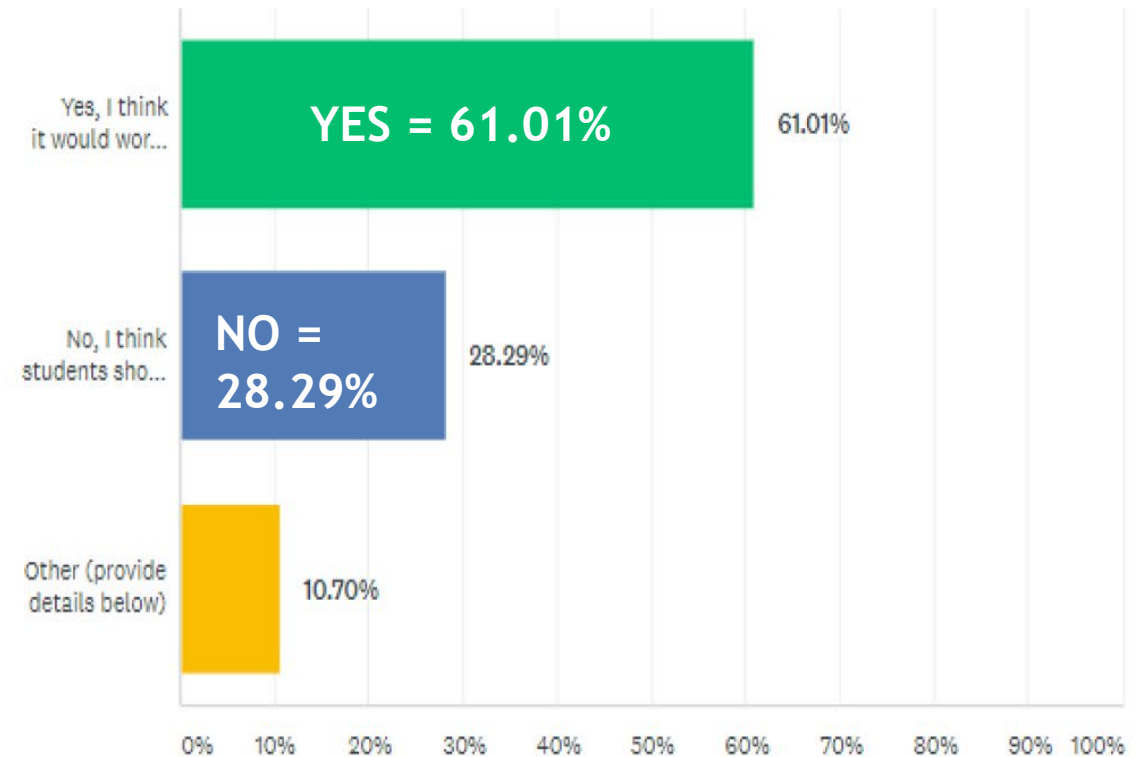
Survey Feedback - Classified & Management Staff

(654 responses; 85.65% Classified; 14.37% Management)

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Next Steps

► Timeline:

- October 12 & October 19: MCS Board of Education mtgs
- October 20: MCS submits TK-6 reopening waiver to Public Health after Board of Education discussions & decision.
- TBD: Pending Public Health approval, MCS to begin phased-in reopening of TK-6 grades (including preschool).
Targeting week of November 2nd to start TK-2 reopening.
- Regular updates are posted on MCS website, social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook), & Phone/Email/Text.



Questions, Comments, Feedback?



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