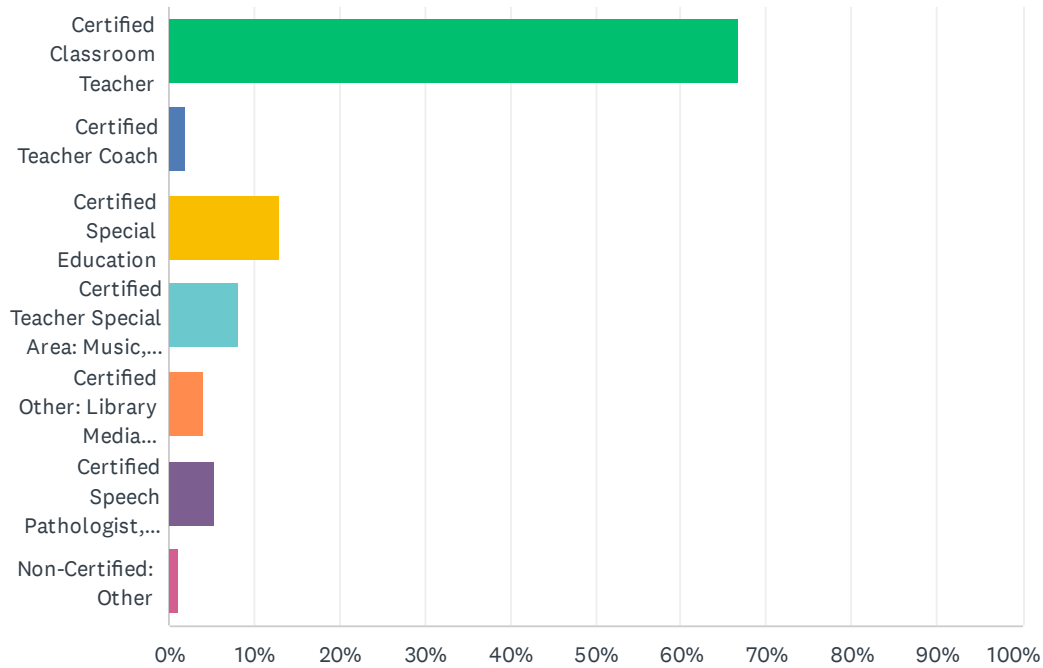


Q1 What is your main job role? (Choose one)

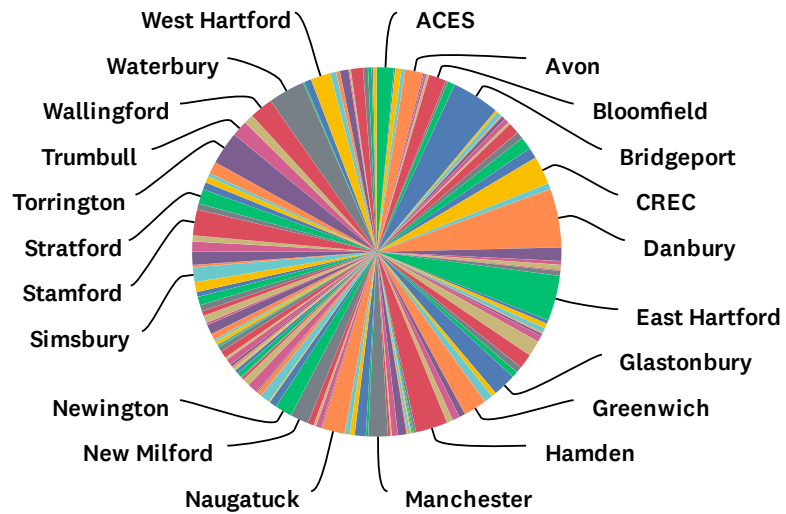
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Certified Classroom Teacher	66.70%	667
Certified Teacher Coach	1.90%	19
Certified Special Education	12.90%	129
Certified Teacher Special Area: Music, Art, Etc.	8.10%	81
Certified Other: Library Media Specialist, Etc.	4.00%	40
Certified Speech Pathologist, School Counselor, Social Worker, Psychologist, Etc.	5.30%	53
Non-Certified: Other	1.10%	11
TOTAL		1,000

Q2 Where do you teach?

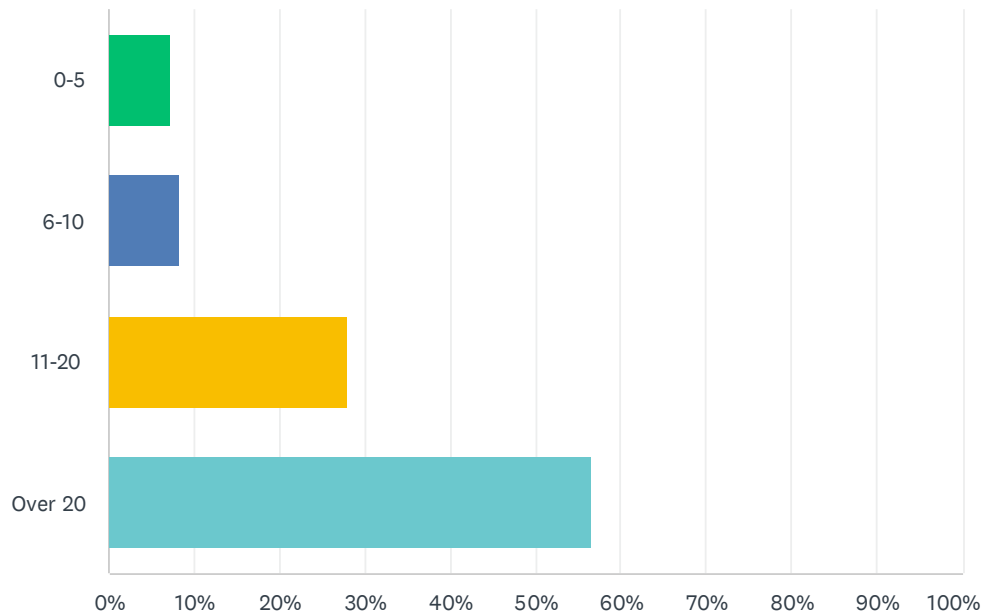
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Q3 How many years have you been teaching?

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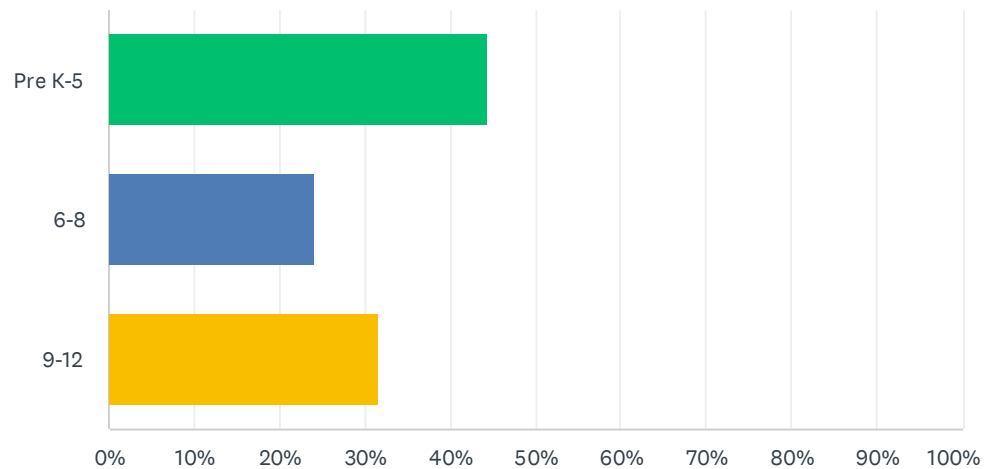
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5	7.28%	68
6-10	8.35%	78
11-20	27.84%	260
Over 20	56.53%	528
TOTAL		934

Q4 What grade level do you primarily teach?

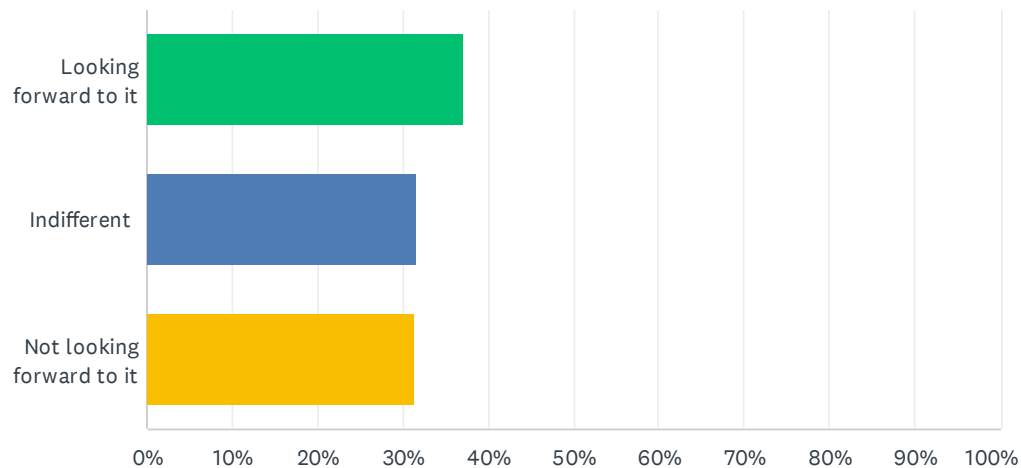
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Pre K-5	44.35%	412
6-8	24.11%	224
9-12	31.54%	293
TOTAL		929

Q5 How are you feeling about heading back to school for the 2025-26 school year?

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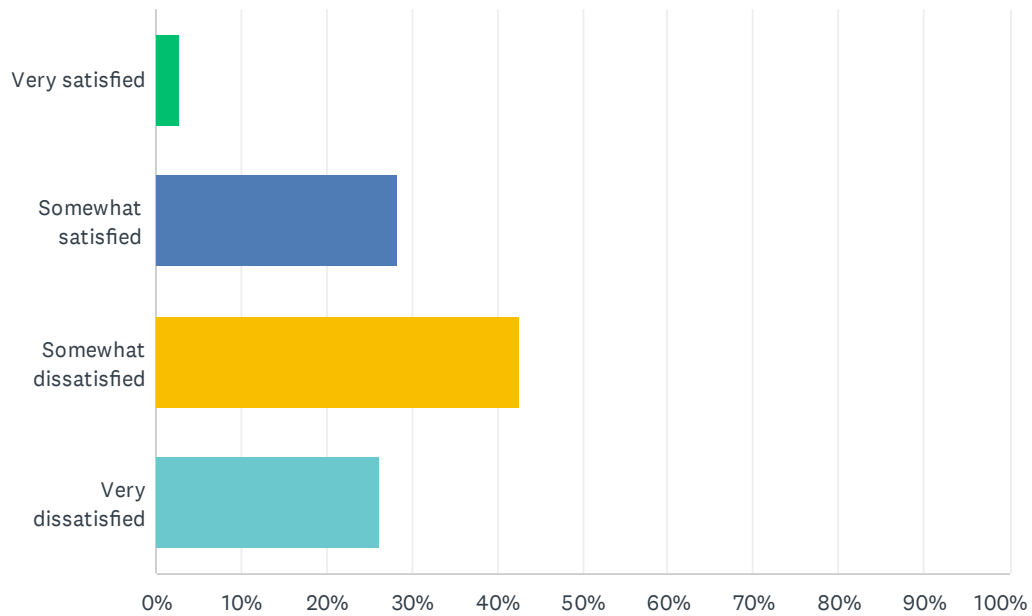


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Looking forward to it	37.05%	339
Indifferent	31.58%	289
Not looking forward to it	31.37%	287
TOTAL		915

Q6 Generally speaking, how satisfied are you with conditions facing educators like you in your school district these days?

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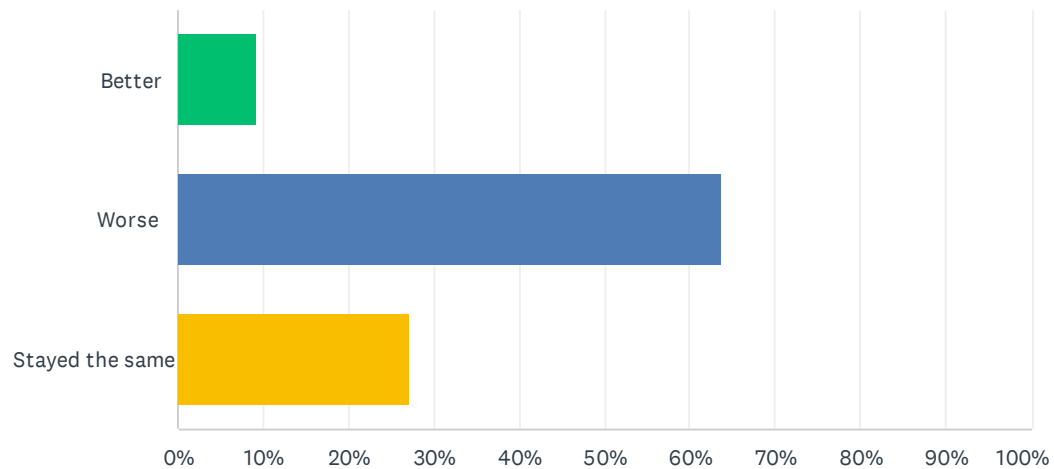
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	2.73%	25
Somewhat satisfied	28.35%	260
Somewhat dissatisfied	42.64%	391
Very dissatisfied	26.28%	241
TOTAL		917

Q7 Over the past two years, have things gotten

Answered: 917 Skipped: 83



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Better	9.16%	84
Worse	63.79%	585
Stayed the same	27.04%	248
TOTAL		917

Q8 Below is a list of problems that some Connecticut educators are concerned about. For each issue, please indicate how serious a problem it is in your school district.

Answered: 857 Skipped: 143

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	VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM	SOMEWHAT SERIOUS PROBLEM	NOT TOO SERIOUS A PROBLEM	NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL	DON'T KNOW/DOESN'T APPLY AT ALL	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Educators facing stress and burnout	78.60% 672	19.30% 165	1.17% 10	0.35% 3	0.58% 5	855	3.75
Problems with student behavior	58.26% 497	32.00% 273	9.03% 77	0.35% 3	0.35% 3	853	3.47
Educators have too little time for prep, collaboration, and planning	55.96% 479	33.29% 285	8.53% 73	1.75% 15	0.47% 4	856	3.43
Towns continue cutting school budgets	58.95% 504	28.19% 241	9.47% 81	2.34% 20	1.05% 9	855	3.42
Lack of respect: Educators are not treated like professionals	55.37% 474	31.31% 268	9.81% 84	3.15% 27	0.35% 3	856	3.38
Federal funding cuts for public education	61.26% 525	24.39% 209	7.00% 60	2.80% 24	4.55% 39	857	3.35
Student mental health	48.77% 417	40.58% 347	8.65% 74	1.17% 10	0.82% 7	855	3.35
School funding is inadequate	53.45% 457	29.94% 256	12.63% 108	2.92% 25	1.05% 9	855	3.32
Shortage of teachers and staff	50.00% 427	36.18% 309	10.19% 87	2.81% 24	0.82% 7	854	3.32
Educator salaries are too low	49.06% 419	35.48% 303	11.24% 96	3.40% 29	0.82% 7	854	3.29
Inadequate resources, staff, or training to support students	45.62% 391	38.39% 329	11.79% 101	3.85% 33	0.35% 3	857	3.25
Educators leaving the profession early in their careers	39.88% 341	40.58% 347	13.68% 117	2.46% 21	3.39% 29	855	3.11
Public hostility and criticism of educators	38.32% 328	37.62% 322	19.39% 166	3.50% 30	1.17% 10	856	3.08
There is not enough positive parental involvement	29.79% 255	40.77% 349	22.66% 194	6.07% 52	0.70% 6	856	2.93
Political climate detrimental to collaboration among teachers, parents, and students	36.61% 313	32.51% 278	20.12% 172	7.25% 62	3.51% 30	855	2.91
Federal attacks on DEI, immigration, LGBTQ and transgender youth and other social issues	42.22% 361	23.16% 198	15.56% 133	12.28% 105	6.78% 58	855	2.82
Not enough students entering the teaching profession	30.41% 260	38.83% 332	15.79% 135	4.09% 35	10.88% 93	855	2.74
Protections from unfair treatment	24.24% 207	39.81% 340	25.29% 216	7.14% 61	3.51% 30	854	2.74
Lack of diversity in the teaching profession	20.77% 178	39.56% 339	23.57% 202	11.79% 101	4.32% 37	857	2.61

Q9 Below is a list of different proposals to address educator burnout and stress. For each one, please indicate whether you support or oppose the proposal.

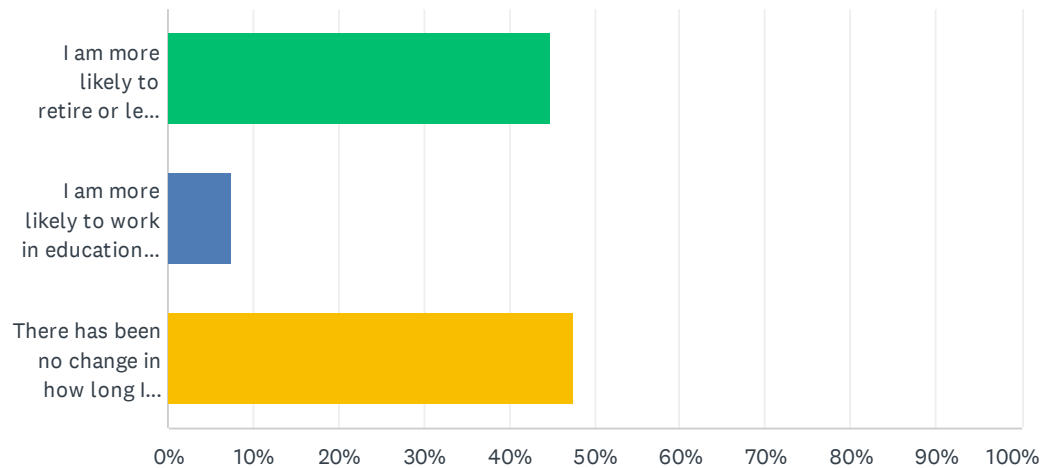
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	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	NOT SURE/DK	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Raise educator salaries	84.31% 720	13.70% 117	0.70% 6	0.23% 2	1.05% 9	854	3.80
Allow more planning, uninterrupted prep, and collaboration time	83.14% 710	14.87% 127	1.05% 9	0.12% 1	0.82% 7	854	3.79
Hire more teachers, school counselors, and paraeducators, etc.	79.98% 683	17.21% 147	1.29% 11	0.59% 5	0.94% 8	854	3.75
Enable more decision-making autonomy to teachers	73.92% 632	23.98% 205	0.70% 6	0.12% 1	1.29% 11	855	3.69
Implement pro-active approaches to address student behaviors	75.91% 649	20.82% 178	1.52% 13	0.35% 3	1.40% 12	855	3.69
Allow for self-directed PD to support professional goals	72.51% 620	23.16% 198	1.87% 16	0.58% 5	1.87% 16	855	3.64
Provide additional mental health and behavioral supports for students	69.94% 598	23.63% 202	3.39% 29	0.82% 7	2.22% 19	855	3.58
Less standardized testing	62.21% 530	27.23% 232	5.16% 44	1.53% 13	3.87% 33	852	3.42
Provide "just cause" protections from arbitrary terminations	63.85% 544	24.77% 211	2.35% 20	0.59% 5	8.45% 72	852	3.35
Provide financial incentives to recruit and retain educators	55.56% 475	31.46% 269	6.55% 56	2.11% 18	4.33% 37	855	3.32
Provide state public relations campaign to elevate the profession	39.39% 336	41.03% 350	5.74% 49	2.58% 22	11.25% 96	853	2.95

Q10 Please select the following statement that best describes your future career plans as an educator

Answered: 849 Skipped: 151

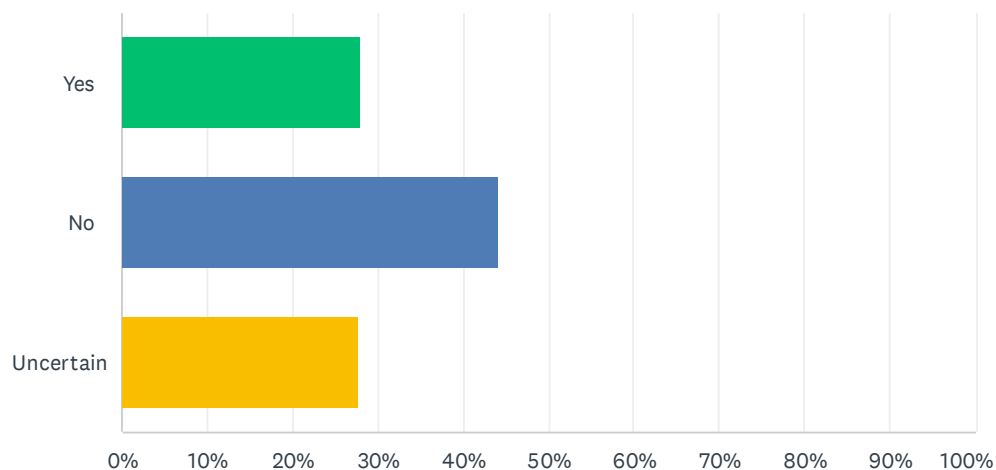
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am more likely to retire or leave education earlier than planned	44.88%	381
I am more likely to work in education longer than planned	7.54%	64
There has been no change in how long I anticipate to work as an educator	47.59%	404
TOTAL		849

Q11 Does your district's budget for the coming school year allow your schools to run the same as they did last year?

Answered: 846 Skipped: 154



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.01%	237
No	44.21%	374
Uncertain	27.78%	235
TOTAL		846

Q12 You answered “No.” How will this impact student learning? Check all that apply

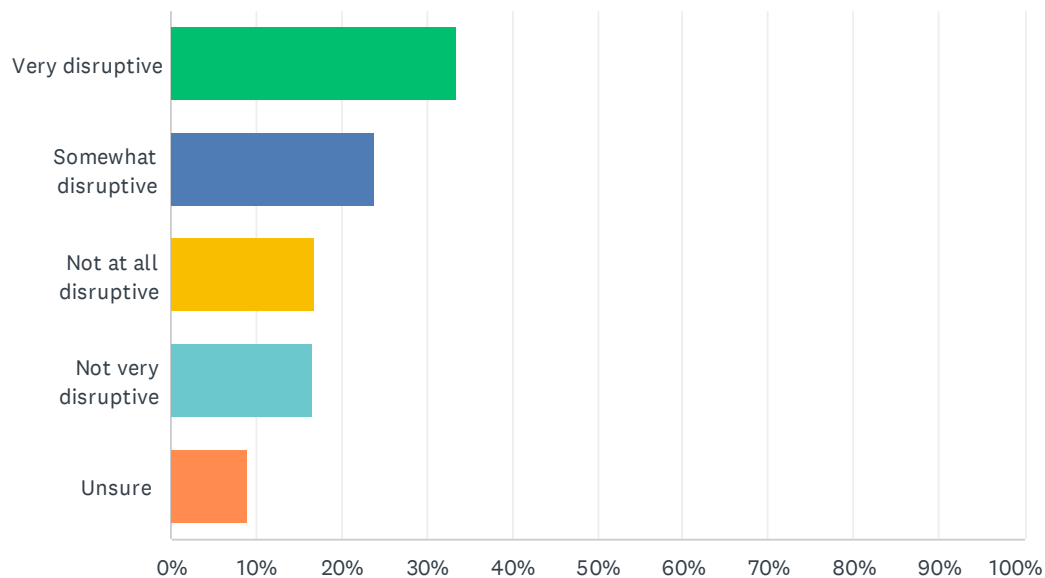
Answered: 372 Skipped: 628

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fewer student support services	72.31%	269
Larger class sizes	69.89%	260
Fewer course offerings	34.14%	127
Cuts to music and/or art programs	25.54%	95
Other (please specify)	25.00%	93
More substitutes	12.37%	46
Cuts to sports programs	11.83%	44
No impact	0.27%	1
Total Respondents: 372		

Q13 How disruptive is student use of cellphones during the school day?

Answered: 834 Skipped: 166

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very disruptive	33.57%	280
Somewhat disruptive	23.86%	199
Not at all disruptive	16.91%	141
Not very disruptive	16.67%	139
Unsure	8.99%	75
TOTAL		834

Q14 What are some disruptions caused by cell phones in your school?

Answered: 718 Skipped: 282

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Online bullying	55.71%	400
Distractions from instruction	80.64%	579
loss of instructional time	56.41%	405
Coordinated actions to engage and disrupt students	33.01%	237
Non-consensual recording within schools	51.25%	368
Gaming	50.28%	361
Total Respondents: 718		

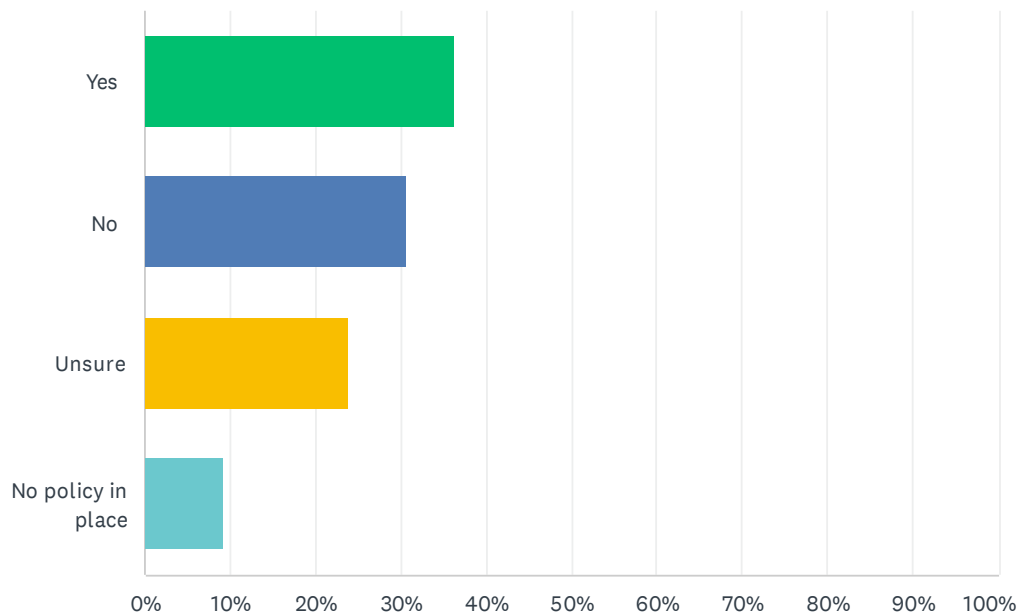
Q15 What do you believe is the best policy for you and your students?

Answered: 823 Skipped: 177

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Districts prohibit use of cellphones during the entire school day, leaving phones in secure pouches, with exceptions for medical or assistive technology needs.	58.69%	483
Districts prohibit student use of cellphones during instructional time.	31.35%	258
Individual educators develop cellphone policies, which could include prohibiting student use of cellphones in their classrooms.	5.47%	45
No cellphone policy	4.50%	37
TOTAL		823

Q16 Does the policy in your school meet your and your students' needs?

Answered: 830 Skipped: 170



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.27%	301
No	30.60%	254
Unsure	23.98%	199
No policy in place	9.16%	76
TOTAL		830

Q17 Which of the following do you think are contributing to the shortage of educators in your school district and those entering the teaching profession? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 822 Skipped: 178

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
High-stress job	78.22%	643
Too many behavioral problems with students	76.03%	625
Low salary	71.29%	586
Lack of respect for educators	65.45%	538
Better employment opportunities outside of public schools	59.73%	491
Not enough support	58.27%	479
Hostility or criticism of educators	43.67%	359
Safety concerns	39.29%	323
Political climate detrimental to collaboration among teachers, parents, and students	36.86%	303
Unfair treatment	25.67%	211
Other (please specify)	10.22%	84
Our school district is not facing shortages	5.60%	46
Total Respondents: 822		

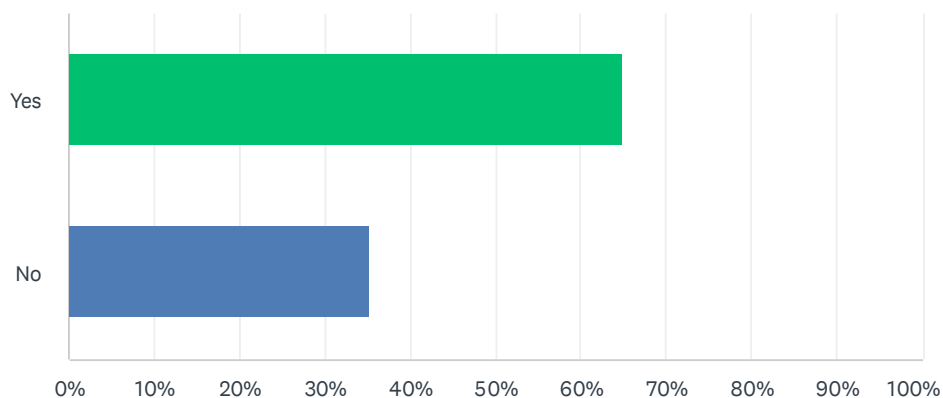
Q18 What do you believe should be done to help encourage more students to enter the profession and help retain teachers in your school district? (check all that apply.)

Answered: 821 Skipped: 179

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Higher salaries	80.63%	662
Better working conditions	64.68%	531
More time for prep/planning/collaboration	63.95%	525
More support	62.85%	516
Student loan forgiveness	53.47%	439
Less time spent on administrative tasks for teacher evaluations	50.55%	415
Training on managing student behavior	49.57%	407
Paid student teaching	44.70%	367
Tax credits	40.07%	329
Health care insurance subsidy	39.59%	325
More relevant teacher preparation programming	39.34%	323
Less classroom time spent on student testing	39.22%	322
More autonomy	38.00%	312
More protection from unfair treatment	35.44%	291
Housing assistance	19.85%	163
Other (please specify)	5.72%	47
Total Respondents: 821		

Q19 Have you ever had to evacuate your classroom due to classroom disruptions that threaten the safety of students?

Answered: 783 Skipped: 217



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.75%	507
No	35.25%	276
TOTAL		783

Q20 Over the past few years, what kinds of behavioral changes are you seeing in your students? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 793 Skipped: 207

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increased stress/anxiety	85.12%	675
Less concentration	81.97%	650
Increased aggression or dysregulated behavior	80.96%	642
More distracted	80.45%	638
Higher Absenteeism	58.13%	461
More socially withdrawn	51.58%	409
Increased depression or suicidal ideation	48.42%	384
Worse grades	39.47%	313
Increase in vaping	30.26%	240
Increased drug or substance abuse	16.52%	131
Increased social interaction	9.08%	72
Other (please specify)	8.32%	66
Increased happiness	1.39%	11
Total Respondents: 793		

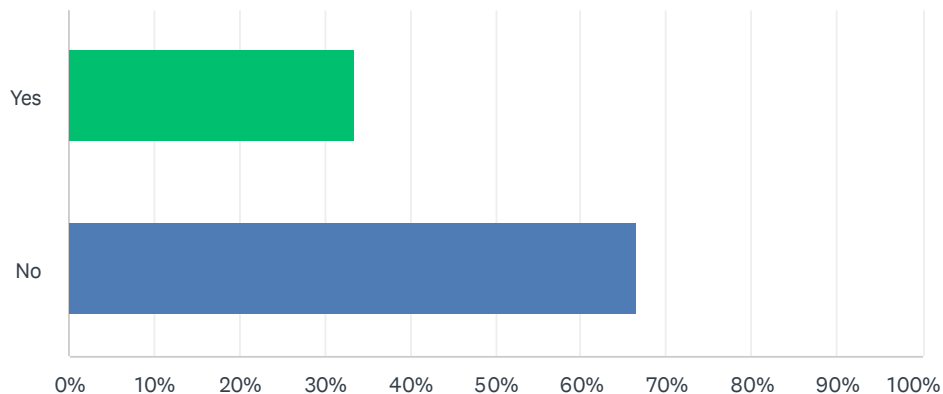
Q21 What are the biggest challenges your students face? (Please select your top three choices)

Answered: 798 Skipped: 202

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mental health issues (anxiety, stress, suicide ideation, etc.)	70.30%	561
Family disruption or dysfunction	60.40%	482
Negative impacts from social media	49.00%	391
Lack of resources (not enough teachers, counselors, paras, and needed supplies, etc.)	47.49%	379
Overscheduled/overloaded	34.59%	276
Poverty	28.70%	229
Disengagement due to focus on tested subjects (math and ELA)	20.43%	163
Out-of-school responsibilities, such as working or taking care of a family member	17.67%	141
Bullying	17.54%	140
Lack of access to necessary resources, including technology at home	14.79%	118
Unhealthy air and school conditions	12.66%	101
Daily hunger	11.90%	95
Substance abuse	10.53%	84
Other (please specify)	7.52%	60
None of the above	0.38%	3
Total Respondents: 798		

Q22 Is there sufficient support for students' mental health needs at your school building?

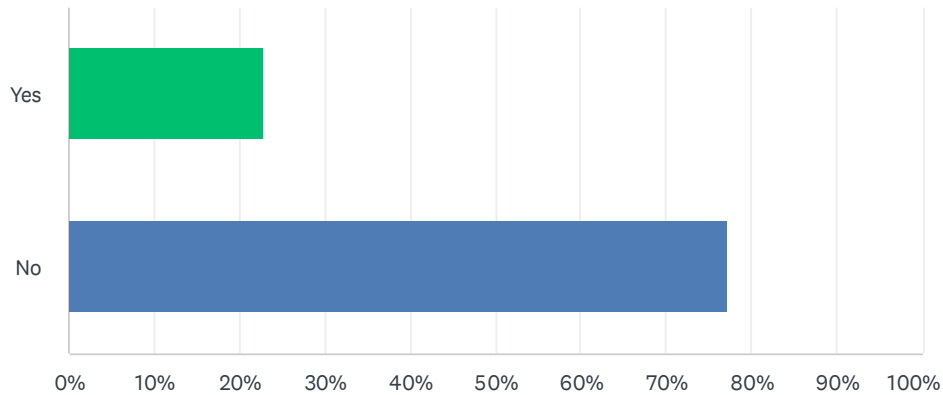
Answered: 791 Skipped: 209



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.50%	265
No	66.50%	526
TOTAL		791

Q23 Do you feel equipped to deal with your students' mental health challenges?

Answered: 795 Skipped: 205

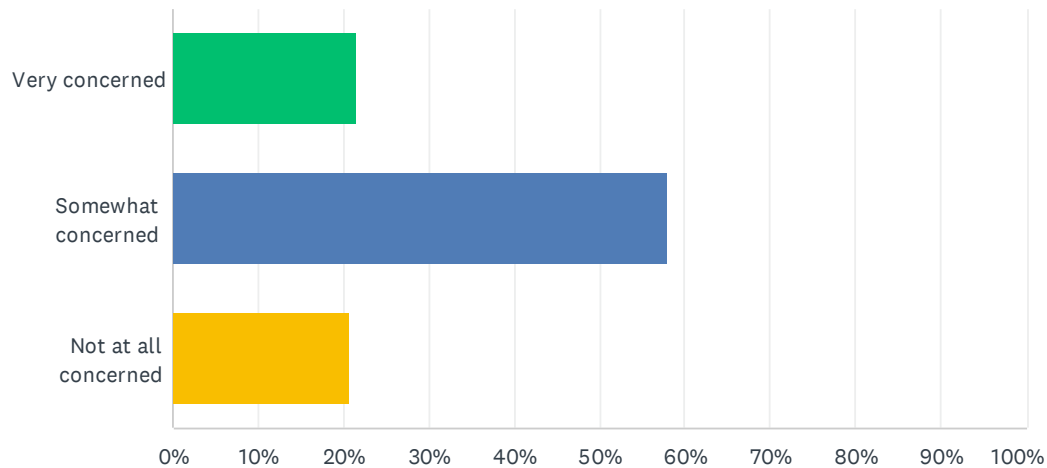


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.77%	181
No	77.23%	614
TOTAL		795

Q24 How concerned are you about your personal safety or the safety of students in your classroom due to aggressive student behavior?

Answered: 797 Skipped: 203

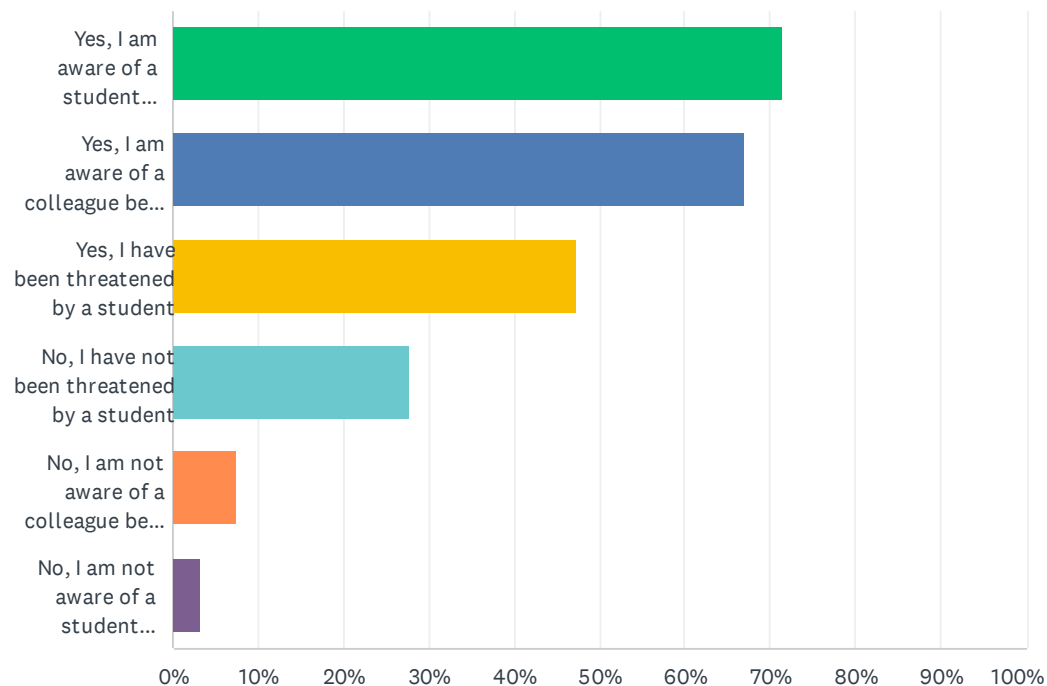
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very concerned	21.46%	171
Somewhat concerned	57.97%	462
Not at all concerned	20.58%	164
TOTAL		797

Q25 Has a student ever threatened you, a colleague, or a fellow student with physical harm? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 789 Skipped: 211



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I am aware of a student threatening another student	71.36%	563
Yes, I am aware of a colleague being threatened	66.92%	528
Yes, I have been threatened by a student	47.40%	374
No, I have not been threatened by a student	27.76%	219
No, I am not aware of a colleague being threatened	7.48%	59
No, I am not aware of a student threatening another student	3.17%	25
Total Respondents: 789		

Q26 Has a student ever harmed (hit, kicked, bitten, pushed, slapped, etc.) you, a colleague, or a fellow student? (Check all that apply)

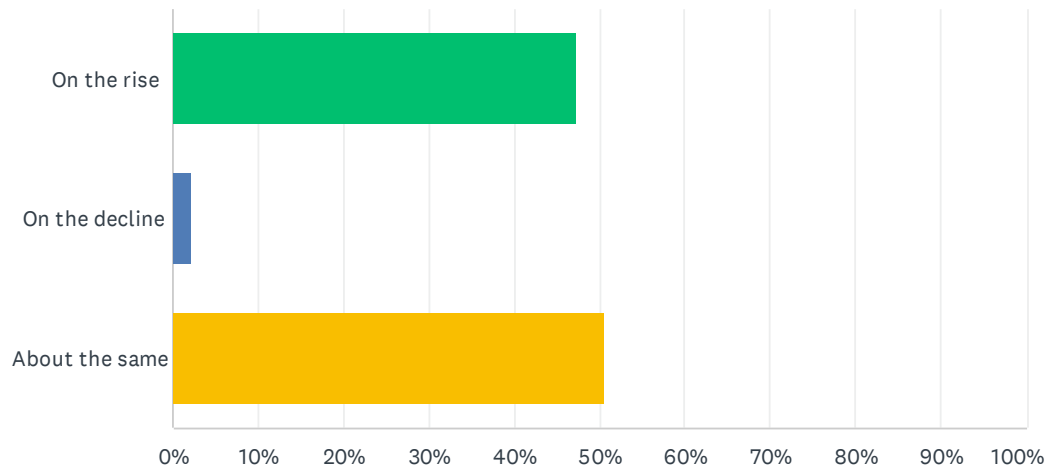
Answered: 789 Skipped: 211

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I have been harmed by a student	39.42%	311
Yes, I am aware of a colleague being harmed	74.90%	591
Yes, I am aware of a student harming another student	77.95%	615
No, I have not been harmed by a student	27.25%	215
No, I am not aware of a colleague being harmed	7.48%	59
No, I am not aware of a student harming another student	2.03%	16
Total Respondents: 789		

Q27 Do you believe that incidents of bullying over the past few years are on the rise, on the decline, or about the same?

Answered: 788 Skipped: 212

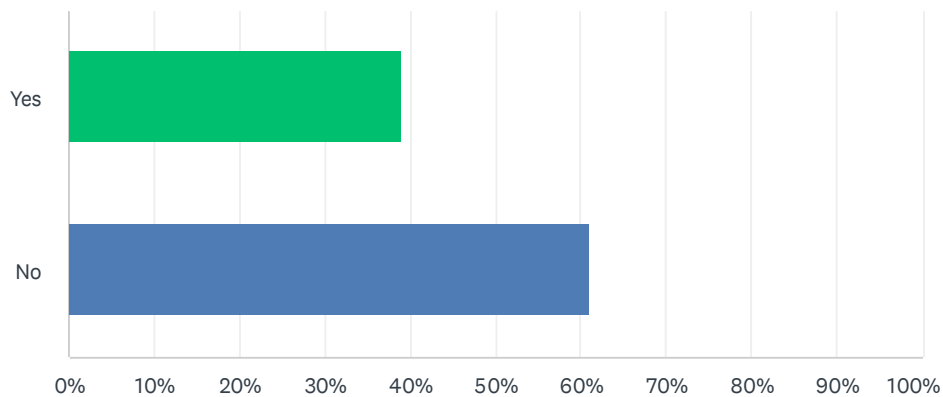
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On the rise	47.34%	373
On the decline	2.03%	16
About the same	50.63%	399
TOTAL		788

Q28 Do you believe that incidents of bullying among students in your school are being handled effectively?

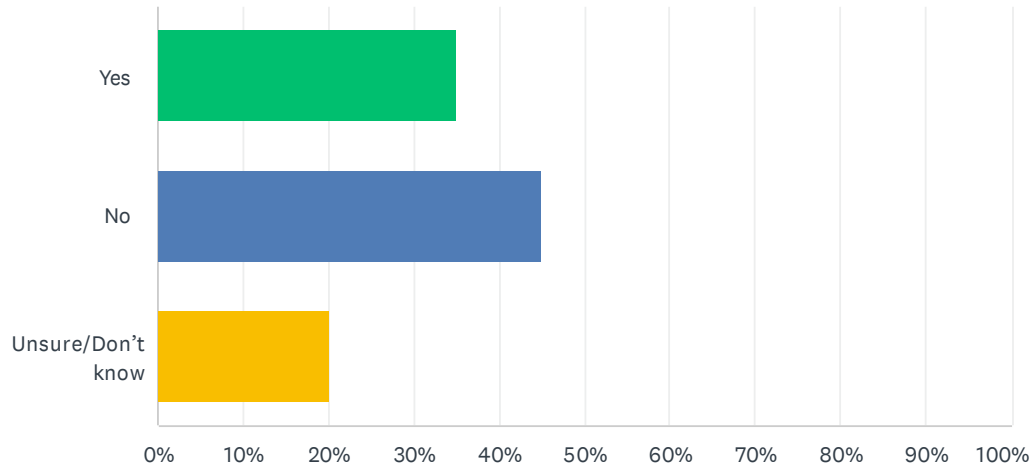
Answered: 786 Skipped: 214



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.06%	307
No	60.94%	479
TOTAL		786

Q29 Is your school district placing enough emphasis on students' social-emotional regulation?

Answered: 777 Skipped: 223



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	35.01%	272
No	45.05%	350
Unsure/Don't know	19.95%	155
TOTAL		777

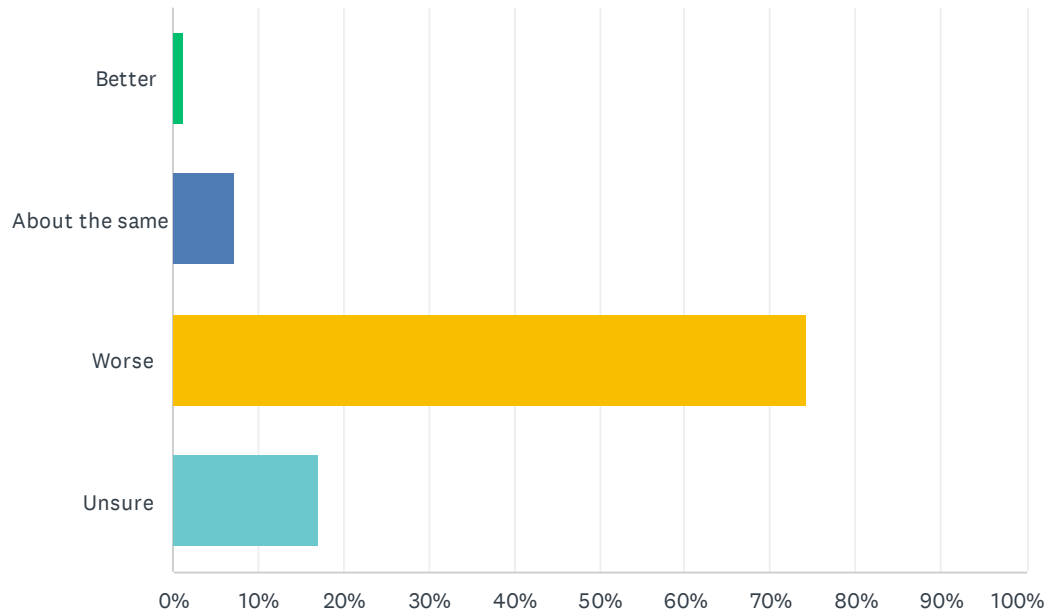
Q30 Which of the following best describes changes over the past 2 years in the amount of instructional time that students are required to be exposed to screens on computers and electronic devices?

Answered: 778 Skipped: 222

	SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN SCREEN TIME	SLIGHT DECREASE IN SCREEN TIME	ABOUT THE SAME SCREEN TIME	SLIGHT INCREASE IN SCREEN TIME	SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN SCREEN TIME	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
2yr Change in Screen Time	5.78% 45	16.07% 125	27.89% 217	16.84% 131	30.85% 240	2.57% 20	778	3.52

Q31 As children born during the pandemic reach school age, are the behaviors and socialization skills you see better, worse, or about the same as children who reached school age before the pandemic?

Answered: 778 Skipped: 222

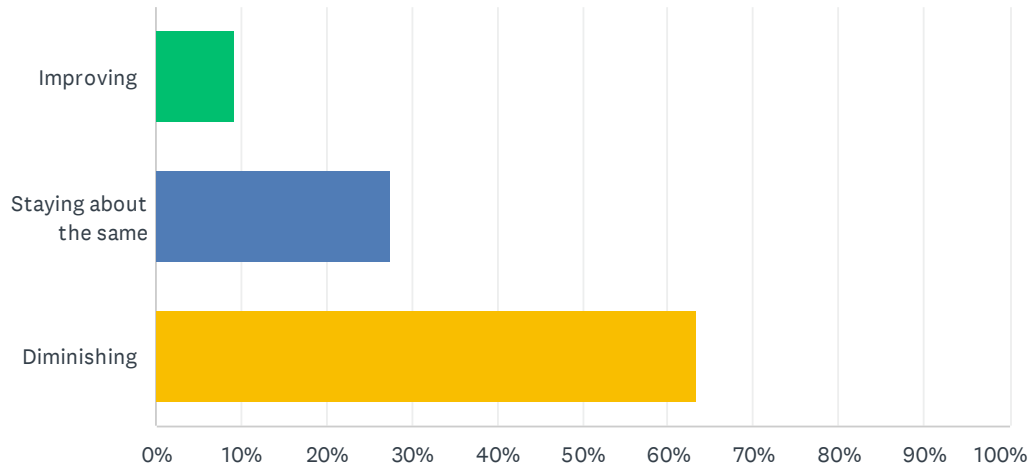


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Better	1.29%	10
About the same	7.33%	57
Worse	74.29%	578
Unsure	17.10%	133
TOTAL		778

Q32 Among students entering grade 6 and above, are their behaviors, attitudes, and socialization skills improving, diminishing, or staying about the same in the aftermath of the pandemic?

Answered: 738 Skipped: 262

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Improving	9.08%	67
Staying about the same	27.51%	203
Diminishing	63.41%	468
TOTAL		738

Q33 Does your school have issues with extreme temperatures or mold?

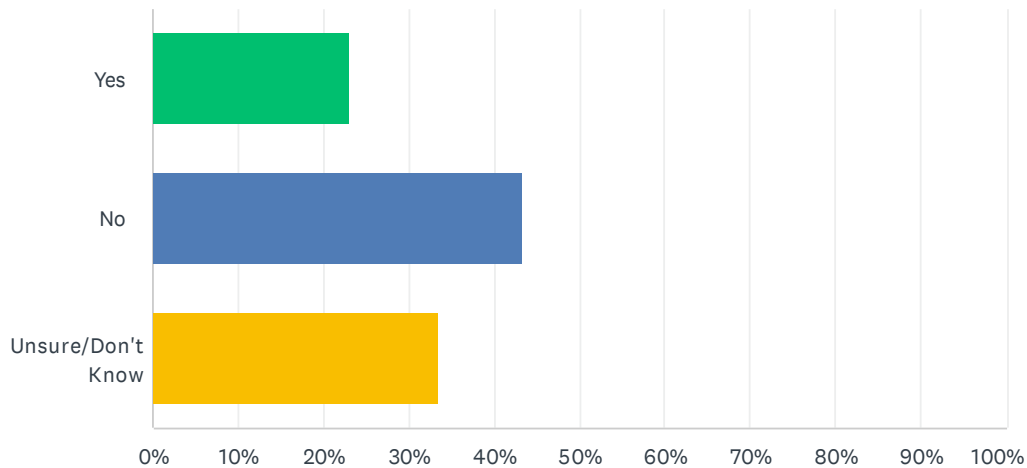
Answered: 780 Skipped: 220

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My school has both temperatures and mold issues	35.64%	278
My school has mold issues, but no major temperature issues	4.23%	33
My school has temperatures issues, but no visible mold issues	37.31%	291
Neither, I have not noticed any mold or temperature issues in my school	15.38%	120
Unsure/Don't know	7.44%	58
TOTAL		780

Q34 Are these issues being addressed?

Answered: 602 Skipped: 398

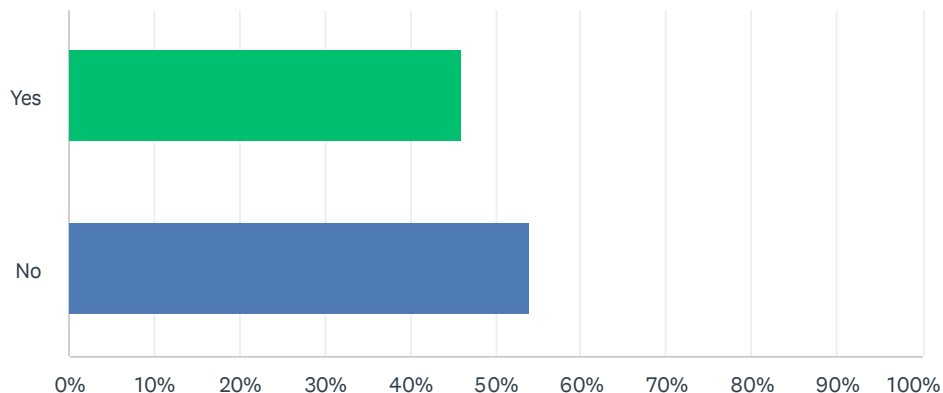
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.09%	139
No	43.36%	261
Unsure/Don't Know	33.55%	202
TOTAL		602

Q37 Are you provided with all the materials you need for your classroom?

Answered: 774 Skipped: 226

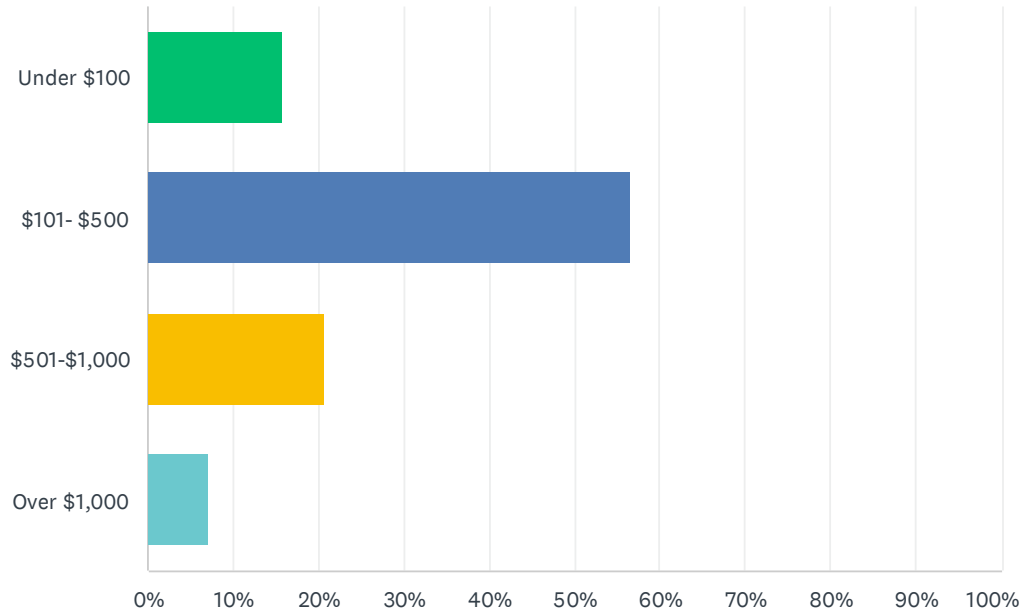


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.12%	357
No	53.88%	417
TOTAL		774

Q38 On average, how much of your own money do you spend on classroom materials, supplies, and your students on a yearly basis?

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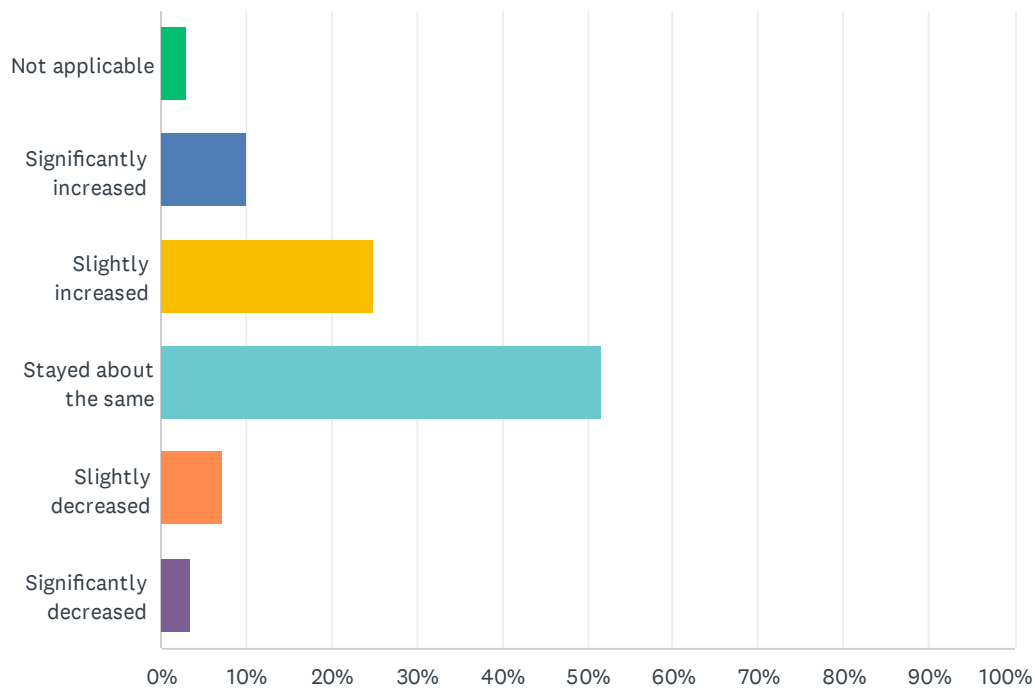
Answered: 776 Skipped: 224



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under \$100	15.72% 122
\$101- \$500	56.44% 438
\$501-\$1,000	20.75% 161
Over \$1,000	7.09% 55
TOTAL	776

Q39 How much has the amount that you spend changed over the last year?

Answered: 776 Skipped: 224



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not applicable	2.96%	23
Significantly increased	9.92%	77
Slightly increased	24.87%	193
Stayed about the same	51.68%	401
Slightly decreased	7.22%	56
Significantly decreased	3.35%	26
TOTAL		776

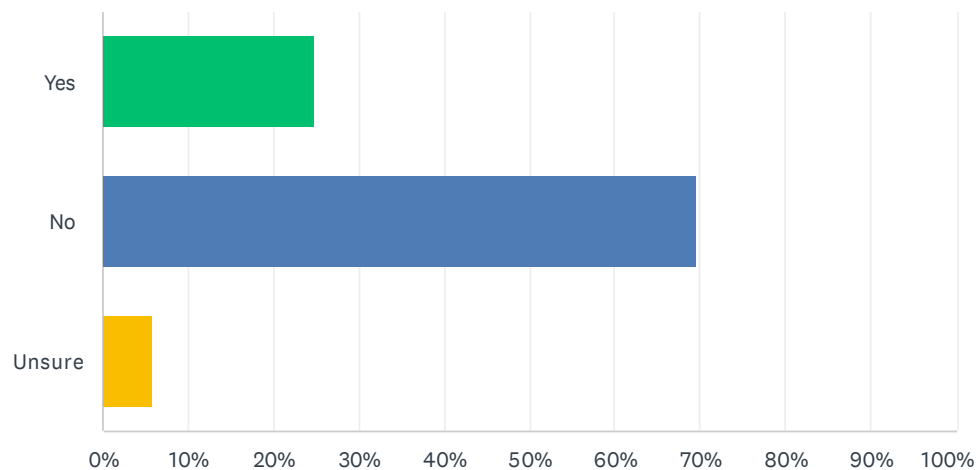
**Q40 What types of items do you buy for your classroom and/or students?
Check all that apply.**

Answered: 756 Skipped: 244

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cleaning items (paper towels, disinfectants, wipes, hand sanitizers)	73.41%	555
Arts and crafts supplies Classroom decorations	70.63%	534
School supplies (pencils, pens, crayons, paper, markers, glue)	67.72%	512
Snacks for students	52.25%	395
Personal hygiene products (tissues, etc.)	51.06%	386
Books	40.74%	308
Technology items	19.44%	147
Air cleaners/purifiers	16.01%	121
Total Respondents: 756		

Q41 Do you consider your current salary a fair salary for your level of education?

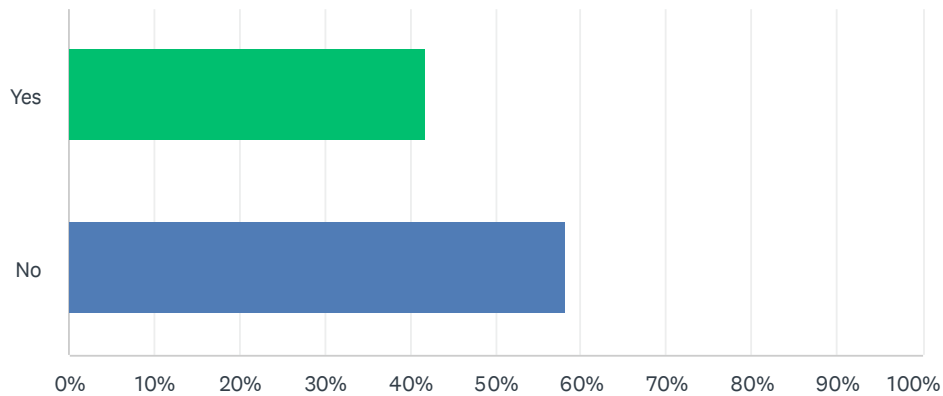
Answered: 759 Skipped: 241



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.77%	188
No	69.43%	527
Unsure	5.80%	44
TOTAL		759

Q42 Do you have a second job in addition to teaching?

Answered: 762 Skipped: 238



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	41.86%	319
No	58.14%	443
TOTAL		762

Q43 If you have a second job, why? (Check all that apply)

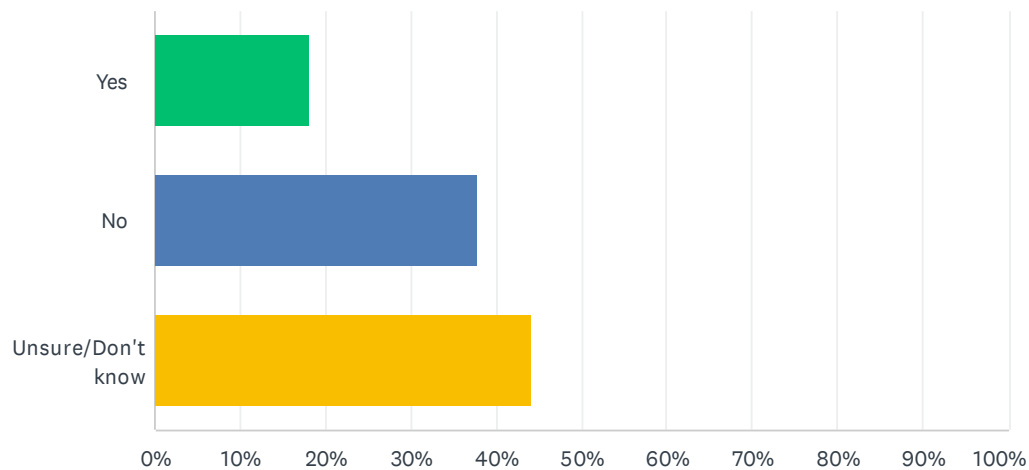
Answered: 336 Skipped: 664

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I need extra money for living expenses	62.80%	211
Expenses as a parent, such as my children's college tuition, sports, other activities	43.45%	146
I'm trying to save extra money, and I can't do it with my current salary	45.83%	154
I have to pay off student loan debt	22.92%	77
Other	18.15%	61
Total Respondents: 336		

Q44 Does your school district do enough to prepare students who do not intend to enroll in college to enter the workforce?

Answered: 760 Skipped: 240

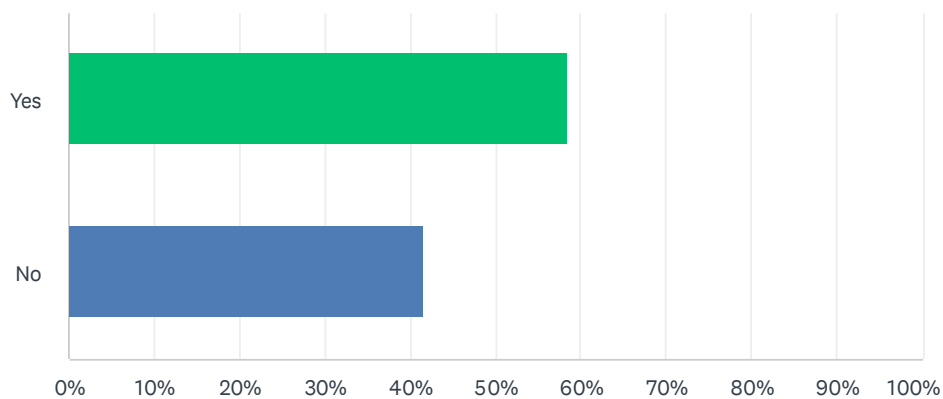
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.03%	137
No	37.76%	287
Unsure/Don't know	44.21%	336
TOTAL		760

Q45 If you could do it all over again, would you choose a career as a teacher?

Answered: 753 Skipped: 247



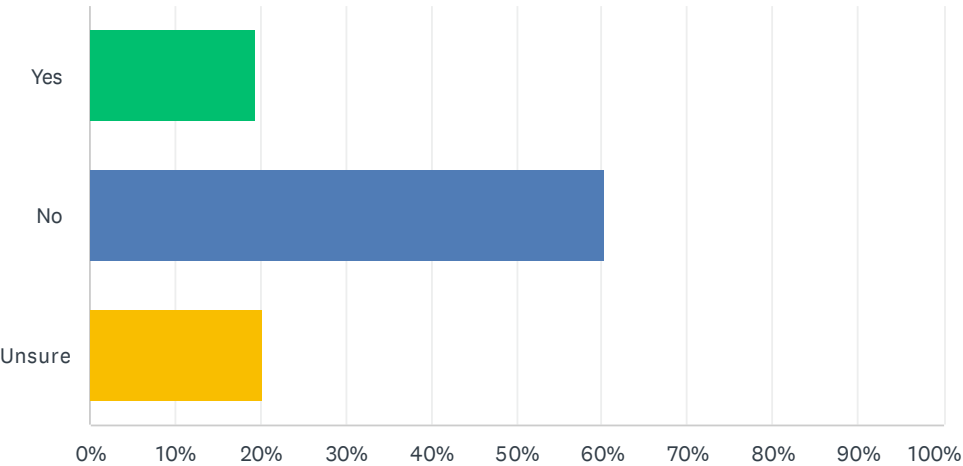
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.43%	440
No	41.57%	313
TOTAL		753

Q46 If no, why not?

Answered: 302 Skipped: 698

Q47 Would you recommend that a family member or friend pursue a career in teaching?

Answered: 759 Skipped: 241



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.37%	147
No	60.34%	458
Unsure	20.29%	154
TOTAL		759