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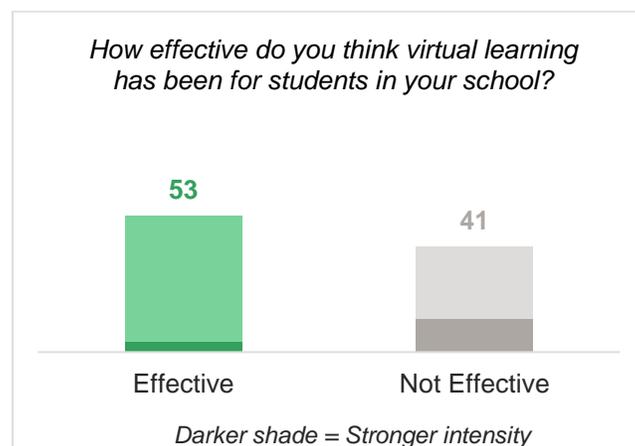
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## Poll Analysis: Michigan Educators On School Reopening

A new poll finds that Michigan educators<sup>1</sup> are concerned about the safety of reopening for full in-person learning and a strong majority do not think schools will be able to reopen for full in-person learning in January.

### Key Survey Findings

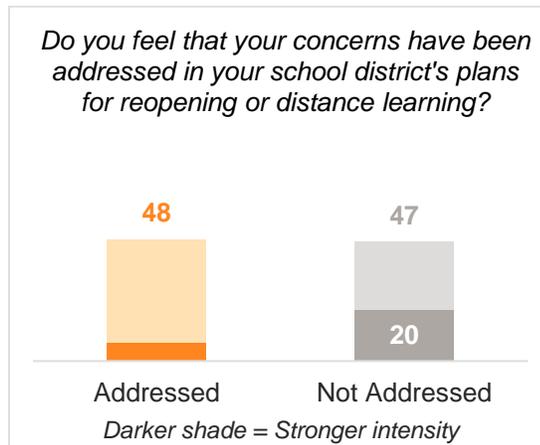
- **Based on current trends with the coronavirus pandemic, a majority of educators favor full virtual learning or hybrid learning.** If given a choice, 74 percent of educators prefer full virtual learning for all students or a combination of in-person and virtual learning, while just 26 percent prefer full in-person instruction.
- **Michigan educators who have done virtual learning are mixed on its effectiveness with students.** Just over half of educators (53 percent) say virtual learning has been very effective or somewhat effective for students in their school, while 41 percent say it has been somewhat ineffective or not effective at all.



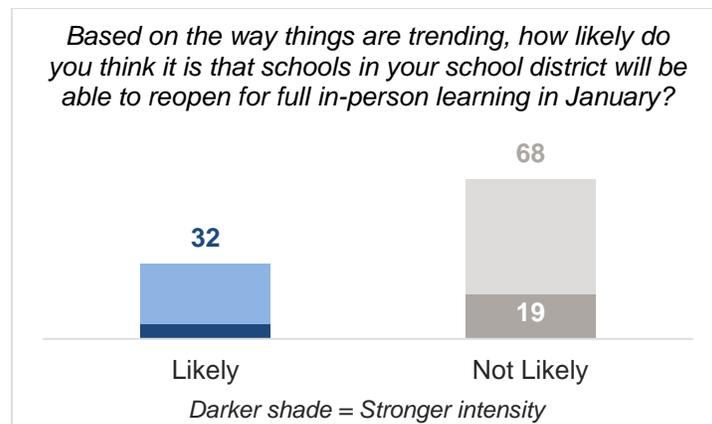
- **Michigan educators are mixed on whether their concerns have been addressed in reopening plans.** Almost half (47 percent) feel their concerns have not been addressed in their school district's plans for reopening or virtual learning, while a similar 48 percent feel their concerns have been addressed. Members in metro Detroit are least likely (44 percent) to feel their concerns have been addressed.

<sup>1</sup> GBAO conducted a survey of 4,740 MEA members online via Qualtrics from November 5-11, 2020. The survey results carry a margin of error +/- 1.4 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence interval.

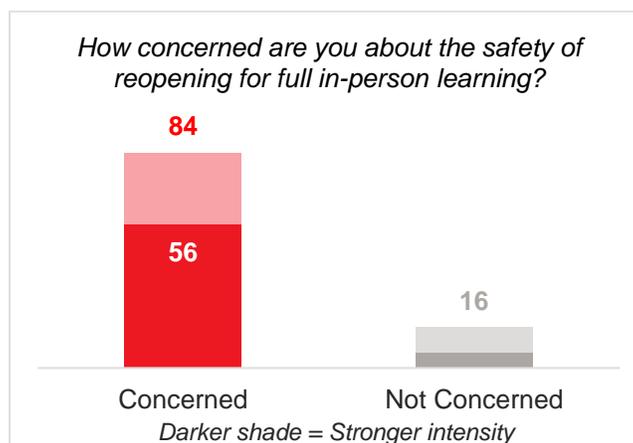




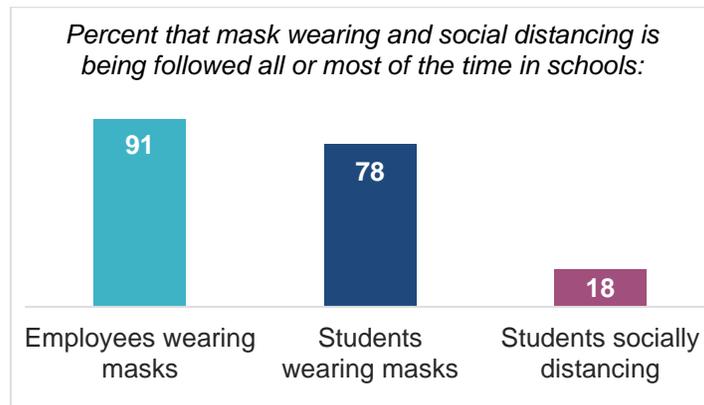
- Most Michigan educators think it is unlikely their school will be able to reopen for full in-person learning in January.** Among educators currently doing any virtual learning, a strong majority (68 percent) feel it is not likely that schools will be able to reopen in January.



- Michigan educators are concerned about the safety of reopening for full in-person learning.** Most educators (84 percent) are very or somewhat concerned about the safety of reopening for full in-person learning.



- **Educators prioritize the safety of students.** Among those concerned about the safety of reopening for full in-person learning, 71 percent say they are concerned specifically about students' safety.
- **A significant number of educators are still required to physically report to their school, even though their student learning is remote.** Among educators currently doing exclusively virtual learning, 37 percent are required to report to their workplace.
- **Educators who are currently physically in school observe educators and students wearing masks, but don't report the same compliance with social distancing.** Among those in school, 91 percent say mask wearing is being observed for all or most of the time by school employees, while 78 percent say the same for students. Regarding social distancing, only 18 percent say students are staying six feet apart all or most of the time, 44 percent some of the time or now and then, and 35 percent say they socially distance hardly at all.



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# Michigan Education Association Reopening Schools

November 2020

*n = 4,740 members*

*Conducted November 5-11, 2020 via Qualtrics*

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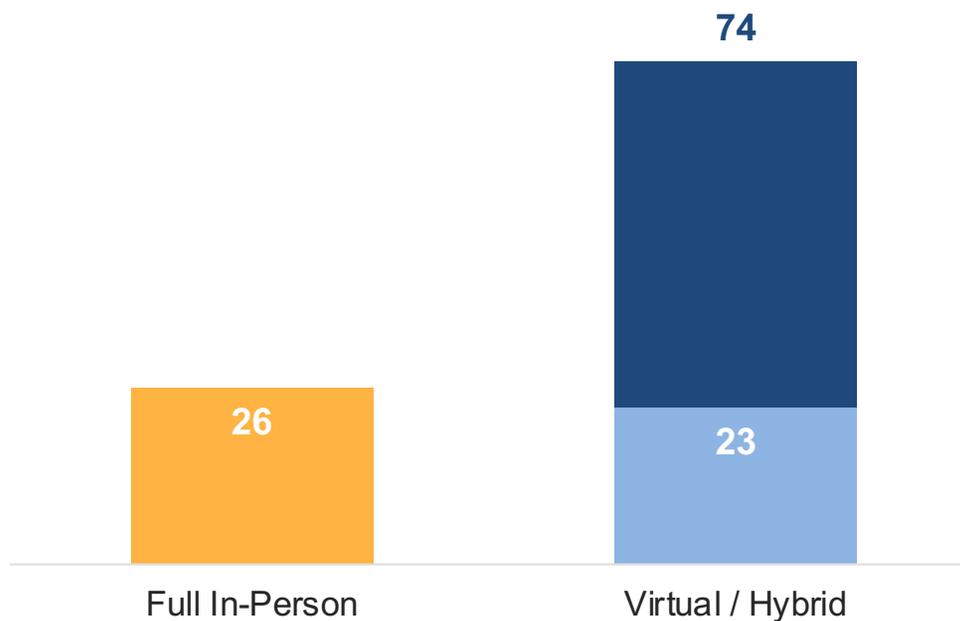
# A Majority Of Educators Favors Full Virtual Learning Or Hybrid Learning Under Current COVID Conditions

Figure 2

## Preferred Plan

*Based on current trends, if you were given a choice, would you rather...?*

● Full In-Person    ● Hybrid    ● Full Virtual Learning



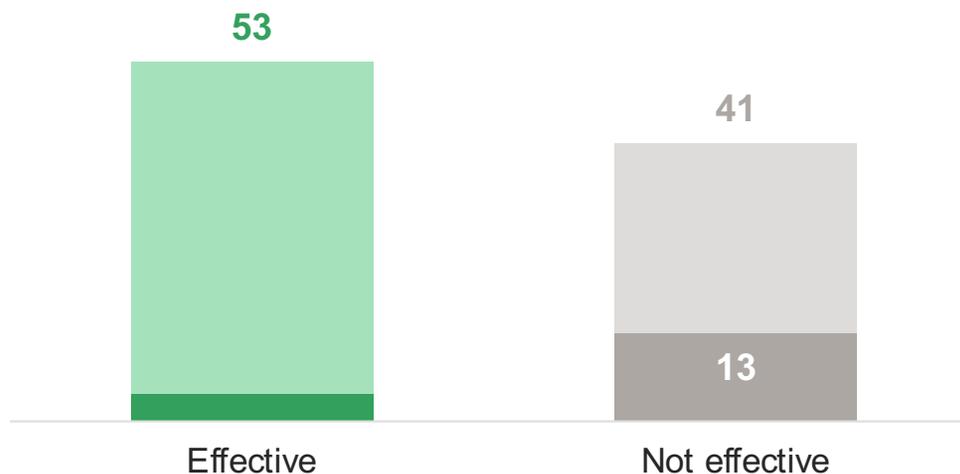
# Michigan Educators Who Have Done Virtual Learning Are Mixed On Its Effectiveness With Students

Figure 3

## Effectiveness

*Darker shade = Stronger intensity*

*(If ever done virtual learning) How effective do you think virtual learning has been for students in your school?*



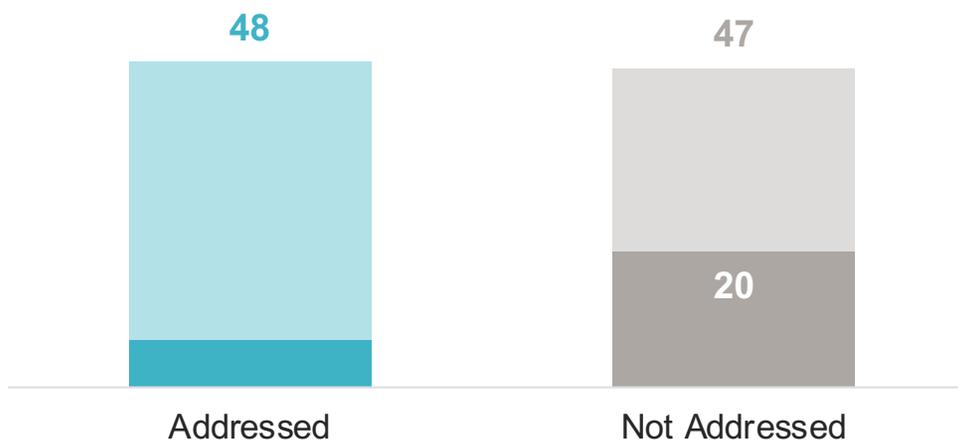
# Michigan Educators Are Mixed On Whether Their Concerns Have Been Addressed In Reopening Plans

Figure 4

## Addressing Concerns

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*Do you feel that your concerns have been addressed in your school district's plans for reopening or virtual learning?*



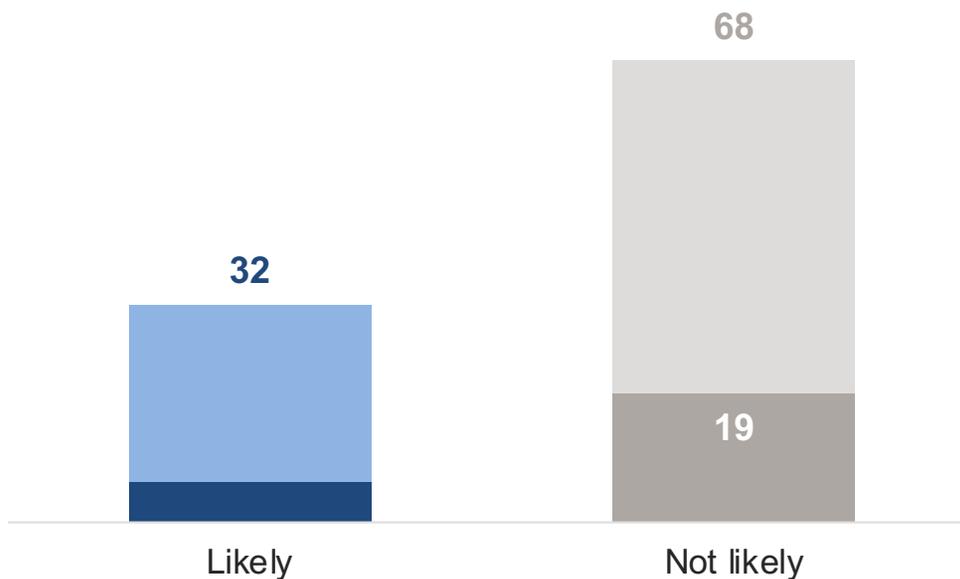
# Most Michigan Educators Think It Is Unlikely Their School Will Be Able To Reopen For Full In-Person Learning In January

Figure 5

## January Reopening

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*(If working virtually) Based on the way things are trending, how likely do you think it is that schools in your school district will be able to reopen for full in-person learning in January?*

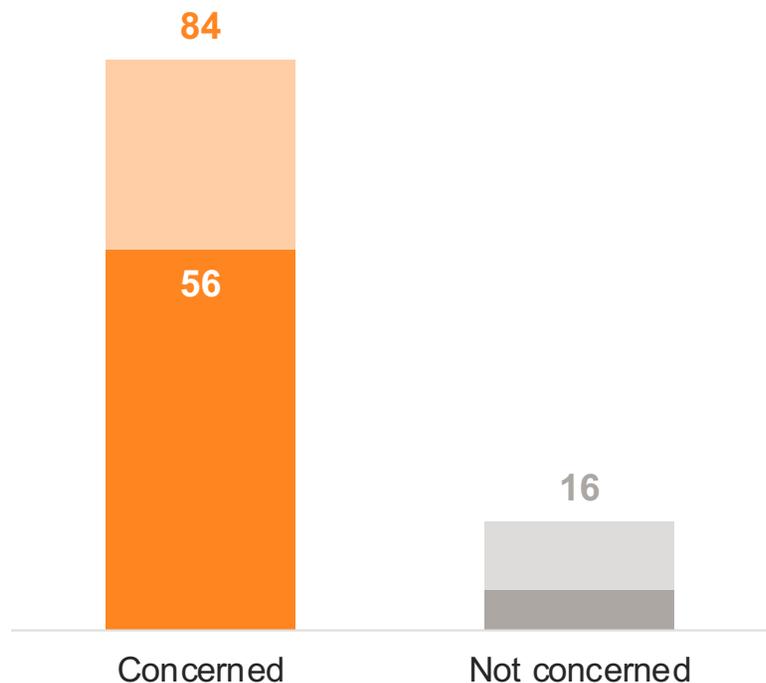


# Michigan Educators Are Concerned About The Safety Of Reopening For Full In-Person Learning

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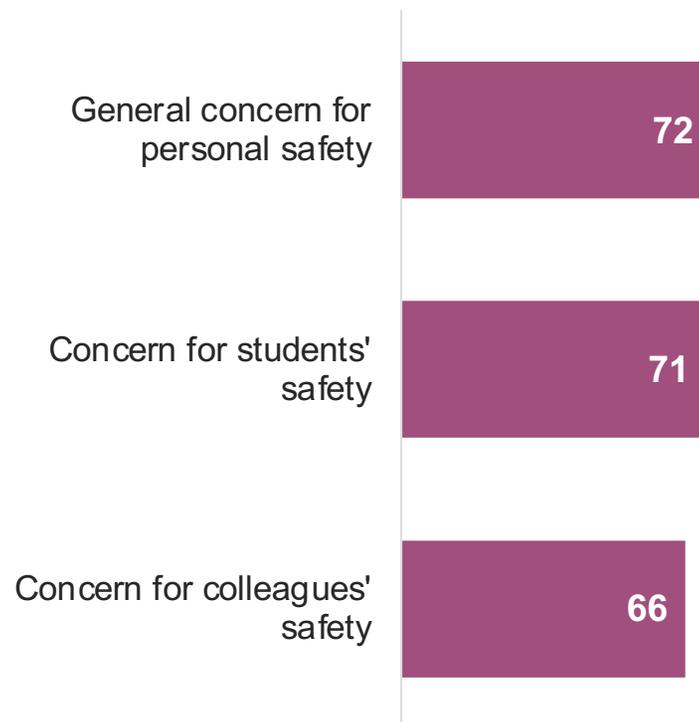
*How concerned are you about the safety of reopening for full in-person learning?*

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*(If concerned) Why are you concerned about reopening for full in-person learning? Please select all that apply.*

*Top Concerns Shown*

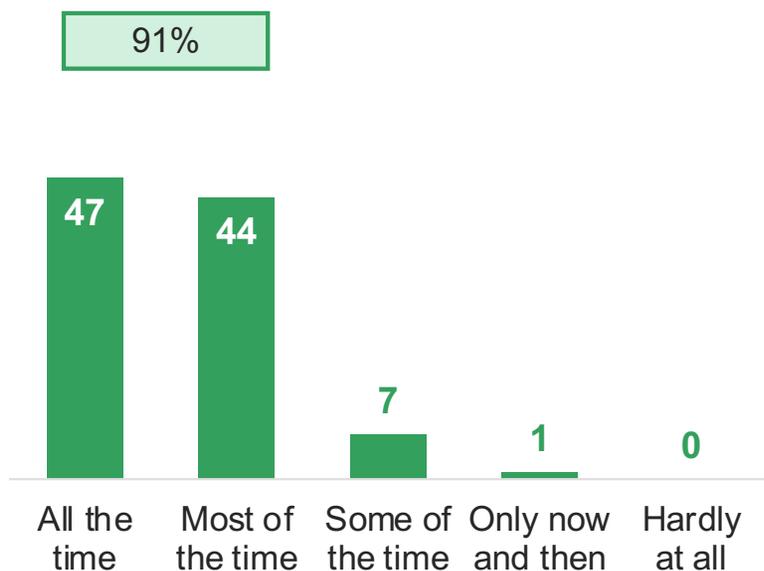


# Educators Who Are Currently Physically In School Observe Educators And Students Wearing Masks

Figure 7

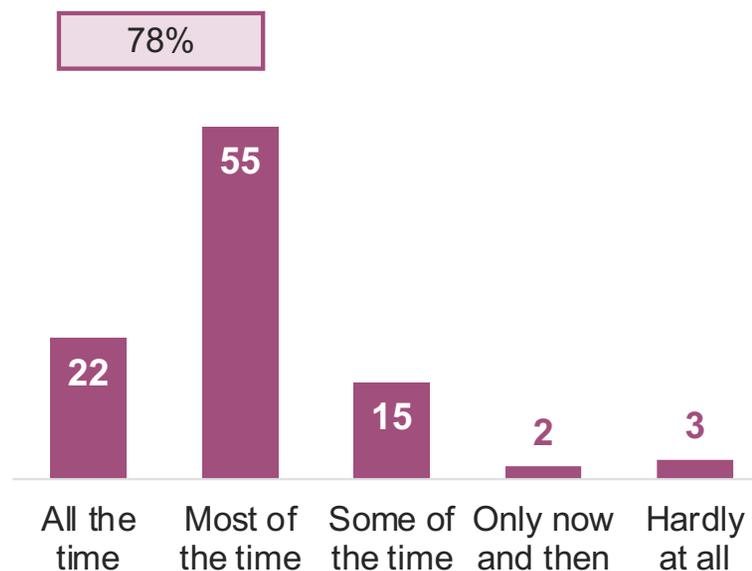
## Masks (Employees)

(If in building) Based on your observation, when you're physically in school, to what extent is mask wearing being followed by **school employees**?



## Masks (Students)

(If in building with students) Based on your observation, when you're physically in school, to what extent is mask wearing being followed by **students**?

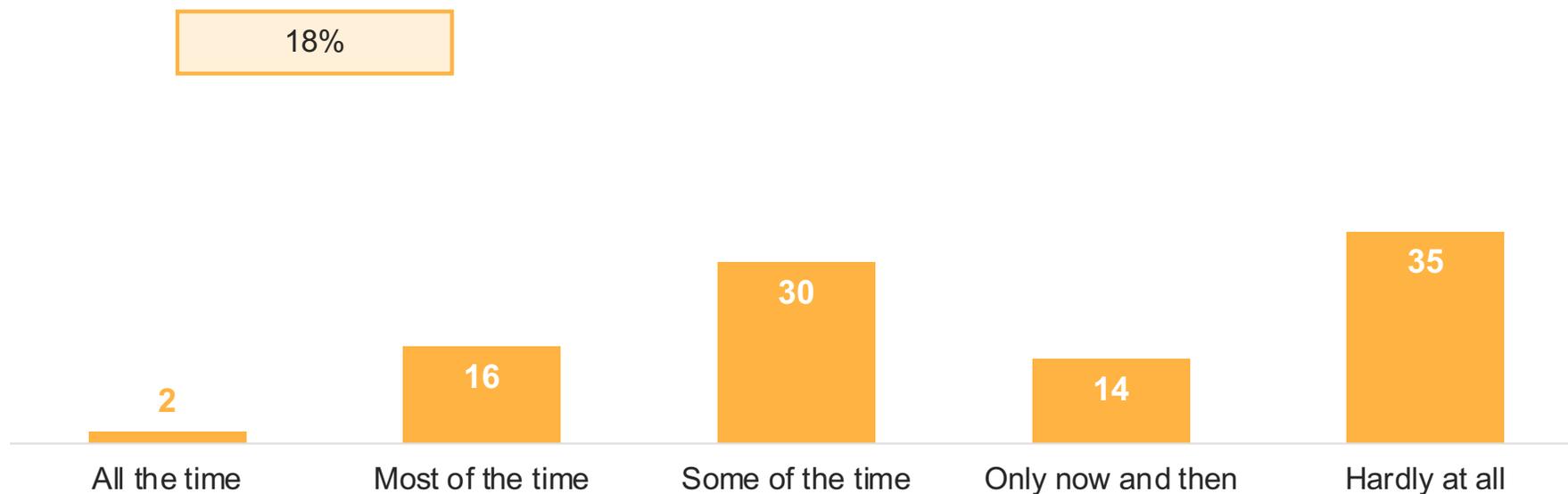


## But Less Adherence To Social Distancing

Figure 8

### Social Distancing

*(If in building with students) Based on your observation, when you're physically in school, to what extent are **students** socially distancing by staying six feet apart from each other?*

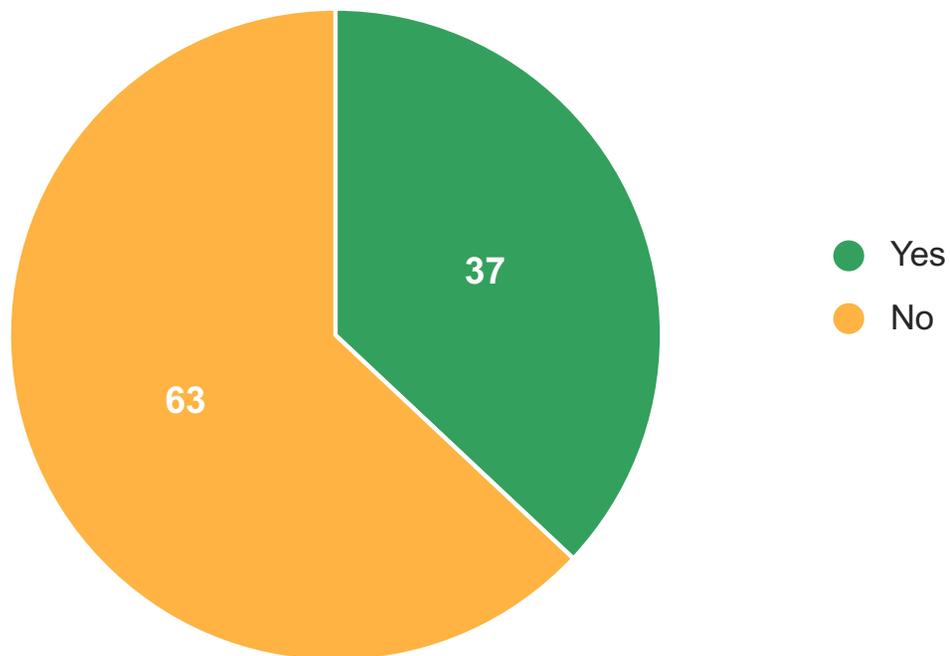


## A Significant Number Of Educators Are Still Required To Physically Report To Their School, Even Though Their Student Learning Is Remote

Figure 9

### In-Person

*(If full virtual learning) Are you currently required to report to your workplace, even though student learning is remote?*



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