

Weston Public Schools Reopening Update

February 2021

Roadmap

- 1. Background on where we are now/came from**
- 2. Student/family survey results, key takeaways**
- 3. Current priorities, new proposal for returning**
- 4. Next steps, implementation considerations**
- 5. Questions**

Background

- **Long road from March 2020 (forced all-remote)**
- **Detailed planning brought students back safely**
- **Asymptomatic testing helps to prevent spread**
- **New info about COVID-19, Hybrid learning, etc.**
- **Still looking to improve, constant negotiations**

Background

- **Evolving guidance from DESE, CDC, and more**
- **With six feet distancing (desks four feet apart), WMS & WHS need cohorts due to spacing issues**
- **Shortened days to avoid safety risks**
- **Several of our peer districts are doing lunches**
- **Few of our peer districts are currently “All-in”**

Peer Districts

Please note that this is not an official account of any other districts, it is an unofficial snapshot.

We intend to continue to update this information and add more districts as we hear from them.

This table compares some peer districts on if they are using cohorts in the hybrid model, or have all students in at the same time. This is about the # of days per week in school, not length of time in a given school day.

“Cohort” means students come in on alternating days or weeks in subgroups.

“All-in” means all hybrid students come in at the same time(s), like our elementary schools.

Table 1

<u>District</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>High School</u>
Acton-Boxboro.	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Belmont	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Bedford	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Brookline	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Concord	All-in	Cohort	Cohort
Carlisle	All-in	All-in	Cohort
Dover-Sherborn	All-in	Cohort	Cohort
Hingham	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Hanover	Mixed	Cohort	Cohort
Lexington	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Lincoln	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Milton	All-in	Cohort	Cohort
Needham	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Newton	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Northborough-Southborough	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Pembroke	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Watertown	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Wayland	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Weston	All-in	Cohort	Cohort
Wellesley	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Westwood	All-in	Cohort	Cohort
Westford	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort
Winchester	Cohort	Cohort	Cohort

Survey Results

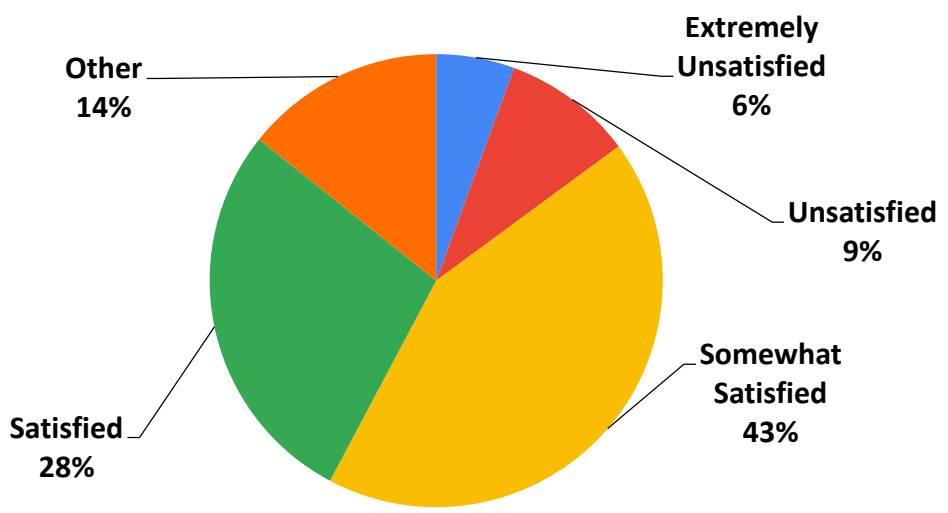
- **Sent survey to all families, all MS/HS students**
- **Response sample sizes vary for each survey**
 - 161 WMS student responses, of ~460 total students
 - 94 WHS student responses, of ~630 total students
 - 265 WMS family responses received
 - 328 WHS family responses received
 - 463 PK-5 family responses received

Although not fully representative we gleaned much information from the data.

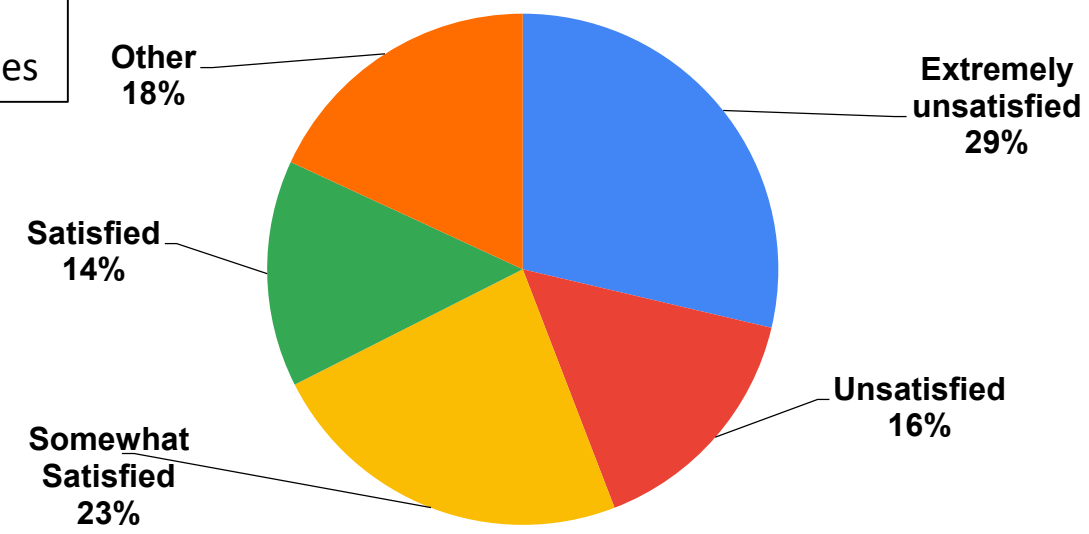
How satisfied are you with the current model?

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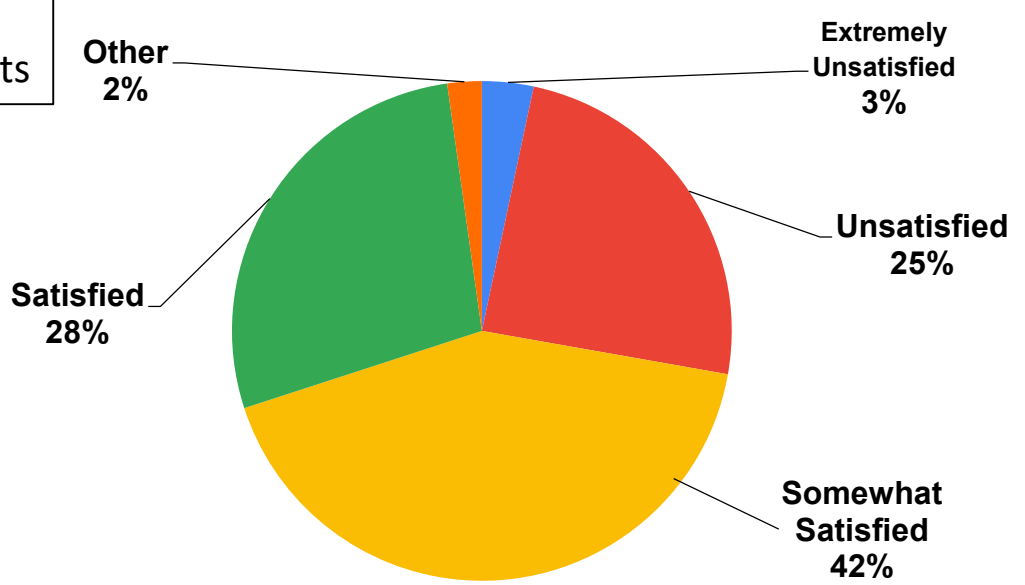
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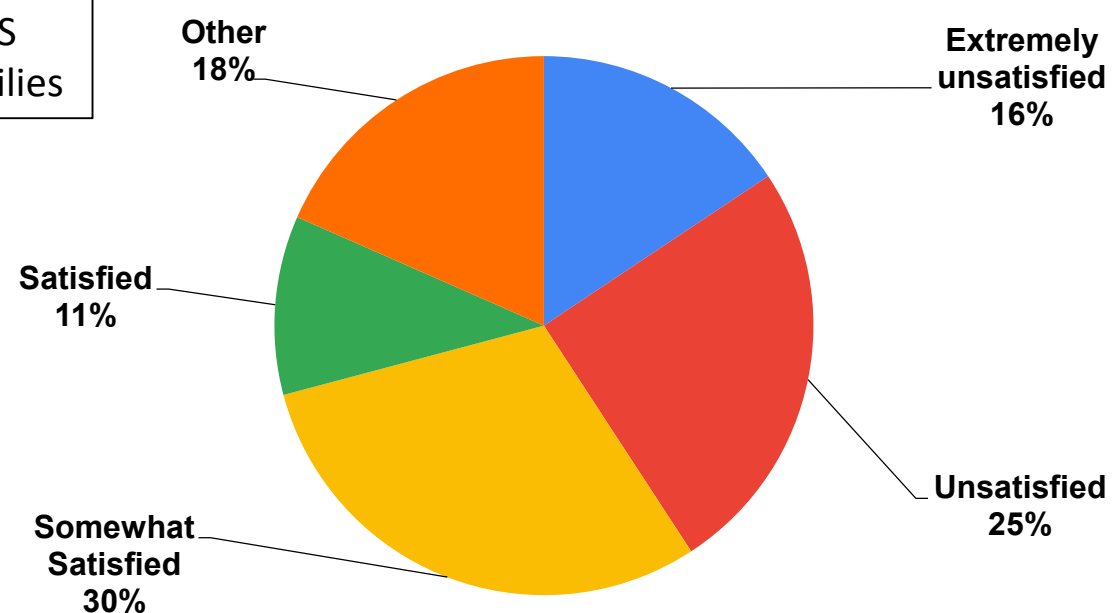
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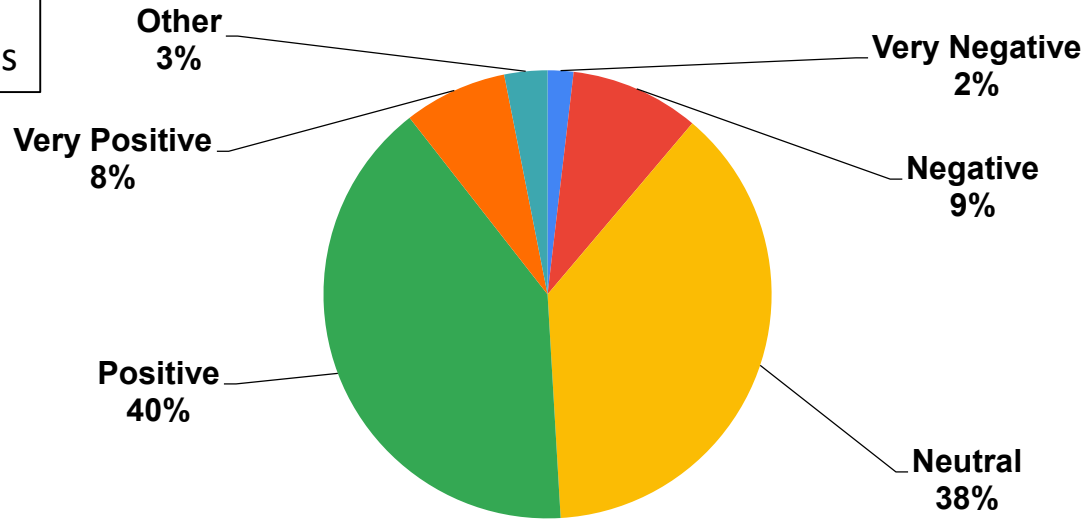
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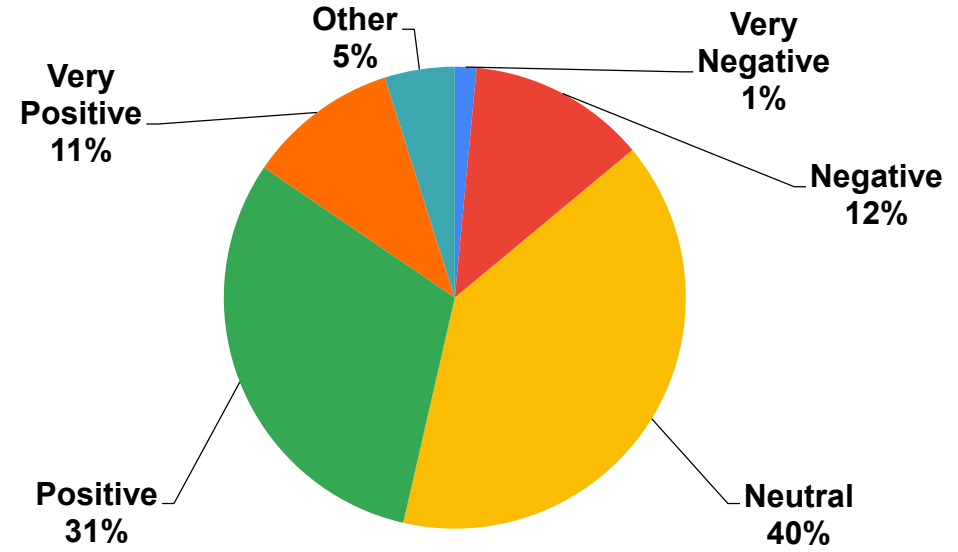
What impact have recent schedule changes + more live streaming had on you/your child?

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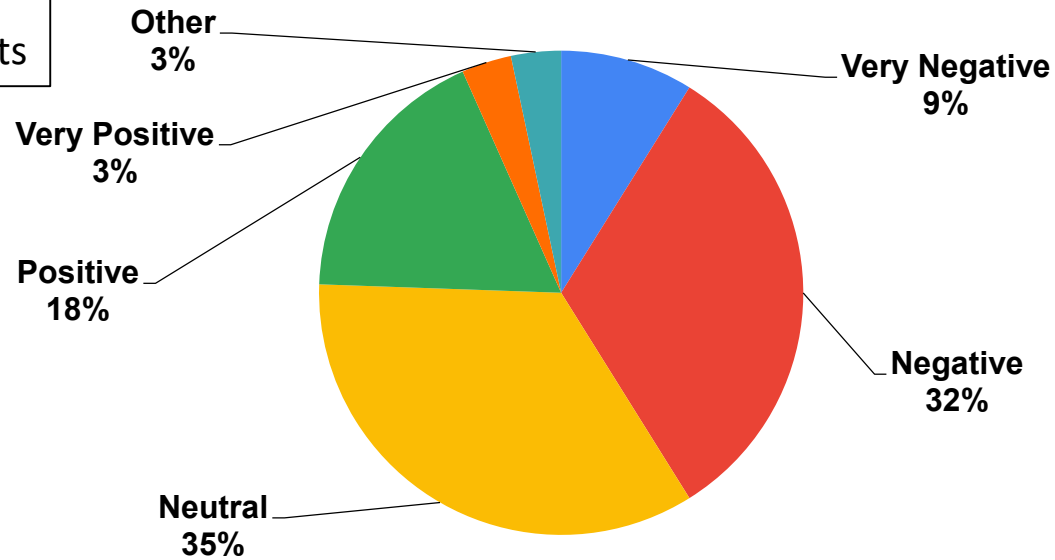
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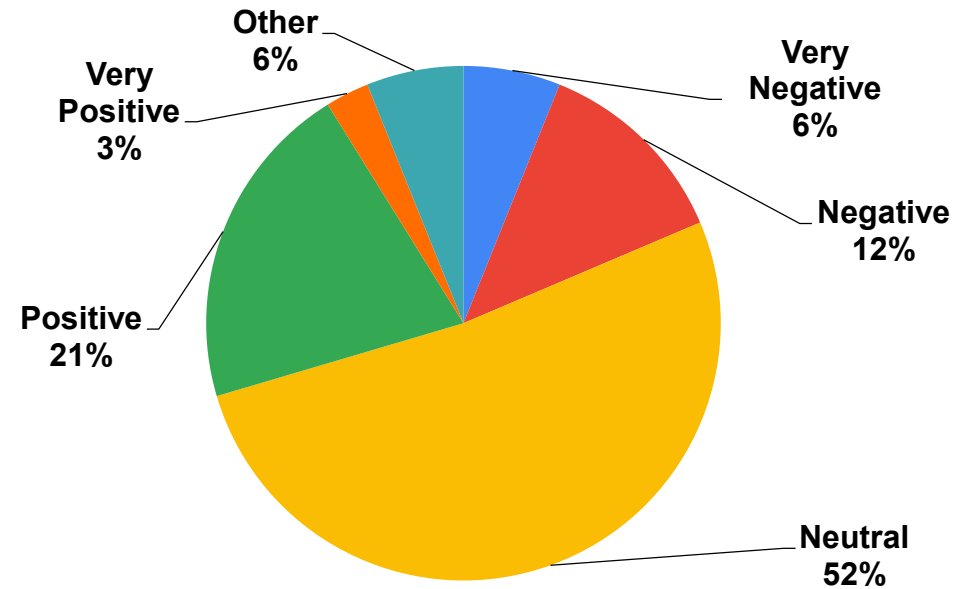
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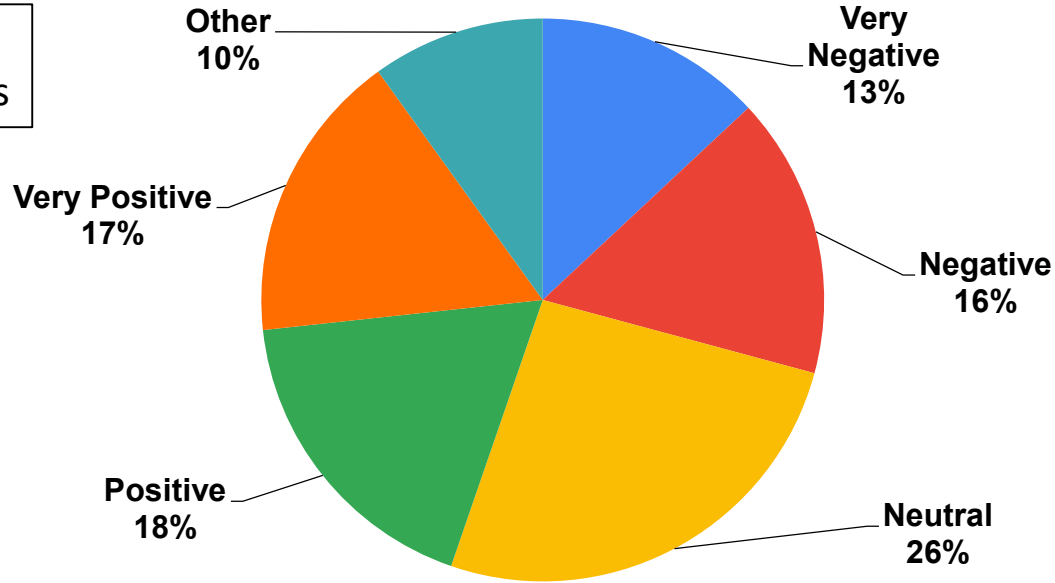


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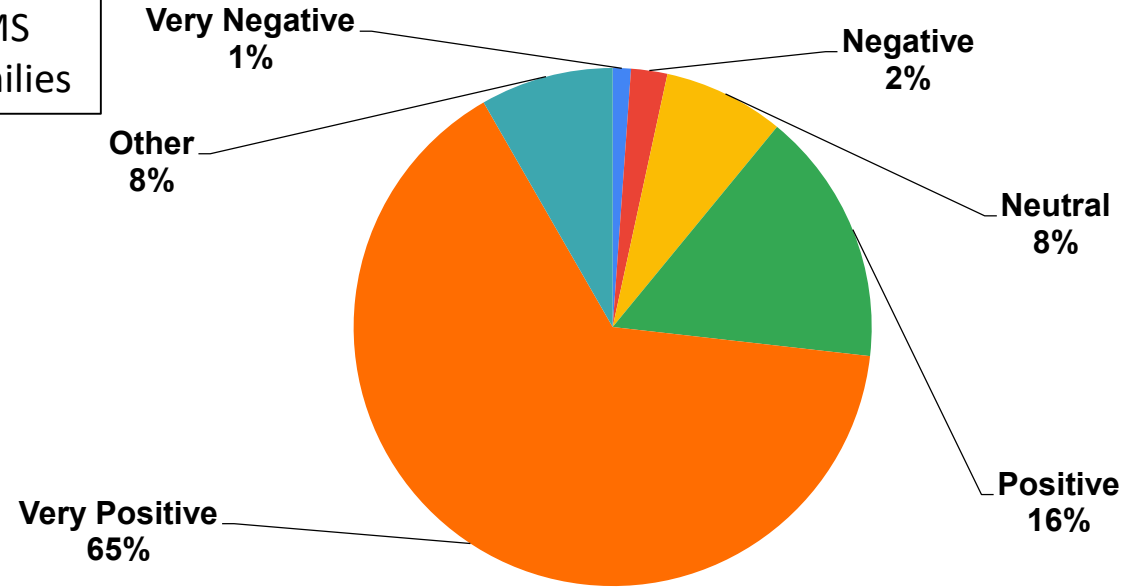


Response to you/your child coming into school for longer?

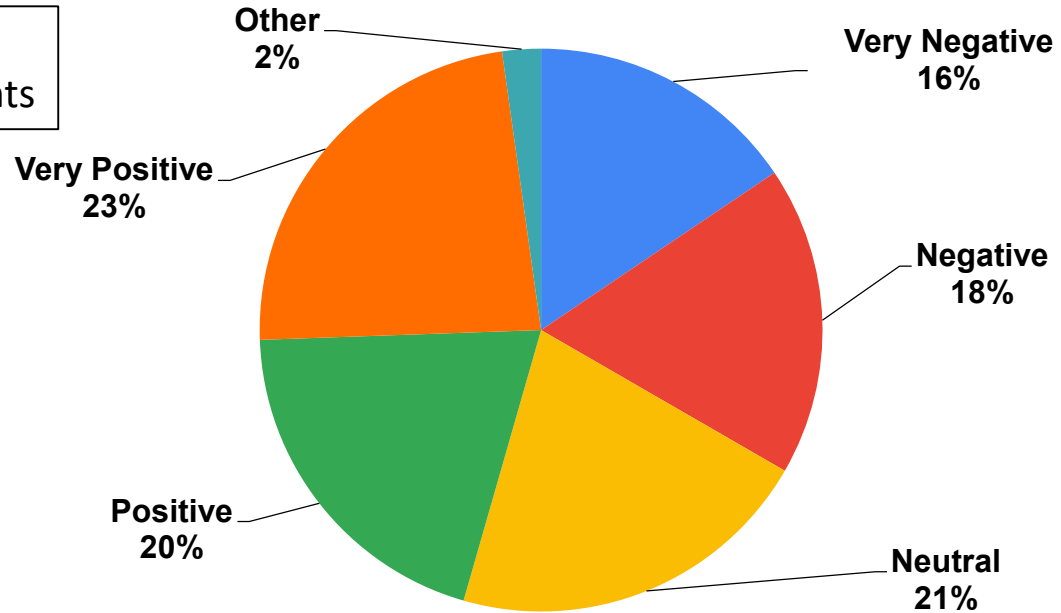
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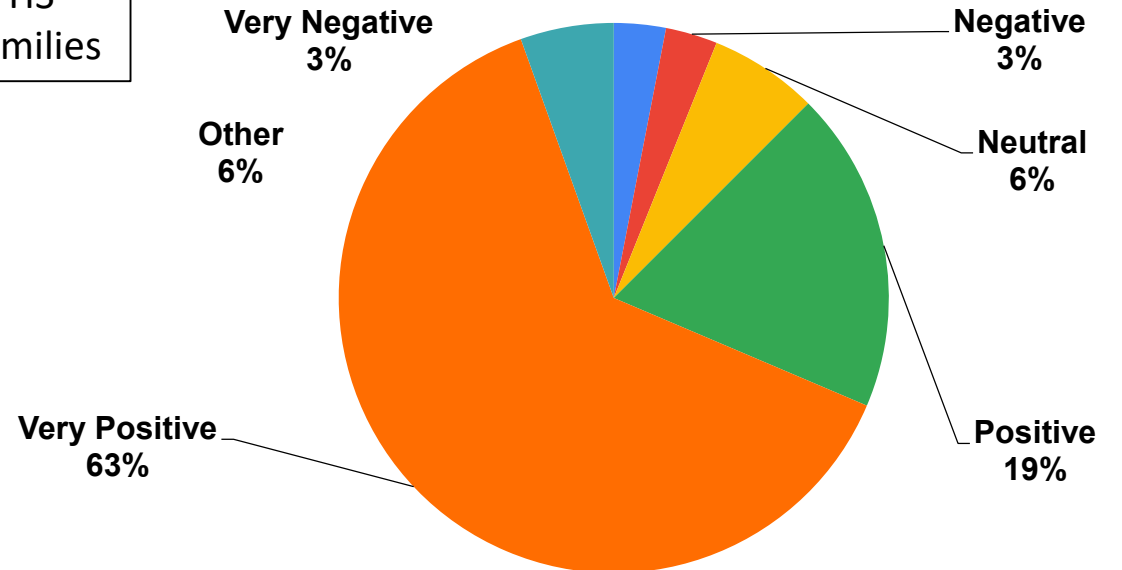
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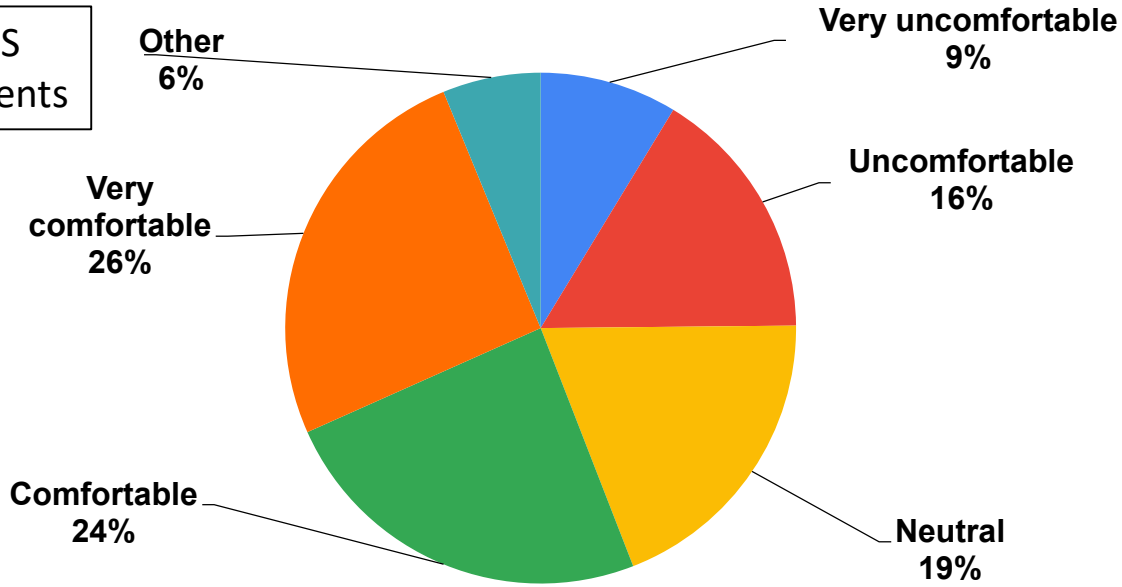


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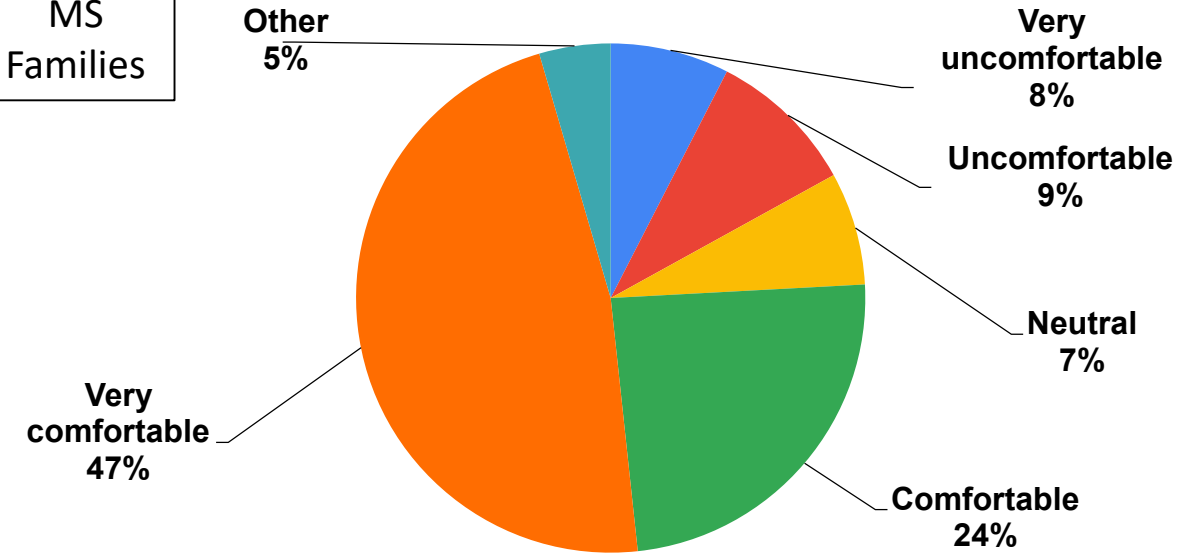


How comfortable are you with lunch in school?

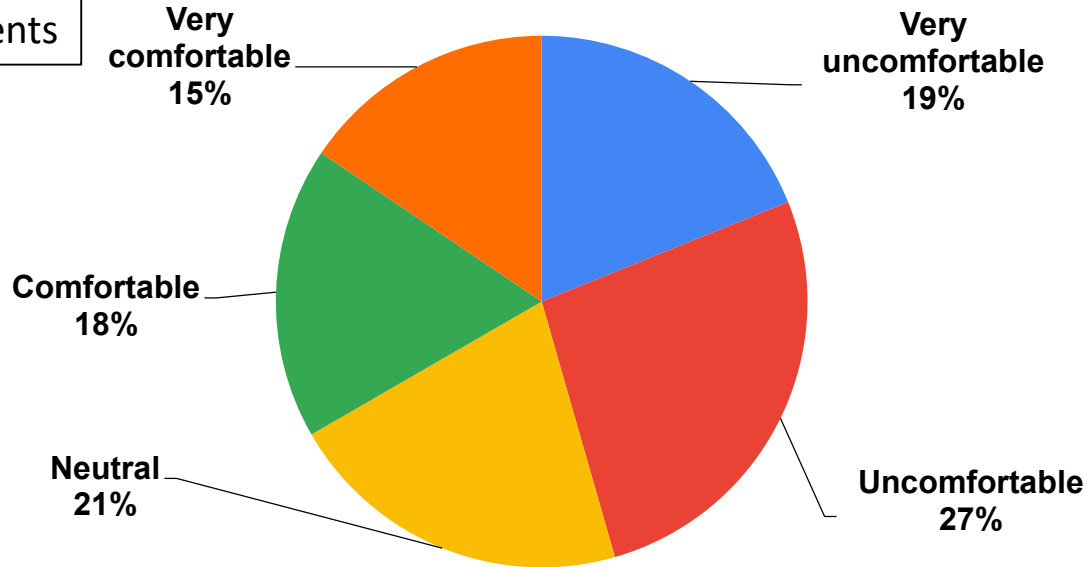
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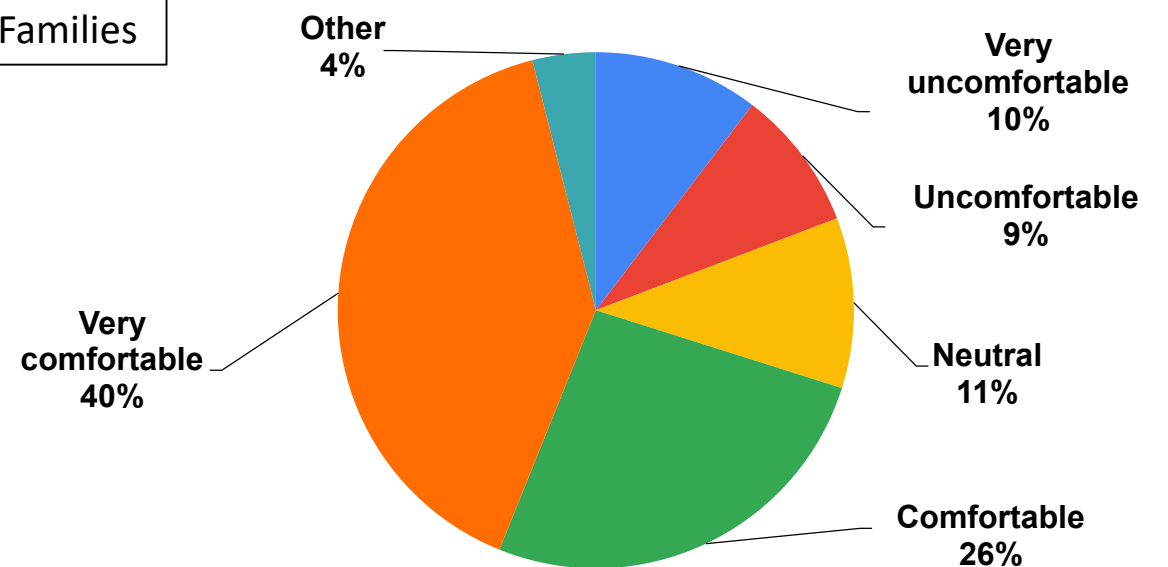
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Our Priorities

- **Focus on increased in person learning time, bring students together in school more often**
- **High School: Immediate change**
- **WHS and WMS both coming in on Wednesday**
- **Continue negotiations with WEA (ongoing)**
- **RLA will continue at all levels**

New Proposal WMS & WHS

March 15, 2021

- **WMS & WHS all-in, without cohorts, 5 days/week**
- **3-foot minimum social-distancing, with 6-foot distancing in place to greatest extent possible**
- **WMS & WHS Schedule: 8:30am – 1:00 PM**
- **No lunches in school**
- **Remote work in afternoons**

New Proposal Elementary Schools

April 5, 2021

- **All in all day with lunches**
- **Maintain 6-foot social distancing**

Next Steps

- **Continuing negotiations with WEA (ongoing)**
- **Implementing negotiated changes as adopted**
- **Supporting students/staff through changes**

Implementation Considerations

- **Operational changes (i.e. schedule changes, new bus routes, parking, lunches)**
- **Additional materials (i.e. desks, dividers)**
- **Evaluate and add additional safety protocols as appropriate, strict adherence to current practices**
- **Additional diagnostic testing of faculty, staff and students for COVID-19, including higher participation rates**
- **Feedback from students/families/educators**

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