

Survey Report - Parents: 2020-21 School Re-entry Survey

Date of Collection: June 12 to June 21, 2020

of Respondents: 30,538

Do your children attend: (Choose all that apply.)

Public school	28,378	91%
Independent school	2,653	9%
Total	31,031	100%

How many children do you have enrolled in school as of September 2020?

1	11,121	36%
2	13,653	45%
3	4,400	14%
4	1,094	4%
5	188	1%
6	53	0%
7	14	0%
8 or more	15	0%
Total	30,538	100%

What grade(s) are your children enrolled in as of September 2020? (Choose all that apply.)

Pre-Kindergarten	1,374	2%
Kindergarten	4,128	7%
1	4,678	8%
2	4,727	8%
3	4,827	9%
4	4,761	9%
5	4,720	8%
6	4,601	8%
7	4,372	8%
8	4,011	7%
9	3,865	7%
10	3,593	6%
11	3,123	6%
12	3,220	6%
Total	<u>56,000</u>	<u>100%</u>

Do any of your children enrolled in school have special needs?

Yes	3,227	11%
No	26,563	87%
Prefer not to say	748	2%
Total	<u>30,538</u>	<u>100%</u>

Do any of your children enrolled in school have underlying health issues that may put them at higher risk should they be exposed to COVID-19?

Yes	4,402	14%
No	25,609	84%
Prefer not to say	527	2%
Total	<u>30,538</u>	<u>100%</u>

Does anyone in your household, other than your children enrolled in school, have underlying health issues that may put them at higher risk should they be exposed to COVID-19?

Yes	7,833	26%
No	22,200	73%
Prefer not to say	505	2%
Total	30,538	100%

Are your children eligible for bus transportation to get to and from school?

Yes	15,071	49%
No	15,467	51%
Total	30,538	100%

If yes, are you able to drive your children or have them driven to and from school this fall if necessary?

Yes	7,454	49%
No	5,154	34%
Not sure	2,463	16%
Total	15,071	100%

If no, do your children take public transit to get to and from school?

Yes	1,815	12%
No	13,652	88%
Total	15,467	100%

If your children take public transit to go to and from school, are you able to drive your children or have them driven to and from school this fall if necessary?

Yes	765	42%
No	630	35%
Not sure	420	23%
Total	1,815	100%

With social distancing requirements in place, are you comfortable with having your children transported on a school bus this fall?

Yes	16,541	54%
No	7,656	25%
Not sure	6,341	21%
Total	30,538	100%

Do you feel comfortable with your children taking public transit to go to school in the fall?

Yes	8,439	28%
No	17,217	56%
Not sure	4,882	16%
Total	30,538	100%

In-Person Learning:

How comfortable are you with the possibility of your children going back to in-class instruction in the fall?

Very comfortable	12,691	42%
Somewhat comfortable	10,129	33%
Somewhat uncomfortable	4,622	15%
Very uncomfortable	2,453	8%
Not sure	643	2%
Total	30,538	100%

The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount and the direction of the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer will continue to be followed. Planning tools for students' return to school are being finalized.

In the meantime, how comfortable do the following measures make you feel with regard to your child returning to in-school learning?

Cloth masks

Very comfortable	5,061	17%
Somewhat comfortable	8,503	28%
Somewhat uncomfortable	6,137	20%
Very uncomfortable	8,332	27%
Not sure	2,505	8%
Total	30,538	100%

Hand sanitizer

Very comfortable	18,379	60%
Somewhat comfortable	8,220	27%
Somewhat uncomfortable	2,229	7%
Very uncomfortable	1,438	5%
Not sure	272	1%
Total	30,538	100%

Regular hand-washing

Very comfortable	23,406	77%
Somewhat comfortable	5,233	17%
Somewhat uncomfortable	1,135	4%
Very uncomfortable	621	2%
Not sure	143	0%
Total	30,538	100%

Physical distancing protocols

Very comfortable	11,434	37%
Somewhat comfortable	10,417	34%
Somewhat uncomfortable	4,349	14%
Very uncomfortable	3,273	11%
Not sure	1,065	3%
Total	30,538	100%

Enhanced cleaning protocols

Very comfortable	19,436	64%
Somewhat comfortable	7,800	26%
Somewhat uncomfortable	1,877	6%
Very uncomfortable	949	3%
Not sure	476	2%
Total	30,538	100%

Protocols for responding to students and staff who are sick

Very comfortable	15,813	52%
Somewhat comfortable	8,431	28%
Somewhat uncomfortable	2,843	9%
Very uncomfortable	1,678	5%
Not sure	1,773	6%
Total	30,538	100%

Protocols for responding to students and staff who have underlying health issues

Very comfortable	13,911	46%
Somewhat comfortable	8,669	28%
Somewhat uncomfortable	2,834	9%
Very uncomfortable	1,617	5%
Not sure	3,507	11%
Total	30,538	100%

Many jurisdictions around the globe are considering blended approaches to learning in the fall of 2020, where some learning happens at school, some remote learning happens at home, and not all students are in school buildings at the same time. With this in mind, please indicate how comfortable you are with each of the following:

Prioritizing 5 days a week school for K-6 students to ensure optimal learning for younger students and to allow parents and caregivers to return to work.

Very comfortable	15,019	49%
Somewhat comfortable	7,563	25%
Somewhat uncomfortable	3,630	12%
Very uncomfortable	2,511	8%
Not sure	1,815	6%
Total	30,538	100%

Different students are assigned different days to attend school. On the days students are not at school, they stay home and engage in teacher-led remote learning.

Very comfortable	5,214	17%
Somewhat comfortable	9,681	32%
Somewhat uncomfortable	6,005	20%
Very uncomfortable	8,229	27%
Not sure	1,409	5%
Total	30,538	100%

Staggering class start and end times and breaks to minimize the numbers of students in shared spaces at the same time.

Very comfortable	7,227	24%
Somewhat comfortable	11,344	37%
Somewhat uncomfortable	5,054	17%
Very uncomfortable	5,232	17%
Not sure	1,681	6%
Total	30,538	100%

Keeping groups of students together throughout the day to minimize mixing.

Very comfortable	9,027	30%
Somewhat comfortable	12,508	41%
Somewhat uncomfortable	4,415	14%
Very uncomfortable	2,916	10%
Not sure	1,672	5%
Total	30,538	100%

Students attending a school at a different location than their current one.

Very comfortable	1,177	4%
Somewhat comfortable	2,605	9%
Somewhat uncomfortable	4,775	16%
Very uncomfortable	19,142	63%
Not sure	2,839	9%
Total	30,538	100%

Online or Distance Learning:

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about the period of remote learning that began in March 2020.

Remote learning has worked well for my child/children's learning.

Strongly agree	2,744	9%
Somewhat agree	9,489	31%
Somewhat disagree	7,297	24%
Strongly disagree	10,071	33%
Not sure	937	3%
Total	30,538	100%

There has been consistent delivery of online instruction across schools and classrooms.

Strongly agree	5,916	19%
Somewhat agree	8,693	28%
Somewhat disagree	5,863	19%
Strongly disagree	8,323	27%
Not sure	1,743	6%
Total	30,538	100%

My children have received feedback on their participation in remote learning.

Strongly agree	8,212	27%
Somewhat agree	11,283	37%
Somewhat disagree	5,203	17%
Strongly disagree	3,937	13%
Not sure	1,903	6%
Total	30,538	100%

My children have been evaluated on their remote learning.

Strongly agree	6,088	20%
Somewhat agree	10,877	36%
Somewhat disagree	5,166	17%
Strongly disagree	4,272	14%
Not sure	4,135	14%
Total	30,538	100%

My children have been able to build and maintain relationships with other students in a remote learning environment.

Strongly agree	1,401	5%
Somewhat agree	5,338	17%
Somewhat disagree	7,401	24%
Strongly disagree	15,180	50%
Not sure	1,218	4%
Total	30,538	100%

My children have been able to build and maintain relationships with their teachers during the period of remote learning.

Strongly agree	4,081	13%
Somewhat agree	11,044	36%
Somewhat disagree	7,557	25%
Strongly disagree	6,763	22%
Not sure	1,093	4%
Total	30,538	100%

I have been able to build and maintain relationships with my children's teachers during the period of remote learning.

Strongly agree	5,594	18%
Somewhat agree	11,554	38%
Somewhat disagree	6,433	21%
Strongly disagree	5,656	19%
Not sure	1,301	4%
Total	30,538	100%

How comfortable are you with having your children continue with remote learning in the fall, if that is necessary?

Very comfortable	4,332	14%
Somewhat comfortable	6,926	23%
Somewhat uncomfortable	8,107	27%
Very uncomfortable	10,300	34%
Not sure	873	3%
Total	30,538	100%

How confident are you that you would be able to support your children’s remote learning in the fall (if necessary), given considerations such as work, childcare or other obligations?

Very confident	4,842	16%
Somewhat confident	8,970	29%
Not at all confident	15,357	50%
Not sure	1,369	4%
Total	30,538	100%

**Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:
My children have a reliable Internet or Wi-Fi connection for online learning.**

Strongly agree	18,750	61%
Somewhat agree	7,295	24%
Somewhat disagree	2,343	8%
Strongly disagree	2,062	7%
Not sure	88	0%
Total	30,538	100%

My children have access to a shared device for online learning (e.g., tablet, computer, phone).

Strongly agree	19,251	63%
Somewhat agree	7,080	23%
Somewhat disagree	2,180	7%
Strongly disagree	1,912	6%
Not sure	115	0%
Total	30,538	100%

There are enough devices in my home to manage my children’s online learning.

Strongly agree	16,170	53%
Somewhat agree	6,569	22%
Somewhat disagree	3,666	12%
Strongly disagree	4,000	13%
Not sure	133	0%
Total	30,538	100%

Overall, remote learning has worked well for my children.

Strongly agree	3,561	12%
Somewhat agree	9,312	30%
Somewhat disagree	7,108	23%
Strongly disagree	9,486	31%
Not sure	1,071	4%
Total	30,538	100%

How are your children adapting to the physical distancing measures required due to COVID-19?

Not very well	5,241	17%
Okay	18,974	62%
Very well	5,742	19%
Not sure	581	2%
Total	30,538	100%

Of the following, what is your biggest concern as a parent at this time?

My children missing out on learning from teachers.	10,979	36%
My children not seeing their friends and socializing.	5,398	18%
My children's mental health.	6,094	20%
My ability to continue working while my children are learning at home.	5,156	17%
How my children will cope with going back when schools reopen.	2,911	10%
Total	30,538	100%