

Fall Planning Survey Results Overview

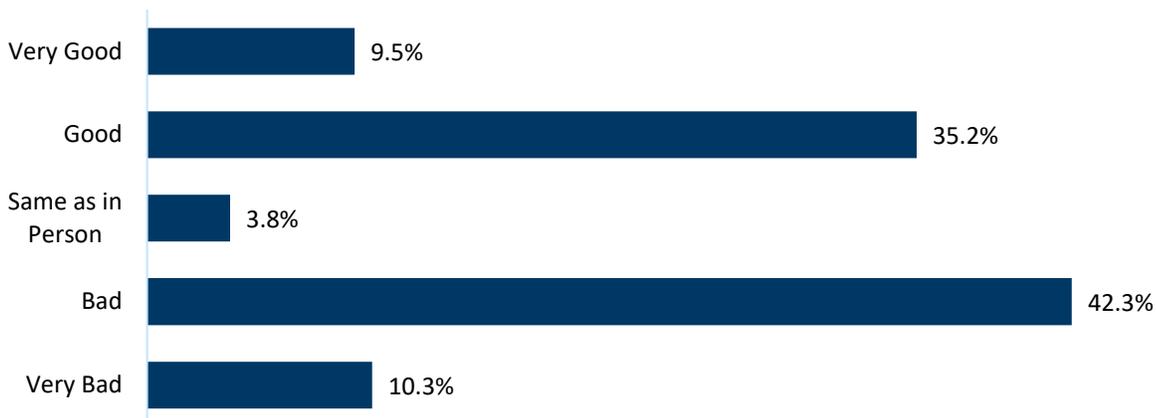
The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has conducted an informal survey of Minnesota families about their distance learning experiences. The survey received an overwhelming response from the community. Between June 15 and July 6, MDE collected more than 130,000 completed responses in English, Hmong, Somali and Spanish.

The survey asked a series of questions about parents' experiences with distance learning in the spring of 2020 and their hopes for the 2020-21 school year. Below is a high-level overview of the responses.

Question 1: How would you rate your distance learning experience?

Overall, more parents reported having a negative experience than a positive experience during Spring 2020 distance learning

All races and ethnicities combined

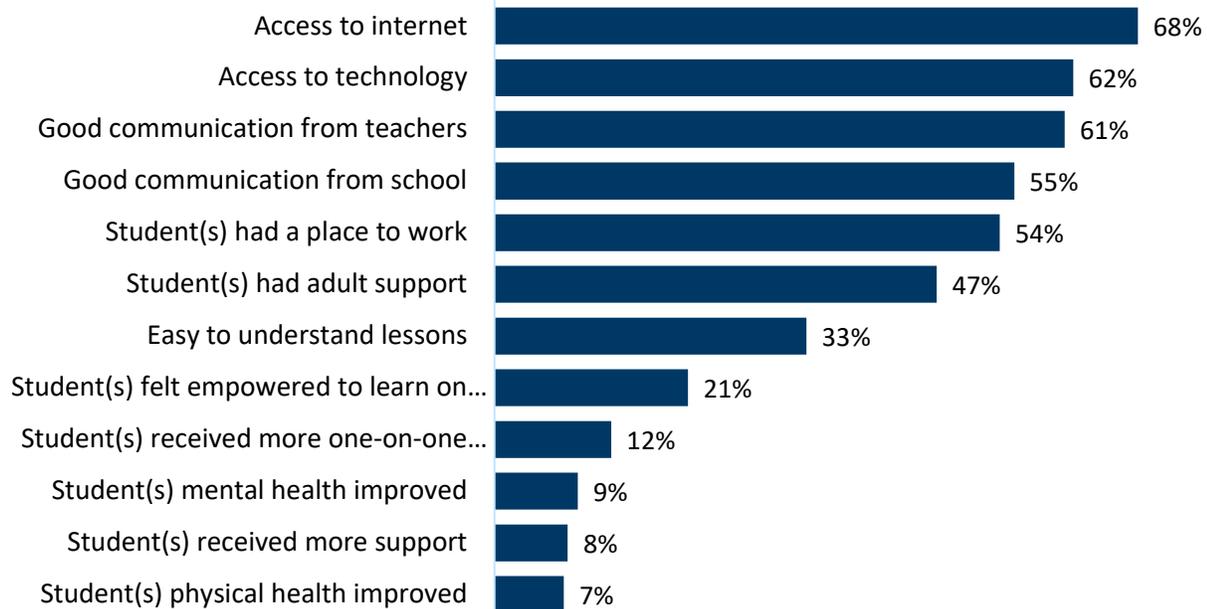


Response	Percent
Very Good	9.5%
Good	35.2%
Same as in Person	3.8%
Bad	42.3%
Very Bad	10.3%

Question 2: What went well during the distance learning period? (Select all that apply.)

Experiences that 'went well' during the spring 2020 distance learning

All races and ethnicities combined

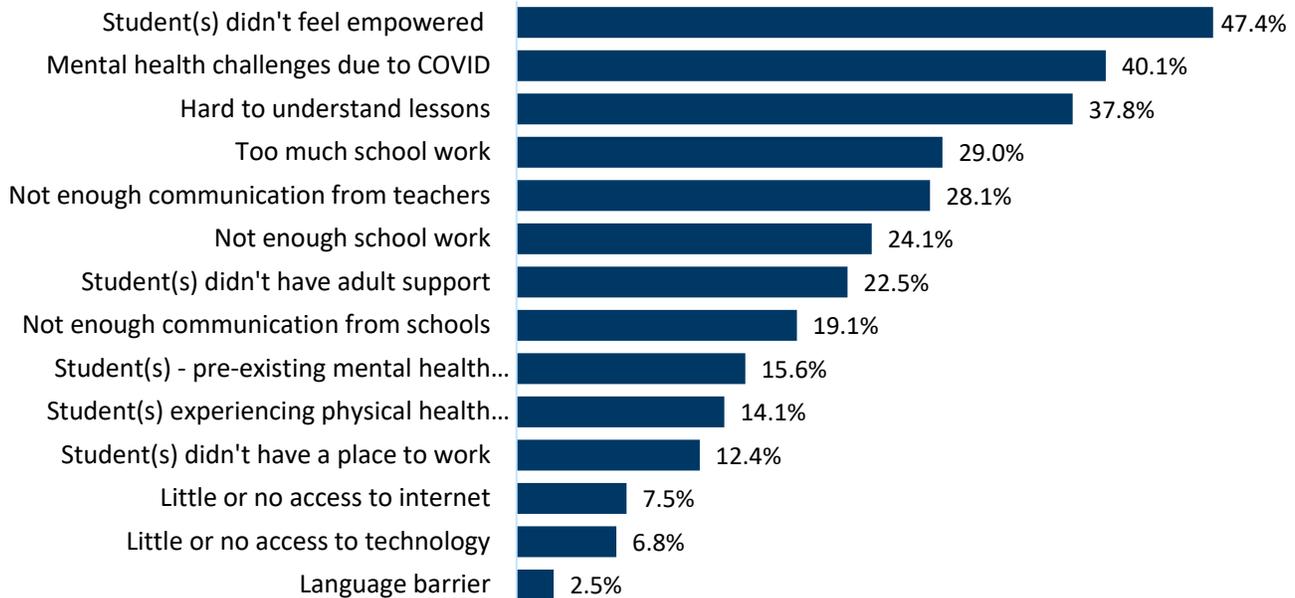


Response	Percent	Number of responses
Access to internet	68.4%	91,757
Access to technology	61.5%	82,522
Good communication from teachers	60.6%	81,304
Good communication from school	55.3%	74,118
Student(s) had a place to work	53.7%	72,061
Student(s) had adult support	47.0%	63,073
Easy to understand lessons	33.2%	44,499
Student(s) felt empowered to learn on their own	20.6%	27,611
Student(s) received more one-on-one attention	12.4%	16,651
Student(s) mental health improved	8.9%	11,877
Student(s) received more support	7.8%	10,433
Student(s) physical health improved	7.4%	9,862

Question 3: What was challenging during the distance learning period? (Select all that apply.)

Challenges during the spring 2020 distance learning

All race/ethnicities combined



Response	Percent	Number of responses
Student(s) didn't feel empowered to work on their own	47.4%	63,499
Student(s) experiencing mental health challenges due to COVID	40.1%	53,702
Hard to understand lessons	37.8%	50,706
Too much school work	29.0%	38,824
Not enough communication from teachers	28.1%	37,690
Not enough school work	24.1%	32,373
Student(s) didn't have adult support	22.5%	30,168
Not enough communication from schools	19.1%	25,547
Student(s) experiencing pre-existing mental health challenges	15.6%	20,855
Student(s) experiencing physical health challenges	14.1%	18,946
Student(s) didn't have a place to work	12.4%	16,692
Little or no access to internet	7.5%	10,016
Little or no access to technology	6.8%	9,105
Language barrier	2.5%	3,398

Question 4: Would you feel comfortable sending your student(s) back to a classroom this fall?

The majority of survey respondents are comfortable sending their students to school in the fall, but almost a quarter are still unsure...

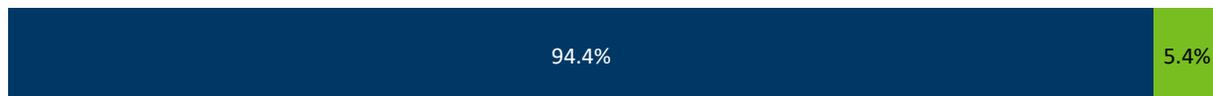


■ Comfortable ■ Uncomfortable ■ Unsure

Response	Percent	Number of responses
Yes	64.3%	86,185
No	11.4%	15,343
Unsure	24.3%	32,554

Question 5: If yes, would you send your student(s) back to a classroom:

... and of those comfortable sending students back to school, almost all of them would prefer to send them back full-time.

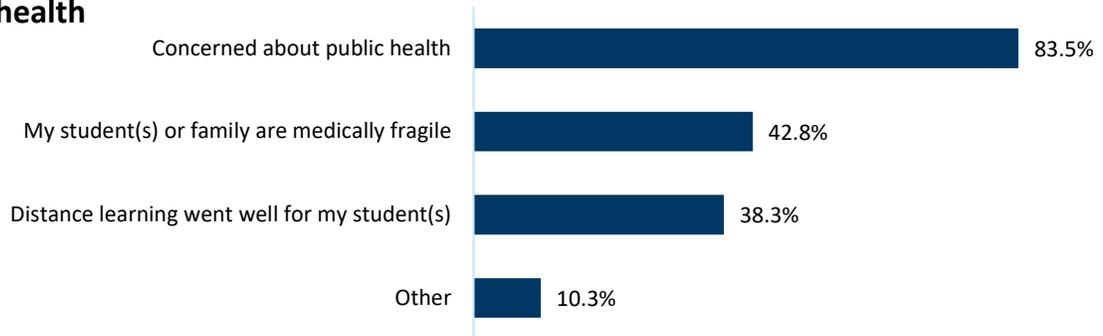


■ Full-time ■ Part-time

Response	Percent	Number of responses
Full-time	94.4%	81,317
Part-time	5.4%	4,688

Question 6: If no, why not?

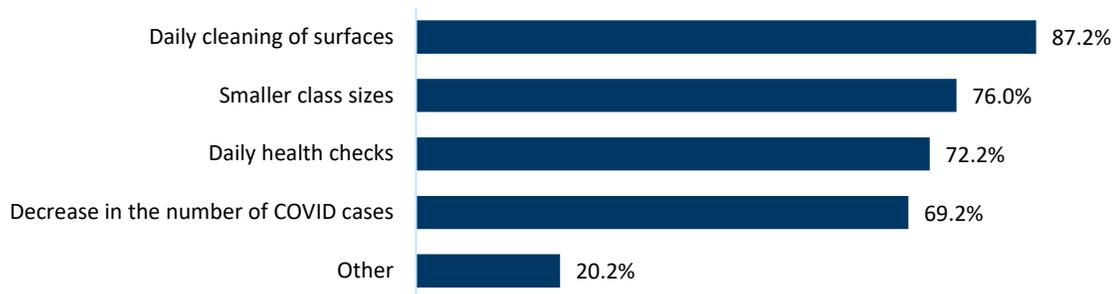
For those not comfortable sending their student back to school, the biggest concern cited is around public health



Response	Percent	Number of responses
Concerned about public health	83.5%	12,806
My student(s) or family are medically fragile	42.8%	6,560
Distance learning went well for my student(s)	38.3%	5,883
Other	10.3%	1,579

Question 7: If maybe, what would make you feel comfortable sending your child back to school?

For those still unsure, the majority would be comforted if schools were to implement daily cleaning of common surfaces and other areas



Response	Percent	Number of responses
Daily cleaning of surfaces	87.2%	28,380
Smaller class sizes	76.0%	24,737
Daily health checks	72.2%	23,518
Decrease in the number of COVID cases	69.2%	22,534
Other	20.2%	6,589

[Download the full set of responses to the survey here.](#) (Excel format.)