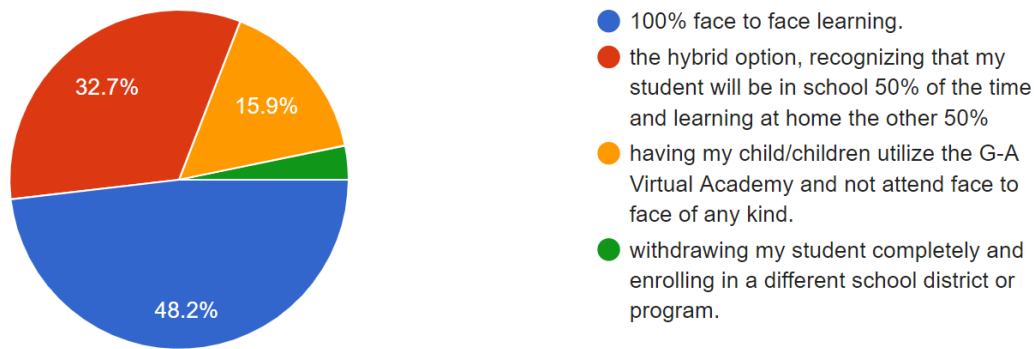


Thank you to the many families who had an opportunity to complete our Return to Learn Parent Survey, regarding reopening schools this fall. We are sharing the big picture results with our community, so that we all have a sense of what our families are hoping for and concerned about, as we build our Reopening Plan here at GACS.

Please know that while we are planning, some of these options require legislation to occur. We also do not yet know what our funding levels will be as the State has yet to adopt a budget for the 2020-2021 school year.

Based on this information, I lean toward

434 responses



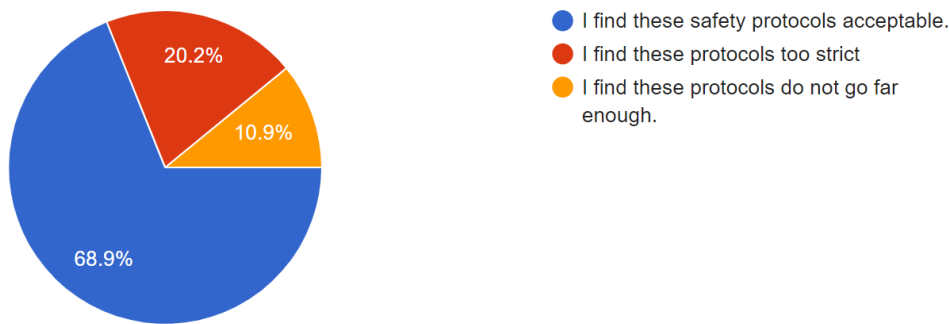
351 respondents would like to see us reopen with either 100% face to face instruction or a hybrid approach which includes some face to face and some online.

The factors influencing parents’ choices were varied; however, the majority cited health and safety (272), instructional rigor (188), parents’ employment (152), childcare (102), social emotional health (310), transportation (51) and special education services (51) as reasons for their choices.

When we described the requirements for mask wearing, 70% of respondents found these acceptable. 11% felt they didn't go far enough in keeping students safe.

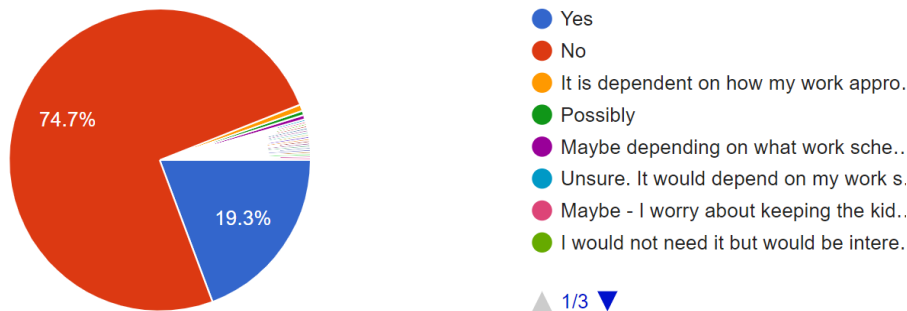
Phase 4 allows face to face instruction and/or a hybrid approach to learning (both online and virtual) with some requirements: students in grades 6-12 must wear masks in classrooms, on buses and in common areas/hallways. K-5 will need to wear masks on buses and in common areas. There will also be significant cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day. If Kalamazoo County stays in Phase 4, which of the following best states your position at this current time:

431 responses



When asked if respondents would need daycare if we were to start the year with a hybrid model which allows some face to face and then some online to keep the number of students at school lower, 19.3% said "yes" they will need daycare. Another 15% are not yet sure.

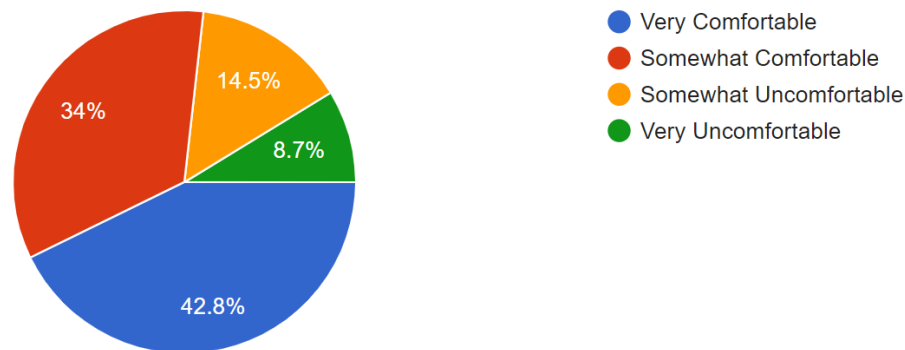
435 responses



We also asked families how comfortable they were having their child/children participate in athletics and extra-curricular activities. Almost 77% responded that were either very or somewhat comfortable.

How comfortable are you allowing your child/children to participate in athletic and extra curricular activities? The extent to which G-A is allowed to have such activities will be aligned with guidelines from the Roadmap, MHSAA and our local health department.

435 responses



We will be holding parent meetings this week about several aspects of this plan. We will also continue to meet with our local county health department on a weekly basis. We hope to have a decision by Friday, August 7th; with a Board adoption of the plan at a special board meeting on August 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

We also plan to offer a Town Hall style meeting, the timing of which has not yet been determined. This will likely occur after August 10th.

Our staff are scheduled to return August 24<sup>th</sup>, and our classes are scheduled to begin August 31st.

Thank you again to everyone that completed the survey. Your responses are appreciated & helpful as we build our Return to Learn plan.