

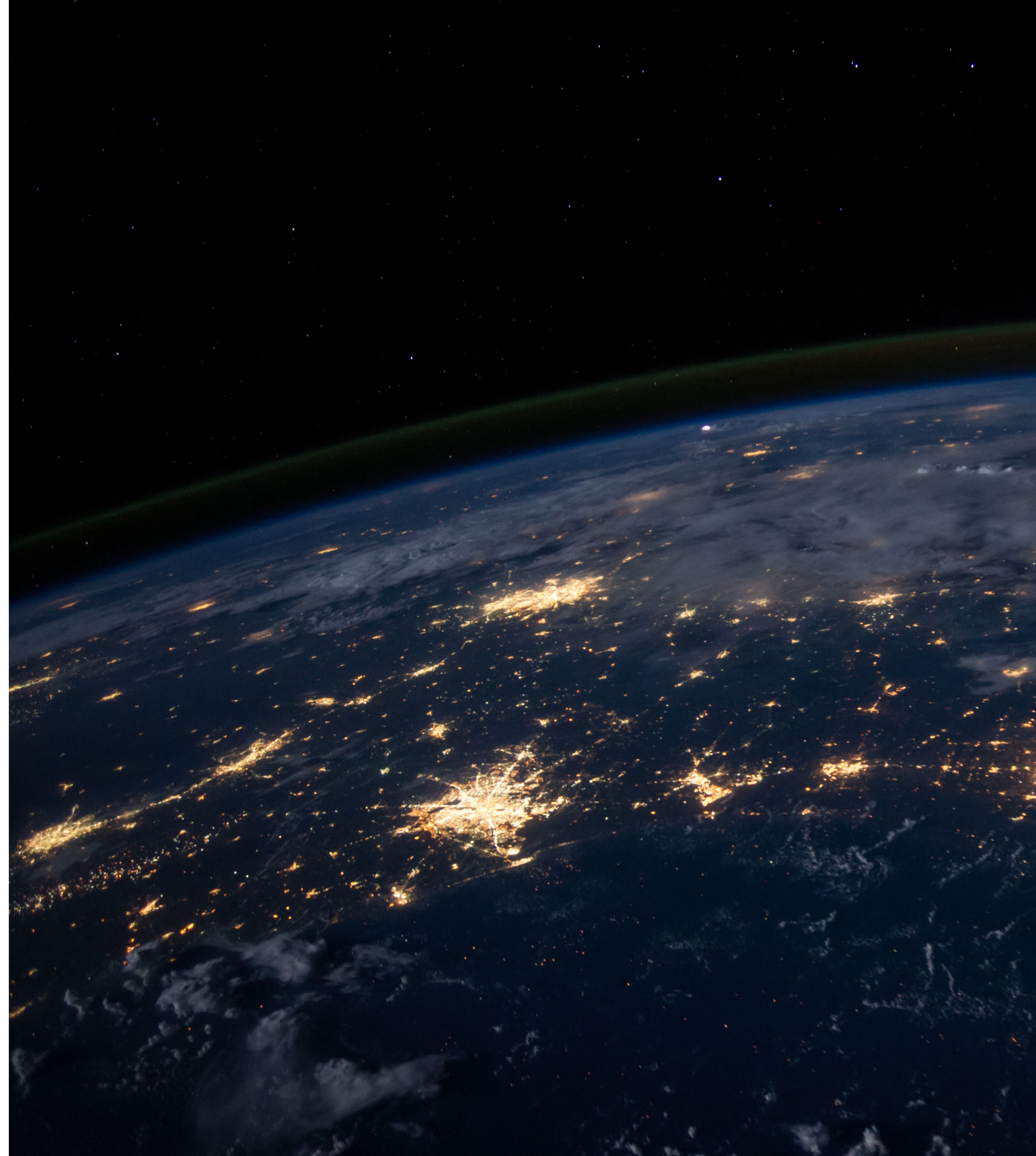


National Parents Union Coronavirus Impact Survey

Key Trends and Week #8 Update

Weekly survey of 500 parents of K-12 public school students nationwide

Week #8: June 15–18, 2020



Methodology

- We are conducting weekly online, national surveys of parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through high school to better understand the challenges and experiences they are facing during the COVID-19 crisis and their expectations and priorities for the future.
 - Sample: N=500 parents of K-12 public school students per week
 - Field dates:
 - Week 1: April 27–29, 2020
 - Week 2: May 4–5, 2020
 - Week 3: May 11–12, 2020
 - Week 4: May 18–20, 2020
 - Week 5: May 25–27, 2020
 - Week 6: June 1–3, 2020
 - Week 7: June 8–11, 2020
 - Week 8: June 15–18, 2020
 - Results are weighted by gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and region to reflect known population demographics.

Key Trends



Parents' Top Concerns Remain Someone in Their Family Getting the Coronavirus, Education, and Kids Missing Social Interactions

Q: With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian?

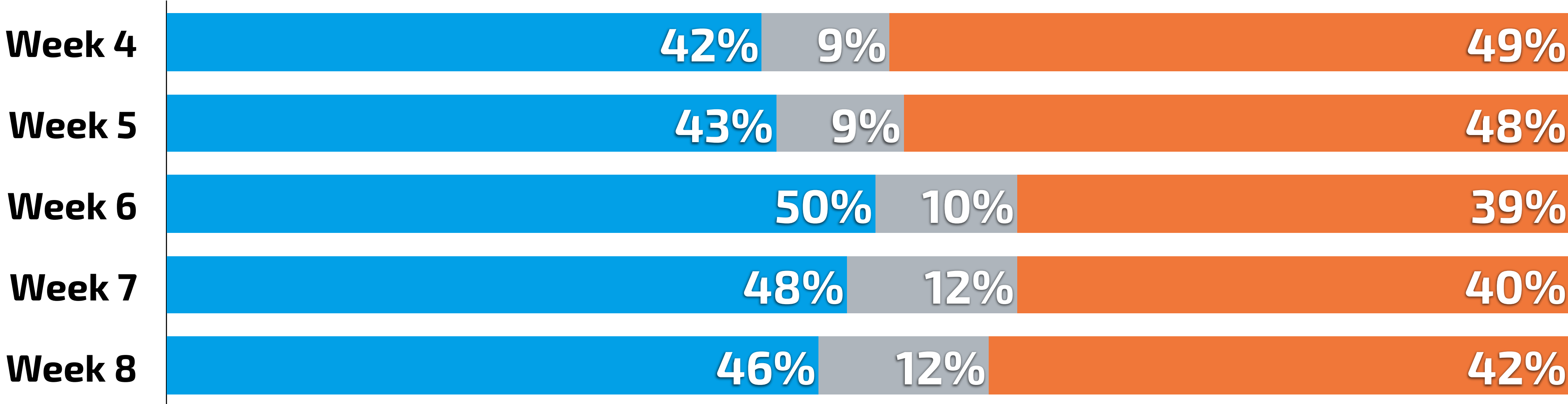
| % Worry a lot/Some about . . . | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus | 59% | 59% | 57% | 57% | 60% | 56% | 57% | 63% |
| School closures will have a negative impact on your child's education | 55% | 56% | 53% | 57% | 60% | 64% | 55% | 62% |
| Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends | 58% | 60% | 61% | 59% | 65% | 64% | 59% | 61% |
| Making sure your child or children stay on track in school so they are ready for the next grade | 59% | 59% | 54% | 60% | 65% | 63% | 56% | 56% |
| How the situation is affecting your children's mental health and emotional wellbeing | N/A | 50% | 48% | 49% | 53% | 55% | 45% | 56% |
| Being able to make ends meet | 46% | 44% | 40% | 46% | 51% | 47% | 50% | 54% |
| Your children spending too much time on screens (TV, computer, phone, etc.) | N/A | N/A | 49% | 49% | 54% | 56% | 53% | 53% |
| How the situation is affecting your mental health and emotional wellbeing | N/A | 44% | 42% | 43% | 45% | 46% | 45% | 52% |
| Your children being exposed to more negative aspects of online social interaction, such as cyberbullying | N/A | N/A | N/A | 41% | 45% | 43% | 42% | 44% |
| Figuring out what to do with your kids during the day | 44% | 37% | 37% | 37% | 39% | 45% | 42% | 37% |



Parents Are Now More Evenly Divided in Concern About Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 vs. Missing Social Interaction

Q. Thinking about the next couple of months, which of the following would you say concerns you more?

- That my children missing important social interactions with friends could negatively affect their emotional wellbeing
- That allowing my children to hang out with friends could put them at risk of being exposed to the coronavirus
- Unsure



Parents' Greatest Needs Stay Consistent: Good Activities For Kids and Money For Necessities

Q: To cope with the coronavirus crisis, which of the following would be the most helpful for you to have as a parent right now? Please choose NO MORE THAN THREE.

| | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Help keeping my children engaged in good activities | 46% | 46% | 53% | 52% | 50% | 56% | 51% | 51% |
| More money to spend on necessities | 41% | 37% | 43% | 42% | 46% | 41% | 46% | 44% |
| More information about how to support my child's learning | 28% | 31% | 37% | 30% | 35% | 35% | 28% | 30% |
| High speed internet access | 31% | 29% | 28% | 29% | 27% | 27% | 26% | 26% |
| Paid time off work from my job | 22% | 21% | 23% | 21% | 23% | 24% | 25% | 26% |
| More hours in the day | 19% | 18% | 16% | 18% | 18% | 16% | 17% | 16% |
| Someone to run errands for me to pick up essentials | 16% | 14% | 13% | 12% | 15% | 12% | 7% | 12% |
| More tablets or computers in the house | 20% | 13% | 9% | 14% | 9% | 12% | 12% | 11% |
| Childcare | 6% | 10% | 7% | 7% | 8% | 11% | 9% | 9% |
| Something else | 3% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 3% |



Greatest Hardships Remain Feeling Down or Anxious and Being Unable to See Friends and Family Members

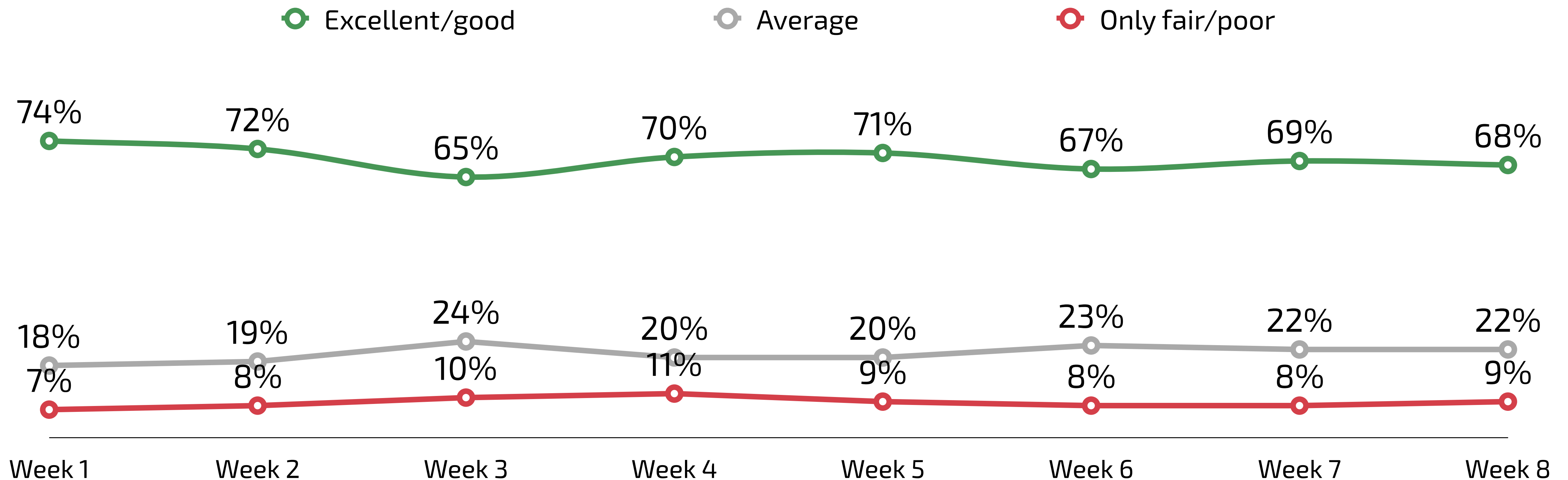
Q: Which one or two of the following are the greatest hardships you personally have faced due to the spread of the coronavirus?

| TOP FIVE RESPONSES (WEEK 8) | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 |
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| I feel down or anxious about the overall situation in the country right now | 25% | 22% | 19% | 18% | 24% | 23% | 21% | 28% |
| I haven't been able to see friends and family members | 22% | 24% | 27% | 24% | 26% | 27% | 24% | 22% |
| I've had difficulty helping my children with their schoolwork and learning | 15% | 18% | 21% | 20% | 20% | 21% | 15% | 18% |
| I haven't been able to move freely or go about my daily routine | 17% | 15% | 19% | 15% | 21% | 21% | 14% | 16% |
| I've lost my job, had my hours cut, or lost income | 14% | 15% | 12% | 14% | 15% | 11% | 14% | 14% |



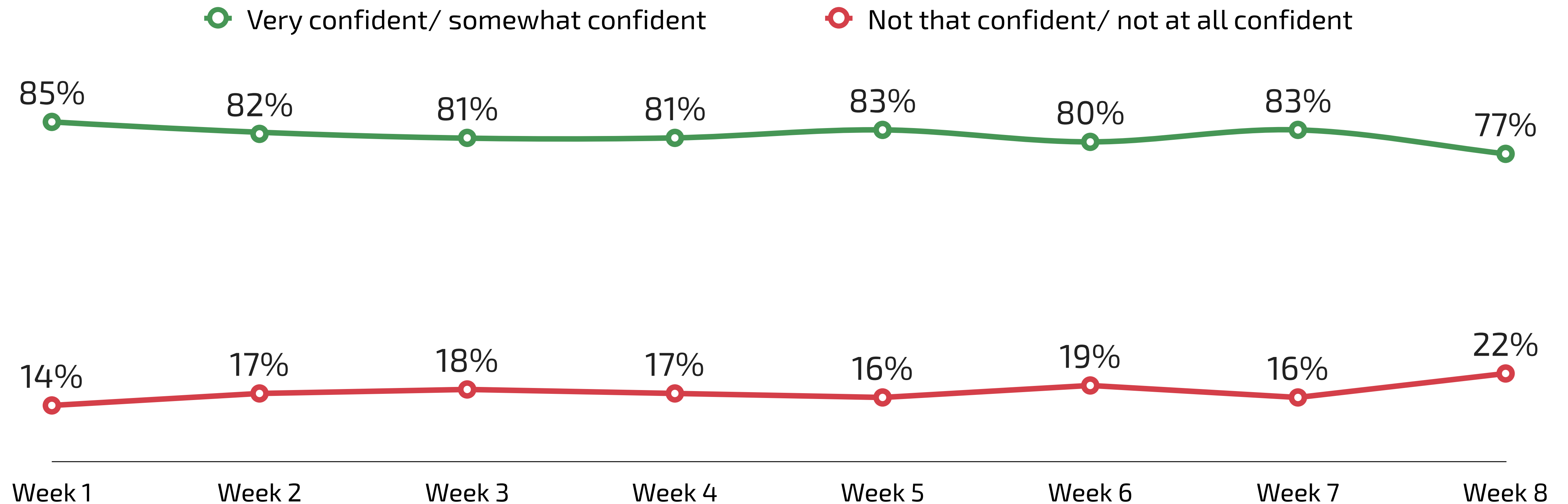
Most Still Rate Schools' Coronavirus Response Positively

Q. Overall, how would you rate the job your child's school is doing in providing resources and support to help your child continue learning?



Parents Remain Confident They Can Help Their Children Learn

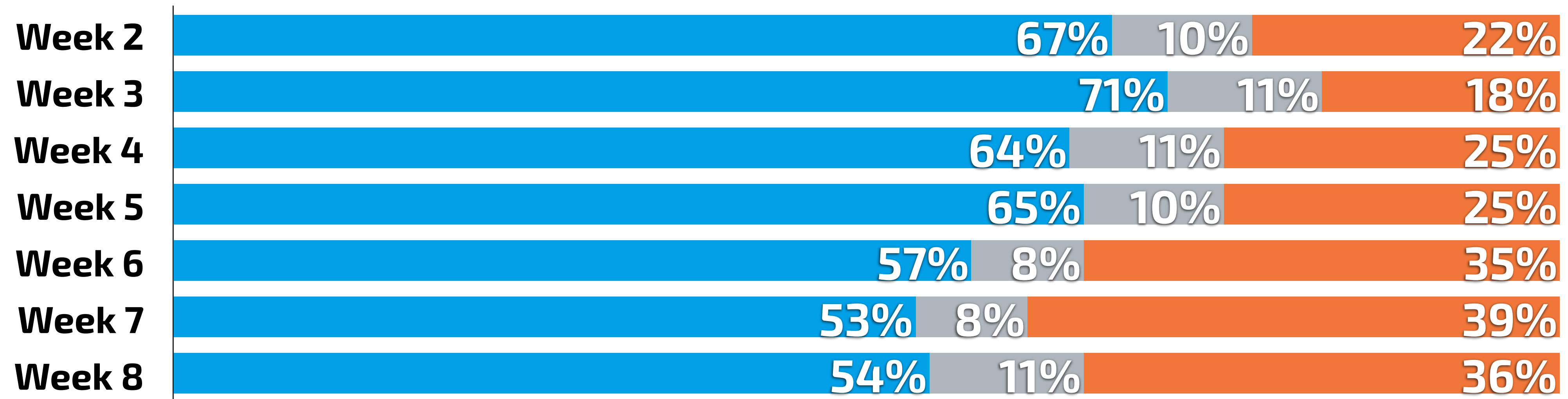
Q. Overall, thinking honestly, how confident do you feel about being able to help your child continue learning?



Parents Still Say Schools Should Err On Side Of Closures, Though Support For Re-Opening Rises in Later Weeks

Q. Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more?

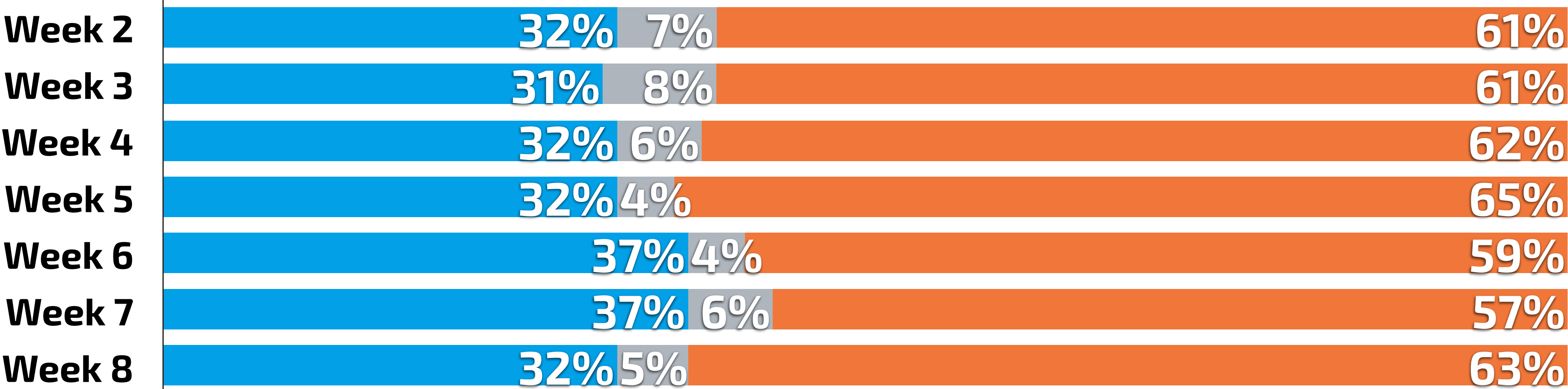
- Schools should remain closed until they are certain there is no health risk, even if it means students fall farther behind.
- Schools should reopen as soon as possible so students don't fall too far behind and can receive the educational support they need.
- Unsure



Parents Continue To Say School Should Be Re-Imagined

Q. Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more?

- Schools should be focused on trying to get back to the way things were before the COVID-19 crisis as soon as it is safe to do so.
- School should be focused on rethinking how we educate students, coming up with new ways to teach children moving forward as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.
- Unsure

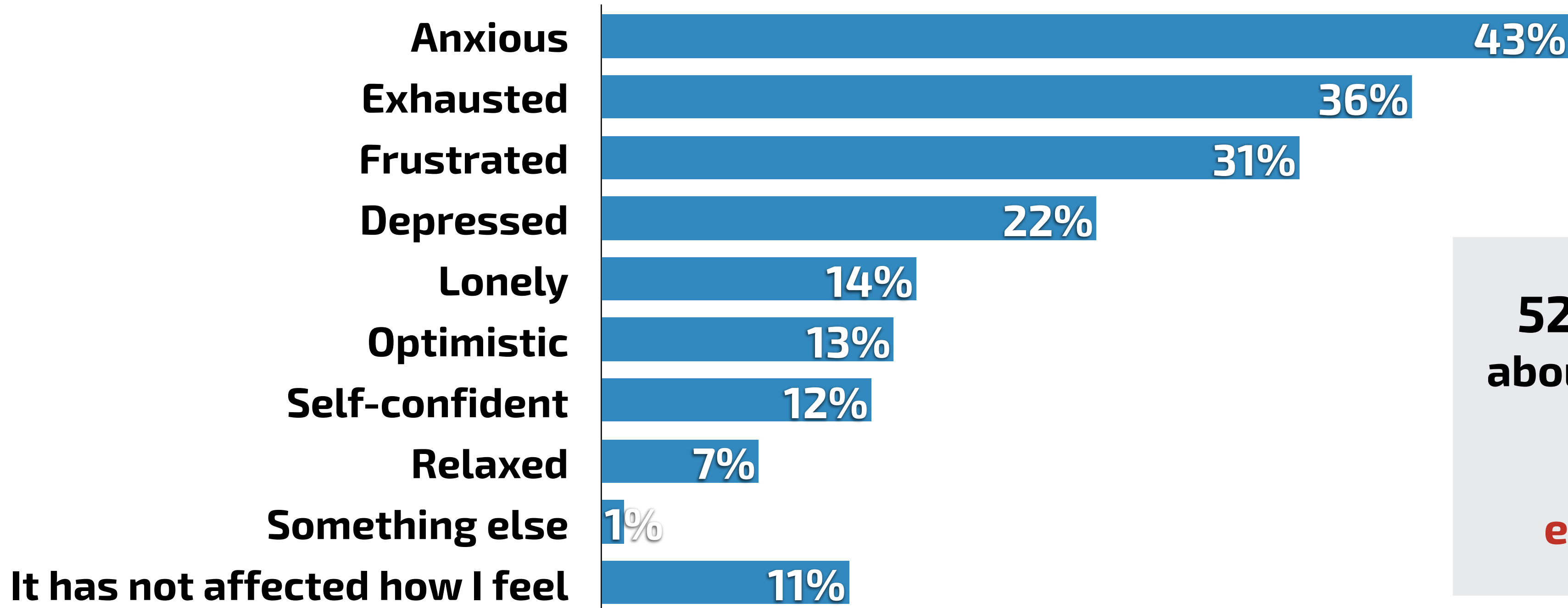


Week #8: Parents' Emotions, Plans for Next School Year, and Views on Making Quality Public Education a Civil Right



Feelings of Anxiety, Exhaustion, and Frustration Are Most Common for Parents Dealing with Coronavirus Situation

Q. As a parent or guardian, how has dealing with the coronavirus situation and taking care of your children made you feel? Please select all that apply.



52% worry a lot/some about how the situation is affecting their mental health and emotional wellbeing



Parents of Younger Kids Are More Likely to Feel Exhausted

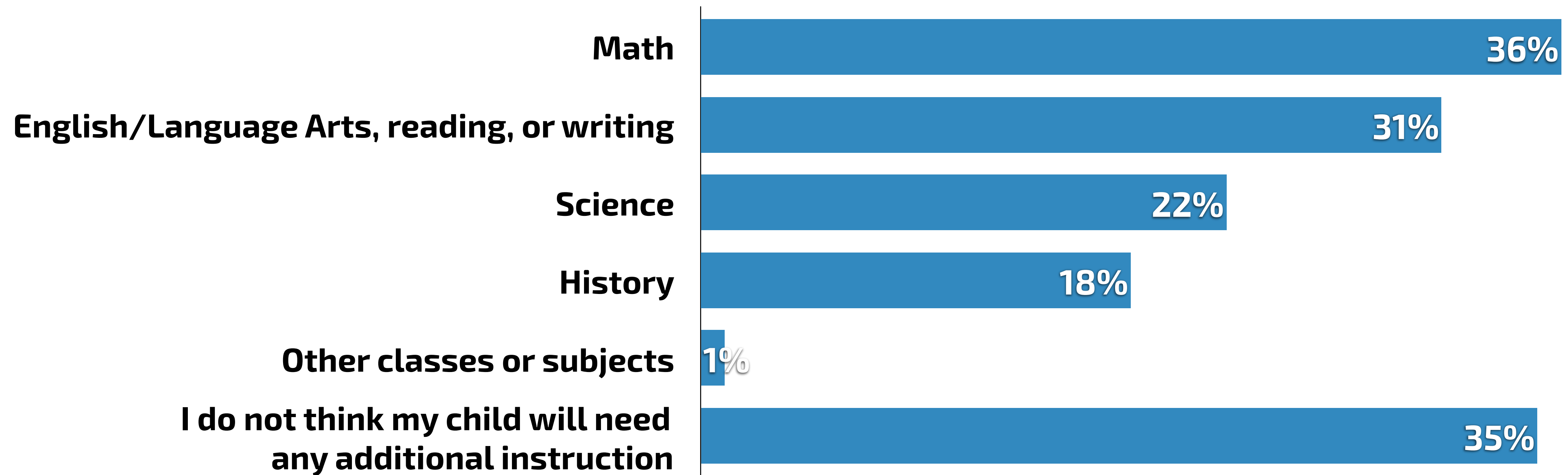
Q. As a parent or guardian, how has dealing with the coronavirus situation and taking care of your children made you feel? Please select all that apply.

| | <i>Parents of Students in Grades</i> | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| | K-5 | 6-8 | 9-12 |
| Anxious | 45% | 42% | 46% |
| Exhausted | 45% | 34% | 23% |
| Frustrated | 38% | 24% | 29% |
| Depressed | 25% | 20% | 22% |
| Lonely | 14% | 15% | 11% |
| Optimistic | 14% | 10% | 11% |
| Self-confident | 11% | 7% | 11% |
| Relaxed | 6% | 6% | 9% |
| Something else | 1% | 2% | *0% |
| It has not affected how I feel | 9% | 15% | 14% |



Most Parents Think Their Child May Have Fallen Behind or Will Need Additional Instruction in at Least One Subject Area

Q. Thinking about how the coronavirus situation may have affected your child's schoolwork and classes this spring, are there any areas in which you think your child might have fallen a bit behind or need additional instruction next school year to make up for things they may have missed? Please select all that apply.



Non-White Parents Are More Likely to Say Their Child May Need Additional Instruction Next Year

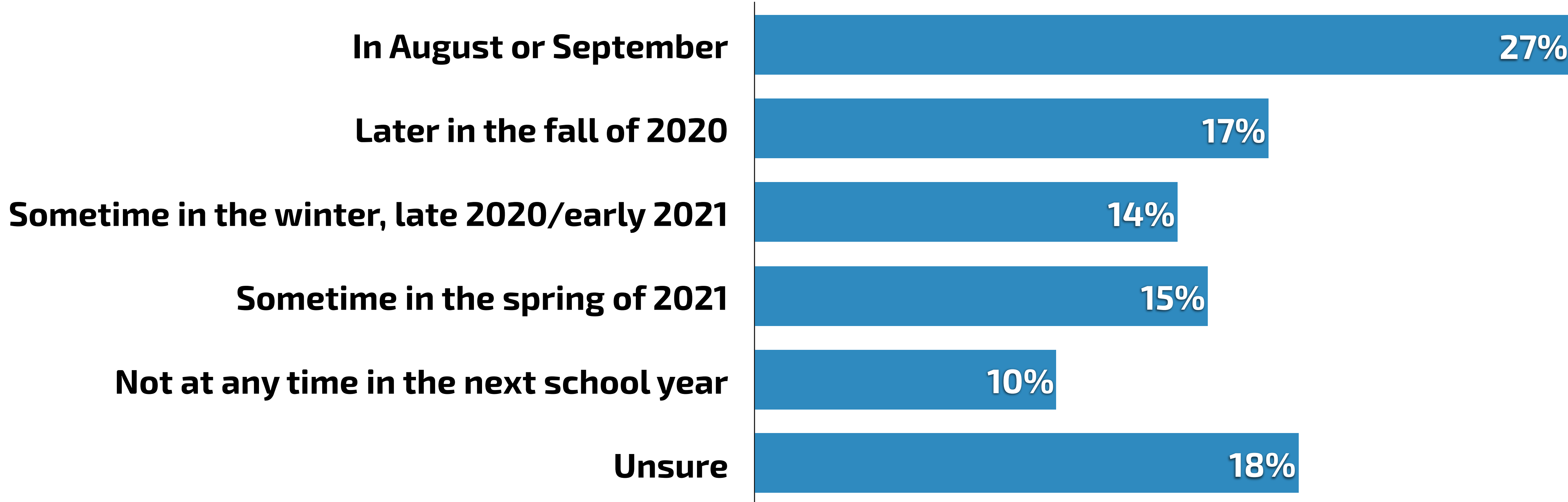
Q. Thinking about how the coronavirus situation may have affected your child's schoolwork and classes this spring, are there any areas in which you think your child might have fallen a bit behind or need additional instruction next school year to make up for things they may have missed? Please select all that apply.

| | White Parents | Non-White Parents |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| Math | 34% | 39% |
| English/Language Arts, reading, or writing | 24% | 41% |
| Science | 19% | 26% |
| History | 14% | 24% |
| Other classes or subjects | 1% | 1% |
| I do not think my child will need any additional instruction | 41% | 28% |



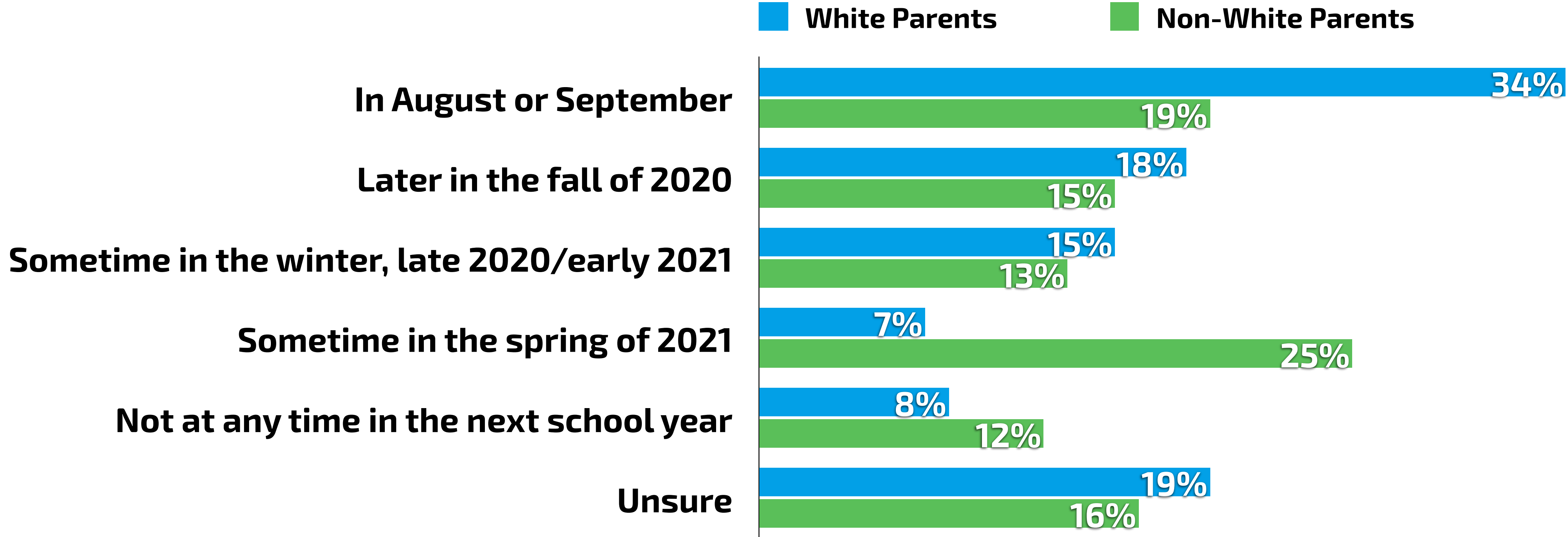
Less Than Half Think They Will Feel Safe Sending Their Children Back to School for In-Person Classes in the Fall

Q. When do you think you will personally feel safe sending your children back to school for in-person classes next school year?



White Parents Are More Likely Than Non-White Parents to Think They Will Feel Safe Sending Their Children Back to School in the Fall

Q. When do you think you will personally feel safe sending your children back to school for in-person classes next school year?



Close to Four in Ten Parents Continue to Say They Would Not Send Their Children Back to School Until a COVID-19 Vaccine Is Available

Q. Which of the following would be absolutely necessary in order for you to feel safe sending your children to school, meaning you would not send your children to school without this happening? Please select all that apply.

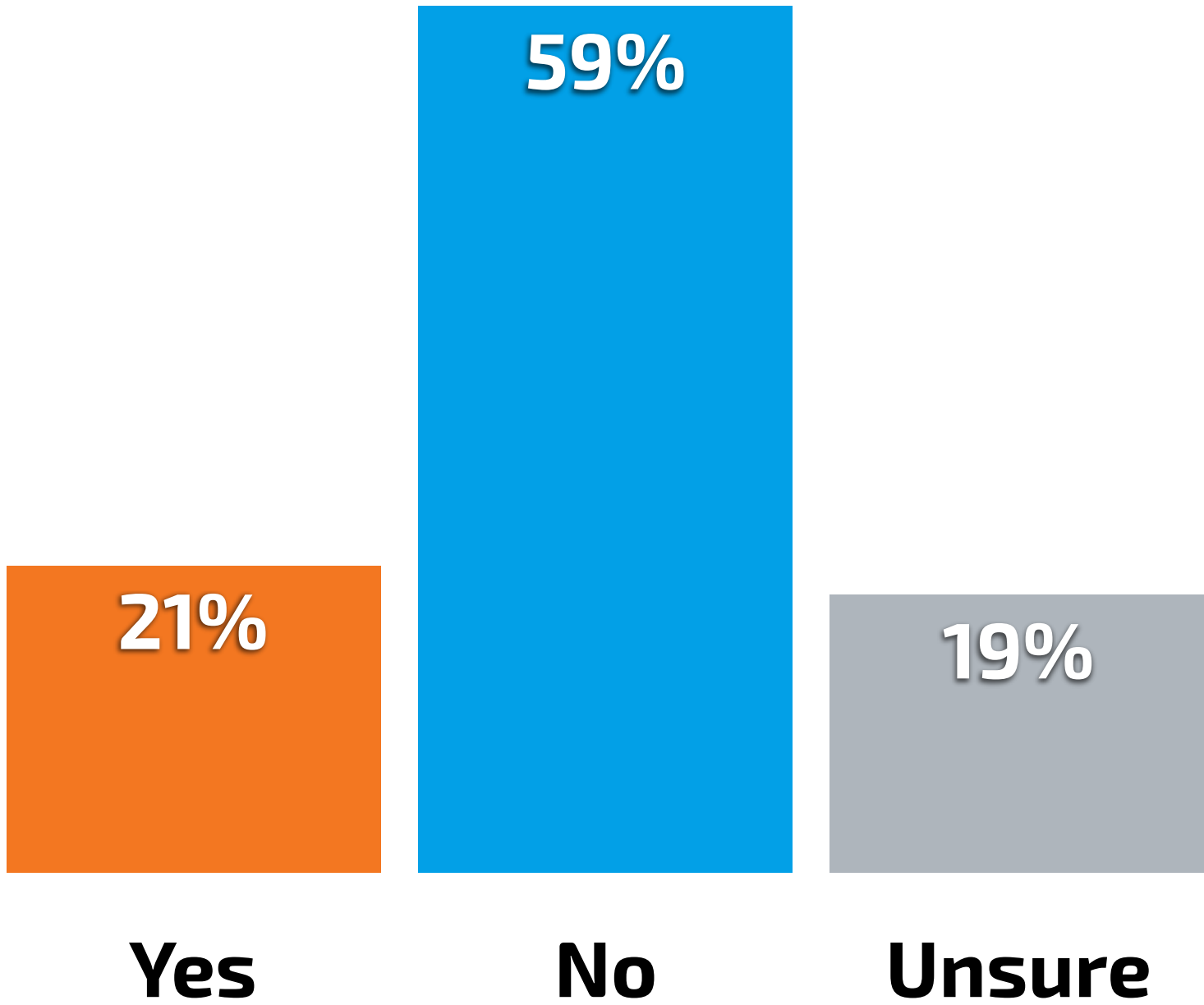
| | Week 3 | Week 8 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Schools requiring students and staff members who may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to stay home for 14 days before returning to school | 56% | 50% |
| Schools providing face masks to all students and staff and replacing the masks regularly | 40% | 46% |
| Testing for COVID-19 being available to anyone in your local area | 45% | 44% |
| Schools having a full-time nurse or health worker at school | 40% | 41% |
| Schools staggering schedules so that there are fewer students in classrooms and desks can be spaced six feet apart | 38% | 40% |
| Schools limiting the number of students who are in common areas to maintain social distancing | 42% | 39% |
| A COVID-19 vaccine being available to the public | 43% | 38% |
| No new cases of COVID-19 being reported in your local area | 46% | 38% |
| Something else | 1% | 1% |
| None of these | 5% | 6% |



Two in Ten Overall Plan to Send Their Child to a Different School or Homeschool – Including 35% of Those Whose Child Has a Disability

Q. Do you plan to send your child to a different school or homeschool your child next school year?

[Asked of those with a child in kindergarten through 11th grade in the 2019–2020 school year]



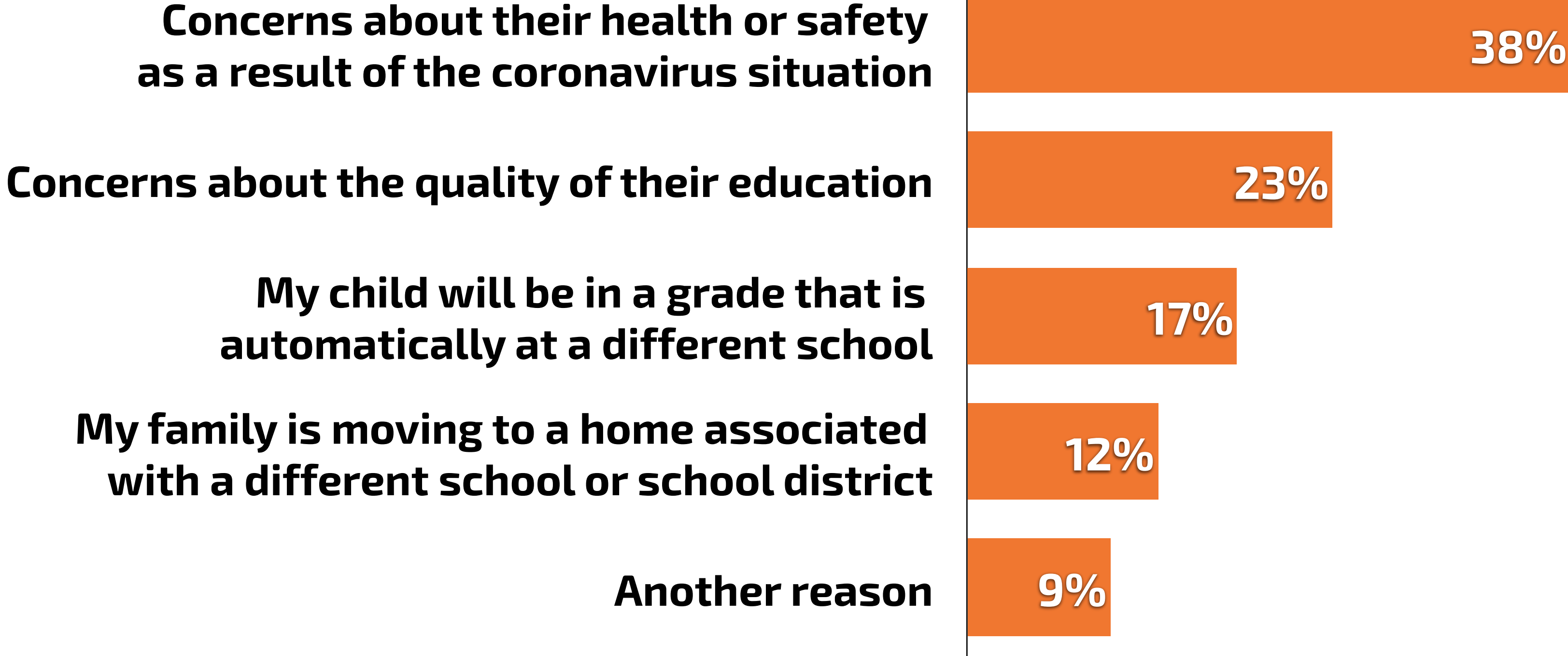
| | Different school/ Homeschool | Same school | Unsure |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Parents of a child in grades K–5 | 23% | 58% | 19% |
| Parents of a child in grades 6–8 | 16% | 59% | 25% |
| Parents of a child in grades 9–11 | 22% | 63% | 15% |
| Parents of a child with a disability | 35% | 45% | 20% |



Health or Safety Concerns Due to COVID-19 Is the Top Reason They Plan to Send Their Child to a Different School or Homeschool

Q. What is the MAIN reason you plan to send your child to a **different school or homeschool** your child next year?

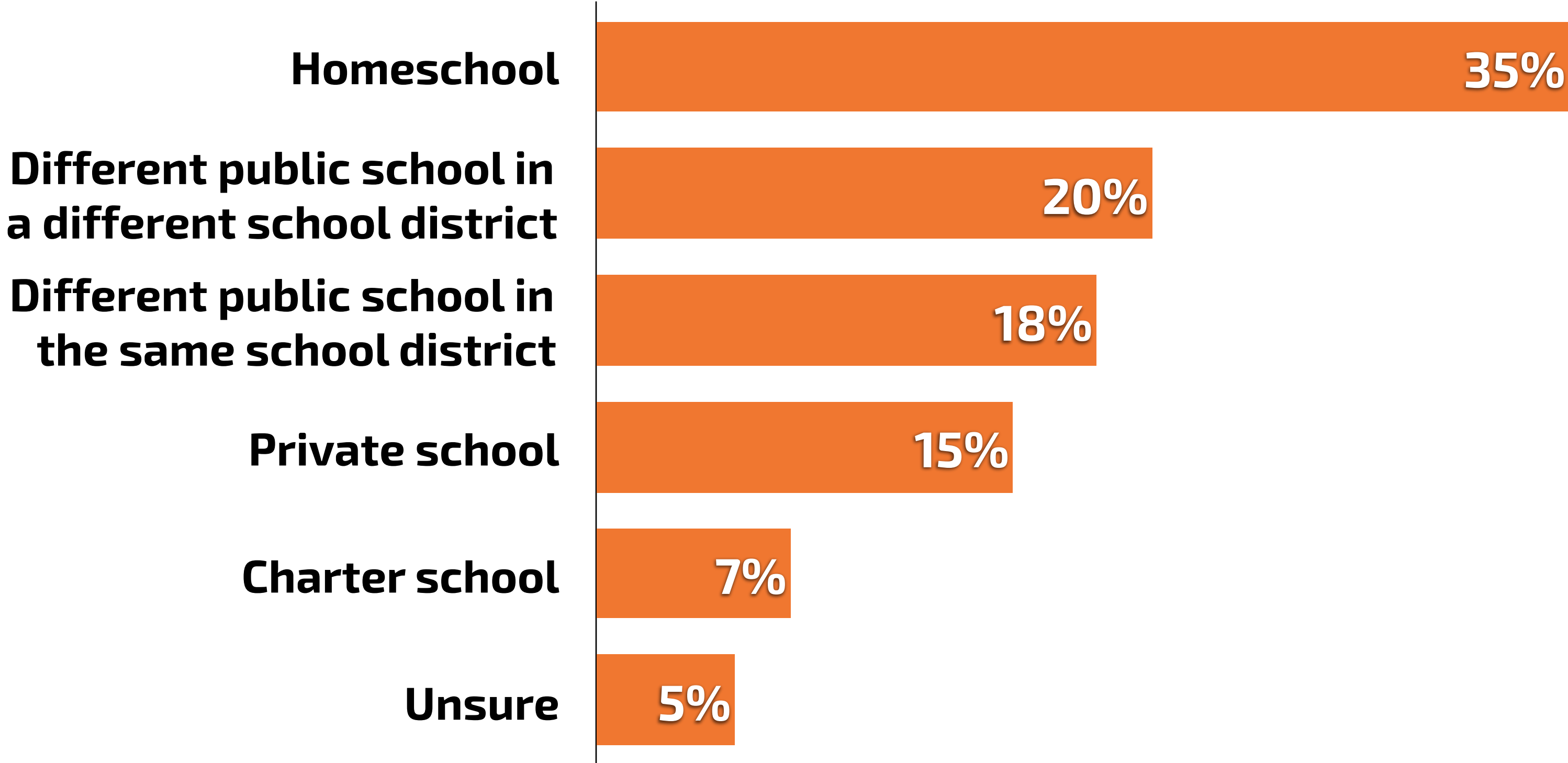
Reasons why
21%
plan to send
their child to a
different school
or homeschool



Of Those Who Don't Plan to Have Their Child Return to the Same School Next Year, 35% Plan to Homeschool

Q. What type of school do you plan to have your child attend next school year? [If said **different school or homeschool**]

Where the
21%
plan to send
their child
instead of
current school



Of Those Who Plan to Send Their Child to the Same School, Most Say It Because They Are Happy With the School

Q. What is the MAIN reason you plan to send your child to the same school next school year?

Reasons why
59%
plan to send their
child to the
same school

I am happy with my child's current school

75%

There are not any better school options in the area where I live

14%

I cannot send them to a different school or homeschool because of financial or job-related reasons

6%

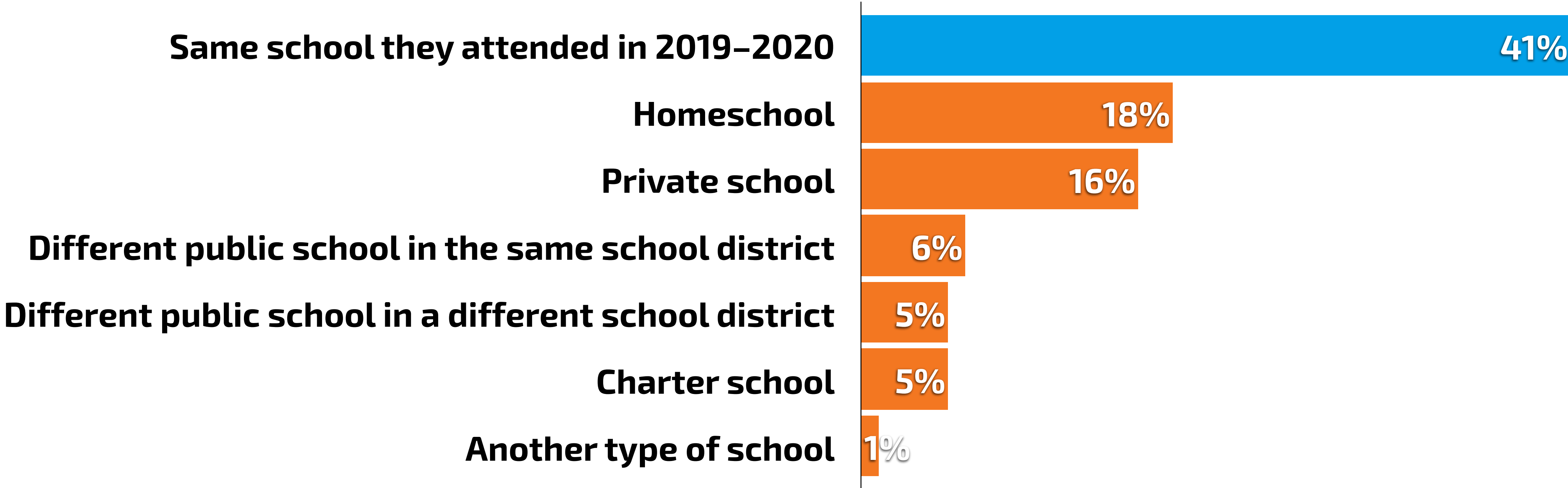
Another reason

2%



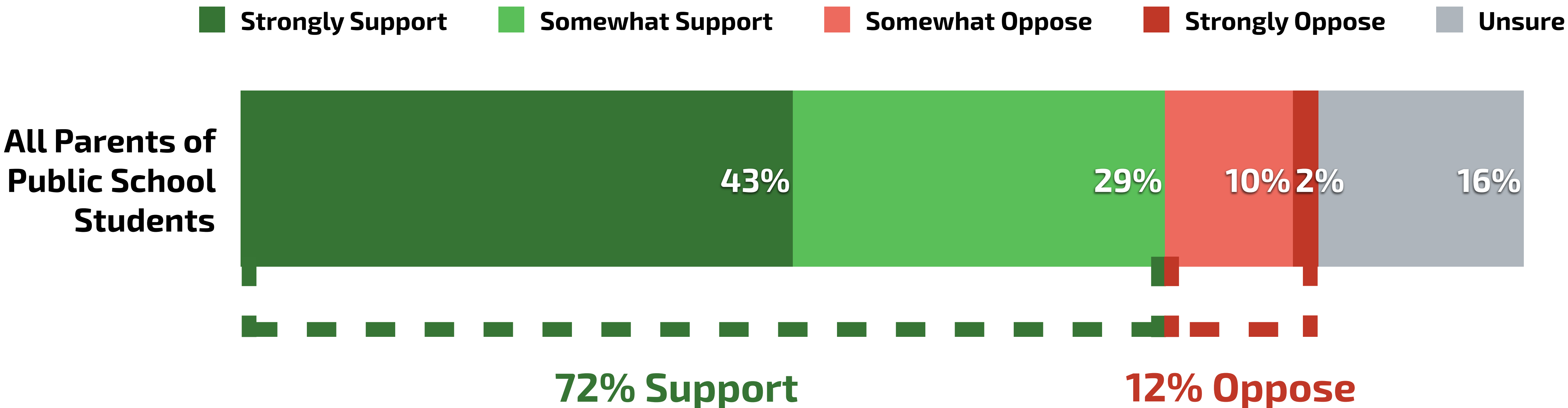
But While 59% Plan to Send Their Child to the Same School, Only 41% Say They Would If They Could Choose Any School

Q. If you could send your child to ANY school next year, which of the following would you prefer?
[Asked of those with a child in kindergarten through 11th grade in the 2019–2020 school year]



Most Would Support Changing Laws to Establish a Right to Quality Public Education as a Civil Right

Q. Would you support or oppose changing laws to establish a right to quality public education as a civil right in the same way that the right to vote is, meaning the government would be obligated by law to provide every child access to a quality education, and that the government could be challenged in court if that right is infringed upon?





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