



UFT Back to School Survey

Presented to the School Leadership Team
August 5th, 2020





During the week of August 3rd, the UFT Consultation Committee sent out a survey to faculty and staff members at PS 321.

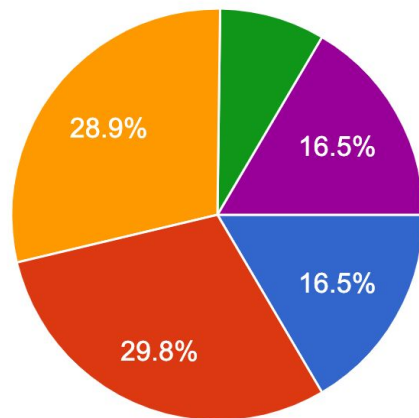
As of now, we have had 121 respondents.



Demographic data:

Please identify the role you have at P.S. 321:

121 responses

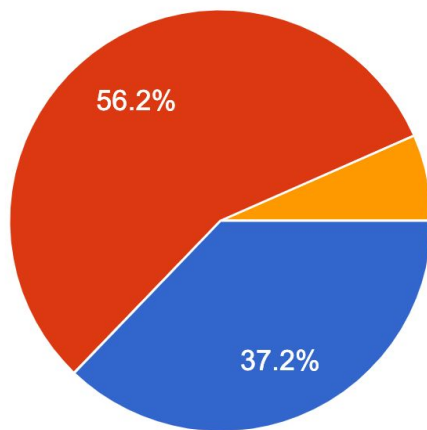


- Paraprofessional
- I am a K-2 classroom teacher.
- I am a 3-5 classroom teacher.
- Out of Classroom Teacher
- Support Services / Intervention / Other

Demographic data:

Do you live with someone who is in a high risk category: immunocompromised and/or over the age of 65?

121 responses



- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to answer.

Survey question:

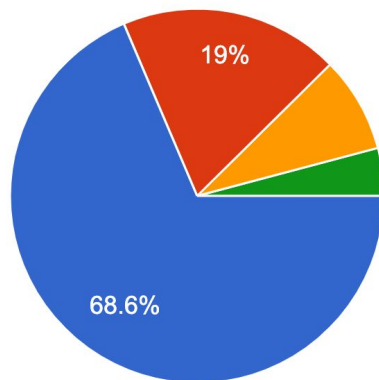
Which best describes how you feel about returning to school? *

- I do not feel safe and I am worried about the risks with the proposed plan and would prefer to start remote...
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Survey results:

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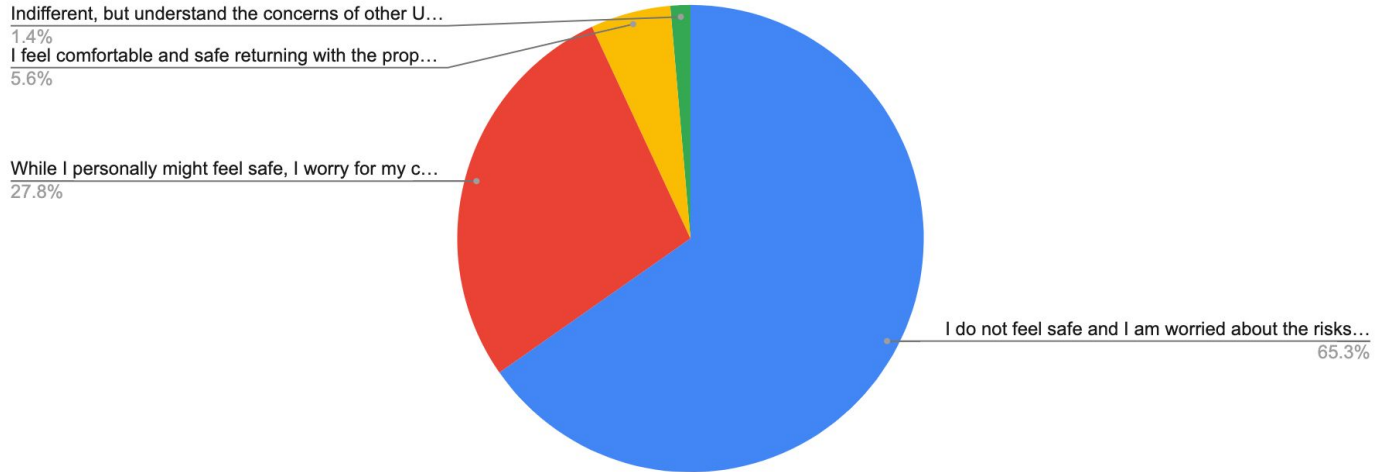


- I do not feel safe and I am worried about the risks with the proposed plan and would prefer to start remotely.
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87.6% (106/121) of respondents would prefer to start remotely either for their own safety or for the safety of their colleagues and their families. 8.3% (10/121) of respondents feel comfortable and safe returning.

Survey results: Classroom teachers

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99% of PS 321 classroom teachers responded to the survey and 93.1% would prefer to start the year remote either for their own safety or the safety of others.

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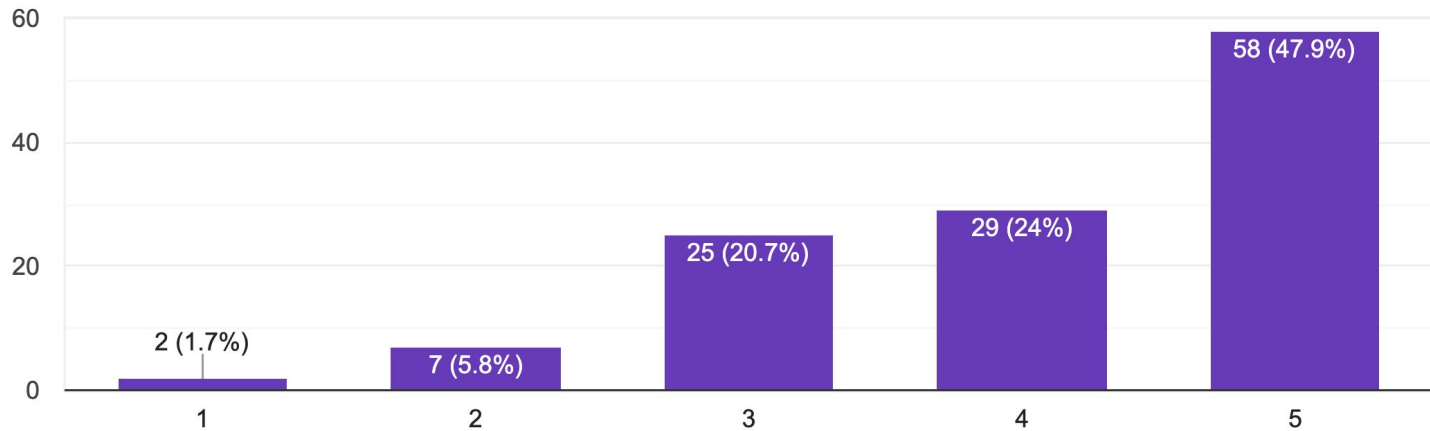
How SAFE do you personally feel returning to the school building this September? *

	1	2	3	4	5	
Very Safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very Unsafe

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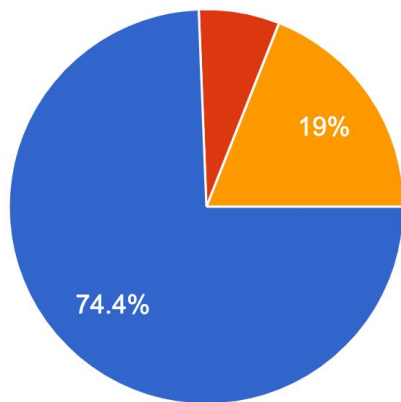


72% of respondents rated at least 4 out of 5 on the scale about safety.

Survey results:

As a UFT body, we think it is important to be transparent with parents, and our community, about the upcoming school year, please read the letter drafted below and choose one of the choices:

121 responses



- I support the letter and would like to add my name.
- I do not support the letter.
- I support the letter, and have some suggestions. (Include feedback below.)

93.4 % of respondents are in support of reaching out to our parent community for advocacy.



Feedback from Respondents



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I think going forward, an equally important focus is to emphasize what it will feel like from the perspective of the family - sudden shut down of a child's class for 24 hours meaning the child is required to stay home, sudden shut down of the school for 24 hours, sudden in-home remote teaching for two weeks, all with little or no warning. These scenarios (and many others) can have a negative impact on lesson plans, educational objectives, and family schedules.

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Of course I wish we could be back in person, but until there are safety measures in place, I do not feel safe and worry for both my colleagues and the children.



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I'm very worried about the safety of staff and students in a classroom environment. I do not feel that the protocols will be reliably enforced and will be enough (even at 100% compliance) to prevent people or their families from falling ill with a deadly virus. The vulnerability of the people we live with and/or care for has been woefully unaddressed and any in-person lessons will inevitably lead to loss.