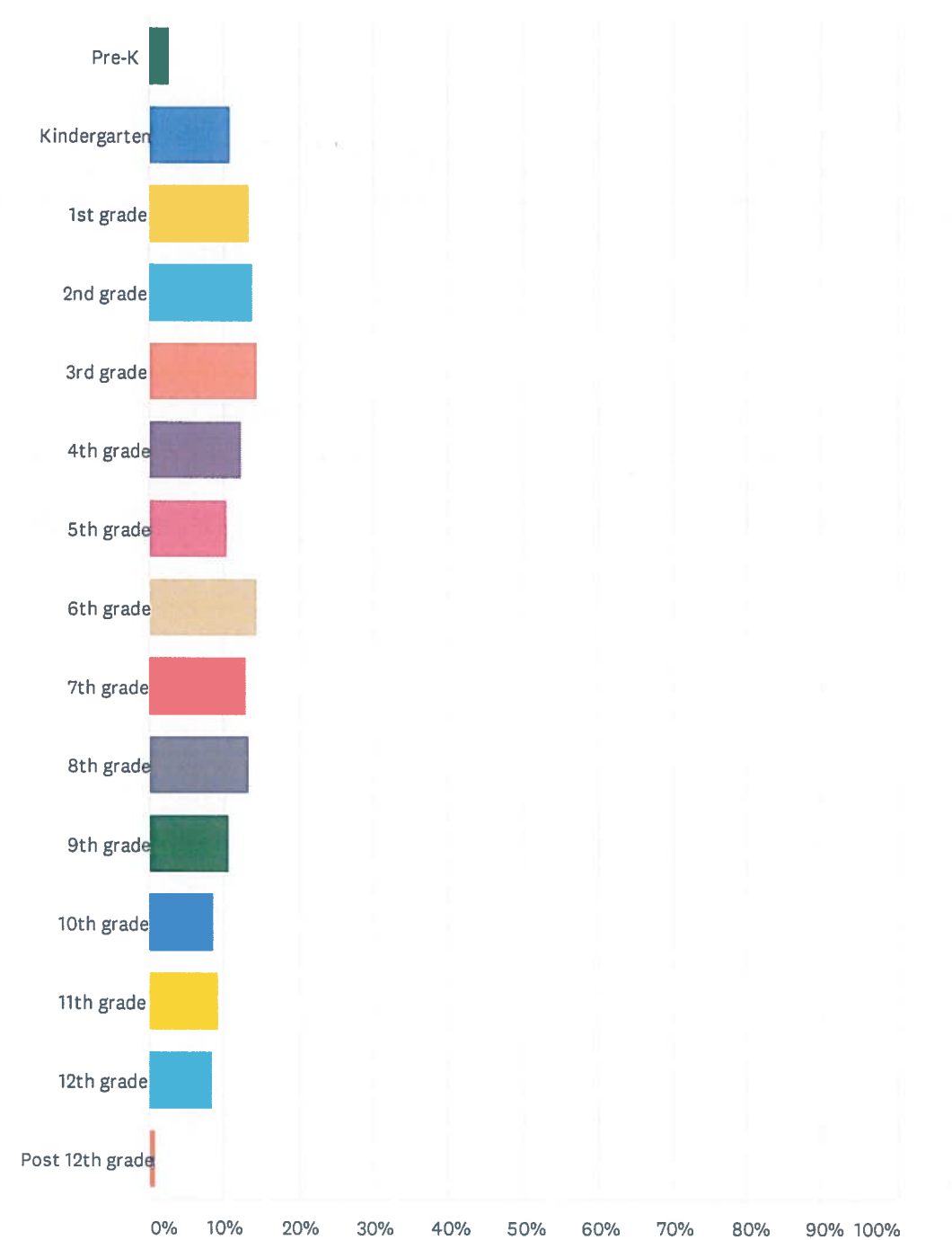


Q1 What grade (or grades) are your child(ren) in this year?

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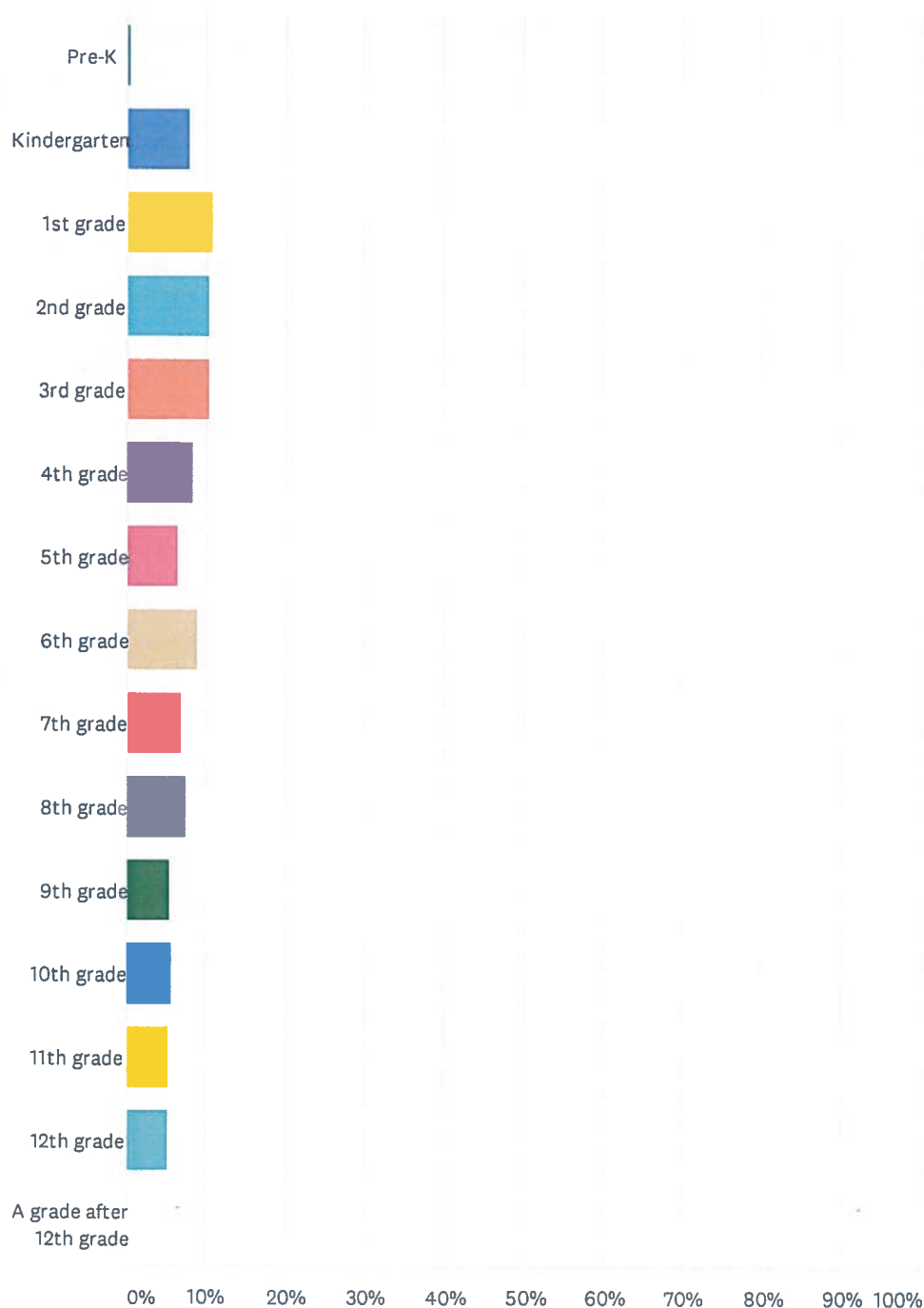


Fall 2020 School Community Survey by School Reopening Committee-Parents

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Pre-K	2.71%	21
Kindergarten	10.98%	85
1st grade	13.31%	103
2nd grade	13.82%	107
3rd grade	14.47%	112
4th grade	12.40%	96
5th grade	10.47%	81
6th grade	14.34%	111
7th grade	12.92%	100
8th grade	13.31%	103
9th grade	10.72%	83
10th grade	8.53%	66
11th grade	9.17%	71
12th grade	8.40%	65
Post 12th grade	0.78%	6
Total Respondents: 774		

Q2 So that we can interpret the results of this survey with confidence, we would like you to select the one grade level you would like to answer about in this survey. This means that any time you are asked about “your child,” you would answer thinking about the child who completed the grade you select, below. Which grade/child would you like to answer about?

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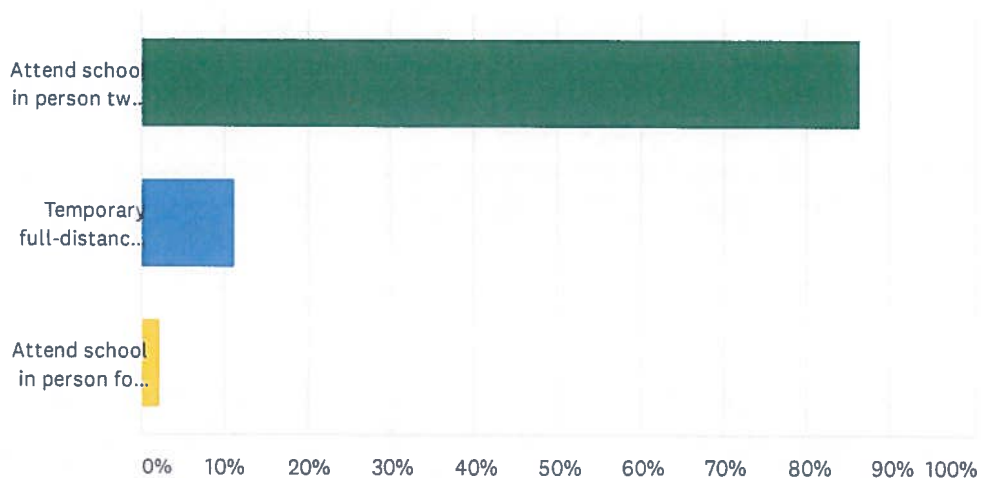


Fall 2020 School Community Survey by School Reopening Committee-Parents

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Pre-K	0.39%	3
Kindergarten	7.88%	61
1st grade	10.98%	85
2nd grade	10.47%	81
3rd grade	10.47%	81
4th grade	8.40%	65
5th grade	6.46%	50
6th grade	8.91%	69
7th grade	6.98%	54
8th grade	7.49%	58
9th grade	5.43%	42
10th grade	5.56%	43
11th grade	5.30%	41
12th grade	5.17%	40
A grade after 12th grade	0.13%	1
TOTAL		774

Q3 Which of the choices below describes how your child is currently attending school?

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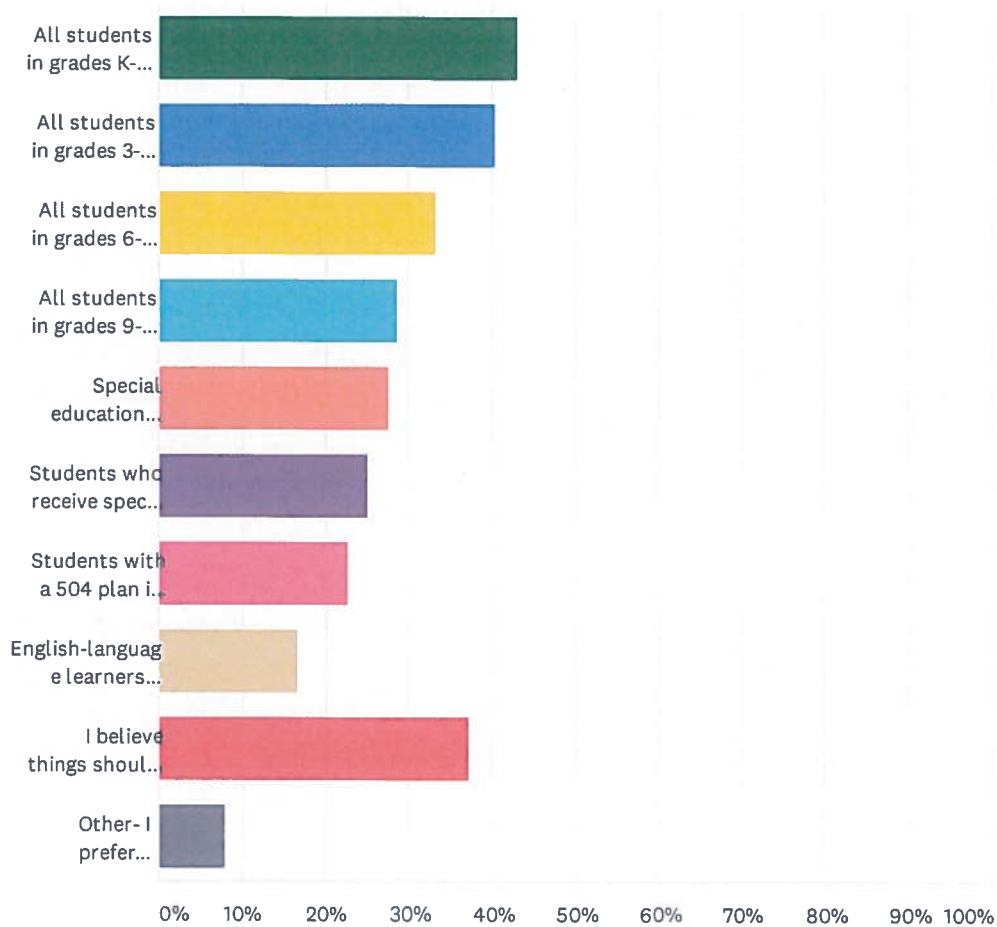
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Attend school in person two days a week (hybrid model)	86.43%	669
Temporary full-distance learning (learn at home five days a week)	11.24%	87
Attend school in person four days a week	2.33%	18
TOTAL		774

Q4 Per the Connecticut Department of Public Health, decisions on remote or distance learning versus in person learning should be based on the indicators of the spread and prevalence of COVID-19 in that community. Our community, which encompasses the Lower Naugatuck Valley, consists of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby, Naugatuck, Oxford, Seymour and Shelton. 18 new cases were reported since the last report on Friday, October 2nd: Ansonia (+3), Derby (+3), Naugatuck (+5), Seymour (+1), and Shelton (+6). Decisions should also be made around the physical and operational ability of schools to implement critical mitigation strategies (social distancing of 6 feet or more, when feasible, and wearing masks).

As of Thursday, October 1st, (data is acquired and updated every Thursday on the DPH website) this is the data for New Haven County: <https://data.ct.gov/stores/s/CT-School-Reopening/ddy2-ijgu>. Please consider this information, along with your views and feelings as you answer the next several questions. Assuming the health metrics stay as they currently are, which of the following, if any, do you support and would like to see happen in our district? Please note that the temporary full-distance learning option will continue to be available, per state guidelines, until we are informed it must end. Additionally, wearing masks, cohorting and social distancing to the extent possible, and all cleaning and disinfecting processes will remain in place. You may select multiple options for this question.

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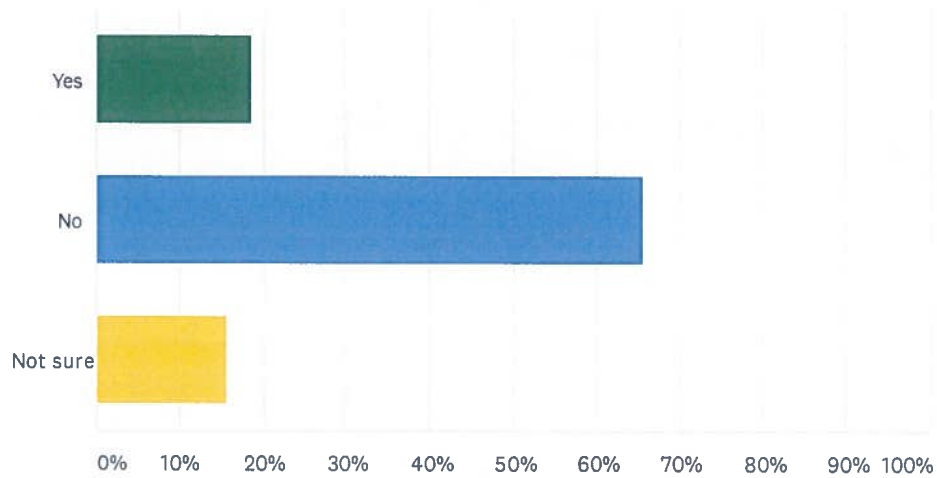
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
All students in grades K-2 in school full-time	43.02%	333
All students in grades 3-5 in school full-time	40.44%	313
All students in grades 6-8 in school full-time	33.20%	257
All students in grades 9-12 in school full-time	28.68%	222
Special education students (that is, students with IEPs) in school full-time	27.52%	213
Students who receive special services (like behavioral, speech or occupational therapy) in school full-time	25.19%	195
Students with a 504 plan in school full-time	22.87%	177
English-language learners (ELL) in school full-time	16.80%	130
I believe things should stay as they are	37.21%	288
Other- I prefer additional options (please specify)	8.01%	62
Total Respondents: 774		

Q5 If we were to re-open schools to a full-five day a week program would you choose to have your child do full-distance learning instead of reporting to the buildings in person?

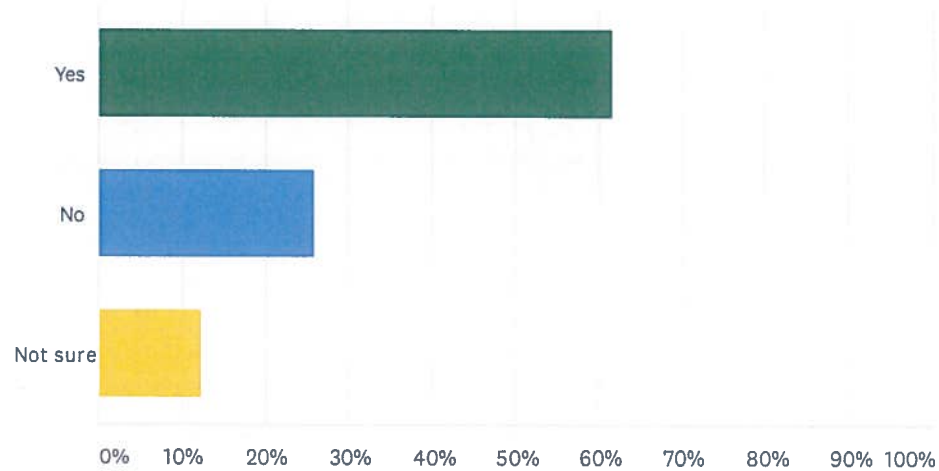
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.60%	144
No	65.63%	508
Not sure	15.76%	122
TOTAL		774

Q6 What about you, personally? Do you want your child to be in school full-time?

Answered: 774 Skipped: 0



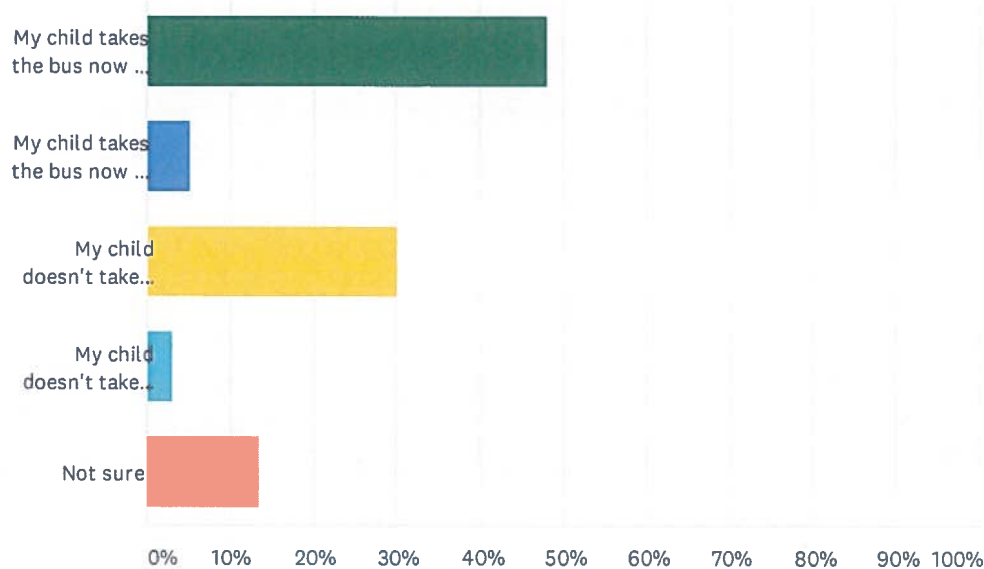
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.76%	478
No	25.84%	200
Not sure	12.40%	96
TOTAL		774

Q7 Please share your thoughts on in-person, full-time learning

Answered: 774 Skipped: 0

Q8 If Seymour was to return all students to school each day, which describes you as it relates to using Seymour Schools transportation services?

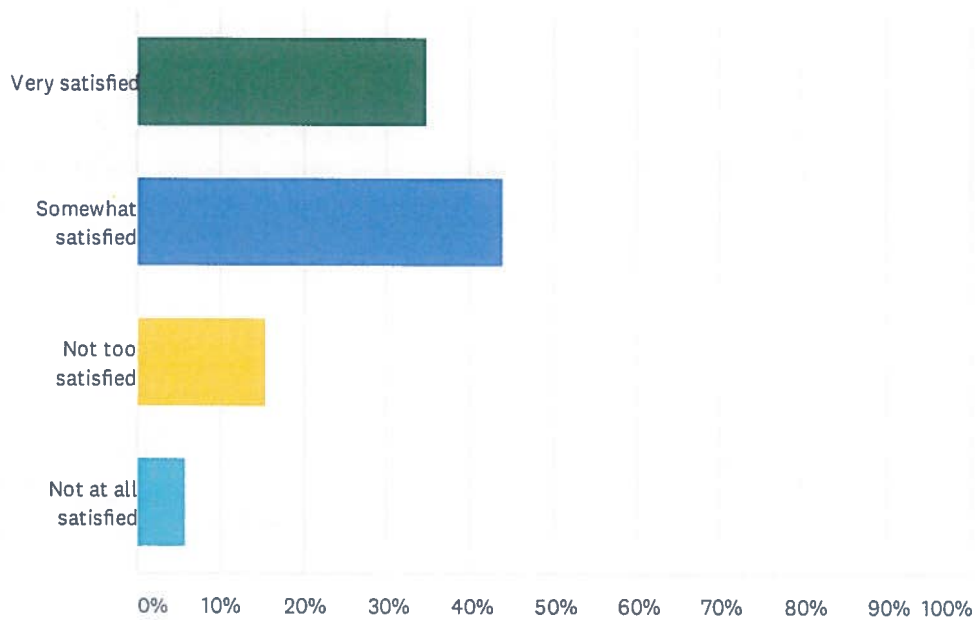
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My child takes the bus now and would continue to take the bus	48.06%	372
My child takes the bus now but would not take the bus if schools open full-time	5.30%	41
My child doesn't take the bus now and won't if we open full-time	30.10%	233
My child doesn't take the bus now but will if we open full-time	3.10%	24
Not sure	13.44%	104
TOTAL		774

Q9 Overall, how satisfied are you, if at all, with the way school is going this year?

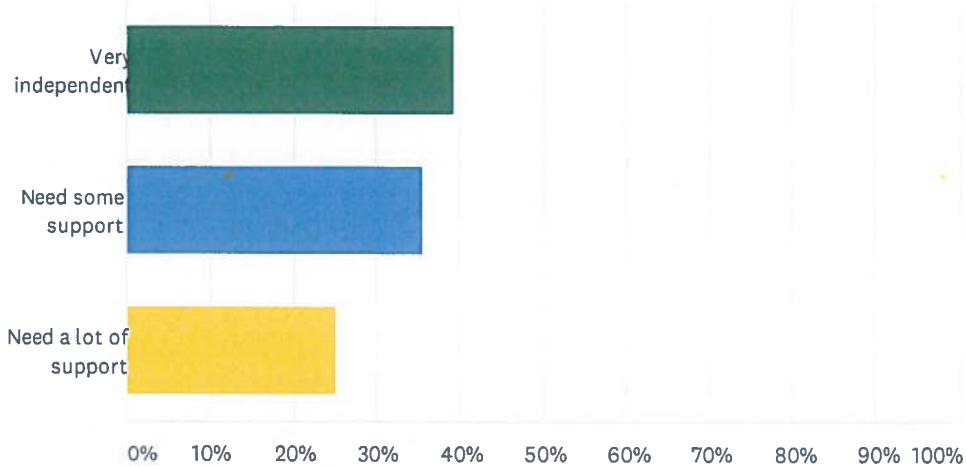
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	34.75%	269
Somewhat satisfied	43.93%	340
Not too satisfied	15.50%	120
Not at all satisfied	5.81%	45
TOTAL		774

Q10 In general, at what level of independence is your child completing their school assignments during remote-learning?

Answered: 774 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very independent	39.28%	304
Need some support	35.53%	275
Need a lot of support	25.19%	195
TOTAL		774

Q11 What, if anything, holds you back from wanting your child to return to school four or five days a week?

Answered: 546 Skipped: 228

Please share your thoughts on in-person, full-time learning

Open-Ended Response

- I feel she will get more out of a snook day without home distractions....
- I think the numbers are good but they are that way because of the smaller group in person.
- It's a tough decision when considering your child's safety vs. education. A lot depends on each child's learning style and needs.
- IT would be good for the children to be back in school
- I'm concerned for the virus spread, I want to keep my family Safe. At least two in my family are immune compromised.
- They def need in person full time learning
- I think the normalcy of attending school every weekday is a better routine than sometimes home. I think if it safe to go back full time then yes, but any uncertainty than keep the way it is until safe.
- too many cases spiking this month
- My child is missing out on an integral part of his High School education by not attending school in person on a daily basis. Working on a computer at home is not how he should be taught. The education he is receiving at this time lacks the structure he should have. It creates an environment of laziness and poor work ethics. My son is very smart and is fully capable of achieving good grades online but in person learning is the way to go. He is very athletic and should have the opportunity to excel in High School sports. Sports should continue as he was striving to earn a scholarship. So much is being taken away from him namely a good solid education. I have been working throughout this entire pandemic with my coworkers present and in close contact with the public. With proper safety measures such as thorough COVID cleaning, wearing masks and washing hands he can be educated safely in person. My son wants to be present in a classroom at the Seymour High School. Let's get these kids back to school. We can not afford to have children who are not educated properly. They are our future. Be safe and be smart but bring them back to the classroom.
- I think it's too early for that
- I would prefer school to remain the same as it is now
- It's necessary in order for development. No normal to be secluded
- In pandemic situation I think two days is ok right now.
- Hybrid is working well. I'd like to keep it.
- Kids need to be in contact with each other. This anti social program will hurt them more for life than the virus that is not a threat to kids!
- My concern is with flu season coming and students attending school sick and spreading the flu
- I do not feel in-person, full-time learning is appropriate for as long as the positivity rate in CT is increasing.
- I think we should try it and if it doesn't work go back to hybrid
- I believe if numbers continue to stay low and safety measures are still in place, elementary students would benefit most from being face to face with their teachers. Learning at home is distracting and not as effective.
- I feel two days a week in person is not enough.
- I feel with the gradual increase in cases it is improper to place more children together at this time. Further a child was quarantined for an exposure just this past week and nothing was communicated to other students or families until the child reported a negative test during

online learning. Poor communication makes me uncomfortable with school districts responsibility

- As long as precautions continue to be taken I think is up to each family to decide what is best for each child. Our family thinks is better to have the full time learning experience in person.
- As the parent of a 10th grader I feel like the hybrid model is working great for the high school. My daughter is thriving in this environment and I am comfortable with the level of exposure she is getting to others.
- Distance learning preferred
- It is much desirable, however, I think it's human nature to slack off and that worries me in regards to sanitation-plus, I don't want my children wearing masks all day- it is not healthy to wear them so much and if we aren't careful, more diseases could erupt from face coverings being worn for extensive amounts of time.
- Children need to be in school with the teacher in order to get all the benefits of their education.
- Not necessary to rush back right now.
- my son has Adhd and needs a little extra help with following through I feel if he was back to full time it may be more structured for him
- My children don't learn anything at home, being at school to learn is the most effective way of gaining knowledge.
- My kids need it.
- I find that my child gets the most out of in person learning because she receives SRBI services in math and reading. Seeing these specific teachers during her week for extra help is important to us.
- i feel that the students would be able to achieve more in person.
- I think it benefits the children, especially my son, so much more than the distance learning, which he continues to struggle with
- Things have been going well with the hybrid schedule, I have been very pleased with all the teachers . I do feel my child would get more out of in person and would be more comfortable asking for help if she did not understand the assignment .
- Students learn much better in person (although I appreciate all the efforts of the teachers who are teaching remotely!)
- I want my child to go to school everyday normally.
- My concern is the duration of exposure for both the students and staff. At least limiting the cohorts and allowing dedicated time for full cleaning mid week helps reduce exposure.
- I believe it would be beneficial if the children could go back to school full time so they can feel some form of normalcy before all this. However the concern on how the school will maintain cleanliness and having the children remain practicing social distancing when less space will be available. How would the school go about maintaining all that?
- I worry that COVID-19 will spread more quickly when the number of students doubles in the classroom. I also worry for the safety of the teachers. It will be much more difficult for them to teach to double the amount of student with the current guidelines in place.
- Full time learning ,completely back to normal I eould,want my son in full time .
- breathing in a mask, so that the child's lungs do not get enough oxygen!!
- I'm concerned that the state numbers of infections are going up. I want my kids back in school full time, but I don't want there to be a spike and have to send everyone full distance again. I think we should continue hybrid until the end of the year and then revisit.

- I think its the best route. I do have concerns it could create an uptick in cases. I know some towns are ahead of Seymour in going full time after testing hybrid....how have they performed? too early to tell?
- In person full time learning is preferable but given the current situation may not be the best option
- I am still not completely confident on having my children going in-person full time, even though the cases are relatively low. I think the hybrid learning may have been contributed the results we seeing.
- They need to be BACK in school full time!
- I understand parents need to get back out there and work. I also understand that on line learning is very difficult on younger learners. Personally it is not worth the risk of full in person learning. Maybe the elementary schools can handle full in person but I feel no way on the high school.
- I believe in person full time learning should be implemented as soon as possible.
- My child will get the education needed in school. My child is not able to focus the same homeschooling.
- We should have students in the classroom so long as health and safety is paramount.
- Depends on the virus numbers
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- Obviously the best option but I don't see how social distancing will be maintained.
- I would be in favor as long as the metrics stay as they currently are.
- The data supports full in person learning. Children need live teaching by teachers. Many countries and US states are full time without problems . I am sure map test scores will be atrocious and I hope teachers who barely taught last spring g will be held accountable.
- For my child, this would be most beneficial for her to be able to show her full potential both academically as well as socially. She has regressed quite a bit since this all started last March. It is difficult for her to concentrate on the online portions. To behave and achieve as she would if she wasn't being taught by her parents, or in a daycare program. There needs to be a definitive line between day care, school, and home life. Reinstating full time schooling would get her back on track with how young children need to learn, and grow, both academically and socially.
- I feel that given the current Covid increases, I would prefer to have my children home and not in school. Maybe in the spring, once we see how bad the second Covid wave will be, I would consider sending them back full time.
- I don't feel that it's safe and that it puts a lot of families at risk.
- Kids are more focused and can grasp on to the teacher more
- As long as the procedures in place continue to be followed I believe it is best for our kids to be in school learning. However, if we are to stay in the current hybrid model we need to see a major change. The children who are participating in distance learning on their schedule distance learning days are NOT being provided with an acceptable education. Minimal instruction, minimal google meets, and minimal work is not allowing our children to learn the way they need to, to be productive citizens as adults.
- I feel in person learning is best and I really wish the children were allowed to socialize with their peers more.
- I feel w strict precautions four days would work well.

- I prefer to have my child learn at home, as safety is valuable, I want my child to be safe and comfortable in the workspace he is in.
- My child is not engaged while on distance learning. He is easily distracted and has a hard time staying on task. He needs the social interaction with his peers and his teacher.
- I am a bit concerned with how do you plan to keep the social distancing going? How do you plan for contact tracking with going full time?
- I would love my child to attend 5 days a week, however I do have concerns of having the children wear masks full time 5 days a week. I feel that full time would be great as long as we can do it in a safe way. Perhaps, even 4 days a week using one day for deep clean.
- From my observations in school full time is greatly needed. My kindergartener, in particular, is highly unengaged during distance learning time. I used to work in several schools as a paraprofessional, those children need full time even more. Also as a parent of a kindergartener (and two high schoolers) the online for kindergarten is not providing enough work. It is watching videos and playing online games all day during distance learning. My child in particular needs more structure than that. They also are struggling greatly with the lack of in person learning both academically and socially. At this point I really feel like the school system is failing our children and much of what I see in the decision making process has been politically motivated rather than the children's best interests being the main concern
- I have spoken with many parents about this. The majority of them, and my husband and I, believe keeping them home does much more harm than good. Distance learning does not work well for most children, especially the youngest, but even the oldest! Mental health issues are on the rise because of it! An abundance of studies have shown for years how detrimental too much screen time is for all people, let alone children. For a sickness that has a 99% plus survival rate, and doesn't affect children as much as adults, we can send them back. We know more about it now. Please consider doing so.
- in person full time learning is the best for the child - however with covid rates on the rise i feel we should wait to see how the winter goes and reassess after christmas
- Hands on learning is very important for kids also learn to socialize share and teamwork all which my kid has been having trouble with.
- I believe the little ones need to have that one on one communication with hr teacher but also the social life with their peers at school.
- With flu season around the corner I have concerns with kids coming to school sick and getting other students sick
- It seems the Covid cases are on the rise again and I feel safer keeping my daughter home until after Christmas break.
- Although teachers are doing a wonderful job with hybrid learning. I think being in person is more effective for the students. Of course we need to figure out a plan to keep everyone safe.
- I think it's safe for them to return to school
- There is nothing like in person teaching
- Children learn so much more in school than home.
- I think it's too soon to decide on this! As flu season hasn't begun!
- The students are more engaged in person and are more open to ask questions during an in person class
- I am planning to send both my children back for full time learning. Distance learning is not as rigorous. If they continue at home I feel they are going to be behind the rest of their grade level.

- As much as I would like to send her, I am not sure that placing the entire school population together is safe. At the same time, having kids in the same building, but not able to socialize, is almost worse
- as long as the proper protocols are taking place, I will be ok
- Coming in contact with to many people.
- This is best case scenario and preferred for all, especially elementary school students.
- I want my child to be in school full time but since my child will have to wear mask on every day for five days, I feel its healthier for my child to be in person for only 2 days.
- I do not believe we are able to safely reopen our schools full time. I don't believe our classrooms or HS cafeteria are large enough for our students and staff to safely distance from one another.
- The children adapted to the new standard well. Allowing them back in school full time allows the teachers to focus on all the students collectively and not be split between in school and home school students simultaneously.
- I think it is premature to be pushing for returning to full time schooling. There is a good chance there will be a resurgence in cases. NY and CT daily cases are already doing a slow trend upward. To shake up the hybrid model and go full time only to have to shut it down to go full distance for everyone would be the most disruptive approach to the school year you could choose. Staying with the hybrid model until it is absolutely clear that it will be safe for the remainder of the school year (not just short term) before going back full time is the only way to approach a return.
- Students need to be in school getting educated. Learning from home is not education. Plus there are other benefits that school gives children such as social skills and interacting with peers.
- I'm on board for what the BOE decides. This is my son's senior year and I hate that he has to miss out on stuff but I also don't want him going back and forth and I don't want them to keep canceling different things for the children
- Not sure if in-person full time learning would last long. We should keep it how it is if it's working.
- Wrong time of year to try it
- I think it is a goal, but you should factor in fly season being around the corner, as well as the expected spike in covid cases, and do a gradual return. Start with the kids that need to be there the most, younger students and special ed, etc. rather than overwhelm the system and risk having to return to full distance learning for all.
- As long as students and staff wear masks and follow guidelines, I believe in person learning should take place.
- To risky right now. If this is working right now then why change things until it is safe.
- I support ONLY if can be done safely. I would also support 4 day and not 5 day return.
- Not only do children need a teacher to teach, they need the appropriate setting for those lessons to occur. Home is not that appropriate setting. Home is full of distractions and it just isn't working. We are jeopardizing the true effectiveness and quality of their education by thinking that more time at home than in person is sufficient to meet their needs.
- I believe the elementary schools should be back in school.
- I would like to see full time learning
- Remote learning cannot replace in-person education with a teacher and our kids need to socialize with their peers.

- I think that it can be done if we take precautions.
- The virus is not going anywhere. We need to move forward and learn to live with it with proper precautions.
- Keep things as is
- seeing that covid #s are on an up-tick, I just think re-opening fully is premature, and will end up having to take a step back again. I think keeping things as they are is less confusing to the kids than changes every other month.
- My 9th grader needs to be in school. He has ADHD and the at-home. remote learning is not working for him. He cannot focus on a screen.
- Seriously? We're just entering flu season and winter is around the corner, and you're considering going back to 5 days in school? Really? Have you been looking at the state's rising positivity rate and hospitalization numbers?
- I think that all students should be in school full time. Our students will only get the education they need by being in person and following a routine. Students in the primary grades are not able to complete work alone at home after being given a short lesson through a google meets. They are not mentally able to understand and need support, guidance and rigorous support to make positive academic progress.
- As long as preventative measures are being followed. I feel it is necessary to get the kids off the screen and back into the classroom.
- As long as they continue to be proactive so everyone is safe then am fine with them going full-time back to school
- It will be our only option if the children have to go back full time.
- Is social distancing even possible when at full capacity? This is the major concern.
- I think students learn more when in school. When at home there are more distractions and ease of just doing enough to get by whereas in school the teacher could more to do.
- We live with my parents who are both 75 and are both high risk if exposed to Covid-19 so we take precautions to be safe and stay healthy. There are other at risk individuals in the household as well.
- My child reports that the hybrid model is working well for her and her high school classmates. For our youngest students and those with learning challenges, the remote component is more difficult for teachers, children and families and priority should be given to bring these students in full time as soon as possible.
- they need interaction with kids to focus
- Klds definitely benefit from full-time in person/in building school structure. But my children's safety and health is my priority always and I don't know that now is the time for that to begin again. Fall is a very tough time combatting germs anyway.
- The distance learning and hybrid is too much!! Parents work!! And now have to pay for additional services when we pay taxes, \$11,000 a year mind you! The kids have been through enough. Open the schools! Or reimburse our taxes so we can pay for the extra care OR loss of work!!!
- I believe that the safest option is for things to stay as they are. The hybrid learning schedule gives children the chance for some normalcy but it is also why Seymour has not seen a spike in cases as some other towns have. Opening full time runs the risk of a spike in Corona cases and possibly have to go back to full distance learning again if that occurs.
- I support it
- As long as it is safe, I feel the benefits of in person out weigh the negatives of remote learning

- Let's give it a try
- I think it's especially important for the K-5 students to go back full time. Let's take advantage of the low health metrics now just in case we have to go full-distance in the future.
- I believe that full time in school should be taking place with diligent cleaning when school is in and out of session.
- I feel the next few months are very uncertain with covid and flu season and I don't believe we are out of the woods. I feel the reasons the numbers are staying low is because our students are in cohorts and smaller groups. I understand it doesn't work for everyone but keeping employees, and students safe should be a priority. Not to mention bringing it home to their families. If they wanted a high risk profession where they weren't concerned with getting sick with covid then they would have chosen a career in the medical field but they chose to be teachers. You will never be able to please every family. If we go back full time and the numbers go up it's the wrong decision, if we stay the way we are and the numbers don't change it's the wrong decision, it's basically like a snow day someone will always complain. Most colleges in CT right after thanksgiving break are going full remote.
- The social as well as learning experience is essential for adequate growth overall.
- The hybrid learning model is keep my child from making any academic gains. She is not sped but should be receiving tier 3 support and only being in 2 days a week is not enough to help her grow and do learning recovery
- It is a tough decision. Although I believe the children need to be in school I think these are very uncertain times. I think we need to get through the rest of this year to re-evaluate.
- I think the hybrid approach is working. Let's stick with it and not press our luck with full-time. This would involve larger cohorts, packed buses and higher risk.
- I feel safer knowing exactly who he is in contact until this thing comes to an end
- I feel that it is more effective to have my daughter in the school as much as possible. She has a hard time keeping up with the class during distance learning and we also do not have reliable Internet access which has caused Attendance issues.
- Like to wait till the end of flu season before considering in-person school
- Children K-3 should be in person. This will give them the best education. This is best for their social and emotional health.
- I do not believe we should go back to full time learning just yet. I believe that maybe a 4 day a week in person and every Wednesday probably just distance learning for the day to give the custodial staff a day to clean and disinfect. I would like to see how the other school districts do with going back full time and then make the decision
- At this time, I feel that in-person, full time learning should start as soon as possible since there is no reported cases in Seymour. I feel that the student benefit from in person learning from a computer screen.
- I feel students get more out of school in person. Distance learning has its challenges such as internet stability, etc.
- Kids need socializing
- It's too soon - vaccine is not ready, numbers are going up in our area and in the state. We are also approaching flu season.
- I feel this is a great model where I would love for our children to be soon
- If everyone wears a mask, socially distances, then I think this is best for the students.
- I like the hybrid
- everything is very uncertain, we are not prepared to go back to school full time

- the necessary precautions seem to be in place and my kids have adjusted to new procedures
- I know my son learns much better in an actual school setting...
- It is too much screen time on the home days for a second grader. Watching educational videos is not the same as in class learning. All their reading and most of math is on line too. This is why I think the younger kids should be in school full time. High school and middle school should stay hybrid.
- We do want our children to be safe, but we both work full-time not from home. It is very difficult to find sitters for our children at this time of year.
- We need to be mindful and cautious about the virus and everything will be alright as long as everyone do their part. Let's face it the kids are missing tremendously because of not being in school in person full time. Not everybody that can learn from a computer. Eyes get tired and not one class but as many as that children have for the day plus homework and more computer time.
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- I dont think schools should open full-time until a properly tested vaccine is available being that I live with a elderly person and a spouse that's has a autoimmune disease (Hashimoto's)
- I have felt that Seymour have been in person 4 days since school started , numbers where good in our state and the kids should have been going full time while It was safe . Re evaluations should have been made more into the school year if numbers of covid increased or expose to the schools happened . We have wasted time I believe . My child has a compromised immune system and I feel safer in September and October then I so in the winter and that is what I mean as in time has been wasted the last 2 months .
- The children need to be in school full time. My daughter is struggling emotionally. She is amazing in school but at home she is crying and having anxiety. She is upset every time she realizes it's a "at home" day. She has regressed in all areas. My daughter herself asks every day when she will be able to go back to school. My other children are being neglected and put in front of an iPad so my husband can teach our daughter. This is unfair to all parties involved. We need the school to be open full time for our daughter.
- hes fine with it. hes been home all summer.
- My childs distance learning consists primarily of watching youtube videos and I would like him to be in school to benefit from a proper education.
- Want things to stay the same
- I feel the children need to be in school full time. Both my daughters have expressed wanting to be in school full time.
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- In person full time learning I support
- I believe the kids needs to go back full time not only for their education, but for their mental health as well. It has been A struggle at home with virtual learning for many students, as well as parents who are not teachers and are struggling to assist their child/ren.
- Since our kids go yo school twice a week it will be better if they went full time!
- I do not feel we are ready for full time learning
- my home is not a classroom setting, its a normal home with normal distractions; lawn mowing, washing machine washing, phone ringing, all of these things r distractions to a student. A chrome book is not the same as a person to person teacher
- I think the system is overall working with a few kinks that need to be worked out.
- If this system is working for now, why change it?


- Distance learning is NOT effective for my child
- Would rather keep my child home!
- I feel comfortable with the amount of students in a classroom and on a bus with the hybrid model. I don't feel it is possible at all to keep students distanced and safe with the class sizes that come along with fully returning to school. Lunch makes me nervous as well. Right now they have snack and lunch in their rooms with a limited amount of kids.
- I believe it is safe for students and staff to attend school full time, especially with the CT positivity rate remaining below 3%. I also believe the benefits of learning in school are much more beneficial for social-emotional health and learning as compared to remaining home. In school learning is also extremely helpful to parents who need to work and many parents are struggling trying to be a teacher to multiple children at home.
- I don't think children should be in school at all.
- I think that now is the time to have them go in person full time learning while the #s are good and before flu season/winter. My kids learn more on the days they are in. They are unfortunately missing out somewhat on the other 3 days.
- I am very satisfied the way school is doing now.
- I think there should be a full time in school
- Makes me a little nervous but I think my child would like to be there every day
- Too soon. There is no vaccine close to being released and cases will rise if all schools go back full time. Most work places aren't at full capacity, why should the schools be?
- I feel other districts are suffering more due to the recent uptick in the virus. With the flu just starting- keeping things consistent till Spring semester makes the most sense. Families have already had to make changes to work schedules to accommodate the hybrid/distant learners.
- I would prefer to at least wait until after the new year. I'm considered an essential employee and have been working through this whole thing. I would had to be asymptomatic, bring it home, & spread it.
- I think they should return to school full time
- This is not the right time to push for this. We are heading into flu season and more people will be inside, leading to a spike in illness and positivity rates. I get some parents are eager to return to normal but this will likely make things a lot worse. The hybrid model seems to be the best compromise for the meantime. We should wait until at least January, if not later, before considering returning full time
- If precautions are followed I believe we can have full in person learning.
- Seems to be going good for other schools who are full time, if we stay the same and no kids are getting sick, then I don't see why we wouldn't or couldn't go back to full time. Although I have learned a lot about being a first grade teacher, my son is much better off in school.
- When will there be cleaning take place and how will there be social distancing
- Children especially in elementary school should attend school FULL time!!! They absolutely CAN NOT focus at home in front of the computer!!! And Parents need to go back to work!!!
- To early in the pandemic to send kids back full time
- While I think it is too early to switch to full time learning I would support it and send my kids full time of that was what was decided.
- Kids should all be in person full time.
- I am not sure where I stand. I would hate to see us make the transition to full-time learning and have to retract that decision due to Covid complications. At the moment, I believe our district has done a phenomenal job maintaining a healthy and productive learning

environment. Mr. Olechna and staff have really “wowed” me in their ability to create such an environment. Thank you.

- I feel she is safer with full distant learning. However, she misses school and is missing the socialization aspect of being in school. So I am torn between my feelings of opening. I just don't want her to get sick and worry in 2nd grade wearing a mask all day is not going to be comfortable.
- Working and helping our child with school work is tough. Although we have some concerns, in person full time would work best for our family.
- WE SHOULD NOT SEND OUR KIDS INTO A SITUATION WHERE IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE AND REMAIN SAFE. SCHOOLS AT FULL CAPACITY DO NOT ALLOW FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING AS WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO AT THIS TIME
- My child requires special attention and he is behind . I see no progress in his learning and it's taking a toll on him mentally and physically.
- I feel direct contact and consistency is critical for learning
- Numbers are on the rise, including hospitalizations. There were 290 new cases in ct on Friday 10/9. I just feel that it is too soon, especially with flu seasons upon us.
- Since I have a child with social issues I would prefer that they are in school more often so that that can be worked on like in previous years
- I believe my child will learn more by being in school and socializing with other children. It's truly difficult for my child to focus while doing distance-learning.
- At this time of uncertainty especially approaching cold and flu season I feel it is everyone's best interest and to limit exposures. Information about COVID is changing almost daily. Though children are at a lower risk, I am more concerned for the health and safety of the teachers and school staff. For this reason we have decided to do full distance learning.
- There is no suitable alternative to in person schooling. All student need to go back to in person schooling.
- Our children need teachers in person and socializing.
- My daughter is in special ed classes and is not getting the proper learning from the hybrid method. She's going to a place three days a week so I can work for her to do her distance-learning and she's missing a lot of work and has not improved at all on her reading skills due to only meeting with her special ed teacher for 40 minutes a day
- I believe that children have a better focus when in person they learn more adequately and develop social skills- currently I don't believe they are learning much of anything or getting the help that they need.
- I would love it if she could enjoy her senior year in school and with all activity's but we unfortunately we can't be risky until the virus is under control and we have a vaccination
- I think it's too soon to make this decision. Waiting until we get through flu season would make more sense.
- I think we need to be careful- cases are increasing and the seasons are changing. I'd hate to change to full time, only to have to pull them back out 100% again. It hurts the kids and it's very difficult for parents to keep rearranging their schedules
- Are cases are increasing, why risk it now?
- As I feel my children would benefit from 5 days in person with more cases popping up and now sheldon having cases in their schools. It hits close to home. I feel its too soon.
- I feel that students would learn more in person with full-time learning.
- I feel that with the 2nd wave coming it would not be safe to send them 5 days. Also the cases are now starting to rise so why would we.

- The pandemic is rising again. We in Connecticut are doing all we can but still are seeing the positive cases increase with all the proper precautions being taken. Until this disease has some cure it would be irresponsible to send our children to school full time and place them and our teachers at further risk.
- Two of my children need full time learning as I am not capable of teaching them what they need. The younger children benefit from In person, I feel. The kids in middle school and high school can make hybrid work.
- I personally feel it has to come down to class sizes and being able to space them out. The elementary classes are in their rooms all day. They eat in their rooms. Their 100% cohorted. That couldn't be further from the truth from the middle school and absolutely FALSE for the high school. I have a horrific picture of what the hallway at the high school will be if everyone is back and it makes me sick to think my daughter will be in that. She already says the hallways are bad with half as many students. I want my daughter back, but I'm sorry, there's not enough space at the middle and high level, period.
- There is no substitute for in person learning when it comes to younger students even in midst of the COVID pandemic. I know this because online simply is not working - he is distracted at home/can't sit still and needs a lot of support to stay focused.
- With the pandemic still continuing I think it would be beneficial to keep things as they are through the current year, 2020. My opinion on in person vs full time learning doesn't really justify the health issues right now. Flu season is vastly approaching, cold season too. It's about health and well being.
- I support this but also would like to get through flu season before this is implemented.
- I feel all parents want children back full time. We must think of teachers, staff and our children's health and safety first.
- Desired, but unsure if it's safe.
- I believe elementary school kids should be in school and older kids could do distant learning and then spread them out through all the school with in that town
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- Can they do four half days, still group A and group B. Make the day longer, pay teachers more. They are working so hard and doing a great job. Truly They are most likely putting in so many hours due to this new schedule. Would love to see thing get back to normal but I don't want to rush it
- children NEED it. covid is never going away. we need to learn to live with it.
- NA
- If safety procedures are being followed then the kids can go full time,
- We haven't moved inside full time yet. What happens in the winter and everyone is inside all the time spreading illness? I think it's too soon.
- Absolutely should happen
- I prefer distance leaning until this virus is controlled.
- Although the children need in person full time learning I don't believe it's time to go back.
- My husband teaches in Southbury and has been going with all students in school since the beginning of the year. My district, Shelton, is starting next week. We are going in full days for 4 days and we have Monday as full distance for everyone. I like this idea because it will still keep them current with how to use Google Classroom should we have to go to Distance Learning. We can show them in person on Friday how to navigate Classroom on Monday and if there were any issues, we could go over them on Tuesday.

- We want our children in school full time in-person, BUT, we want our children and teachers/staff to be safe! These are unprecedented times and the health and safety of everyone is very important. What we are doing now seems to be working. It's not an ideal situation (for anyone), but given these circumstances, at this time, we feel the Seymour school district is making the right decision.
- My child needs to be in school everyday learning from her teacher. Being responsible to teach my child in her house just puts a strain on our relationship.
- Should have done it from the start. Numbers are going to get worse as winter sets in and the flu and cold come around. Might as well send them full time or 4 days a week while we can. Clean on Wednesday's and weekends.
- I would leave it as is, it seems to be working. I think more contact would lead to more cases.
- Not sure if that's a good idea, the kids will be too crowded and it won't be enough room to keep distance.
- The district, state, and U.S. is not ready for full in-person. COVID is actually rising again and it would not be a good idea to open full during this time. Students and staff will also need to be tested for COVID before entering full time in person.
- I think it is rushing to appease people just because other towns have done it.
- I value the face to face interaction. However, with the recent rise in cases through out the state and phase 3 just happening I would prefer to reevaluate this in a month to see if numbers go up so to more opening.
- My daughters cry because they miss school. And I see they are falling behind with the 3 days on the computer
- It's important for children in elementary school to have in person to grow socially and emotionally
- Unfortunately my opinion is biased. My mother lives with us and has severe pulmonary disease so to send the kids full time is too risky for us at this time.
- Schools need to open and let the kids sit at their desks without masks. I understand that everyone is afraid however they also need to concentrate and learn. They will not hurt anyone if they are sitting down and are allowed to breathe. I understand when they move around but when sitting, this should be common sense. My work does it, restaurants do it, etc.
- Too much of a risk at this point in time
- In favor
- 4 days a week. With Wednesday being a deep clean day. Too many distractions at home.
- I think one of the reasons Seymour is doing well at limiting the spread of covid is because of the safety protocols. If we open to full time there is no way we will be able to keep the safe distance we have now in the school environment.
- My son has always struggled in school in one way or another and starting at the middle school this year and has been difficult. He has his good days and bad days, but he needs more structure. I believe he would do better in school full time. From what I have seen I am confused because every teacher does their teaching differently, so their assignments are set up differently and put in different places in Google Classroom. I feel like my son is missing things that he wouldn't necessarily miss if he was in school full time. Because both my husband and I work we had to find somewhere for him to do his DL days and that puts him in contact with other kids that he most likely wouldn't have contact with if he was in school FT because they are younger.
- Under this condition full time school is not a good idea now

- School provides social learning that cannot be taught at home. Children are at the lowest risk for severe symptoms concerning covid. Parents who do not want their kids in school full time should have the option to do full distance learning and allow the rest to return to school full time.
- At this point I am comfortable considering to move from full distance to the hybrid but nothing more than that until I see what the winters flu season brings around for this virus.
- I feel if we open full time 5 days a week in person The risk will be greater and we will see higher numbers and not that it's who lives with me that's the fear it's the grandparents I fear the most for as is kid bring home all germs and most house holds get sick the beginning of the school year. But with full capacity and no end in sight it would cause more chaos and disruptions
- I feel kindergarten students need the consistency of in person learning and less screen time.
- Unsafe
- I think students would do better in person with their peers and staff
- I am all for the in-person full time learning, however, with the new spikes of covid, putting children at risk especially those with already comprised health is a big mistake. Children are more vulnerable than adults.
- Don't feel comfortable sending my child to school five days
- The hallways in the high school are overcrowded with only half the kids there. Many classrooms are struggling with proper distance. Having everyone there will only increase the risk.
- Chances are high of more infections on the fall
- I think it's to risky in the winter. More students on school will create more issues with social distancing and the spread of the virus
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- I would like more information and what the day would look like before I make a decision. I would also like my distant learning children to have the same teachers they do now.
- Its to early to tell if we are out of the woods. It would be better to wait til we have a vaccine.
- We do not support it. there is a higher chances of acquiring COVID infection due to full in person learning.
- I do not feel that children should be in school full time due to rising numbers of covid. Things should stay the way they are for now.
- When the mask mandate is lifted and he no longer must wear it, he can attend full time, 5 days. It's all about the mask.
- 4 days a week in person and one day remote to keep remote practices and experiences solidly in place in case of future potential closures
- It's preferred
- I am comfortable with it
- Its better for in person
- As long as it's safe, I support in-person, full-time learning.
- I think it's risky until we get through the cold weather season where the flu, colds, etc are also a risk. This is still too new to push too soon too fast.
- I think in person school is the best for kids, they need to be around each other and teachers. They will learn more being in school , that's my opinion.
- My biggest concern is making sure the kids wear their masks ON THE BUS and at school. I understand social distancing might not be as possible with more kids so masks are even more

important. I am also concerned things won't be cleaned as well/frequently. As for the education end of things, it seems like it is going very slowly, so everyone either going in 4-5 days a week may help them get more on track.

- Hybrid learning DOES NOT WORK. Other districts are going back or have been back and have higher numbers. It is irresponsible that SPS is coercing families into thinking that they need to keep their kids home, for example question 4 of this survey. Children in the primary grades are not learning and gaps are widening. What planning has taken place to address these curricular gaps?
- I don't think it should happen right now. I think the virus is going to get worse as winter approaches.
- In person full time learning is important - I worry about the social/emotional effect on the children & believe the social interaction is vital coupled with the necessary safety precautions in place.
- I believe students should be back in school. While the hybrid model "works," it is far less than actual in person learning.
- I think it needs to be done. I know my child needs face to face. This is affecting her grades.
- It is a dangerous choice. You are bringing everyone back to school after all the time and effort was spent to set up the hybrid model. In addition we are entering fall and soon winter, and with an uptick in cases and the potential for more to come, I think as a community we are setting ourselves up for failure. How do you social distance? How do you ensure our kids safety? How come there are limits in work and restaurants but with our kids this would be different? People need to avoid what they hear about other towns and make judgements on Seymour assuming that if they do it we should as well. That is wrong and incredibly dangerous.
- I don't understand how we can have kids running around a field, shoulder to shoulder, huffing and puffing in each other with no masks on yet we can't have our kids sitting in a classroom 5 days a week! It's ridiculous! As long as the schools are cleaned and accommodations are made for social distancing, they should go back to full-time school.
- Send all the children back full time
- I have seen many positive improvements in my daughter's work ethic during distance learning. She is taking more time to understand concepts and the hybrid model allows her to stay ahead which lets her also do other things like working on her internship.
- Unless appropriate social distancing can be accomplished school should remain as it is. Students with IEPs and special services should go 4 days per week at least to ensure consistency of routine and increase time in the classroom without being pulled out for services. At this point, if a class were closed due to an exposure, the other half of the cohort could continue. If the whole class is together the entire class would be put out of school.
- I believe giving us parents the option for full time in school or full distance learning from home is a good choice because all households are different.
- If there's a way to do it safely I think it's a great idea!! I think 4 days a week would be a good plan
- There is a small percentage of children under the age of 13 that has been affected by Covid19. I believe adults working with the children should be taking proper precautions amongst other adult co-workers.
- It teaches the kids critical life lessons and experiences
- Though the hybrid model works for my child, I think in person allows for more interaction between the students and teacher and so, I believe, better learning. My child may be more

apt to be involved in discussions in person rather than online. And an additional 3 days of learning in person allows more discussion and interactions.

- I feel at this moment, the hybrid model is working well. I would like to wait until after the holiday season to even attempt in-person learning.
- I want my child to be in class with her teacher full time to have easier access with asking questions.
- I feel like full time in person learning would be best for all kids all ages. Distance learning is honestly a joke. Who's computer isn't working. Who's wifi isn't working. Who's passwords aren't working. Who can't find their daily work. Who can't figure out how to submit work online. There's more explaining than actual learning!
- I think teaching is more effective when the students are physically in school.
- I believe it is necessary for structure and continuity for children, especially the younger age. We are depriving our kids of social interaction with hybrid and remote learning and exposure to some germs is absolutely necessary for immune system development. I believe this is long overdone.
- I believe it is better for the kids to be in person learning because there are too many distractions at home. My children are not learning well at home and it is difficult for them to pay attention to the live videos. They are not learning as much as they would be in school. I believe it's better/easier for kids and teachers to be in school full time. Also it is EXTREMELY difficult for children with learning disabilities to do distance learning. My child was doing well in school and learning a lot better at in-person school. Now with the distance learning I see a decline in their learning.
- In my opinion it's the best for kids to go to school and learn. They need to be with friends and they will do better academically when they are in class on front of their teacher.
- Hybrid or full distance can never take the place of a full time in person learning session. The teachers for my 4th and 6th grade children have been great and are doing the best they can under the circumstances. The children are not getting the education they need and deserve, understandably because of a pandemic. However, if distance/hybrid continues then I believe thoughts to shortening the summer break should be considered. We could possibly make up some of the educational lag during that time. Maybe not full days or 5 days during the summer, maybe 1/2 days or 3 days per week. Just my thoughts.
- It's time to go back to school.
- I don't feel it's safe yet for everyone to be back. High school classrooms are way too small.
- I think with the rising covid numbers and flu season approaching it would be in the best interest of the community to do full-distance.
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- In person learning is very important for my child to stay on track, focused and engaged with his learning. At home learning is too distracting and his interest levels declines easily in what he's learning.
- With cold weather there is a chance of more people getting covid-19 or the flu. It will be difficult to determine who has what. It would be better to wait until the spring. Now is not the best time to choose for the kids to go back to five days a week in-person.
- The kids NEED to be in school full time. It should ONLY be about what is best for them. Send them back immediately.
- I believe sending them back full time in the winter will cause a considerable increase in cases. I believe a re-evaluation should be done in the spring.

- I think it would be beneficial as my children need the hands on teaching to be able to focus and be successful in school. They are struggling with the remote learning
- I think the children really need the structure, the socialize, the semblance of some normalcy.
- Unsure
- I think 4 days in school and keep Wednesday virtual fir sanitizing day
- It is the best way for my children to learn and work at their highest potential. If guidelines are followed, risk is very low. I am a nurse/manager at a big hospital. If we can do it in a sick environment, you can do it in a healthy one.
- It is a needed normalcy for children during these times.
- I believe if there is school for all kids five days per week it will be impossible to social distance. Covid is not gone and it is risky with hybrid learning let alone full time in school. I only like the idea of hybrid learning because being socially isolated is not healthy.
- I know my kids learn better when in school, but their safety comes first, so I would rather keep things as they are since numbers in the state seem to be going up recently.
- I believe it to be beneficial having a teacher in front of their students. They learn to participate and have more structured lessons.
- I think it's too soon esp as we start to enter the colder months where the infection rate is going to further increase
- Schools are a petri dish as is. It's best to play it safe and learn more about the virus and wait for a vaccine.
- My child is more productive
- I believe some students learn best when they are in a live classroom environment.
- While the current hybrid model is working I feel we should move to get the students back to full time in class learning as soon as possible and practical / safe to do so. It will be a better learning situation for the students and less stressful for the teachers trying to manage in class and virtual.
- My children do better w distant learning. Removes the anxiety of crowds.
- Is no save for my children to go back so soon i been working really hard to keep them save trough out all af this i have 2 children in Middle school and one in high school
- All students should return back to school full-time, especially since many students require and learn better under a socialized classroom structure.
- They will get a chance to socialize and get one on one with the teachers. It's important for them to be in school. They get very distracted at home which keeps most students behind.
- I would like my kids in school full time but not with the risks that come with the virus.
- My child needs more of his special Ed services
- It is important to allow everyone to go back into the building together and socialize once again
- I feel if the kids are wearing masks and practicing social distancing a full return is possible. As much as the teachers are doing right now, it does not compare to in person learning 5 days a week.
- With current health concerns and flu season we are more comfortable leaving what is working .
- I would like my child to be in school full time because this is the best learning process and she can have access to all of her services. However I feel when possible students should be able to take off their masks

- I think that my 2nd grader is much more successful in school than remote. He's having a very hard time focusing on staying on task. I would love for him to be in more days per week, however, I'm not confident that the class sizes will allow for this.
- I think the school is doing a great job with the students in the conditions we are in. The staff is completely dedicated to their students and if we switched to full time in school I would fully support it.
- As long as it's safe for everyone. Students and staff.
- I think things now seem to be keeping numbers down in our town. Why change now while numbers in the STATE are going up.
- I think the children need the full time in person learning but health circumstances need to be right and they are not
- It's necessary to keep everyone safe
- Hospital admissions are going up. There's still no vaccine. I think it should stay this way until August 2021!
- I still have reservations
- Parents cannot afford to quit their jobs to homeschool their kids. This is ridiculous to not send kids to school. Who is gonna pay the bills? Only few people can afford to stay home or work from home. What about the parents who work in the hospital? We can't afford babysitters and cannot leave small kids on their own. We don't get paid to do teachers job.
- Safety is the 1st priority!
- I believe all in person learning is the best learning environment for my child as long as all necessary safety precautions are implemented.
- I would like in person to return after we get through the winter
- In person learning is the best way for students to learn. However, it is also important that safety precautions are put in place. Deep cleaning, masking, social distancing, and contact tracing would be vital to keep all students healthy. If the health metrics change, and the rates of infection go up, I would then think that distance learning or a hybrid model may be necessary.
- Too many hours wearing masks concerns me deeply. I am Not as much concern about the virus as I'm about wearing those masks every day for such a long time.
- I think it is a better option for the kids to have in person instruction. They are more focused. Also staring at a screen for 6 hours a day is not healthy especially for the younger children K-8
- I would send him back full time
- I think in person learning is good for all children however I feel cases have remained low in Seymour due in part to our hybrid schedule. I am afraid going full time in person will cause an uptick in cases since it will be harder to properly social distance in classrooms and on buses.
- It's much better for the students. They need to be around friends and be in person with the teachers.
- It seems Covid is spiking again. I think they should continue as is. It still lets the child socialize with some classmates. Full time learning at home may make the kids feel imprisoned. But it may be necessary before things spike any higher. It will also solve bringing such heavy equipment and tools back and forth.
- I believe my son will benefit more from school if he attends full time 5 days a week .
- not sure its a good idea during winter months
- It would be more beneficial for the children especially the younger children whose attention span lacks with screen time environment.

- It might be ok for elementary because they can stay with the same class all day, but I think it would be dangerous at the high school level.
- On home days of hybrid learning it is very difficult to keep my child focused and doing the tasks he needs to do . He is very distracted and upset when he has trouble getting into a program or a link isn't working and by the end of the day has a horrible headache from all the computer work . In person 5 days a week would benefit him immensely and I think with proper guidance elementary students can follow social distancing and mask rules.
- I think it's too soon. I would consider sending my child back next calender year.
- I would like the kids to go for now on Monday and Tuesday and Thursday and Friday Wednesday be a cleaning day.
- Better education home learning is not the same
- I would want my children in school full-time but at the same time I'm scared. The hybrid module is great, but with kindergarteners it is extremely hard. I feel when kids are physically in school they learn more and it gives them structure.
- I can see a concern with kids going back full time when its the start of flu season but with the proper cleaning, hygiene I feel it could be done.
- I would be more comfortable with a 4 day week. Allowing the custodians to have Wednesday to thoroughly disinfect the schools. All students can distance learn that day and perhaps make it an early dismissal day to give self directed prep time to the teachers to lesson plan and meet the needs of the students.
- It's crucial that our children, especially the younger ones, have the option to learn in the classroom with board certified teachers who studied many years in preparation to teach. As working parents, my husband and I are not equipped to teach our child the way he needs to be taught. We see how not being in school is affecting him acedemically and socially. He needs in person support from his teachers and needs the social interaction with peers for his mental health. These kids will never get this time back and I feel our child deserves to learn the foundations of academics so he can transition as he should from grade to grade. The kids NEED to be back in school full time, or at least NEED the option to be.
- I feel that my children learn better in person. It has been very stressful teaching my children at home.
- I don't feel it's necessary right now because numbers are spiking again
- Children need in person learning structure.
- I think older students should be able to return to school full time and follow all necessary rules.
- Socialization, community, growth, emotion... everything they obviously do not receive at home.
- Absolutely crucial for social and emotional well being.
- My children are struggling to access technology consistently. Everyday something doesn't work. My son is on his 3rd chromebook. They are losing independence skills they used to possess due to frustration and the inability to get real time support. They are not internalizing the curriculum due to unavoidable distractions in the home. They have verbalized they want to be at school everyday. There is no substitute for structured daily in person teaching of the curriculum. I would support full time in person learning.
- I am all for in person full time learning BUT I feel it is too late in the season to start. I have a feeling COVID levels will start to increase very soon. Maybe look into full in person learning after the new year?
- Students need more face to face time with teachers and peers.

- Better for kids
- The children should be in school full time, without masks.
- I support it.
- Better for social aspects, less stressful for teachers, cover more content in person
- The kids are doing a great job of wearing masks and accepting these new rules. If the situation is safe they should go back to an full in person.
- I am not comfortable with in school at the moment.
- There is no better instruction and education than with the amazing teachers at the school.
- If they are 2 days a week they can be 5 ...
- Will be good for children on their mental health
- I do not feel a strong need to have my child return full-time. The hybrid model is working well for us, and the teachers are doing a great job! The biggest reason that we would like to go back to full-time in person is that my child feels that her social-emotional needs are not being met.
- I have many relatives who are educators in other districts who are at least having elementary kids in school full time. They have had no issues with this. I don't understand how Seymour can't make this happen. I feel like my kindergarteners are not getting as much as they can out of school being home half of the time. (And that is nothing against the teacher - she is fantastic - it is just different than being in school).
- I think we should give it try.
- I think the adults can be as careful as ever, yet it's our kids who are the most likely to bring the virus into the home. They just don't take it seriously enough
- Kids need to be in school. Full focus cannot be attained at home
- I think these kids need to go back to school. They are not getting a proper education this way
- I believe social distancing (at least 6 feet apart), mask wearing, and frequent hand washing is the most important thing we, as a society, can do to keep new COVID-19 cases from spreading. If we return to full-time, full-capacity learning our schools are not large enough to maintain proper social distancing. Also, as the weather is starting to cool down, I worry about proper ventilation of classrooms. My child's classroom currently keeps windows open with a fan facing out the window to help with ventilation. Is this adequate and can this be continued through the colder months? Probably not.
- Students should be able to return to school 5 days a week. It's hard for parents who are working full time and each week they have to rely on someone else to help out or to watch your child. Maybe a couple hours a day such as a 9am-1pm should be put in place. Like this the children get to go to school everyday but get out early.
- It is challenging for me as a parent to teach at home. School is the best place. Meeting with other kids is very important in this age.
- I feel that the students should be in school at least 4 days per week now that the covid numbers are low. Perhaps keeping one day of distant learning midweek would be good to clean school and keep students and teachers in the groove of distant learning should we have to return to full distant learning model.
- Critical to academic success
- I believe your children learn in person and it's difficult for them to be engaged from distance learning therefore in school learning is more effective .
- This has become very depressing for my daughter. She doesn't want to do the work, She has developed such an attitude, she misses going full time

- The kids need to be back in school for in person learning. Even if it's 1/2 day. On line learning is tough. Internet issues, cheating on assignments and not being fully engaged are all problems.
- The current system is working fine
- In my child's case, it is in his best interest to be in school full time. The Wednesday off throws him off completely and distance learning is very difficult for him.
- I support full in person, even 4 days. My child has an IEP, though even w/o that, she is too distracted at home
- I feel like we have been able to keep the Covid numbers down by having this system in place. We should keep things as they are
- Although I would love for my child to be in person learning. I believe giving the parents these options work well. I like the hybrid model and full time distance learning.
- My biggest concern is safety at lunch. With more students, a very careful lunch schedule will need to be put into effect (possibly plexiglass dividers?). Also, spacing students in a classroom is less of a problem with a smaller class, but large class sizes are concerning.
- too much on the kids along with everything else going on
- Given recent spikes of covid infection trending upward in educational institutions and in general, going back to full in person learning would add to this trend. This is a risk I would not take for my child or to education professionals.
- Teachers are doing their best but when my kids are saying M-W is boring and when they come home Thurs and Fri excited and happy I think that speaks volumes.
- As long as the guidelines are being followed, I do not have any issue with a full-time return.
- I think full time school is the best educationally for the children. But the hybrid plan seems to be working well and we are in a good routine at this point.
- Not safe and my child doesn't get that one on one they need
- In-person learning is definitely the best; however, given recent spikes in schools elsewhere that returned to full time in-person learning it is still too soon to safely adopt this option.
- There are way less distractions in school for learning compared to trying to learn and stay engaged at home.
- My child will be more focused and less distracted
- I would not be able with having my child return to in-person full-time learning schedule this year.
- I would love for my child to return to school full time however at this moment I do not believe it is the best opinion for him to stay safe
- I cannot wait for full-time learning and neither can my children. I have five boys and they all cannot wait to return to school full time! I never thought they would say that but that just goes to show how much this has affected them.
- consistency of routine is most important for all students. I applaud Seymour for their efforts to remain consistent this far and believe this is still the best path forward. I would consider having kindergartens go an additional day in person; however, the social distance while necessary is also detrimental. Many kindergartners have expressed they do not get to "play" and do not have any friends because they cannot not physically interact with peers. Currently, as a parent I can supplement with neighborhoods friends for my child; however if he were to attend school full time that would not be possible. I think the result could be an increase in school refusal.

- It's ridiculous to go back to normal as we are still in a pandemic! Don't risk our children's and staff's health. Too risky!
- Its not safe for students or staff
- We are concerned that 100% kids in school will not allow for social distancing. Teachers are going to be 2x more likely to get sick and then who will be teaching anyone?
- Since children of all ages are going to the stores, restaurants, etc. using the proper protection, I do not see the difference in going to school full time. Do you think grocery stores clean all the candy bars at the checkout section with everyone touching them? Therefore, as long as PPE is being done, I see no reason why they cannot.
- I believe learning in person is the best way to educate children. They don't get distracted. They pay more attention.
- I think the current schedule is working great and is the safest solution.
- It will help the children interact more and learn more than 3 days online.
- If we did this I'd prefer a 4 day model with kids hike on weds for separation and deep cleaning
- Not safe especially with flu season approaching
- 100% supportive. Distance learning does not engage children the same way in person learning does.
- If it is to be full 5 days it would make sense rather than what some school districts are doing the 5 days at half days.
- I feel my child is falling behind and is experiencing social issues because of the isolation
- The curve is flattened and these kids need social interaction with better teaching in person. Schooling from home is not adequate and requires parents just as much responsibility as the kids. I do not know how all the families are able to do this and work to provide for their families. We need better schooling and that requires kids at school. This has added MORE screentime and frustration. It is necessary and this is setting a horrible precedent.
- I think the kids need to be in school 5 days. They need the consistency and I feel they are struggling at home.
- As I work for the state of ct we are also taking precautions and are told not to have more than 35% in the office at this time. I feel that we should continue to be cautious and get through the winter the way it is as of now and see what happens. I understand it is a huge inconvenience but safety of our children and staff should be priority right now regardless of what other towns are doing.
- Q
- Classrooms should still remain limited in the amount of people within them at any given time. Specials should still come to the classroom instead of children going to them.
- I have not selected the option for middle or high school students as I do not have a child in those grades and am uncomfortable speaking for those parents.
- Too much distractions at home. No socializing and making new friends at home.
- It is financially crippling to not have my child in school full-time boys and girls club not open no other services available in Seymour very very disheartening to have to go into debt to pay for education that is taken from normal tax paying funds
- I think it's important for elementary kids to be back they need more hands on
- Unsure how I feel about all returning
- It is working in Long Island and other places. Look at the data from those schools.
- I believe that my child is struggling with paying attention while distant learning. I have not had one complaint from the school on the days she is physically all in class. Also, as a full time

working parent, it has been a nightmare trying to find affordable child care for the 3 days a week she is supposed to be on her chrome book.

- It's a difficult decision to make due, however, I believe that my child does better with in-school full time learning.
- I think it's time to re-open schools. I feel like at home learning is very stressful for both children and parents . I feel that emotionally the kids need to be back.
- I'm very concerned about the safety of that choice
- I think in person learning is the most effective for my two 3rd graders. However, I think the conversation is more about mitigating risks at this point.
- My daughter I feel would be doing better if she could be in school 5 days
- In person better for my child more focused
- I'm still scared
- My son does better learning in person. However I think the teachers need 1 day for distance learning so 4 days in is a more reasonable schedule
- I believe that at this time with the flu season approaching we should continue hybrid to continue to prevent Covid.
- It is essential. Take each positive case on a case by case basis.
- Until we know for sure that we have vaccines that can stop the spread of the virus I think that keeping the kids on the hybrid method is the best alternative.
- There is no substitute for in-person learning. My son thrives on the interactions with his teacher and classmates and lacks motivation and engagement at home. He is very advanced as well and I do not feel he is being fully challenged on this model.
- My children are easily distracted. They are looking at the other kids on the screens and what's happening in their siblings online learning rather than being fully submersed in their own work in their own classroom. My kids are too young to be left without adult supervision while distance learning as they can't find screens, can't read the screen or I find them not doing what the teacher has directed them to do. They would benefit bring in school full time.
- I believe starting the children back full time should not start at the height of full/cold season. You will have many exclusions(14 day quarantine) due to the symptoms these "normal" illnesses have that are alike to covid. Normally a student can return to school after they have been fever free for 24 hrs but with these new safety measures they would be out much longer. This could prove problematic for scheduling and learning alike.
- I'm not really sure how I feel about it. My child is doing very well on the days he's remote learning and he wants to move to distance learning, but he really needs what little socialization there is on hybrid days.
- I do think the students need to be in school but the students safety concerning the virus is more important to me.
- To be honest I would like full time because of the whole attendance situation with distant learning but at the same time safety is my ultimate concern for the time being.
- Please make this happen. My kids are falling so far behind. I believe this can safely happen with masks, hand washing, and properly cleaning methods.
- My child needs to be on the same schedule daily and be able to receive the services that are written in his IEP in order to obtain a full educational experience
- As I'm filling this out, I'm sitting with my 1st grader who is doing her best trying to learn online, but she is just not fully there. She is looking around and at times unable to pay attention. I just feel she will be an all around better learning experience being in school full

time. I do not feel like she is getting the best education she can while trying to be online 3 days a week.

- I would be happy to see that happen since my child is not completely able to work independently, has an iep and requires support for an important part of the curriculum that I am having a lot of trouble supporting him myself. I feel confident in Bungay to keep the kids safe if able to return full time for at least 4 days.
- I think four days per week with one wed distance learning day for cleaning would be a good balance.
- I want my child to be in school full-time, but right now that is not the safest option due to being immunosuppressed. So online distanced learning is the options we need right now.
- I'm afraid that full-time in school learning will lead to a surge in COVID numbers
- It is critical at the elementary age especially. The distance learning is not as effective. I'm extremely interested to see the results of the recent standardized testing and how it compares to the results from this time last year. I know the teachers are working hard but dividing their attention to kids in class and kids remotely is not effective for anyone including the kids in the class. We need full attention.
- My child will never get her senior year back. If at least most of the year is full-time attendance, perhaps we can salvage some sense of normalcy for all students, especially seniors.
- As I answered your question four- It has been helpful in my district to have children attend for days out of the week on early dismissal schedule which allows teachers to help and check in with their fully distant learners as well as allowing for in person learning for days a week I do not think full days five days a week would be helpful at this point in time
- I still don't trust it I see schools opening and closing because of Covid I can't afford for any of our family to catch it with our health issues
- Again if the covid numbers continue to rise distant learning is the way to go for all involved
- I feel this would be best for my child and her learning style.
- Winter and flu season is coming I think for everyone safety stay as it is until Christmas break
- In person learning is the most beneficial for students. I am concerned it's going to be hard to social distance.
- Full time learning is better than part time, however we did not begin the year full time and disrupting the routine can set a lot of children back.
- My son has a hard time keeping focused in home.
- Although the teachers and staff are doing an incredibly amazing job distance learning I feel that it is going to set the children back academically in the future. The children should have the opportunity to go back full time in school.
- While remote learning this year is much better than last year, nothing will replace being in-school with their friends and teachers. That direct face to face interaction is important, especially for those who still struggle remotely
- Since my daughter is in school for the first time hybrid learning has been a challenge I don't feel like she is learning what needs to be learned in this crucial year.
- They need interaction with kids their own age
- Full time learning is not a good idea until the pandemic is over.
- Full Time
- It is the most beneficial option for the kids! They need to be with kids their age for mental health and communication skills! My child personally learns better in classroom with no

distractions at home like toys and video games! He also gets help with reading in person from an actual teacher! He doesn't get that at home!

- They need to go to school. Need socializing. Needs sport with spectators support
- I feel like my son learns better in a in school setting
- My son is missing out on much of his learning due to the same kids being disruptive and late most days
- My child is behind now because of the hybrid. She is very distracted at home and a lot more moody and complains about school work. When she goes to school she has no problem
- I think the quality of education would be better for my child if he attended school 5 days a week (or even 4 days)
- My child needs the school setting and being with the teacher. My child has difficulty learning by a chrome book all day!
- Students need to be in school with other live students and teachers. Better socially, mentally and physically.
- I believe the kids need to be in school having a somewhat normal routine
- Winter is going to resurge covid numbers. Going fulltime now is premature.
- Online school is a disaster for students and parents
- I don't feel comfortable during the winter months
- I feel the number of cases are low enough in our town & state that students should return to in person schooling full time.
- The shutdown of the schools hurts the children more than the virus will.
- The hybrid model is effecting my children in negative ways. My oldest son went from honor roll all 6th grade, to barely passing because of the school situation in which he is now forced to learn. It's awful all around
- While I would love for that to happen it is just not safe. The numbers are creeping up and will continue to rise. Full time in person school is foolish and extremely risky.
- The current hybrid mode is not sustainable for the students, teachers, and parents. There is no other choice than to return to full time learning. If it needs to be a staggered full opening with the neediest and younger groups first that is completely understandable. The amount of screen time is excessive, unhealthy (and unfortunately unavoidable). Teachers are expected to do triple the amount of work reconfiguring all their planning, assessing, and acting as tech support with little to no REAL professional development (and we all know that what you are calling PD time is teachers teaching themselves and each other how to use and navigate new tech platforms) whilst they also are expected to provide social/emotional support to students. The physical and emotional well being of families and staff are at risk under the current model. With proper sanitation and social distancing full time learning should be reinstated.
- I think that, provided we continue to take appropriate precautions (washing hands, sanitizing and deep cleaning), that it is vital to get our children back into school full-time. My kindergartener, in particular, is struggling with remote learning and I am concerned that this hybrid format, while I understand why it was chosen, is putting him and likely the majority of kindergarteners at a disadvantage. As you know, there is much more to the school experience outside of scholastic learning. There is the social aspect that is perhaps most important to young learners, there is the hands on assistance and instruction that they are not getting for more than half of the week, but would otherwise receive. They need to be taught school structure and appropriate interaction between their peers and teachers alike. All of these aspects are missing with the hybrid models. I can't imagine it is easy on the

teachers even, whilst having half of their class in person, the other half at home. Surely this hybrid structure has a direct impact on the quality of education they are receiving overall, whether in class or remote.

- My child that I am responding about was an amazing student. Since homeschooling his confidence has taken a dip. He cries often that he doesn't think he is doing it right. His social skills since distance learning has suffered as well.
- Should be happening
- Cases are rising again ! I think this way is the best way to have control over the situation and at the same time the students have some normalcy ! If Hybrid is working for the majority then why change it .
- I feel that my child comprehends more of her work when in person than online
- I feel the structure is better, being in the classroom setting, and being able to have the face to face in person interaction with the teachers is so important
- It's difficult to feel 100% right about sending the children to school. They need to be in a classroom to learn it hasn't been smooth at home. I trust the teachers opinion
- Too many unknowns and most schools that have gone into full time learning have to close completely because COVID cases rise.
- It is needed!
- Based on the scientific facts, Covid is supposed to spike in cases in the fall and winter. If we move to full-time learning, we would not only be risking the health of the children and families, but also take steps back in their education if we have to go full-distance learning, due to an increase in cases. It would be foolish to change what we have been doing with hybrid so far.
- I think we should see how this cold season goes to see if there is a increase in cases before we pack the kids into classes
- As long as social distancing and mask wearing rules are enforced then students should be able to return safely.
- I have twins and would like them sitting next to each other in class to limit their exposure. Distance Learning is VERY hard on our family. I'm a teacher, so I can't help, but my husband works from home and currently does all of the work with my kids and then has to do his work at night. He's up until midnight or later on the 3 days they are Distance Learning. Since the metrics are GREAT! I don't see how this strain on our household needs to continue. If the metrics were different, then I'd have a different opinion.
- Love in-person learning but not enough if cases continue to rise
- I am personally not comfortable with sending my children to school in person with the virus cases on the rise again.
- I think the hybrid model is working just fine. It is too soon/not enough information of COVID to reopen fully.
- I believe it's most beneficial for students to be in school full time.
- I am concerned that with so many students in the classroom, the school is not strict enough on keeping masks on. I do not feel a teacher should take a mask off in the classroom. It is not providing a good example to the students and is in general an unnecessary risk. If Seymour were to go back full time, I would hope that guidelines were strictly being adhered to about proper spacing, wearing masks ,and then mask breaks for staff and students.
- Students, regardless of age, should be in school for social interaction, understanding of what they are learning and better focus. On-line learning is distracting. I have 2 high school girls

who are high honor students who want to be in school because on-line causes more of a distraction than being in school. They lose focus more quickly staring at a computer

- I believe social distancing will be hard to maintain with all students there 5 days a week.
- I feel there is nothing that compares to physically learning in school. Through distance learning, I've talked to several people and not one child is retaining the curriculum through the computer like they would be if they were in person. Personally, I feel that our children are being robbed of their educations. I also don't feel that it's fair to the teachers to try and split their time between teaching kids online and in person. They're one person. They can only do one or the other. As a whole, everyone is losing if we continue with this distance learning set up. Also, most of us parents are too busy working and struggling to keep up with this pandemic ourselves-trying to be the teacher to our children just isn't enough. I don't have the time to continuously check to make sure my child's work is getting done so I'm trusting his word. Most parents can't even be home with their children so it's grandparents or friends that are trying to help. My child is with his grandparents and they don't even know how to operate a computer so they are little to no help. It's just not right...
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- I am a teacher in a neighboring district and we have been full time, in person, since we went back. We are provided with an abundance of sanitation supplies and have custodians who were hired on a one year contract to constantly clean common surfaces/high traffic areas. I feel safe at work and would feel safe sending my kids back full time as long as protocols like this would be followed.
- I think it is too risky to be sending our children full time. I am very uncomfortable with it and really hope we continue as we are. It's not easy and it is not convenient but we put the safety of our community before convenience.
- OPEN THE SCHOOLS!!!!!!
- Think it is the best option unless there are health issues at home
- I feel the population in the school all at once would be too many at a time.
- In person learning at school is better because I am unable to provide adequate teaching as I work full time as does my husband
- the reason our district number is low b/c we are doing hybrid model and bringing the kids in full time in person 5 days a week might be a little risky - maybe change to 3 days a week in school for the elementary schools at first to see how that works out
- I am concerned about how the schools can maintain spacing and distancing if all students are back in person. Even if some students are home doing full distance there will be more students in person and less opportunities to be distanced.
- As long as proper safety measures continue to be enforced, I would approve full time in person learning.
- If they wear masks and use precautions I think everything will be fine
- I feel that filling the classrooms to capacity, especially while moving into flu season, will ultimately end up sending everyone home, forcing full distance learning across the district at a much faster rate. I would rather we continue to move forward with hybrid model allowing the students to have the availability of both in person and distance instruction.
- The consistency will be beneficial for our young learners, both academically and socially. If the district can continue to social distance to the best of their ability and our numbers remain low, I would be in favor of full-time in-person learning
- It makes me feel anxious, but I am currently not thrilled with the education being received through full distance learning, but will take it to know my child is as safe as can be.w

- The children are wearing masks so it is okay if they cant be 6 feet apart at all times. Not being in full time school is more harmfull to healthy children than getting the virus. The flu is more life threatening to young kids but we dont shut down schools, so shutting down for a virus that attacks older adults more seriously has not made any sense. The masks and hand washing should protect the teachers who are at greater risk. The longer this goes on, the children will never get caught up. IT IS JUST NOT THE SAME. My child is not interested in the online learning. I do appreciate the work my sons teacher does in this difficult way to teach!!
- I think that our children should be in school full time.
- I feel that the staff and the students are doing a wonderful job following the rules of social distancing and mask wearing and I feel that as long as everyone keeps doing this it should be okay so far everyone has worked real hard in keeping our children safe and I think full time is better for the kids for learning it keeps them sharper in the class room
- Especially in the elementary schools, the students should be in person full time. Our numbers remain low, and the children's learning and mental health are big issues.
- N/a
- If all safety practices are put into place- especially 6 feet of distance between students - per CDC social distancing guidelines -I may sway my opinion to full time. The flu season is approaching which means #'s in CT will be going up. Another issue to think about.
- Children need the social skills that come with going to school
- Too much exposure during cold and flu season My child is also in before and after programs
- I think it is necessary to have all students back in person in class. If a parent or child feels uncomfortable going back in person, they should opt for full time distance learning.
- I think it would be best for my child to be in school full time.
- I think the kids need to be in-person to get the best education possible.
- My sons need full time in school learning. Being home is a big distraction and they need the structural setting of a classroom and full time in person teacher. I am not a teacher and my kids need a trained, professional teacher in person five days a week. My son requires extra reading help and is not receiving it at this time.
- It is very important to keep everyone safe but the kids need to have the sense of being in school. Also it's putting a lot of extra responsibility on our teachers. If we keep wearing masks and cohosing within the school I think we can move forward
- I have 4 children in my home. I am currently watching my kids and my friends kids also. One of my kids is in kindergarten and she needs to be in class minimum of 4 days per week. I love teaching my daughter but I did not go to school for teaching. She needs consistency. She has issues getting on the bus because she wants to be home with her dad because she goes 2 days then home for 5! She needs the consistency of a teacher. So she learns better. I also watch a 4th grader who needs the same thing. He has reading and math problems that he needs to be in school more. Home trying to remember when they both need to be online and then if he misses a time and gets in trouble or the internet crashes and they both have to explain what happened. Then the two 8th graders, they both want to go back because they both feel like they are not learning completely. Meaning they have teachers that have issues with the google meet or that don't have anything for them to do at home. Gym class is a joke. As long as you show your face and pretend to move your fine. Art class my 8th graders play more with food then actually learning about art or art history. I understand the issues of covid, what I don't understand is when did sending our children to school not become a parents choice? If a teacher is at high risk then build them a plexiglass wall. If they don't want to do that then find new teachers who want our children to become the future of this town.

Make this a choice for the parents. If they want this then let them and sign a waiver. If they don't then they stay the way they are or go full time distance learning. I know of children who are not logging in. I have kids in my neighborhood who I hear outside playing when my children are in school. Not to mention how frustrated the teachers get. Some of them are so mean because they are dealing with so much. Others just don't say much. Others are truly trying. I'm sorry but I was home before the summer and my 7th grader at the time was just stuck and felt so alone. Felt like she would never get back to school. Never seen a child want school so much. Now I have 4 who want to be at their school. My kindergartner does not know the other kids in her class. She has one other girl with her and has cried to her father that she has no friends. I'm sorry but that's not right. This is the time they make the choices and make friends. How can she when she only has one other girl and they can't talk that much. Please change this!!

- I believe my son needs in person to be successful with his type of learning
- I feel that a child wearing a mask all day isn't healthy and I also feel that risking their lives while in a school building isn't safe once snack is removed for snacks and or lunch we are exposing them
- We would only feel comfortable if there were nationally reduced COVID levels and an approved vaccine
- I think in person learning is better but I would prefer 1 day a week to do distance learning that way the schools could be deep cleaned at least once a week
- I think as long as all the correct guidelines are followed, there should be no problem with going back to full time learning
- My son is having a very hard time with the home school distance learning
- Especially for elementary aged kids it's the foundation for all learning and education that they can not re create. I think it's vital for their education
- Our children NEED full in person learning. The hybrid model is NOT working for either one of our elementary aged children or our household. They are happiest when attending school and desperately look forward to Th/Fri when they attend. They are missing out on critical learning by remote learning M-Wed. Nevermind the additional stress hybrid learning is putting on both my husband and I. Our health district is doing very well. Full in person learning SHOULD be brought back.
- I believe it's necessary for earlier grades.
- If social distancing in class, cafeteria and the bus can be maintained then I think full time in person with maybe Wednesday still as a remote learning day would be acceptable if cases in our communities don't spike
- "If it isn't broken, why fix it?" There are plenty of students who are doing very well with the hybrid model, and both these students and parents are happy with the current situation. Not all families want to go back full time at this time! Our children have adjusted well, are present everyday for class whether in school or remote, and are learning. Their teachers are doing an exceptional job, with clear and organized instruction, work, and feedback. I believe we should keep the learning model as is, especially knowing that we are heading into a season where infections are sure to rise.
- Would help out for working parents
- If it stays at home hybrid model parents need detailed plans of what we need to do for our children and a plan for parents who are both working full time day shift jobs Monday to Friday

- This much better benefits my kids personally, but I know it will benefit many more. Remote days are extremely trying for my kids and I. My 1st grader doesn't get to complete all his work, due to growing impatient, and bored with staring at the computer all day. He listens well to his teacher, and stays focused on his work much better in school than at home. My 6th grader needs it to help keep her accountable for her work also. She's missed several classes online and her grades in some classes have dropped drastically. While she's in school, she also focuses better. It's the environment they're supposed to learn in.
- I think it's a complete disservice to our children. They need to be at school to thrive socially and emotionally. Their teachers need to be physically present as do our children for a better comprehension of the curriculum that is taught. There is also a greater accountability for staff, faculty and students.
- I have concerns with reintegrating our students full time then having a disruption in learning due to a positive test. I believe our numbers are so low due to what we are doing as a district and community. Continuing with a hybrid model would assure the safety of our students and community.
- Too soon to make that call
- We have health concerns in my home. My child will remain distant learning.
- I am still unsure how I feel about it considering the spikes here and there but at the same time it would be nice to go back to normal.
- If metrics are low it should be tried
- Not sure if it's too soon yet
- Kids need to interact with other kids Kids not learning much from online, hard to focus at home it's not the same
- In agreement with in-person full-time learning.
- I work as an educator of young children. Currently working with k-1 on distance learning and I can tell you that for most of them it is not working. They have a very hard time adjusting to being in different places and different learning styles every day. As for my high schooler. She is fine and does not need to be in school every day
- I think it's not safe yet, there is still a lot of unanswered questions about Covid-19. I think changing the schedule for the kids would confuse them and make it difficult to fall back into another routine. They are use to the routine they are in currently. If Seymour decided to send the kids back completely, the number of cases would increase. I would withdraw my child completely.
- My sons teacher is doing an amazing job with distance learning. However I think in order to learn as much as he can and get a complete education he should be in school as much as possible.
- I think as the numbers creep up we should keep everything as is.
- My son hates school now. He used to love it.
- I would like my son to do a minimum of 3 days in school. As long as the classes stay limited with 8 children, I would be ok with increased days in school
- I think it's too dangerous. I know you don't have students 6 feet apart at all times. Covid has been proven to be airborne and remain on your skin for 9 hours. I think cases will begin to ramp up in the next few weeks, as they already have across the state, yesterday 10/8, there were over 300 new cases. Too much is still unknown. I would prefer to air on the side of caution
- Needed for structure Building relationships and interaction with others

- My first grader is struggling with the hybrid model. She requires more stimulation, consistent instruction, and social opportunities. despite best efforts on the home front and the efforts of her teachers, she is experiencing regression.
- Would prefer 4 days in person with Wednesday remote for deep cleaning. I think the children are benefited in full time as the tech issues and internet issues seem to delay the learning and teaching.
- love it
- I feel children learn much better while they are in school as opposed to remote learning.
- I would be ok with my child in full time learning as long as social distancing can take place in the classroom.
- Want them back in school!
- It isn't safe to do that yet
- My child would benefit for full time in person learning. He is currently struggling with at home learning but is doing fantastic in the classroom. I feel comfortable that with proper mask wearing and sanitizing it would be safe to students to return to school full time.
- I think the teachers have been doing a great job with the hybrid model. However, the students education and rate of progress is being impacted by not being in school full time. I believe the school and teachers would help students maintain social distancing to their best extent possible. The quality of the education received this year would be better with full time in-person learning
- I like that the kids are separated and not all in school at the same time.
- The distancing of 6 feet would be eliminated which i do not think is a good idea on the cusp of flu season and before a vaccine is available. I would rather see a full return in the spring if things remain steady.
- I want my kids to go to school full time but want to make sure the timing is safe.
- The children need to be in school full-time in order to learn. We did not go to school to be teachers, we have other careers. I'm on the verge of losing my job because I have three children who need to be online all at the same time. Being a single parent with no family and no help is a struggle. Please open the school full-time
- My daughter is struggling so much with all the distance. It's hard enough that we are going through a pandemic, the kids need to be in school. It's so stressful on her mental health. With that being said, I do think the teachers are doing an incredible job with these kids.
- I am uncomfortable with full time in person, but if it is offered my job will not give me the option to continue hybrid learning. This will be very difficult as a parent
- There would not be enough social distancing. Masks help prevent droplet transmission, but not the spread of the virus!! This is why social distancing is imperative at all times!!! Not just when feasible!!!!
- I want my child in school full time; but not at the risk of exposure to the virus- especially as a high risk child and the increased cases. In person full time learning would offer more individualization and focus on each subject. However; I feel close interactions and small group assignments or reading/math partners are something that can be done virtually. There is no substitute for full in person learning. My child's education; as much as they are trying to individualize it and differentiate him; is not what it should be. He is doing great at home but I think they would be able to challenge him and plan out his class work better if he were with his teacher personally. But that's not ok his or our families best interest health risk wise right now.

- I would like to see more in person learning but think that we should move from 2 days to 4 days to still have a full day midweek to allow for the schools to be deep cleaned every 2 days. I also wonder why we are not doing more to utilize our outdoor spaces at the school for learning while we still have the opportunity to do so.
- I believe all students are in dire need for full time education and socialization with their peers. If positive cases come forward, it should be a classroom by classroom closing, unless an outbreak is active. All our students are suffering, but it is the exceptional learners with IEPs and 504s are at the most vulnerable.
- Too early to have everyone in the building at the same time. About to be flu season and mixed with potential for covid-19 will be a Health hazard.
- Perhaps the reason for the low number of increases in COVID-19 cases is due to the current learning model.
- I think it will be good for the kids having a regular schedule.
- I would love for this to end so we can go back to normal, but this is not the case. I am thankful that I can protect my children and parents by keeping them home.
- My daughter seems to be more anxious when she attends school in person (gets migraines and stomach aches). We are seeing various professionals to help with this. Currently the combination of in person and distance learning is working well for her as it provides a balance. I also do not think she would fare well having to wear a mask 5 days a week.
- Despite teachers doing an amazing job I still believe that children are sitting too long in front of a computer screen and our children are not getting fundamental socialization skills with their peers and teachers, moving their bodies enough or the regular stimulation of the school environment. As long as we continued to take proper precautions as I trust Seymour schools is, we can give our children the education they need and deserve.
- I want my child in the building full time, as she is in kindergarten and I don't feel she is getting much benefit from remote learning at this time (despite her teacher's best efforts). I would love for her to be able to attend 5 days but only if it is safe to do so.
- Since school reopen in Connecticut cases have gone up rapidly. As a parent my child is safer at home, at least I know where she has been or who she has been around. Some of the parents send their kids to school when they have a fever, stomach bugs, head lice, and other contagious illnesses. These same parents continue to keep doing in. My kids health is important to me and I want her to continue to be healthy.
- With the uptick in COVID cases and the flu season upon us I think we should stick with our hybrid schedule. We have been doing very well and why fix something that doesn't need fixing. Going full time would mean more kids on the buses, more kids in classes, hallways, etc. We would have to shut down our whole school instead of just a small group of kids if there was a positive case. Our teachers will also be more at risk. I understand we will eventually have to reopen full time, but until we know for sure that flu season will not bring a rise in our community numbers then we should be safe than sorry.
- Children learn better in a school environment.
- I do not feel comfortable with it. My whole family has been and is still home distancing. I do not feel comfortable sending my one child to school when my husband and me plus my college child is home. So I will keep him home.
- My daughters and I agree that they are able to engage, participate etc more when they are in school.
- I believe Seymour has done a great job keeping numbers need to a minimum, and full time return to schooling should be strongly considered.

- I think the kids need to get back to classes in person with mask wearing only in halls
- I completely support it. My kids need their teachers!!
- I think it is the most beneficial to the children.
- My daughter would struggle with the mask. In addition I have health issues and she is already comfortable with the distance learning. I would prefer to stay with what we have this year and change next year.
- I feel very comfortable sending my child into school full time. Even as a kindergartner she is very good at keeping her mask on. I feel the lack of in person school is doing her a great disservice. She is having a very hard time staying focused at home and does not understand the concept of school at this point. She is Lacking the independence from us her parents and it is hindering her learning ability both emotionally and academically.
- I believe the students should go back to school 4 full days and one day should be distance learning for all students to allow for deep cleaning/sanitizing.
- In person learning is the best thing for my child distance learning cannot replace in person education
- If the numbers of infections remain low, I think the children and the teachers benefit from only having to teach one set of kids in front of them rather than kids in front and remotely.
- Distance learning is insufficient
- If there wasn't a pandemic i would absolutely love them to resume a normal schedule. But i think there will be way too many children at once if you open full-time AND you have to take into account that flu season hasn't even started. I think we really need some more time to see if the COVID numbers go up before we try to get them back in full-time just to possibly pull them out again.
- I want my child to have the undivided attention of her teacher when in person, and currently she isn't getting that due to synchronous teaching. I also want her to have less screen time when in school.
- Assuming the data regarding covid-19 stays the same, I believe students especially in younger grades need the structure of being in a classroom. The teachers are doing the best they can, however, the students are not getting the full curriculum as if they were in person full time.
- The distance learning is not engaging for my children. They need in person teaching to advance and be challenged
- These children are not getting an education they deserve! Especially children with special needs such as Autism, ADD, ADHD. How do you expect children especially children with learning disabilities to learn.
- I feel my 9yr old will learn much better being in school with his teacher.
- I support full-time in-person learning wearing mask and staying few feet apart
- I have an 11 year old in 6th grade with ADHD and a 5 yr old in kindergarten. The stress this is putting on the parent is unimaginable. My personal mental health has suffered and have constant anxiety about the balance of school/ job. My son Liam who is in 6th grade is already starting to fall behind. He needs to be in a classroom setting to ensure the teachers directions are followed. Getting some of the teachers to understand his struggles has been impossible since they don't even know him yet. In regards to my son Luke, who has just entered Kindergarten. He is struggling to focus. His preschool did not have a rigorous schedule so he is not accustomed to the structure. He hasn't even been to in person learning for 30 days and his teacher has already voiced concerns of a disability, which I find highly insulting. The lack of consistency that these younger kids are faced with is a total disservice to our children and also adds unnecessary stress to their lives.

- I want my daughter to continue with full distance learning. She's doing well with the option and I feel she is safer knowing she does not have possible school exposure to covid.
- My kids are doing fine just the way they are.
- Education needs to happen in school, in person, 5 days a week.
- I think things are working well now why change when you may end up having to go back.
- Until it is safe my kids will not be in the building
- As long as the kids wear mask, send them full time in school
- This has been their very difficult for our family as well as my childhood was in 3rd grade. He goes to school Monday and Tuesday. Than the rest of the week he has to go to a distant learning program. As appearing I have to work full time and I am unable to stay home with him but I would rather him be in school rather than two different places.
- My kids learn better in person classes than online to much screen time for 5 year old
- I am not ready to send my child to school with covid.
- I am concerned about the custodial staff being able to keep up with cleaning and sanitizing the school if all students return. I don't know how much of a deep cleaning truly gets done if staff are in the building on Wednesday. I am also concerned with having all the students in the hallway changing classes. Some of my student's classes are already big, I can't imagine having 30 in a classroom. There is no way one could socially distance the proper way. High school students know how to use a chromebook. They should be able to log into their classroom from home.
- NA
- I would be okay with this
- I feel the elementary and middle schools could cohort/social distance appropriately for them to be in school full time. I also feel any child with special accommodations/special ED should be in school full time.
- Full time in-person learning is best, but NOT during this pandemic.
- My children are struggling and need to return to full in person learning. My children do better from learning with peers and their educators. Not to mention socially and emotionally they lack in this and it is constant meltdown in my house. On Thursday and Fridays when they are in school they always tell me on Friday they had an amazing day and wish they could go everyday. But on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday they whole heartily hate distance learning.
- Everyone will be safe! We have to learn to live with Covid! There is no evidence that children are asymptomatic super spreaders! Kids need the normalcy of going in person 5 days a week for their continued social/emotional development. Kids/parents need to recognize the importance of keeping their children home if they are sick or have been around anyone diagnosed with Covid. Hand washing continued emphasis daily!
- My daughter is in kindergarten I believe that its extremely hard to keep her attention span all day on the computer, I am finding that we do all the "live" times and then once i'm off work (working from home the days she is home) then I will have to do her assignments with her that she cant do on her own due to just her age and learning the computer and also because it's hard for her to focus on the computer all day. I believe starting out 4 days live in school and using Wednesday as a distance learning day to be able to continue doing the deep cleaning of the school will be a good and safe transition. I'm sure most parents like myself would be willing to donate cleaning supplies for the classroom teacher as well for daily cleaning.

- I feel that in person learning full time increases the risk of the spread of covid-19 due to more students in the school, classrooms etc.
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- I have no concerns.
- I think it's best for the children to go to full time school. I think that's where they stay most focus, learn how to be independent. And many more benefits.
- The kids need to go back to school . There has to be some more steps to get them back full time . They need to be around friends and teachers . They learn more at school and need to get back
- Although the data shows the numbers are still low with flu season approaching and an increase in positive cases being reported I feel that the hybrid model is best. My child although is older does have difficulty wearing the mask all day but manages it on those two days, the five days will increase his anxiety and be difficult for him. They do not have a lot of mask breaks making this more difficult.
- I would love for my child to be in school full-time but I also have concerns. A positive with the hybrid model is that there are smaller class sizes. This helps my child feel more comfortable about attending school.
- Would like to see the kids in school 5 days or at least 4 days with a day for deep cleaning to happen.
- This is the best option of it is safe--if cases go up, students/teachers/staff should not be in school.
- It is too hard for children to follow along while distance learning while the teacher is teaching a group of students in school. I sit near my child everyday and it is too difficult on the teacher and my child gets discouraged and frustrated and he is missing out of the necessary teaching he needs which he can only get in school when the teacher can see his face.
- I feel our kids are falling behind academically. I'm also concerned about their vision being on computers 5 days a week whether they are at school or home. My daughter already had eye surgery. Who will pay for vision correction? I believe kids that are behind such as my son that English is a second language and my daughter that has vision problems should be allowed to be in school full time. Even if that is not the decision made they should be an exception to the rule.
- My child does better in person and is struggling and regressing in all subjects at home.
- Full time in person learning is essential and needs to happen. Students are not learning as well doing distance learning.
- Keep all protocol's in place. Space out the desks. Hand washing, etc. Wear masks. Teenagers do what they want they want to be with their classmates and not home. It takes a toll on their health emotionally and mentally. Working parents miss work to take care of their children it becomes a hard ship. I am glad that my child is in High School otherwise it would be terrible. I believe the performance of on-line learning is lower than being in School.
- If the numbers stay low, I think we should try a phasing in plan. Students in K-2 and students with IEPs should be phase 1.
- Currently not a safe option with confirmed COVID19 cases on the rise but will hopefully be an option soon.
- I am just not sure how that would work. I don't believe there's enough space to send everyone back and keep them 6ft apart.
- I would first like to start off by saying that I truly appreciate all that Seymour is doing. I am a parent of little 3 children all in the district of Seymour. My son who currently has ADHD and is

in 1st grade is having an extreme hard time with remote learning. My 2nd grader is having a time with remote learning but gets more and more discouraged while at home instead at school. She socially and emotionally is in need of being in school. I wish the district was moving faster on this. I wish for the district to move faster on this. The fact that full distance learning is still available to those that are not comfortable should choose this option. But for those that want their children in school. It's should available to those students. While I can appreciate the hybrid learning, for my family it is harder for my kids to be home for 5 days and distance learn for 3 and only get 2 days of in person. I work at Griffin Hospital and have worked all through this pandemic and Do believe these children especially K-5 need to be given the option of full in person as this is the children's foundation of education.

- I think its to risky. Especially if you have all the student full time. How would you manage social distancing. There has been cases of teachers testing positive.
- 2 days a week is tough for the lower grades. I feel as though my child is being short-changed by the lack of in-person learning. My daughter thrives in the classroom environment and I just wish she had more in-person learning opportunities (4 days a week or 5 days a week). Online learning doesn't measure up to in-person instruction (in my opinion). I understand the two cohorts, and in theory I think it's a good idea. On remote learning days, however, my child is at a daycare-type of environment with kids from Chatfield and other school districts. If the idea of cohorts is to keep kids in a smaller group, the logic of it goes out the window when on remote learning days the kids are going many differnet places and being exposed to other people. Maybe if the kids were in school 4 or 5 days a week it might limit that outside exposure a little bit. Of course, on the weekends there is no mandate for who is seeing who, so it's a difficult balance.
- Social interaction is needed for the kids emotional stability.
- None
- All for it
- It is disruptive to the child's routine to only be in school 2 days a week. They are missing out on the social/emotional experience of being in a classroom with their peers. Additionally, I feel the amount of screen time is too much for children.
- With safety precautions in place full tome is fine. Socializing is so important and the quality of teaching/learning is better in person.
- The kids need to be in school full time. My son has trouble focusing when he's at home distance learning. He doesn't ask questions as he would in person. He learns more being in school with teachers.
- I think children should I have the option to gonna 5 days a week. Those children who do should wear their masks in hallways or walking throughout. I feel though that they should be able to take their masks off when they sit at their desk. I think the school should continue to wipe and clean door handles, desks and chairs as much as possible routinely. Children or families who would like to do distance learning should be given that option as live learning. I wouldn't mind if it were four days a week with Wednesday being distance learning so buildings can be cleaned.
- I feel children learn better and can stay focused better in school. There can be many distractions at home and if not watched the whole time can end up not staying focused.
- The kids feel strongly that they aren't learning in the current format. Whether they are in person or at home, the online learning format creates much of a distraction for both teachers and students. It's too much for one teacher to deal with. The teachers are doing everything they can but it's not conducive to learning and engaging.

- Many of the towns around us are making plans to return kids to school. While the hybrid system “appears” to be working, as a parent and as an educator, I can tell you that the kids are suffering. The learning is not as rigorous through the online learning. Well known educational theorists have stated how children learn through constructivist, hands-on authentic instruction as well as Bandura’s Social learning theory that states how children learn from each other in social environments. The hybrid model returns instruction to old school rote memorization and read text and answer the questions learning styles. Much of the most recent research on teaching and learning is being ignored and these tight restrictions are actually harming our students by stunting their learning growth. The science reports that it is safe for children to return to school. COVID hospitalizations and particularly deaths are down below the common flu now. Treatments are so effective that most who contract it have very mild symptoms or none at all. It is safe to return kids to school full time. It is important for America to protect the most vulnerable (elderly) and stop violating the youngest population (children) who have little or no impact from the virus. I have a middle school child and a high school child. Both are in Honors classes, but are NOT being challenged to the best of their ability by far. Both are bored with the 3 long days of online learning and long to be back in the classroom full time with their teachers and friends. I strongly encourage you to motivate your review committee to establish safe plans to return all kids back to the classroom!
- My concern is that they are predicting a wicked flu and cold season in conjunction with covid. I would like to continue to limit my child’s exposure with the smaller class sizes. Also I feel that families with daycare have a plan in place right now and it’s soon to change things up. Then to possibly make a third change due to going all in too soon. I think decisions should be held off until after the holidays. Let’s see what this fall brings. My child is doing wonderfully right now and I’m very comfortable with what’s in place. Bigger class sizes makes me extremely nervous as a registered nurse in the community. Thank you
- New Covid infections are low in Connecticut. I feel that it is now safe, given the aforementioned.
- It is way too early to send them back full time as of now.
- I think while our numbers are good we should try to do full time learning. Plus I think for mental health reasons these kid need to be in school
- Although it is a little nerve-wracking, I think full-time learning is ok to do at the moment, as long as the health metrics stay low. I am realistic and understand that we may be moving in and out of hybrid, full school and full distance as a district. At the moment, I am on-board with full in-school.
- I think that until there is a definite solution to the COVID-19, children should be at a reasonable distance from other children. It is too easy for it to spread between children.
- I think that if the right precautions are taken, this can be done safely.
- I feel my child would be more attentive and learn more in a teacher student face to face in school model but not with the current increase in COVID-19
- I think if we continue to wear masks, wash our hands, stay home if you’re sick, and practice social distancing as recommended, we should be okay to go 4 or 5 days to school.
- Some concern with cases rising once schools are fully reopened again.
- I believe kids should return 4 days full time with Wednesdays off like now for distance learning to clean the schools.
- Children are missing the structure and socialization. My child does not enjoy distance learning.

- With the increase of covid within the state, I feel that it is best that we do remote learning to protect the students and staff from any spread of it.
- I feel as if my kids are struggling being home. My kindergartner is learning everything this year and I don't want him to be behind. My 6th grader is struggling and is failing almost every class. My sophomore needs a little help with some of her classes and it's hard for her to do some from home.
- My child is not receiving the fundamental education that she needs by only being in school 2 days a week. I am a full-time working parent and have other children as well. It is extremely hard for me to teach when I am not working. I am also not certified in teaching and feel that children are being robbed of their childhood and education by only attending school twice a week. It is clear that distance learning does not work and my child does not retain anything from it.
- It is vitally important that the younger students return to in-person full-time learning. From both the social-emotional standpoint and educational standpoint, the hybrid model is not meeting their needs or my expectations.
- My daughter is very unfocused at home with us. I think she benefits greatly from in-person teaching.
- The current structure of the hybrid model is not working well for our family. I'm struggling to make sure everyone is doing what needs to be done at the time it is supposed to be done.
- With cases ticking upward in CT, I truly feel we should stay as we are.
- Working full-time, my in-laws and parents are helping and it is hard for them. The internet is not good at my parents' and she missed a few early classes due to this. She actually prefers to be in person due to being able to see her friends and with her 504 I would prefer for her to be in school full-time.
- I'm not sure how social distancing can be maintained with all kids there full-time. Plus that is a lot of kids to be changing rooms, padding in hallways, etc in the high school.
- My daughter needs the structure and routine.
- I think my kids need this. They are just not learning much of anything being at home with distractions and since I have to work and am not there to supervise, things just don't get done. Plus my 1 that gets services is suffering and struggling even more by not being in the school environment.
- Experts are expecting a second wave and so am I. New York is already starting to see theirs. We are next, hence the rise in cases recently. I won't be surprised if the schools have to completely shut down again. We don't know enough about Covid-19 to resume normalcy. It's dangerous and counterproductive and I won't allow my child to be a guinea pig for convenience.
- I am highly concerned that returning full-time will pose a great risk for staff and students alike. As colder months approach and a resurgence is possible, I would be highly concerned about my child being in the school at full capacity.
- I do not believe full in-person learning should occur given the current state. I can understand that parents are eager to get their kids back to school full-time so they can resume work normally. This scenario may be best for working parents but it is not the safest option for the students and staff. My daughter's classes in high school would have close to 30 kids if school was full-time in person. That is way too many! I beg you not to do that!
- I believe the current model works better for us at this moment. Ever since school closed in March, she does better on the hybrid model.

- I would rather my child in school full time they don't have any preexisting conditions. Also mentally I think it's better for children to be in school with their peers. If I had the option I wouldn't fill distance teach my child as I am also a full time working parent.
- I believe in person learning is better for both the teacher and student. The interaction and socialization is also extremely important for children.
- I think they need the in person learning and also need the socialization and learn to work as a group, less screen time as many kids won't learn this way.
- Needed for elementary!
- I would not like them to go to in person school Too many kids COVID 19 would go up to dangerous so many schools shutting down
- I feel that as long as everyone follow proper protocol along with intense cleaning and disinfecting children should be in school full time.
- Switching to full time, in-person learning would be reckless and is not supported by science or current local data. The risk of airborne, asymptomatic transmission cannot be mitigated with full-time, in-person learning. Small cohorts of learners at least allows for social distancing measures to be taken when in person learning is required.
- I feel my daughter is adjusting to hybrid but would benefit from full like person learning if allowed.
- I believe that kids who are of elementary age need a lot of additional support and need the extra attention that remote learning can not do.
- I love it! I believe it is extremely necessary and imperative for the younger grades especially. They need to be in the correct school learning environment in person with their teacher and around their peers. An additional benefit would be less screen time on their young eyes.
- I believe things are being pushed too fast. This virus isn't under control and is still unpredictable. Pushing too fast too soon will put everyone at more risk.
- I think the kids would benefit and learn a lot more in person verse distance.
- My concern is the size of classes. I felt more comfortable sending them knowing that classes were small (10 children and lower). If class go back to full capacity, I worry about the ability to properly distance and more opportunities for children outside the cohort to mingle.
- I do not support it
- I believe it would be most beneficial to have my first grader attend school full time. My child is doing okay with the remote model, however I feel he would benefit greatly from attending in person daily.
- More structure, children are able to learn more in classroom setting rather than home with distractions.
- Full time in person learning is essential to the growth and knowledge of our children. It is very necessary for proper learning
- My son especially has ADHD and being at home is very difficult to get him to focus and get his projects done
- I feel as if my child is not getting the full potential of learning at home. It is also hard having to quit work just to be home with your child. As though nothing is normal anymore, I feel like bringing them back full time will give them that sense of normal again.
- Kids need more social interaction, especially the younger children. More time with the teachers is needed for academics as well.
- I feel that so far things are going well. Reopening full time during the start of cold and flu season may contribute to the fact that schools may have to be shut completely down again if there are more students together in one classroom or the amount of people in a school

building in a given day. Why fix something that is not broken? I feel We Should at least stay this way until January 2021 and see how the beginning of winter is related to Covid and then reevaluate. My kids love when they are in school in person however I of course would never want to see them sick. As a Pediatric Registered Nurse, I saw first hand how quickly covid can spread.

- In person full time is crucial for students to learn and socialize with peers! Depression and drugs should be more prioritized than COVID-19
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- I don't think it should be done at this time.
- I believe that full-time in school learning would be best for students especially my child because he is having a hard time focusing at home with distance-learning and I don't think that it is going very well. I would love for him to be back in school five days a week.
- I believe in person learning is needed at an elementary school level. they need a teacher in front of them working with them
- If it becomes an option, I will send my daughter full time. However, I think we should stick with the current hybrid model since it's only been a few weeks and we don't know what will happen over the winter. If we switch from hybrid to full time in school and then in a few months have to switch to full distance, that's too many changes for these children. It's working, let's stick with it. The ONLY exception might be kindergarten and first grade students because they cannot read yet so there's no way they can do distance learning without a lot of adult support.
- I think the human interaction is one of the most critically important part of my child's experience and that piece is missing as long as he is remote the majority of the time.
- I don't think it's safe considering how easily and fast covid spreads
- I think this would be best esp. for my kindergartner.
- It is not working for our family and I had to quit my job to help.
- I think it's better for them to be able to learn properly.
- Much needed! My child struggling with working from home
- Na
- There education is declining while on the virtual path. Teachers are More engaged this fall however students do not all learn the same way. Both academics and mentally they need to return full time
- I don't think we know enough yet to feel safe.
- I think we still need to have a day off for cleaning. I don't think another 8 students in the class room will make a big impact but I think how clean we are able to keep the school will.
- With numbers being seemingly low between cohorts , there is no reason the elementary classrooms can't continue to social Distance safely and effectively .
- Since the numbers aren't supportive of "sheeple" mentality, let's get back to life please...
- Mask on all day concern me. I'm hand holding distance learning all day long.
- I love the idea but I am not comfortable with it at this time. We need to get through flu season.
- I believe hybrid model is working just fine as it is. Perhaps younger kids in elementary school would benefit from a full 5 days school week, but older children that can handle school via remote learning on 5their own should be allowed to stay home. School is not a daycare for working parents, I know it is not easy for wokring parents but safety & health should be

priority number one. With covid cases on the rise, now is NOT the time for full time in person schooling.

- Children are more engaged
- Socialization and more interaction with the teachers
- The children need the 1 on 1 in a classroom - the google meets are difficult for my 4th grader to follow and understand sometimes what is going on. Too much shuffling from one subject to the next.
- There is no replacement to in school live teaching. Remote learning puts more stress on the students with technology and WiFi issues and hard for some students to organize.
- N/a
- I believe that schools should reopen fulltime and that all the protocols continue to be in place for the safety of staff and students
- The positive cases are slowing rising, I'm not sure its safe to have the children in school 5 days a week.
- It's hard as a working parent to be doing school for two kids and a full time job.
- I don't think schools are ready to be open full time.
- As stated before, I prefer full time but reading with 100% of students in school I prefer it to stay the way it is.
- I am concerned it's too early to send out kids back - full season is just about to start. I rather wait after November
- I think 4 days a week would be perfect with Wednesdays being everyone home so they can clean the schools like they are doing now. If they can make it work to continue to keep the kids and staff and teachers safe, then I am all for it. My brother's daughter who is in 4th grade has been going full time in school since the beginning of the school year and the school has been doing just fine but that is only elementary school.
- I don't think it's the right time to go full-time in-person learning with the start of flu season upon us. With the symptoms of the flu and Covid so similar and cases of Covid spiking around us I think this would be a mistake and set the schools back.
- I would love for the schools to open up to fulltime. I think Seymour is doing a great job and can make a fulltime transition successful.
- My child needs usual formal education by his teacher and needs to be around other students on a full time basis for his mental well-being and growth.
- I'm completely conflicted. I worried about the education he's missing out on by being in a hybrid model however I am no confident that it is safe to return in full.
- If it's safe they should be at school
- If numbers remain the same, I think it is more beneficial for the kids to be engaged in the classroom provided the Teachers don't have any concerns. After all they are the ones at higher risk.
- they should be there
- I prefer in-person full-time learning, however it must be safe. By packing the hallways and classrooms while cases are in creasing would clearly compromise safety and could throw the entire school year into disarray.
- My child is loving the hybrid model right now
- Children need in person learning.
- My son has a compromised immune system... I do not want to risk his health

- Cannot social distance Parents are not honest about health of students and will send students to school sick If full-time should be shortened days I think things are going very well now- I just think the high school teachers need to be more realistic about workload/completion within timeframe- marking students grades down bc they can't complete work at home in a class period is unfair- they have no idea what is going on at home. If it's completed by end of day it should count full credit.
- I think my son would do better being in school full time
- To much exposure
- I think it's best for the students less distractions.
- Most parents are working and can not be home with the children and do not have places to bring the child for alternative. If we are dropping our children to different places this is not containing the virus it its bringing more possibility of catching virus and giving it to others
- It is important for these children to be in school full-time they are NOT benefiting from this hybrid program. The childrens mental health has suffered from this entire quarantine and they need to get some sort of normalsy back in their daily lives.
- My child is not learning with the hybrid learning model. I have to teach my child in addition to the hybrid learning model, since he is not receiving a quality education. My child is stressed, anxious, and discouraged.
- I would prefer to keep my child as fulltime distance learner until we get through the cold weather.
- it's time
- While I would ultimately like to see my child return to in person full time learning, I don't believe that can happen until the COVID 19 results improve and a viable and effective treatment exists for those infected.
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- This hybrid learning model is not enough. My children's educational, social and emotional needs are being neglected.
- I think they should go back full time and just play it safe still and keep doing what they are doing now. Or even keep Wednesdays close for cleaning.
- 4days I 1 day distance learning
- I feel the students would benefit much better in person. Currently, we are having a very hard time keeping our child engaged and excited for learning with the distractions of being home.
- With in person full time learning the children are able to have a quality education. They have the opportunity for one on one instruction with the teacher which promotes confidence in learning.
- if kids are in school full time they won't be 6feet apart and feel numbers will increase
- I believe it's too soon to make this decision. I'd prefer to see what the next month or so brings before rushing back to full time. The schools are doing a great job with hybrid.
- X
- I believe the younger children need the socialization with peers and support from teachers and staff most of all. They are not getting what they need from home learning.
- Most effective form of learning.
- Don't believe it will work. Not everyone take precautions at home for me to feel comfortable that they won't bring it inside the school building.

What, if anything, holds you back from wanting your child to return to school four or five days a week?

Open-Ended Response

- Exposure that will spread to high risk family members
- Uncertainty how things will evolve with covid over the winter.
- The virus spread.
- Nothing both my kids love school and I feel completely comfortable sending them for now. Atleast 4 days or !
- The only thing holding us back is her health and safety.
- more possible Covid germs in the building
- There is nothing holding us back. We/He wants to be in school.
- I am concerned especially with the flu
- The exposure to the virus
- I am little scared for pandemic
- My husband has pre exist conditions and with the rate of COVID on the rise again we are afraid with all the u
- The increasing positivity rate in CT, flu season is approaching
- Scary to have over crowded classes.
- I worry about their safety if the class size doubles.
- The gradual uptick in Cases to highest levels since May/June can only be contributed to the factor of children
- N/A
- Hybrid is working great for us so I can't see a reason to increase my child's (and thus my family's) exposure to
- Covid
- Not everyone has the same level of hygiene/cleanliness about themselves and there has always been contagi
- Nothing
- Not necessary right now. Why aren't we waiting until this is under control?
- i really would love to say 100% go back but i am concerned with the 2nd surge that is supposed to be comin
- Nothing!
- my only concern for 5 days a week is keeping the children safe and healthy. If social distancing is encouraged
- People who will send their kids to school even if sick (and those kids will make other kids sick).
- Concern about our son potentially exposing my husband and I to the virus. We each have different health cor
- damage the virus causes.
- Doubling the number if children physically in the classroom under the current guidelines.
- This whole pandemic & the guidelines .
- A spike in cases. I'm not sure how they will be able to be socially distant in a classroom when it is full. My fe
- Fear of an uptick in cases....but let's be real these kids are playing sports together, hanging out outside of sch
- Fear of contracting the virus.
- I think we need more time to acres the the situation, may far the flu season ends and a vaccine for the COVIL
- Nothing holds back, they need to be in school! Learning from there teacher not a computer!
- There is no way these kids will be socially distancing in the high school it is not possible. To big of risk not so r
- as well but full in person no way.
- nothing
- If the virus numbers go up
- Getting through flu season will be difficult if we resume 5 days a week, once a child gets sick now they are ho
- Zero holding me back.
- Nothing, my child wants to go back full time very badly.

- The health risks of covid spreading through the community
- The thought of putting my family at risk is what holds me back. I feel full distance learning is a lot better of a
- If this virus continues to get worse
- No one wants their child to be exposed to COVID, or to get sick.
- Large class sizes, no day for deep cleaning.
- My child's safety.
- There is nothing holding me back from sending my child back to school five days a week.
- with the cohorts, you can case tracking it need be. If everyone goes back full time, there is no way to do that
- The safety of combining both cohorts making more children in the classroom at once. Also, I feel that 4 days
- Absolutely nothing is holding me back from wanting my children to return 5 days a week. They need the in sc
- Absolutely nothing. Please send them back. Thank you.
- the continued rise in covid rates. -
- Of course I have some fear that a kid (even mine) will test positive for COVID. I honestly think that right now t
- The unknown with COVID-19. Metrics have seen a uptick and as a parent with pre existing conditions it worri
- Cases of Covid on the rise.
- Making sure we do everything to keep staff and students safe.
- NA
- Nothing
- Kids should be in school
- Seeing if covid begins to ride during the flu season
- Nothing
- Although I understand the rules for safety and prevention are necessary, I do not believe it's healthy when lo
- I believe that we are at low numbers because we are not together- Evidence suggests that increased social pr
- I want the district to be fully prepared for all of the potential scenarios and communicate the thorough, well t
- Wearing mask on those days is holding me back from wanting my child to return to school four or five days a distance learning.
- I do not believe it is safe at this time.
- Nothing. Although the days at home are exponentially better than in the spring, I know they get a better edu
- Based on trends in the US and in the world where cases had been well in control and are now trending up dra school year by rushing to a return only to likely turn around and go to a full distance plan for everyone. Stayi students back into a full distance learning program.
- NOTHING Students need to be in school
- It just seems like the ones that are going back more than 2 days a week are reporting a rise in more cases and
- Wrong time of year to try
- I want my children to return full time. However, bc of their ages, hybrid is manageable and the children that e to manage, keep room clean, again cold/flu season means more germs in general. This is a ticking time bomb
- Thing are fine right now and the kids know what they have to do. Please don't change right now.
- Is the middle school large enough to house all the students at a safe distance?
- I'm all for 5 days a week, but would like to know more about how the school would handle when cases of CO your sick child to school. Not recommendations but rules. Kids will get sick this winter and parents need to kn
- None
- i see the #s increasing in CT and do not want to see us go back into full quarantine. I think going back full tim
- Nothing holds me back. As long as masks are worn, I am comfortable sending them back.

- Seriously? We're just entering flu season and winter is around the corner, and you're considering going back to school?
- Nothink his holding me back. If I chose to send my child to school then I would like them to best possible education. They can not learn foundational skills through a screen without a teaching modeling and practicing with
- Safety of the staff, teachers, and kids.
- Nothing
- Common sense. We are in a pandemic.
- I am unsure that proper social distancing may be possible. I believe that half capacity is working so far. Let's not
- Judging how I see kids at the bus stop outside my house wait for the bus, wrestle, with no masks on, and the
- For my child, the hybrid model is working. Being able to play her fall sport is important to her and she wants to
- some students and families. Perhaps we have overcorrected for the lack of live video in the spring?
- Concern for their health and safety with more children amongst each other.
- NOTHING, the kids need to get back to school and get back to learning!
- We are a high risk household.
- health risk
- Four days a week with one hybrid on Wednesday and Saturday, would allow for a deep sanitizing which would
- I feel we aren't completely out of the woods and returning full time we won't be able to control the germs as we don't have any. Per the paper Seymour has less than 5 cases as of Oct 10. There are families who are self-isolating
- same situation where supplies are limited. I also feel teachers should have a say, putting them in a possible situation
- Nothing.
- The uncertainty of this virus and the fact that I have an underlying medical condition.
- I hear other towns who have recently returned to full time already having to do full remote just after a few weeks
- covid-19
- N/A
- Like to see better conditions w.r.t. covid virus nationwide
- I want both my kids in school.
- The fear of the virus and it spreading. We do not live in a home where we can chance getting COVID as both
- I am in favor that the students return to school 5 days a week.
- Nothing
- Families becoming lax in safety precautions once we return 5 days. Possibility of rise in positive cases in combination
- Timing. I think we should get through the winter months & see how things go with sickness & then bring back
- everything again. Students need consistent routines.
- I think it should be in person mon tues thurs fri wed remote for deep clean of school, all protocols/procedure
- you
- Corona case numbers increasing.
- Nothing holds me back, I do prefer for my child to attend school at least 4 days a week.
- None
- No properly tested vaccine available
- Fear of covid, but I do feel CLS is doing an amazing job with following the health and safety protocols right now
- Nothing. OPEN THE SCHOOLS! Please!!!!!!
- nothing
- I have no reservations about sending my son to school.
- Nothing
- NA
- If schools open full time, my kids will be going to school full time.

- nothing is holding me back, kids need to be in school, need more socialization
- Fear these kids are not going to be socially distancing
- The chance of going all distance
- My younger son has an auto immune disease.
- I am very nervous about the safety and distancing with the students in their classroom, on their bus and in ea backwards by rushing too soon to a full return.
- Nothing holds me back to sending my children to school.
- Schools should not be open yet!
- Nothing. I know it is in their best interest to be in school and I know the safety protocols would be in place (fa
- School will be very crowded.
- the possibility of becoming sick and spreading it to family. There will be no way to keep kids 6 feet apart whei
- uptick in the virus and flu season starting.
- I've heard how bad lunch time is and social distancing is hard to do. More kids are in school certain days then
- Nothing hold me back
- My daughter is not comfortable returning to school until this virus is under control and/or a vaccine is availab
- Nothing. I would like to see us go four days a week with one day of deep cleaning and remote learning.
- On how social distancing will work with 20 plus students in each class and on the bus.
- Nothing holds be back!! I am a working mother and I want my children to go back to school!
- Concern that social distancing is not possible with all kids in school and a higher likelihood that cases will go u
- The threat of Covid. Not just the virus and complications itself, but the whole stigma of the disease and testin
- Again, worried about the mask and her wearing properly and not getting sick. The bus concerns me. The disin
- I do not want my child to attend a school at full capacity at this time
- Health concerns but am eager to get back to normal life
- There can be increase of cases which will put teachers, families, and the kids at risk of getting sick.
- Masks
- Same answer as above... At this time of uncertainty especially approaching cold and flu season I feel it is ever decided to do full distance learning. I am also very impressed with how well full distance learning is going fr different websites as well as complete assignments. He has also gained the skill of time management and acc learning.
- Nothing, I fully support going back to school 5 days a week
- Nothing.
- Just her safety and piece of mind
- Going into what's expected to be a second wave I don't feel it's a safe time to do this.
- We don't know what is going to happen in the next couple of weeks or months. The system seems to be worl
- The uncertainty of everything. I have full trust in the seymour schools but its a scary situation. I feel seymour
- Options to pick up later in the day due to work
- Health concerns for all involved and the uncertainty that comes along with this COVID virus.
- Obviously the fear of an outbreak. No one wants to risk the health of their child.
- -Large class sizes without spacing -You cannot cohort hs classes because the classes have mixed grades I don students the option. Not all 504 student are affected. The hybrid model might actually help some of these stu
- Nothing.
- Her health
- as above. Flu and sick season is approaching and my feeling is that full time should maybe start after this.

- Infection rate
- Safety, too difficult to distance students with everyone in the building.
- Nothing
- not one thing
- NA
- The only reason why we are doing so well in this state is because we are practicing proper social distancing at start school time and then shut down if you get a case? I understand that parents need help with childcare but
- CoronaVirus
- CoronaVirus
- Class size. There is one class that my daughter says has 30 students. That is concerning to me, not for academic
- The health/safety of my children and being exposed to so many more people for an extended period of time
- Bully's over COVID — I'm more pissed over the bullies (who are sports players). Full time might equal bullying to everyone but I'm more worried about sending my child back into that nasty, neg. environment over COVID
- People are not responsible, I feel like some people in the community still do not take this seriously. It only takes amazing as is and everyone in the schools are doing a great job.
- I would prefer to stay at what it is now, it's working perfectly for us and my child is safe.
- The district, state, and U.S. is not ready for full in-person. COVID is actually rising again and it would not be a
- Concern of risking exposure to my family.
- The concern of numbers rising as we enter stage three in the state.
- NOTHING
- Health of other family members.
- I want my child to come back as he is not learning during distance learning. If anything would hold me back is
- The risk of covid. My child is okay with hybrid but if the school switches to full time or 4 days a week then I w
- N/a
- The spread of covid
- Nothing. I want my child to school full time.
- Nothing. Wish the masks were not necessary but that will not keep us from sending our children in.
- This is the first winter after this virus. With as little that we know about it I don't feel comfortable with all the
- As I explained above
- Uncertainty
- The obvious spike in covid. Cases are not accurately being reported. The spike is higher than reporting
- Safety- we are a family with two immunocompromised parents and are taking several precautions. From wha
- The virus getting worse in the winter. Don't rush the decision because of political pressure
- The school year before covid started my kids were sick many times during the year and on medication. Since
- The risk of the virus infections going up in the winter
- Safety of my children.
- My daughter has asthma and as a nurse I know this places her at a higher risk with covid.
- The mask. When the mandate is lifted he will return 5 days. Nothing else is a factor.
- Maintaining a remote learning day so that habits and teacher growth in utilizing tech tools continue for the p
- Nothing
- They all need to go back
- Nothing as long as it's safe
- The unknown and the risk to everyone. It seems foolish to rush back into school during the flu season and ris

- Nothing I want him to go back 5 days a week
- Knowing that the everyone is wearing their masks correctly and all the time. The bus according to my child is
- Nothing at all. Furthermore, why has taken until mid October to even ask these questions? This district is faili
- My child contracting the virus at school and bringing it home.
- I believe the hybrid is going well - my kids speak of feeling safe & being glad to be back within the school setti
- NA
- Not enough room to social distance.
- That this will be a rush decision. It took approximately 2-3 months to come up with the hybrid plan and ther judgement or just listen to the facebook complaints. For every complaint there are many positive take away better than the spring. I say leave it alone for now, till at least after the new year and the hope for a vaccine
- Nothing
- Nothing holds me back I would like them to go back full time as soon as possible
- See above. Cohorting prevents an entire class of students from being put out of school.
- If cases of covid start to sky rocket I'll keep my child home.
- Nothing
- Nothing. There are way too many distractions at home that intervene with the focus they need to complete
- Nothing. I would prefer in person learning for the full five days.
- With the standards that the DPH has with distancing and masks, I don't feel the schools have adequate room
- Absolutely nothing unless for some reason covid cases jump way up!
- Nothing.
- Nothing.
- I want my kids back at school full 5 days.
- Lack of social distancing. With class sizes as they were before with 20+ students per class, how are we able to feeling well, sick, possibly covid infected child to school cause they can't take a day off from work
- Lack of space for social distancing
- The rising positive cases around the state and flu season coming would not make a good combination. I woul
- N/A
- Chances of more covid-19 spread and the unpredictable path that the c Virus will take in the winter
- Nothing....she needs to be back full time.
- My child is immune compromised and I believe waiting until spring to go back full time is a better idea instea
- My only concern is being able to get his bus stop changed for afternoon drop-off. Other than that, no worries
- Nothing is holding me back. My daughter needs to be in school, in front of the teacher. Not in front of a comp
- Covid is still around,no vaccine, full time in school means no social distancing = more Covid cases at school an
- The thought of having too many students in a classroom to make keeping them 6 feet apart from each other
- Really not a thing, unless there was to be a massive outbreak I see no reason why they shouldn't be in school
- The fact that COVID-19 is still around and increasing rates of infection.
- Schools are a petri dish. My kid has asthma and missed too much school from colds and flus before the coron flu season in the middle of a COVID-19 pandemic.
- Stress and support is better now
- Nothing
- I am all for it
- The overcrowding
- Don't feel save on sanding my children to school this pandemic is not something to be joking or

- Nothing.
- Them coming in contact with the virus. They are both high risk if they get it and so is their father who they see
- Fear of Covid
- Nothing
- To many all at once not able to social distance and keep up with cleaning
- Wearing masks all day and not being able to play and interact with other students
- Large class sizes, lack of social space to socially distance
- Numbers are on the rise in our State. We are low now in our town let's keep it that way. Keep the hybrid or full
- The cleanliness of the schools and the organization of the schools and teachers which is poor now never mind
- Fear of other people not following social distancing and being safe and their child spreading germs
- The PANDEMIC!
- Nothing My kids cannot wait for the in school days.
- Uncertainty of safety under no vaccine...
- If the health metrics are good, I feel that in-person learning is better. While my son is a good student, he hates learning. It is hard for students to be in meetings all day long. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends their assignments. Teachers could still be available (office hours) if students have any questions.
- Too many hours wearing masks concerns me deeply. I am not as much concerned about the virus as I'm about
- Nothing. They need to be in school. Other towns are full time 5 days and doing fine!
- I don't want them to go back and have cases increase and then we might need to transition to full distance learning scheduling purposes it would be great to have our daughter full time in person learning but I wouldn't want to properly social distance.
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- Having to bring everything back and forth. The backpacks are so heavy. My 48 lb daughter has a backpack that
- The winter months are more at risk for sickness especially being indoors and if return to school I'd worry about
- Their safety and well being as well as their teachers, and other staff members.
- Contracting COVID19 and spreading it to family members, specifically grandparents.
- No reason right now.
- Nothing
- The scare of our kids becoming exposed and sick with the virus. As well as the spread of the virus.
- That there will not be any after school care for my kids so I can return to work full time. If after school program
- Nothing. CLS Teachers and staff have done a great job communicating with families and have created a smooth
- The only setback is my son having to wear a mask all day. However, I am willing to enforce that on him if that
- Nothing is holding me back. The children need to be back in person around their peers and teachers.
- Nothing.
- Nothing at all.
- Our only concern is watching the number of positive COVID-19 cases. We recognize you are keeping this in mind
- Nothing. They are ready to go back to school full time.
- No. They need to be in school full time
- Kids should be in school 5 days without masks.
- Currently numbers are rising and people aren't taking covid too seriously.
- There is nothing holding us back, I truly believe my child does a lot better while at school. I am not a teacher and
- Nothing
- I am concerned that it would be a strain on our facilities to maintain the level of cleanliness that they are now

- Nothing
- Too much in person contact. I see kids in cars riding down the street...masks off
- The reasons I stated above. I'm concerned about too much exposure and consequent transition of COVID-19.
- Nothing more in these circumstances that We all live in.
- At this point I would feel comfortable sending them back full time.
- I support full return to school.
- No hold back at all. I have complete faith that the school will do the best they can. It's other families that I w
- My child has underlying issues in relation to the virus
- The spread of the virus
- No Vaccine
- The uncertainty of what fall will bring. Cases are rising slightly lately in CT, I fear a full return could possibly re
- he gets sick easily and very often. Not used to wearing a mask properly.
- Same response as above in section 7. In addition - flu season is upon us and I would rather see us consider th
- person attendance will not be an option for my child. The potential Risk of covid-19 to my child's life and life
- Not a thing. I'm a teacher of young children. We are teaching 5 days a week, lots of cleaning and all is great. N
- The potential spread of the virus.
- don't feel that the plan is very secure and will last, my son also get sick very quickly and often. COVID-19 also
- Large spikes in areas that returned to full time learning too soon demonstrate that the virus is still active and
- the initial contamination of the virus (no vaccine, minimal protection, etc). With nothing really changed, we c
- precautions and preventions available and in place. We're also entering flu season. It just doesn't make sense
- Nothing
- Covid virus
- The spread of COVID19 At the moment numbers seem to be going up slowly as we are entering into flu seas
- Too risky. Don't gamble our children's health. Too risky. The valley is showing an increase in covid cases!!! We
- Lack of communication and follow through
- Ability to keep kids distanced on bus and in school with 100% kids in school seems impossible
- Nothing
- The idea of my children catching covid-19 with more children in the school at once.
- I do not believe it would be safe for school to reopen at full capacity
- Nothing. I am looking forward for my children to go back to school full time.
- Busses being so full but is just drive then or carpool. I'd much prefer 4 days with kids home 1 day for cleaning
- There can not be appropriate distancing if all student are present
- Not one thing.
- The amount of kids in the classroom at one time and the lack of adequate space allotted in the classroom. W
- Not applicable
- n/a
- Possible outbreak in their class or school.
- Nothing
- Nothing at all
- nothing
- none. These children should be in school full time 5 days a week!
- I'm concerned that many families in town don't wear mask as mandated and don't follow the state mandates

- The concept of 4 days makes no sense to me honestly. I feel like I'm missing how a cleaning day midweek would be because we've taken precautions and that, by loosening those precautions right at the start of flu season, that would be a problem.
- The cleaning of the schools and buses properly
- The ability to social distance and deep clean in the schools. Especially at the high school level. The biggest concern is to determine that without constant Covid testing. It seems to be maintaining the levels of illness right now the virus is not spreading.
- nothing, the superintendent.
- Just simply the threat of introducing all the kids back at once makes me nervous that it will be easier for these kids to get sick.
- The lack of recess/fun time that accompanies the restrictions for this school year. He is sad at school that the kids are not having fun.
- Nothing. Send them back.
- The number of cases is rising. With this information alone, I believe that having things stay the same or moving to a hybrid model is the best option.
- My child is having a very hard time this year and doesn't want to go to school. It's very different and even though they are learning, it's not the same.
- The virus spreading throughout the district and not being able to keep up with the disinfecting of the school.
- Covid-19. We still do not have any cure or medicine to help. My son has had heart surgery so it's all a tough pill to swallow.
- Nothing!!!!!!
- Take them back please!!!
- Nothing is holding me back. I have faith in our district to make the appropriate decision.
- As long as the social and emotional health of our children remain at the forefront where children can not be in person.
- Health concerns
- Nothing. I'm all for it.
- Nothing. Please have the children return four or five days a week. Thank you.
- Our family underlining health issues Asthma, allergies, heart disease
- Covid numbers!
- My child has a compromised immune system and is susceptible to getting sick and has trouble fighting off viruses. I guess virus feels she is not learning what she needs to be prepared for high school and the future. She sees her classmates as distance learners as inequitable compared to the in person learners. My daughter wants to be in school, live stream into each of her classrooms daily. I wish her teachers could reach out to her and develop a relationship. Learning program so the kids get an equal Education as others.
- Children thrive on routine. They now have a routine with the hybrid model. I'm concerned that if we change it, it will support sending them back.
- Nothing. I want him back in school full time.
- Nothing
- The children and staff would be unable to maintain any type of social distance.
- Nothing send them back
- Nothing! I want him in school
- Nothing. SEND THEM BACK
- Nothing
- Want child in school five days a week
- I would have to change my work schedule yet again, and would probably have to change it again when the restrictions change.
- With winter coming, flu season, everyone indoors, family gatherings for holidays ect, while covid continues to spread.
- Nothing. At all. The kids need to go back. This isn't living, this isn't learning, this is a means to try to get by temporarily. Both prior to the hybrid plan, and during the spring. Being forced to be withdrawn from friends, school and activities. The schedule is different every single day. We need to do better for our kids
- There is no way to safely house full capacity students on the bus or classroom. I work and cannot drive my child to school.
- Literally nothing. Their teachers have been PHENOMENAL working under the current conditions and Seymour is a great school.

- At this point, I have less concerns about a return to school 4 or 5 days a week, over the hybrid model. The hybrid model allows for learning (not staying home), and then returning to the school building anyway; thus increasing the risk of infection.
- Right now any large group of people have higher risk of getting infected. COVID is on the rise again so we have to be cautious.
- Nothing
- the worry of possibly contracting the virus and bringing it home. Personally my immune system is compromised.
- The pandemic is still real the children will get sick.
- All the uncertainty of this pandemic.
- The hybrid model is working safely for Seymour. Why change that?! With a projected increase in cases coming.
- My child has a autoimmune disorder and gets sick easily.
- The fear of them catching COVID.
- Nothing right now, but if the metrics were to change with any significance than my thoughts would.
- Continuous changes to get used to
- Too many people in a building, younger children not leaving masks on all day, cases on the rise.
- COVID!!!! My child is working just fine with the hybrid model.
- If cases in our area increase and distance learning needs to be full time the adjustment from full in school to full at home is a challenge.
- Fear of too many people too close together and guidelines not being adhered to in the halls,, lunchrooms, and playgrounds.
- nothing
- Nothing. (there is also a typo on the bus question, #8. "no" should be "now")
- 1. The rise in cases 2. The excessive amount of hand washing- mostly sanitizer 3. Emotional stress on my child from the pandemic which is a constant reminder. Home makes it feel more normal. She is learning a tremendous amount.
- NOTHING, OPEN THE SCHOOLS FULL TIME!!!
- health issues at home
- We are currently caring for an elderly person receiving hospice care for various conditions. We are willing to increase the risk and the stress level.
- Should return full time for proper learning
- currently it is 10 -12 kids in class, going full time 4-5 days a week will add more kids to the class and not enough space.
- Again how can the schools guarantee that students can maintain distancing if there are 20 students in a class?
- The increase we are seeing in other district school closures because of COVID. Our numbers are good and I believe we are forcing full distance learning across all grade levels? I find the hybrid to be a happy medium for the times we are in.
- That things are working the way that they are right now and cases are low, I worry that this may change as the fall approaches.
- Nothing.
- Nothing, I want my children in 4-5 days per week (especially my 2nd grader)
- Social distancing with 6 feet of space between students, the #'s in the state are going up, flu season approaching.
- Health concern Long hours each day with before and after care means poor evening routine which strains the children.
- Nothing at all. Let the students back in person full time! :)
- Nothing
- Nothing, I want them sent back full time five days a week.
- The possibility of parents sending their kids to school sick because we all want to get back to normal
- Nothing is holding me back. This is holding me back from getting a job and making sure that I can pay my mortgage.
- Nothing
- My child's health is extremely important to me
- The inability within the school to maintain safe social distancing within the classrooms with a full class size.
- Nothing. Just worried about the masks break, social distancing, but I believe my son would learn better in the classroom.

- nothing
- nothing. everyone here is ready! send them back please!
- NOTHING! The MAJORITY of families and children WANT to go back to school full time. They are happiest at s
- Nothing
- Recent spikes in surrounding communities and flu season
- - Their health and the well-being of all school attendees and personnel. - They have adjusted to hybrid and e (after Holiday break).
- N/a
- Are you going to be cleaning the school nightly
- N/A
- If the cases number increase and one of my children has a compromised immune system.
- The only things that concerns me is the disruption in learning due to positive cases. We have been doing wel
- Risk of exposure
- We have health issues in my house. She is doing well with learning online and the teachers and staff are doin
- Parents that choose to have their sick child attend school when they should be home, putting other students
- If cases increase
- I want the kids to go back 5 days !!!
- Nothing
- I just don't think the extra exposure is necessary
- The safety of my child, plus the safety of the other people in my home if he was to bring the illness home. The
- It seems to me things are working well how they are. I think we should stay the same for a while longer and s
- Nothing
- Safety is my biggest concern, not only for my son but for all students. I say this as a mother but also as a teach
- scares me
- The only thing holding us back is that the buildings are not open 5 days per week.
- If spike in COVID numbers increased enough to warrant distance learning
- Social distancing capability.
- Too many students. Puts everyone at risk. Schools always had illnesses especially in the fall/winter precovid,
- Nothing is holding me back. I am happy with the hybrid experience so far because my child is engaged in her even 4 days is better than 2!
- The increased exposure to more kids/families
- Full classrooms means no more social distancing. I think it is a bad move to make just as flu season gets unde
- The fear of an outbreak, or surge.
- Nothing
- Nothing; my child wants to go full time, so I want what she wants
- The virus will come back and no one wants to increase the risk of infection for our families
- Not enough social distancing, especially for mask breaks and eating. The numbers in our community are risin
- With what happened at Explorers daycare last week, and the number of children who ended up quarantined looking at an even more exponential increase in the amount of potential exposure and quarantine. Would my league and I coach multiple teams across multiple sports. I see the parents who send their kids to play even v see and talk to. I can't imagine how parents would handle these situations when they aren't directly facing th
- Concerns about the ability for the school to maintain social distancing/cohorting.
- Absolutely nothing if proper Covid protocols are in place.
- Increase potential to get sick

- As the weather gets colder, we will be spending more time indoors and we will see an increase in COVID case
- Nothing
- The fear of this continued spread of COVID-19
- Having to wear a mask all day every day and a higher chance of her catching Covid especially as we get into a compromised immune system as do my sister and her husband and my elderly father and it would mean not
- Nothing.
- With numbers going rapidly up since schools started in Connecticut, and some parents who continue to allow
- See question 7's response.
- Nothing.
- Just not comfortable with it yet. For safety.
- Having to wear masks while in class makes extremely uncomfortable & negatively impacts their abilities to pa
- My daughter cannot transition well doing 4 days in 1 day out and also deal with what is going on at home. 5 c
- Nothing
- That there will be too many students in the building and on the bus at once and you won't truly be able to co
- Nothing is holding us back. We are ready to return 4 or 5 days a week.
- Nothing
- Nothing holds me back from sending my children back to school full time.
- Covid and my daughter having possible exposure to Covid
- I don't want my kids to catch COVID because kids already are in other towns near us even with hybrid.
- Health issues at home it is not safe for our family for the kids to be in the building
- Nothing is holding me back. He needs to be at school.
- Covid. He has asthma and not very good immune system. He also isn't used to wearing the mask he gets tired
- I am concerned about the custodial staff being able to keep up with cleaning and sanitizing the school if all st already big, I can't imagine having 30 in a classroom. There is no way one could socially distance the proper v coming, and numbers are gradually going up. Look at New York. I am truly thankful that my child is able to a goes for all schools in our district.
- I think the reality is that cases will increase, whether it moves to full time or stays at hybrid. I am not sure wh making sure we can move to something that is a consistent routine for the kids. It would be hard saying we a
- I feel we should be back in school full time, not only for academics but for the students mental health.
- There is no reasonably effective vaccine widely available yet.
- Nothing would be holding us back, I would like my kids to start next week if possible.
- I believe the one deep clean day is important to keep Seymour numbers low.
- Increase of students more potential exposure to covid-19.
- Sometimes you need to move forward. The thought of them getting sick concerns me but we all need to get b
- The hybrid model is working for us, we have a child at SMS and one at SHS. Both have been successful with th children the interaction they need with staff and peers and online provides them with the same level of supp
- Virus spiking
- nothing is holding me back. These kids need normal and need consistency.
- I would like my child to go full time. Nothing holds me back. If there is a outbreak a big outbreak then I can se
- The fear the numbers will shoot back up.
- COVID19
- The risk of too many people in a limited space. Recipe for disaster, in my opinion.
- Nothing! My children could start next week if needed.
- The risk of contact. She will not be able to self isolate for 14 days with our current living situation. By the time

- N/a
- No
- I would like my child to return 4/5 days, however I am worried about his risk/exposure to the virus.
- N/A
- Nothing. He needs in person school five days a week.
- Absolutely nothing!
- Nothing!!
- If the cases rise. Right now I think it's fine to go back.
- NOTHING!!
- Worried about sending them full time with more exposure in the height of cold and flu season. The small class
- We are a high risk household and being exposed to all the kids is a concern and will cleaning be able to keep
- Honestly, just the health metrics. If we remain low, I am ok with it. I really appreciate how difficult these decisions are for our community. I also wanted to say that, although I put "somewhat satisfied" with how things are going, it is
- The possibility of my child get sick.
- The schools aren't cleaned enough they do not have enough staff to uphold the standards teachers are expected to
- Nothing. The kids need the socialization and personal interaction that school provides.
- Seems to be working well right now in keeping everyone safe and healthy. We do have some concerns with the
- Nothing.
- Nothing
- There's nothing holding me back from sending my kids back they need the interaction
- Nothing. I want school to return to normal.
- I am high risk and vulnerable to Covid 19
- Actually .. distance learning is a very successful model for my child . Although I do feel there is way more stress on the teacher should be sending emails whining about students and where they're sitting in their room. If the student
- Too many kids, unable to social distance. Unsure how things would be kept clean/sanitized with hundreds of
- I already explained above. My child also has asthma, so I worry about how Covid will effect him. The risks outweigh
- The notion that COVID may very well continue to rise as the months go on into the winter, and with such close
- No possible way to safely distance the high school kids in those classrooms! Please do not do it! I am worried
- The chance of the spread of infection.
- There's nothing holding me back I want my child in school.
- I want my child to return back to school.
- Too dangerous if anyone gets the COVID 19 And brings it home we could die and that's for everyone We are
- The possibility of a spike in covid her getting extremely sick and or them having to do full distance learning.
- 1. The risk of airborne, asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 cannot be mitigated 2. Normal class sizes do not
- Safety. I would want to know he is safe and kids are masked and distanced appropriately
- Not being comfortable with pushing things too fast too soon. My daughter will continue full distance learning
- The size of classrooms and the inability or reduced ability to ensure distancing with 20+ children in a classroom
- I do not want my children back in school until there is a vetted vaccine proven to reduce the risks when exposed
- Nothing, Seymour is doing great and as long as we do our best as a community no reason why the children cannot
- Nothing. My child wants to return to school full time and i support that decision.
- Of course the safety part is still nerve wrecking. No one wants their child to get sick. But I do feel safe knowing
- The fact that we are entering cold and flu season and adding Covid to the mix could be a bigger issue than what

- Nothing. They should go back full time. Fear is stopping people. It is no worse than the flu
- We can't be sure that there won't be a spike in cases and I'm not willing to risk it.
- Nothing is holding me back from sending my child to school five days a week. I think it would be much better
- Just the fact that I don't want their schedule to keep changing and it's very possible on the future if the covid
- Covid
- Only the current status of covid
- Nothing
- What holds me back is the uncertainty of the pandemic.
- Nothing
- What holds me back from wanting my child to go to school fulltime is bc of the covid 19 spread. My daughter
- Nothing !!!!
- I don't think we are ready for a full time schedule yet.
- Just the unknown of the virus. I think four days would make me comfortable.
- Nothing . Our children need to attend school 5 days a week to thrive and establish a educational routine that
- NOTHING.... let's hear in an email that we are claiming our rights back...
- The amount of students in the classroom together and not being able to socially distance
- COVID-19 and the possibility of contracting the virus & my child bringing it home with vulnerable, at risk fami
- nothing. i want them to return!
- If the COVID-19 cases continue to rise, however, I trust the Board of Education to make the safest decision fo
- Nothing.
- I feel there will be too many kids in the classrooms.
- The worry that there will be a larger risk of COVID outbreak happening with more people in confined areas
- Concern for flu season combined with covid.
- The fact that there is no vaccine for Covid, flu season is upon us, the airborne nature of the virus and close pr
- The fact that we are in a pandemic.
- Cases are currently increasing in Connecticut and in Seymour, so a return to full-time in-school will probably l
- Contact tracing, if exposed - what will happen, unexpected school closures
- Nothing
- My son has a compromised immune system. I can not risk his health.
- Inability to control transmission of germs We are going into high flu season, now is not the time.
- nothing children should be in school full time period.....
- My child has anxiety and visits the nurse's office often under normal circumstances. With Covid concerns and
- it's time to go back full time!
- The uncertainty surrounding COVID-19
- No, my kids need to go back full time
- The fear of covid will always be on our mind but they need to get back to feeling normal again.
- None
- Nothing!
- Nothing
- not being able to be socially distant if school is it full capacity
- The unknowns, the second wave that was due to hit in the fall/flu season.
- Indicated above