



ThoughtExchange State and Regional Data Presentation

“What ideas and thoughts do you have as you think about a return to in-person schooling?”

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About This Exchange

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Collectively, New York's 37 BOCES launched an online conversation regarding how community members feel about returning to school in the fall or whenever it is possible.

After a participant shared their thoughts, they were encouraged to rate at least 30 of the thoughts submitted by other participants. This way, the thoughts that resonated with the most participants would rise to the top.

BOCES Participation

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61,394

Participants



80,541

Thoughts

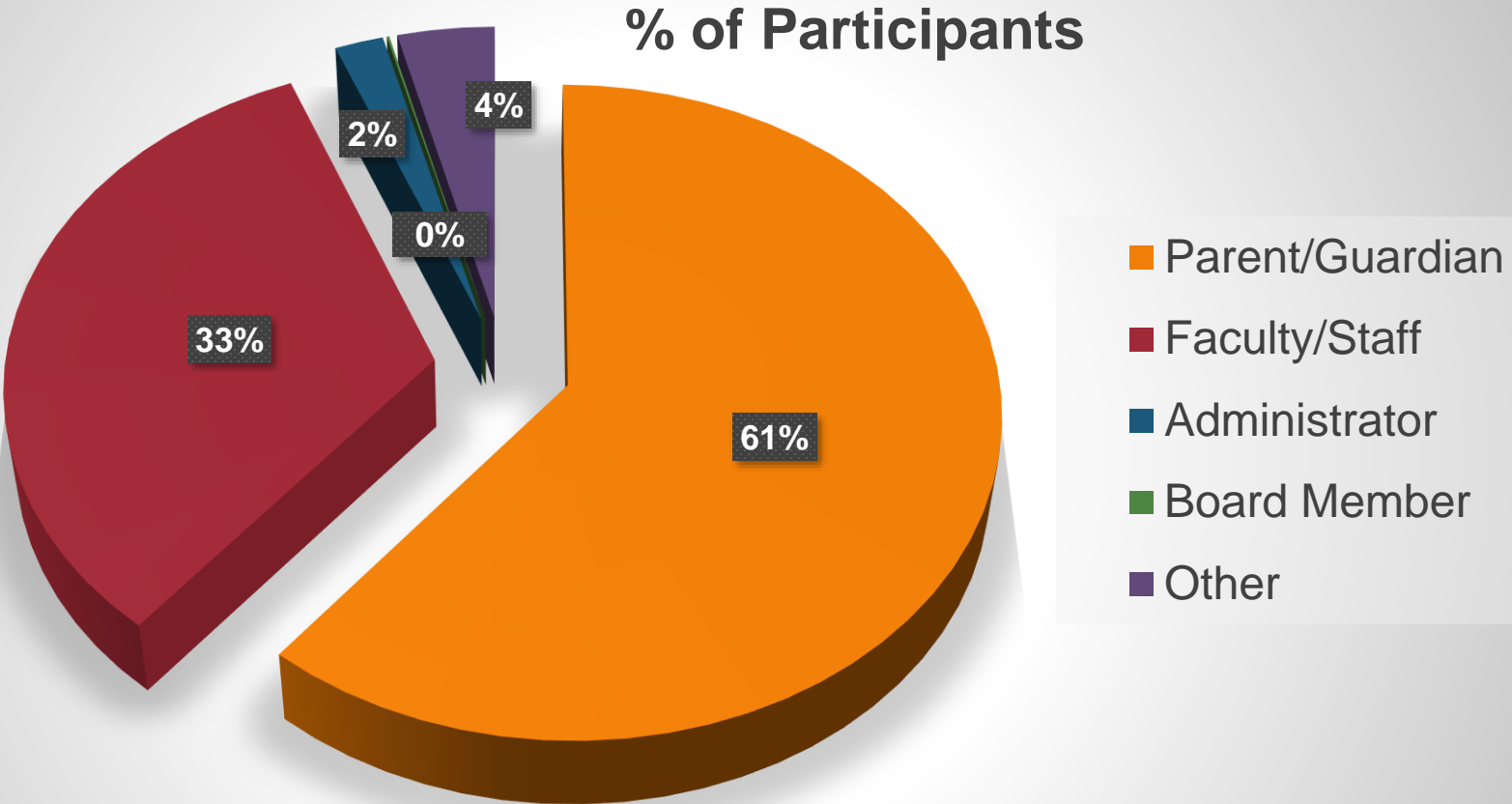


2,220,617

Ratings

- Thoughts were gathered from more than 60,000 participants. More than 80,000 thoughts were shared, resulting in more than 2.2 million ratings.
- The exchange is the largest in Thoughtexchange's history.

Respondents



Statewide Themes

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- Top Themes based upon number of Thoughts
 - In-person Instruction important *I think getting back to in-person schooling is very important and we need to figure out a way to make this happen safely and as quickly as possible.*
 - Remote Instruction pros and cons *Not all kids benefit from viewing things online, they require more interactive learning*
 - Cleaning/Disinfecting *All classrooms should have cleaning products, tissues and hand sanitizers.*
 - Socialization/Mental Health *Physical health and mental health must be taking into consideration equally.*
 - Safety/Social Distancing *I'm concerned about the health and safety of the students and teachers.*
- Top Themes based upon Ratings
 - Cleaning/Disinfecting
 - Budget/Funding
 - Sick Students/Staff Response
 - In-person instruction important

Regional Themes

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- Top Themes based upon number of Thoughts
 - ▣ In-person Instruction important
 - ▣ Remote Instruction pros and cons
 - ▣ Safety/Social Distancing
 - ▣ Cleaning/Disinfecting
 - ▣ Socialization/Mental Health
- Top Themes based upon Ratings
 - ▣ Budget/Funding
 - ▣ Cleaning/Disinfecting
 - ▣ In-person instruction important
 - ▣ Sick Students/Staff Response
 - ▣ Planning

Questar III Themes

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- Top Themes based upon number of Thoughts
 - Social Distancing (60 Thoughts)
 - Safety (34 Thoughts)
 - Remote Instruction pros and cons (33 Thoughts)
 - Cleaning/Disinfecting (31 Thoughts)
 - In-person instruction important (31 Thoughts)
- Top Themes based upon Ratings
 - Cleaning/Disinfecting
 - Budget/Funding
 - Safety
 - Schools as support systems
 - Sick Students/Staff Response

Top Thoughts Questar III

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- Schools will need additional funding not less (4.6/5)
- Schools need to disinfect daily (4.5/5)
- Teachers will need more support, not less (4.5/5)
- Schools should NOT prioritize attendance over health (4.4/5)
- How are our kids going to be? Will they be afraid? Will they need more emotional support initially and how will we provide that (4.3/5)
- Families with special needs children need face to face services (4.3/5)

Top Thoughts - based upon services received.

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□ SPED –

- If virtual learning continues services need to be provided with frequency as written on IEP– condensed services are causing regression of skills.
- The students and teachers need to see each other in person – That personal connection is very important.

□ ENL –

- “At-Risk” populations are not getting the services they need.
- Adequate supervision not present during the day – school provide structure and safety.

Top Thoughts based upon grade level

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□ Elementary –

- Deep cleaning everyday – Sanitizer dispensers in every room.
- Digital format can not replicate in person learning.

□ Middle

- Please reopen schools in the fall!
- Remote learning is not a substitute for in person education – It may work as a supplement or to assist, it is not a substitute.

□ High

- Any child showing symptoms should be sent home immediately – to avoid the spread of illness/Covid-19
- Not all students thrive in the distance learning environment – Not all families are able to provide the level of support required.

Thoughts/Questions

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