

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)

Planning Survey



Thank you to everyone who participated in this survey. It is important and helpful for the district to hear feedback from parents/caregivers, employees, and community stakeholders as we allocate funding towards priorities intended to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including its impact on the social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of students.

The survey was open from August 6-13, 2021. The survey was communicated through a parent robocall and text, an employee email, robocall and text, a mobile app notification, and a media release. Information about the survey and the survey link were located on the St. Tammany Parish Public School System district website and all school websites.

9,977

Number of Responses

Key Takeaways

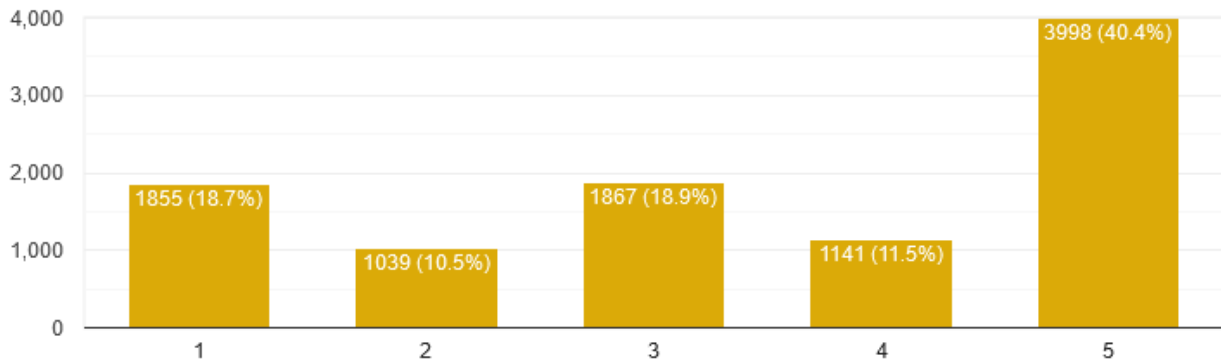
The eight highest priorities identified in the survey are based off of the percentage of stakeholders that rated the item as a five on a scale of one to five, which indicates the item should be treated as the highest priority.

1. **Mental Health:** 61.3% of people rated highest priority
2. **Improving air quality:** 59.7% of people rated highest priority
3. **Supplies to sanitize and clean facilities:** 58.9% of people rated highest priority
4. **Career and technical education:** 53.8% of people rated highest priority
5. **Behavior interventions:** 52.5% of people rated highest priority
6. **Stipends to provide additional learning opportunities to students:** 51.7% of people rated highest priority
7. **Facility repairs and improvements to reduce risk of virus transmission:** 48.7% of people rated highest priority
8. **Parenting Center:** 48.5% of people rated highest priority

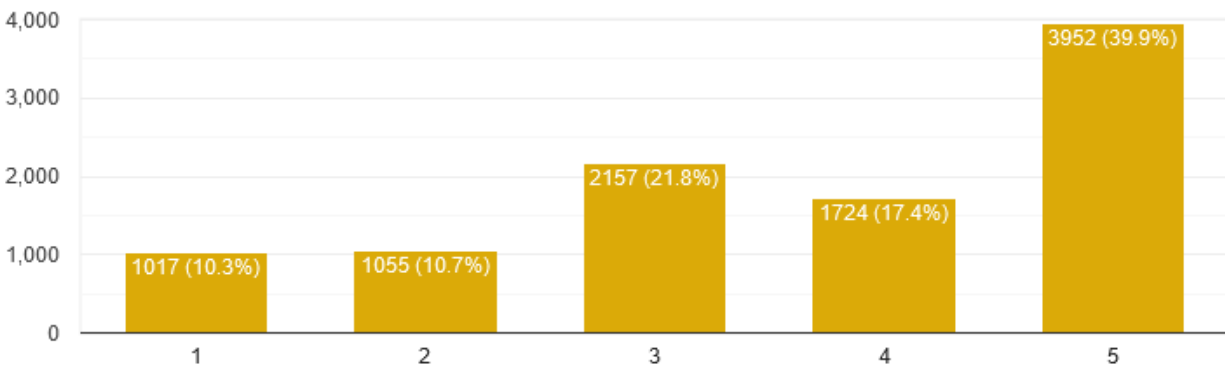
The Louisiana Department of Education determines the budgeting guidelines, which were used as the categories for the survey. Participants were asked to rate allowable activities on a scale of one to five with one being low priority and five being high priority. The bar graphs below represent the percentage of participants who rated each activity.

COVID Prevention

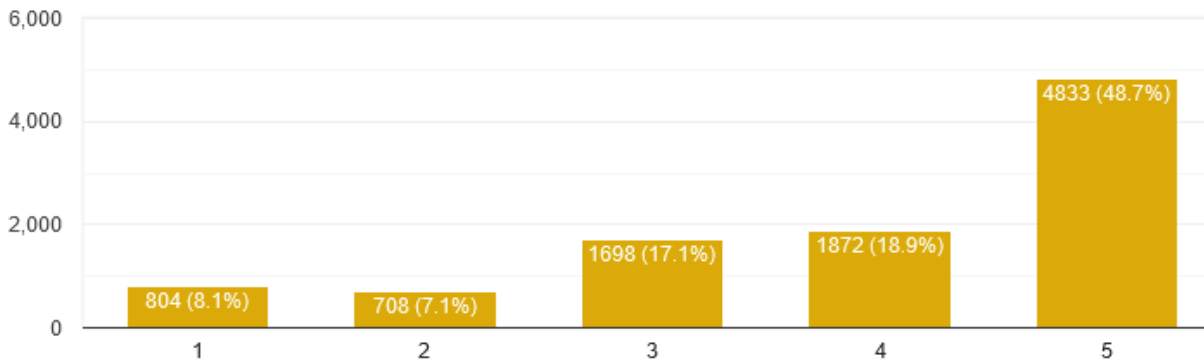
Training and professional development on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases, 9,900 responses



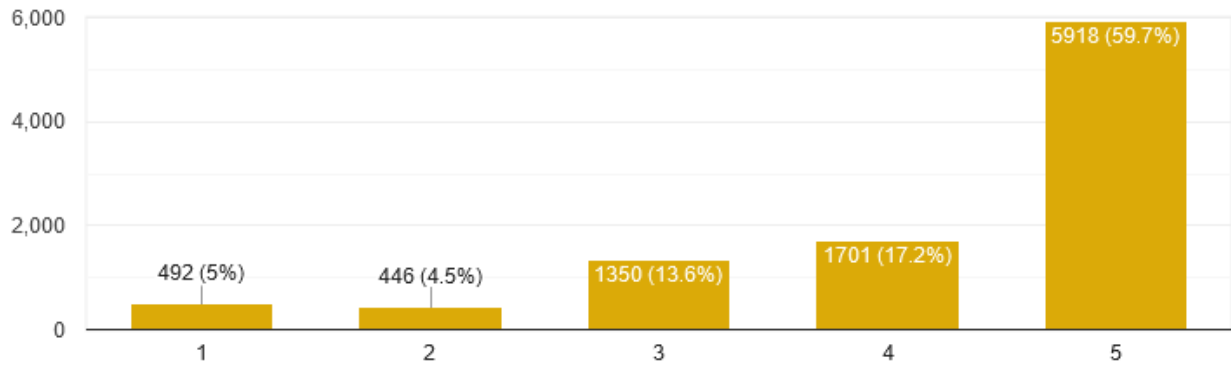
Additional health support staff, including nurses, 9,905 responses



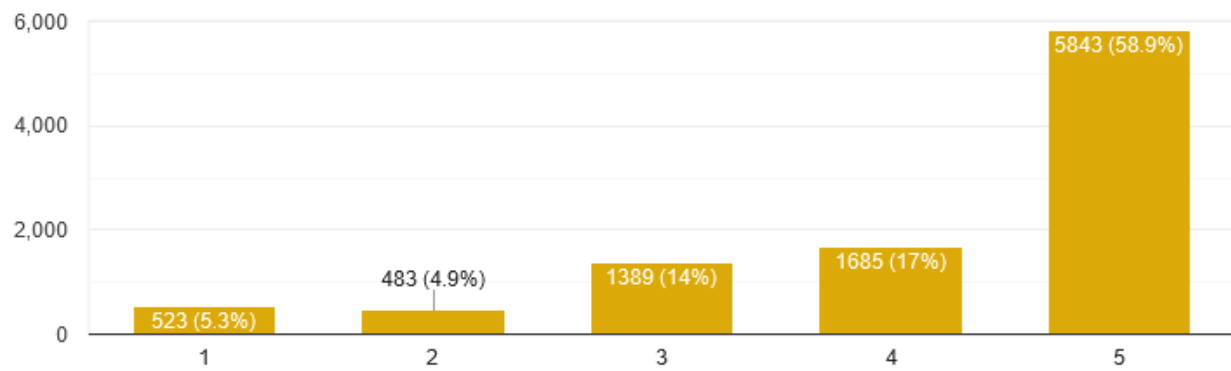
Facility repairs and improvements to reduce risk of virus transmission, 9,915 responses



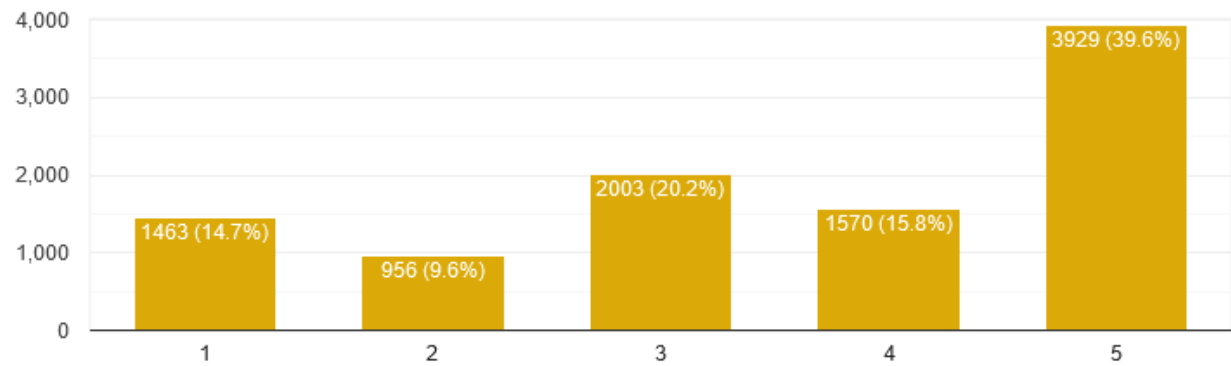
Improving air quality, 9,907 responses



Supplies to sanitize and clean facilities, 9,923 responses

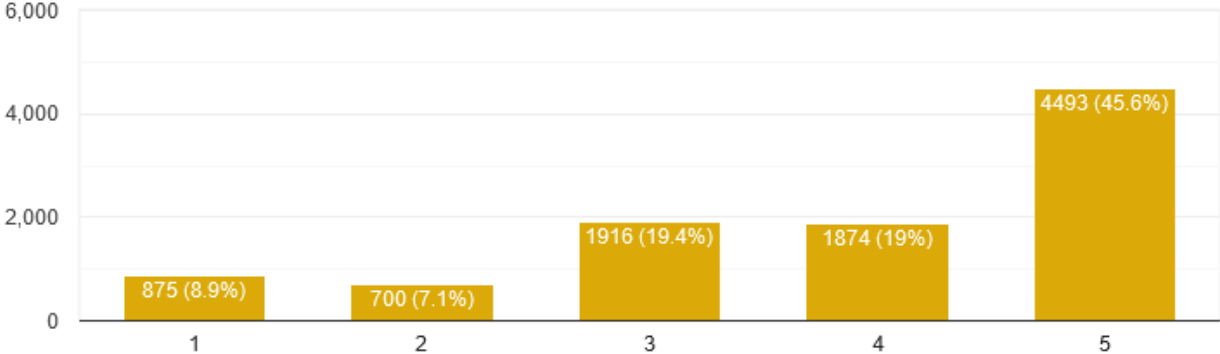


Additional buses to comply with social distancing, 9,921 responses

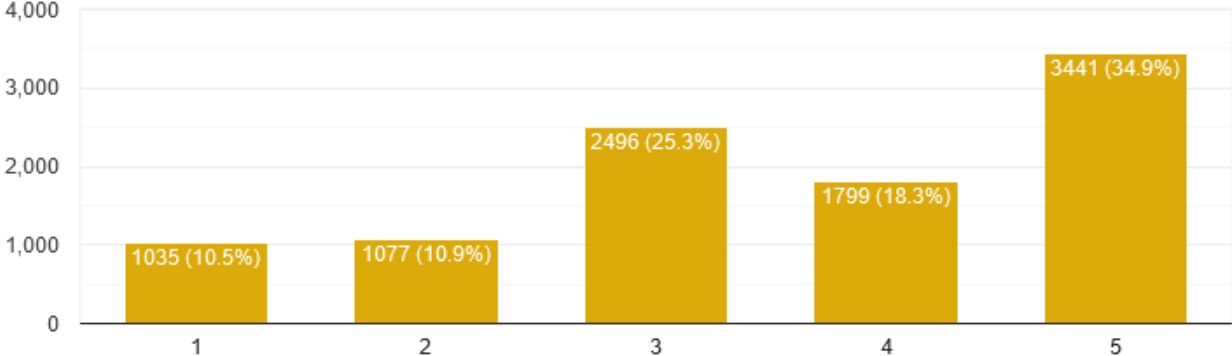


Students with Exceptionalities

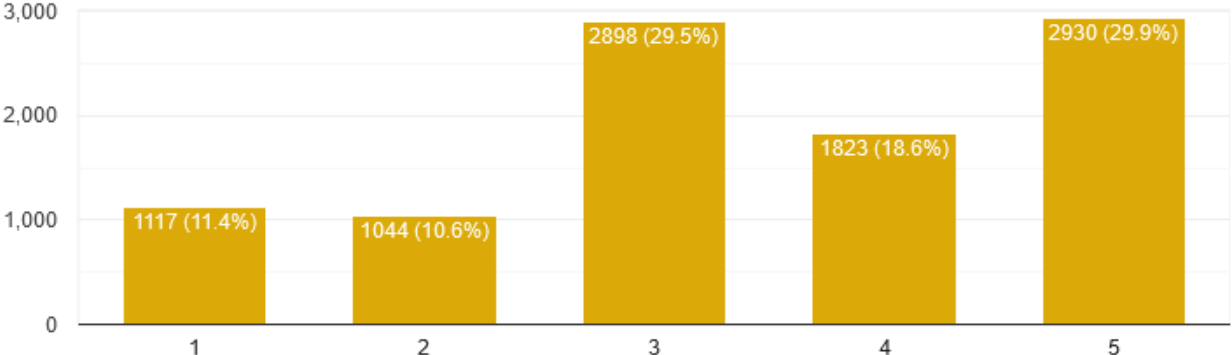
Planning for long term closures including carrying out services for Students with Exceptionalities, 9,858 responses



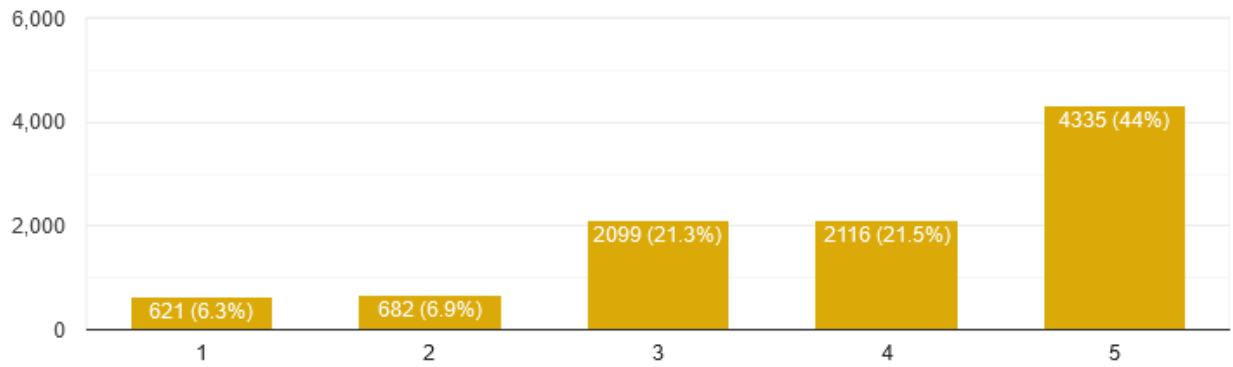
Early intervening services for early childhood students, 9,848 responses



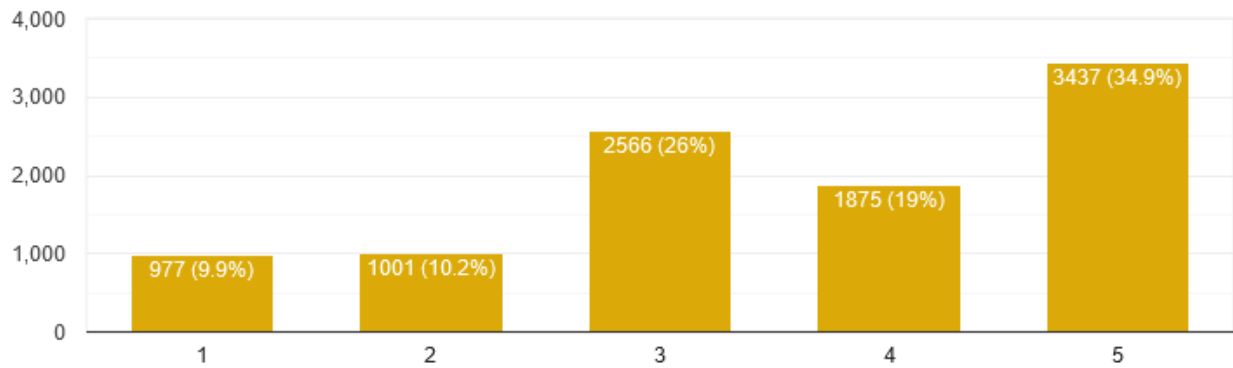
Transition programs, 9,812 responses



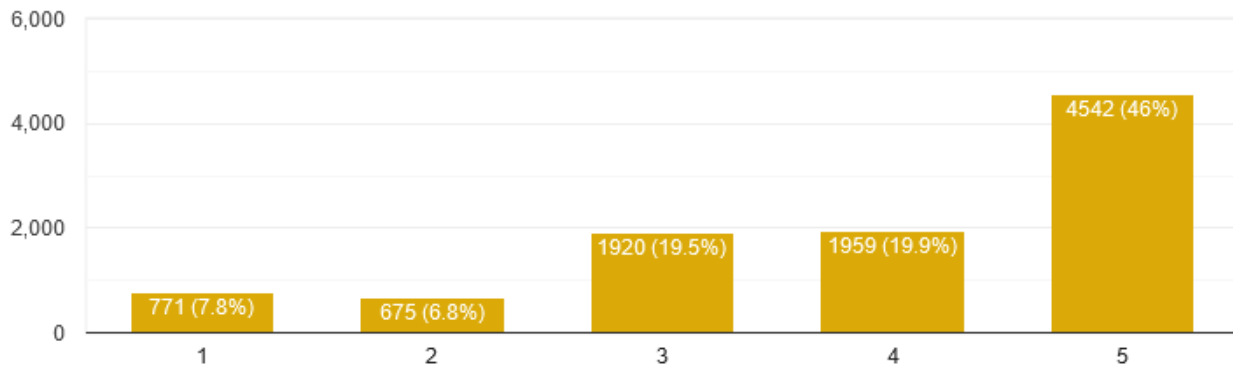
Additional personnel to provide services to Students with Exceptionalities, 9,853 responses



Additional personnel to provide speech therapy services, 9,856 responses

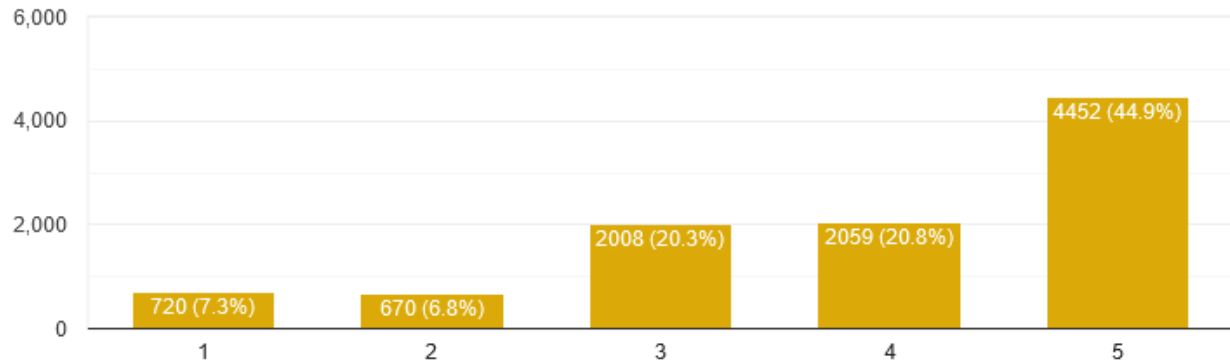


Additional compensation for teachers of Students with Exceptionalities, 9,867 responses

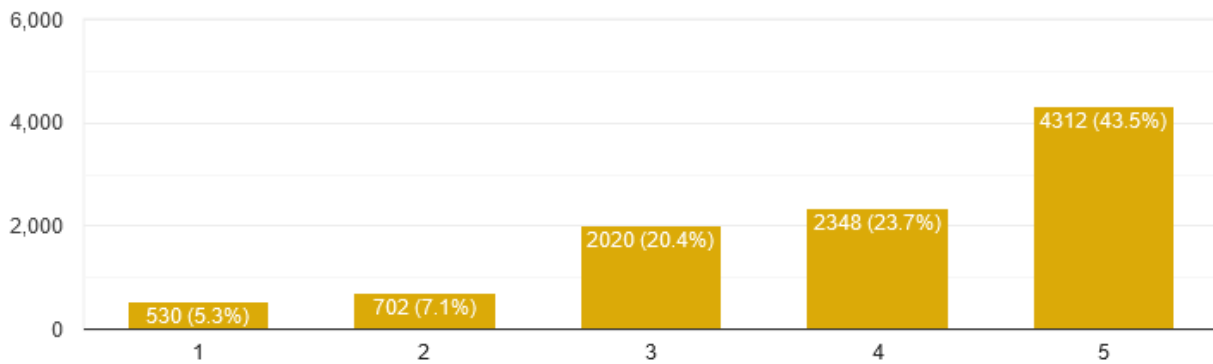


Technology

Updated interactive boards in all classrooms, 9,909 responses

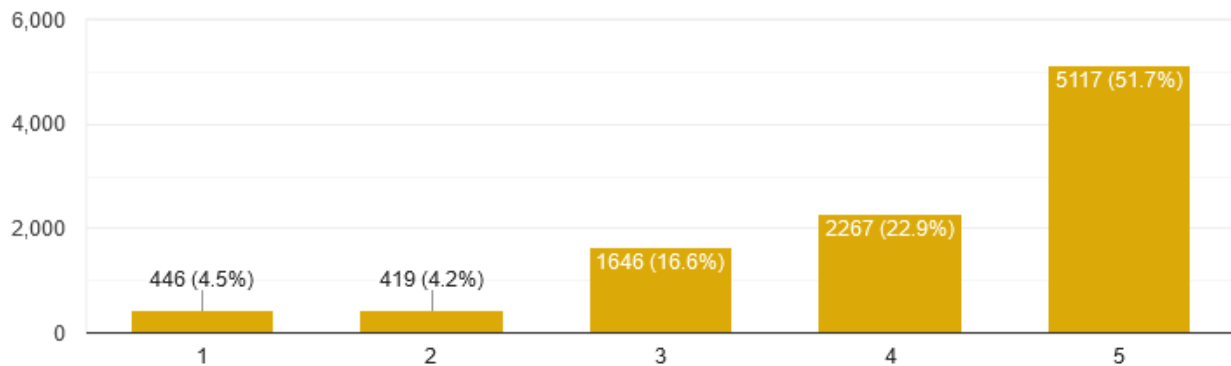


Additional personnel to support technology needs, 9,912 responses

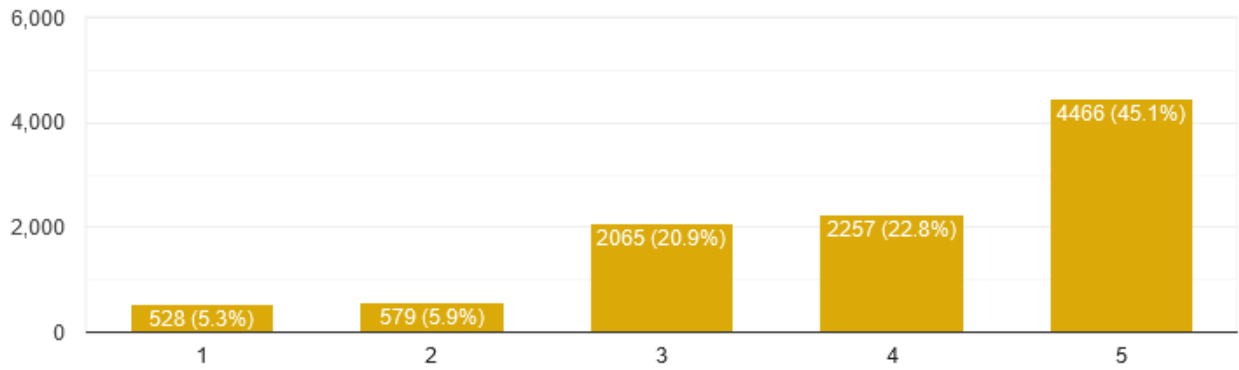


Curriculum and Instruction

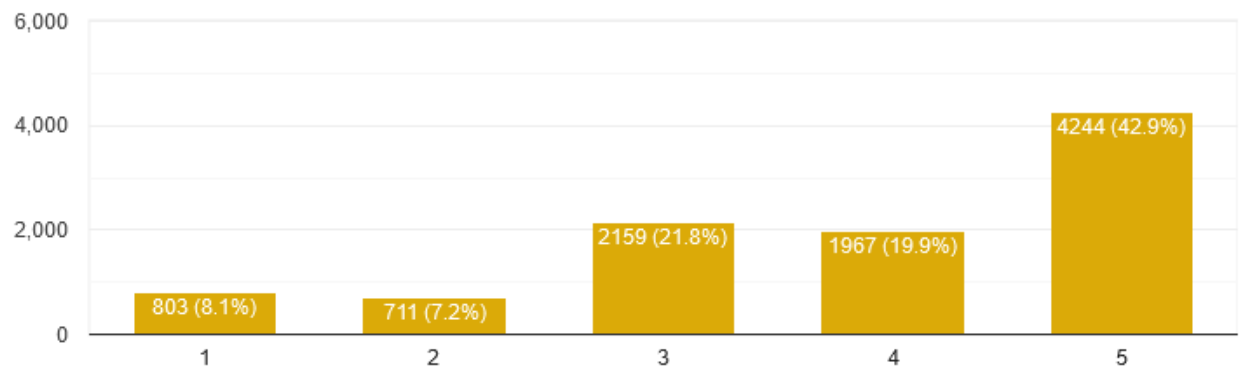
Stipends for employees to provide additional learning opportunities to students, 9,895 responses



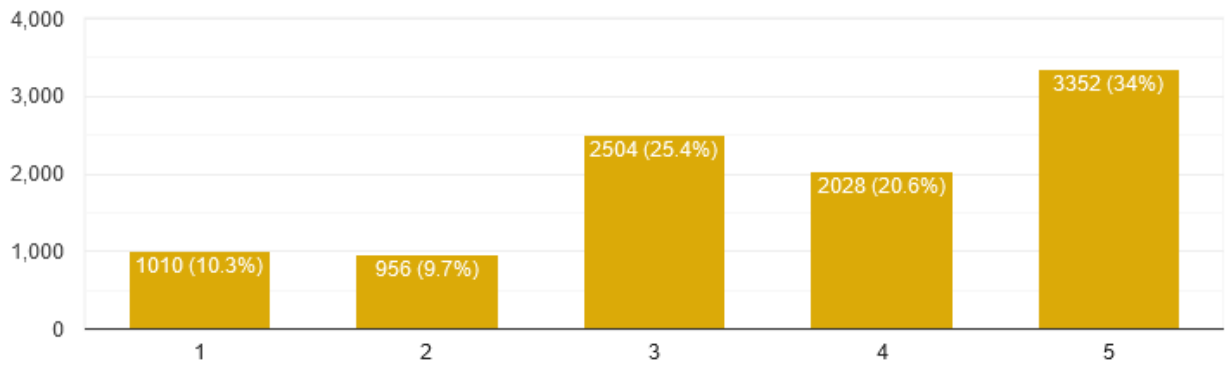
Certified Tutors, 9,895 responses



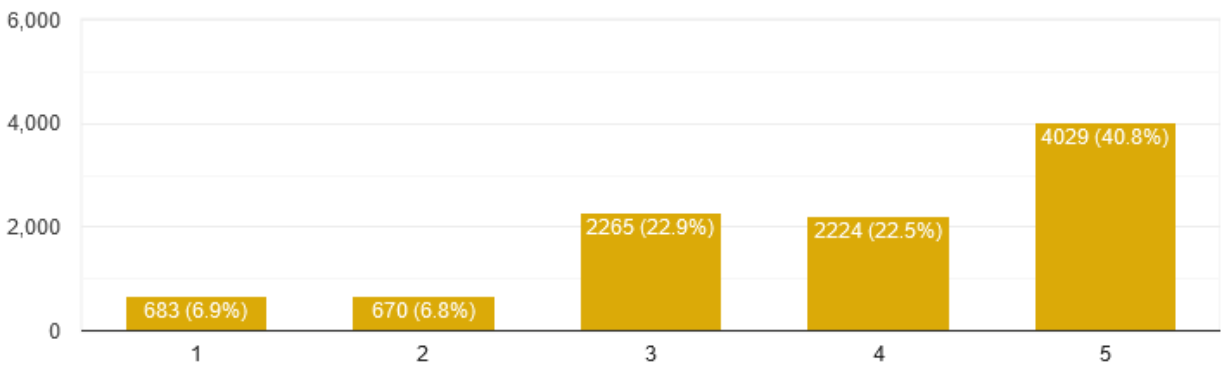
ACT Prep, 9,884 responses



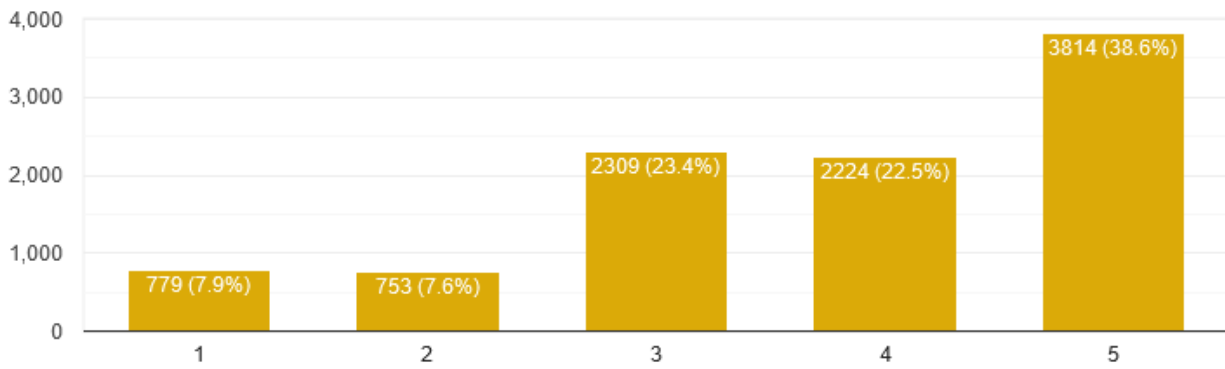
Instructional coaching for high schools, 9,850 responses



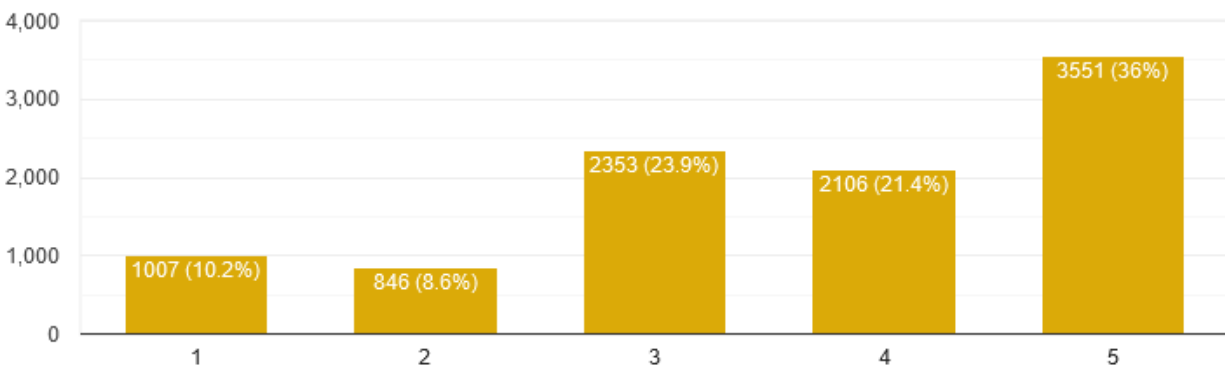
Evidence-based literacy programs, 9,871 responses



Professional development on curriculum and literacy programs, 9,879 responses

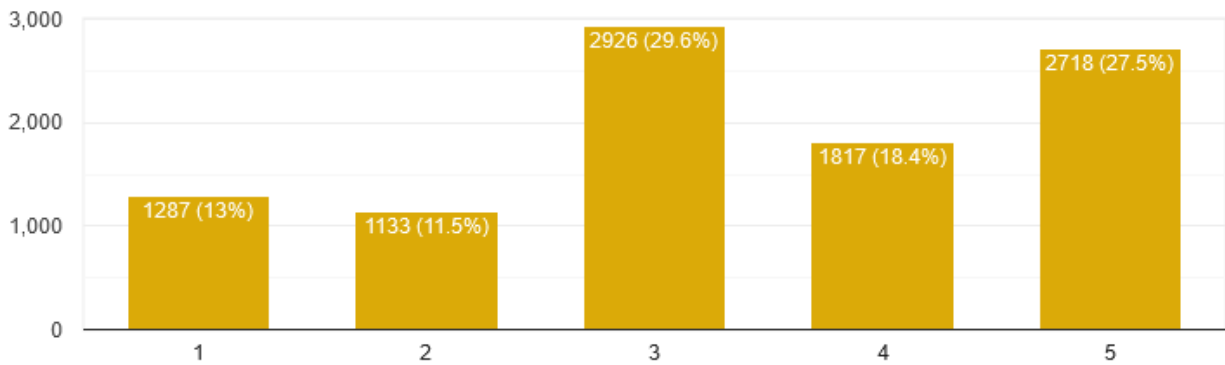


High-quality assessments, 9,863 responses

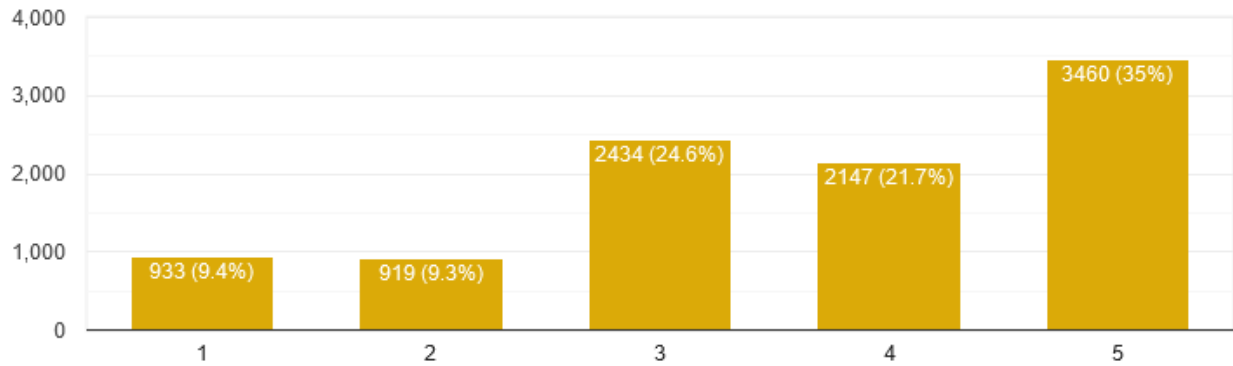


Extended Learning

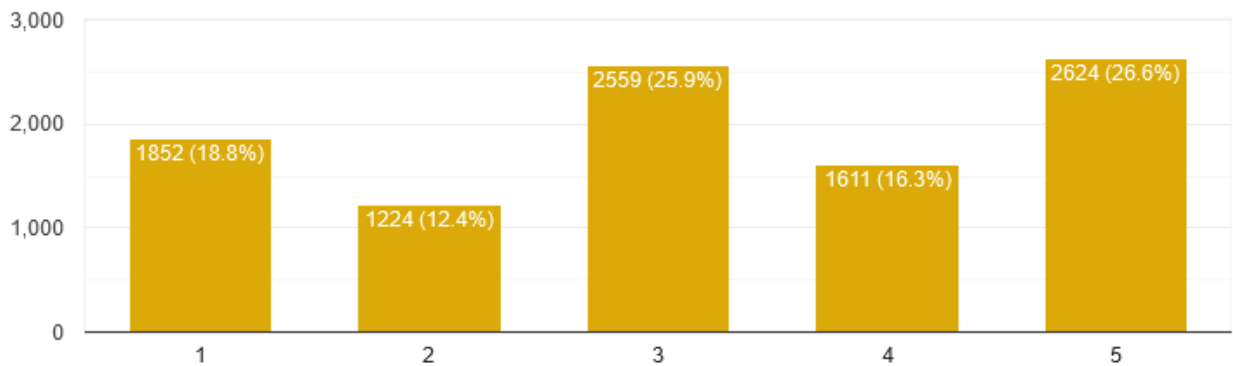
Summer learning and enrichment, 9,881 responses



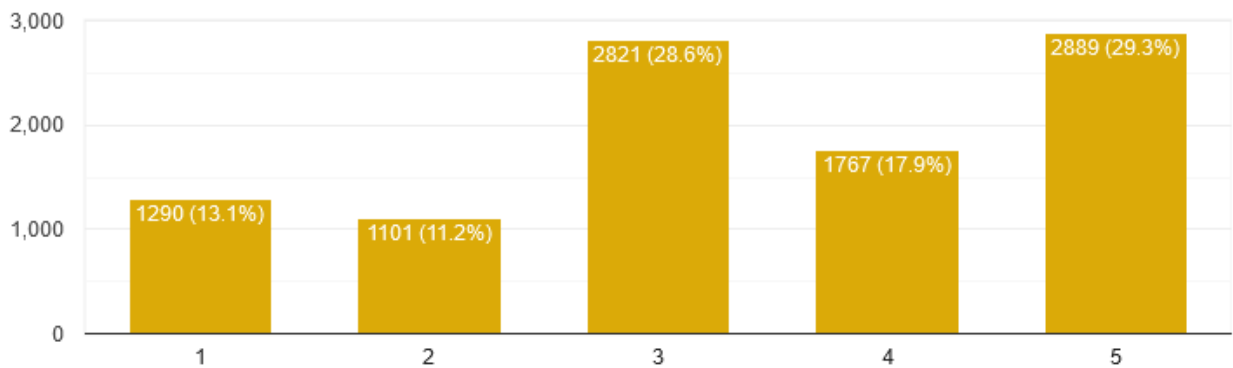
After school programs, 9,893 responses



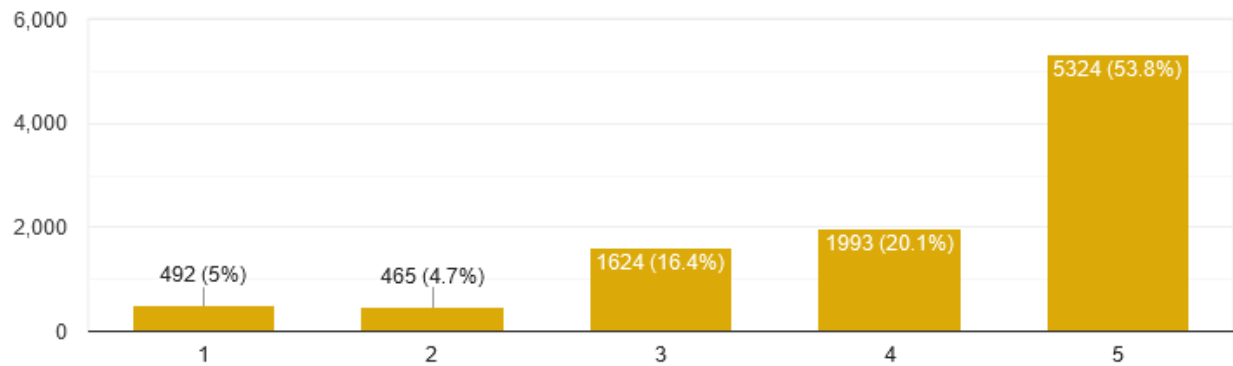
Tutoring services provided by outside vendors, 9,870 responses



Summer school opportunities, 9,868 responses

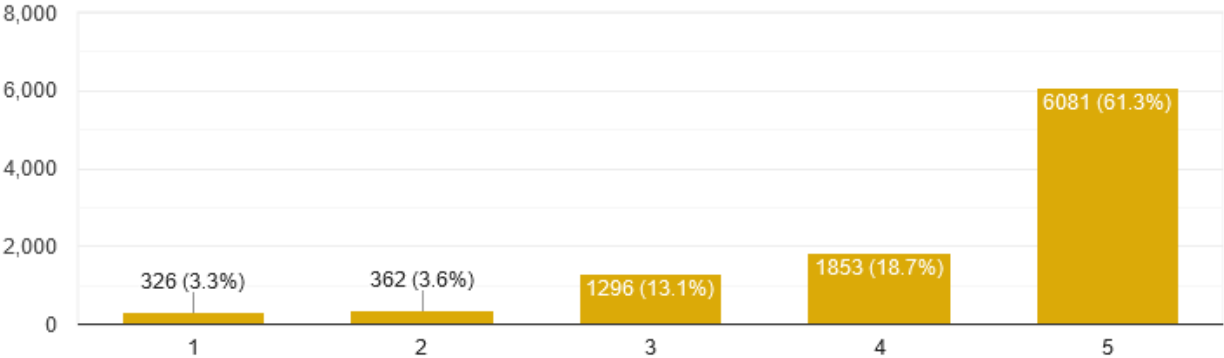


Career and technical education, 9,898 responses

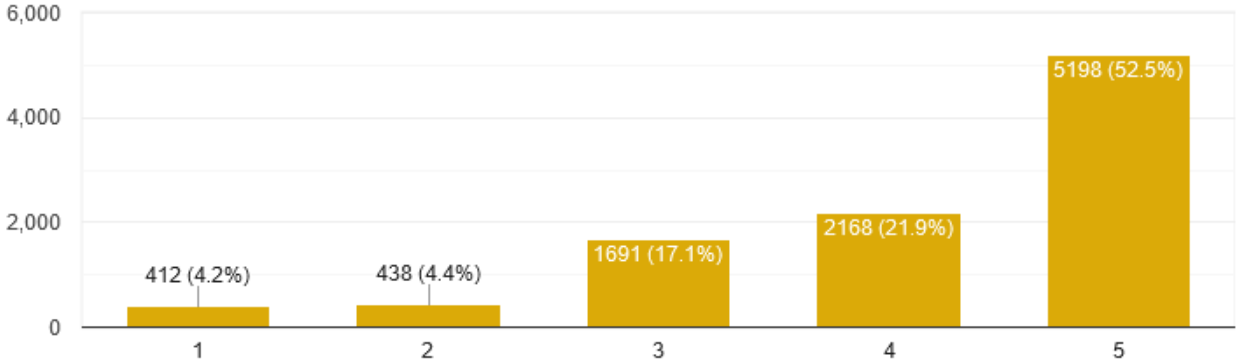


Social and Emotional

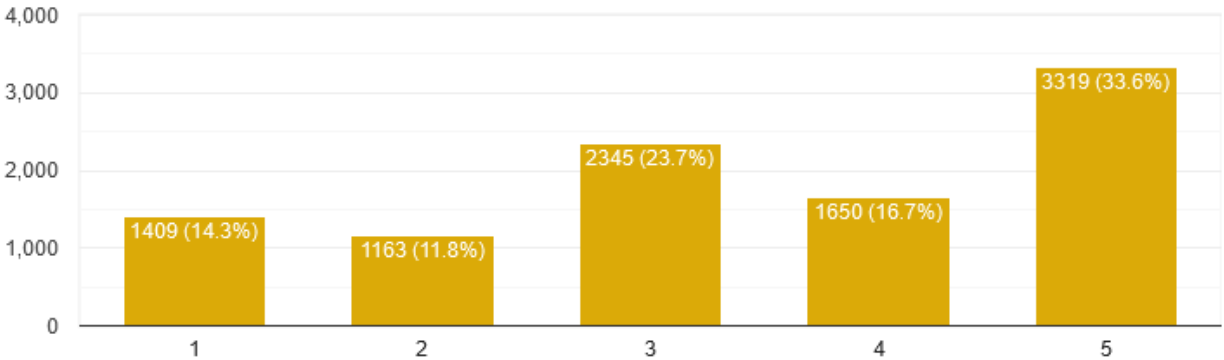
Mental health services and supports, 9,918 responses



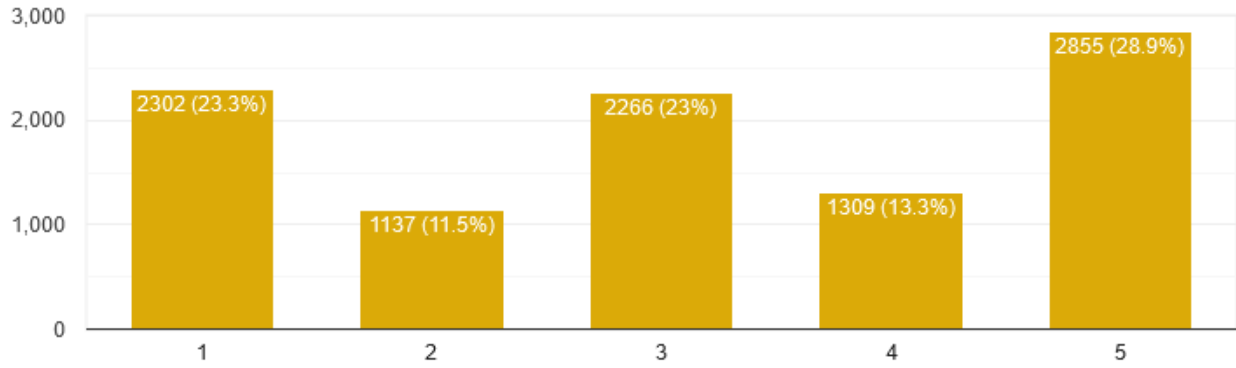
Behavior interventions, 9,907 responses



Addressing chronic absenteeism, 9,886 responses

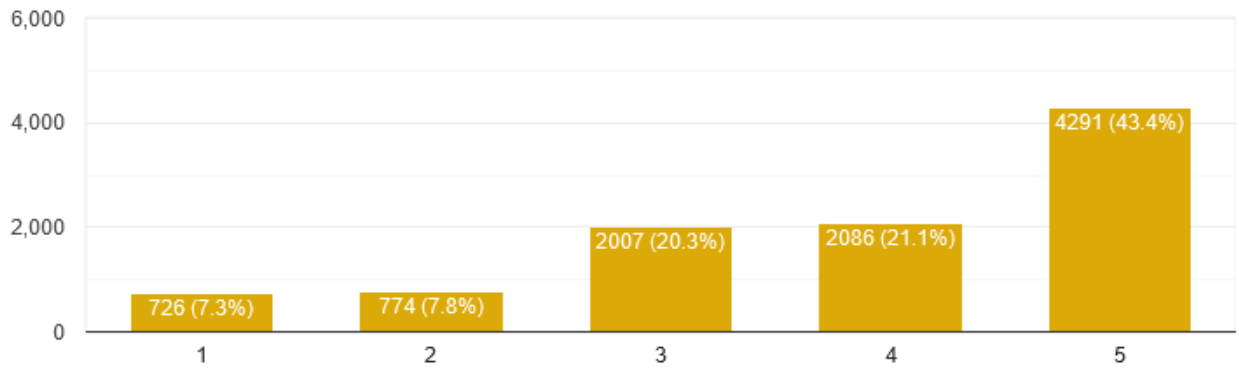


Cultural competency training, 9,869 responses

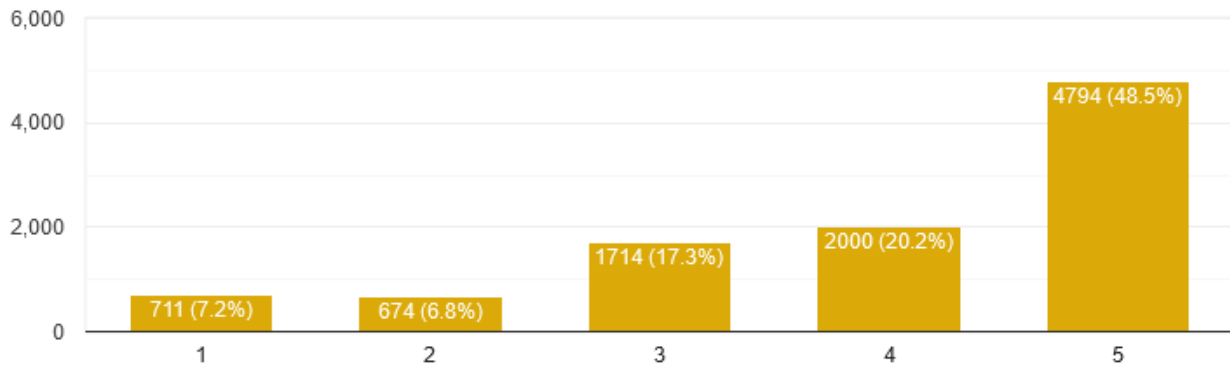


Parent and Family Engagement

Information to parents and families on effectively supporting students, 9,884 responses



Parenting center where parents have access to academic resources, parenting support, mental health support, etc., 9,893 responses



Additional Comments/Suggestions

Common Open Ended Responses:

“I think we need to focus on our students well being and make sure the teachers are well prepared!”

“Number one for me is better and cleaner ventilation”

“This is CRUCIAL: Parenting center where parents have access to academic resources, parenting support, mental health supports, etc. Often times, parents want to support their children academically and mentally but they don't know how to do it. We need something like this on both sides of the parish!”

“Additional learning opportunities for students who missed instruction due to school closures should be high priority.”

“Putting funds towards improving school technology seems to have the longest benefit for all students.