

RETURN TO SCHOOL

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

The South Carolina School Boards Association surveyed the local school board members to gauge how they believe school districts should proceed to safely and effectively resume normal operations and how their schools have fared during months of e-learning and other methods used to instruct students at home as a result of COVID-19 closures.

SURVEY OPENED MAY 5 & CLOSED MAY 14

All 46 counties responded.

52.4%

310 (52.4%) of the state's 591 board members **RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY.**

MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR RANKING
when considering opening school for the 2020-2021 school year

- #1 health, disinfectant and hygiene measures**
- #2 class size to maintain physical distance**
- #3 maintaining physical distance on school buses**
- #4 making up for missed instruction**

68%

68% percent of board members responded that they believe **families in their districts are satisfied or somewhat satisfied** with the quality of online learning and/or paper-based instruction provided in their district during the COVID-19 school closure.

81% of board members support allowing students to begin the school year at their **next level of instruction.**

81%

20%

Only 20% of school board members responding to the survey believe that online learning or paper-based at home instruction at home is **equivalent to in-school instruction.**

Two-thirds (67%) of board members believe **partial or split scheduling** would be a good option **if social distancing restrictions remain.**

67%

66%

66% of board members support allowing parents the choice for their students to **repeat their current school-level grade.**

37% of board members would favor the option of **beginning the school year early** (July) to review instruction provided during the closure.

37%

83%

School board members overwhelmingly (83%) believe that the state should seek a waiver to **suspend student standardized testing** again next year to allow educators extra time to focus on student learning.

Board members are split down the middle on the decision of **whether parents should have a choice of sending their children back to school** for in-person instruction or continuing with online/paper instruction at home.

50%



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