

Family Feedback Remote Learning, October 2020

Bellingham Public Schools sent a request to families to gather feedback about remote learning on Oct. 7. Families were reminded to give input in a message on Oct. 15 with the form closing on Oct. 16. The form was also shared via social media channels. A total of 2,163 people gave their feedback.

Respondents:

Of the respondents, 1,828 identified as parents/guardians, 226 identified as students and 35 identified as a community member or neighbor.

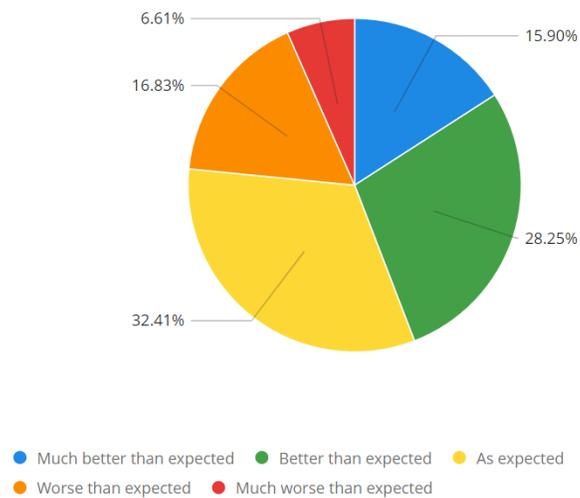
To encourage participation from our families whose first language may not be English, 74 responses were from staff who assisted in filling out the form. Responses were received from families whose home language was Spanish (18), Punjabi (19), Russian (14) and Ukrainian (6).

The top five responding schools were Sehome High (267), Bellingham High (207), Squalicum High (163), Geneva Elementary (116) and Silver Beach Elementary (115). The lowest responding schools were Cordata Elementary (47), Bellingham Family Partnership Program (28), Alderwood Elementary (27), Options High (26) and Community Transitions (3).

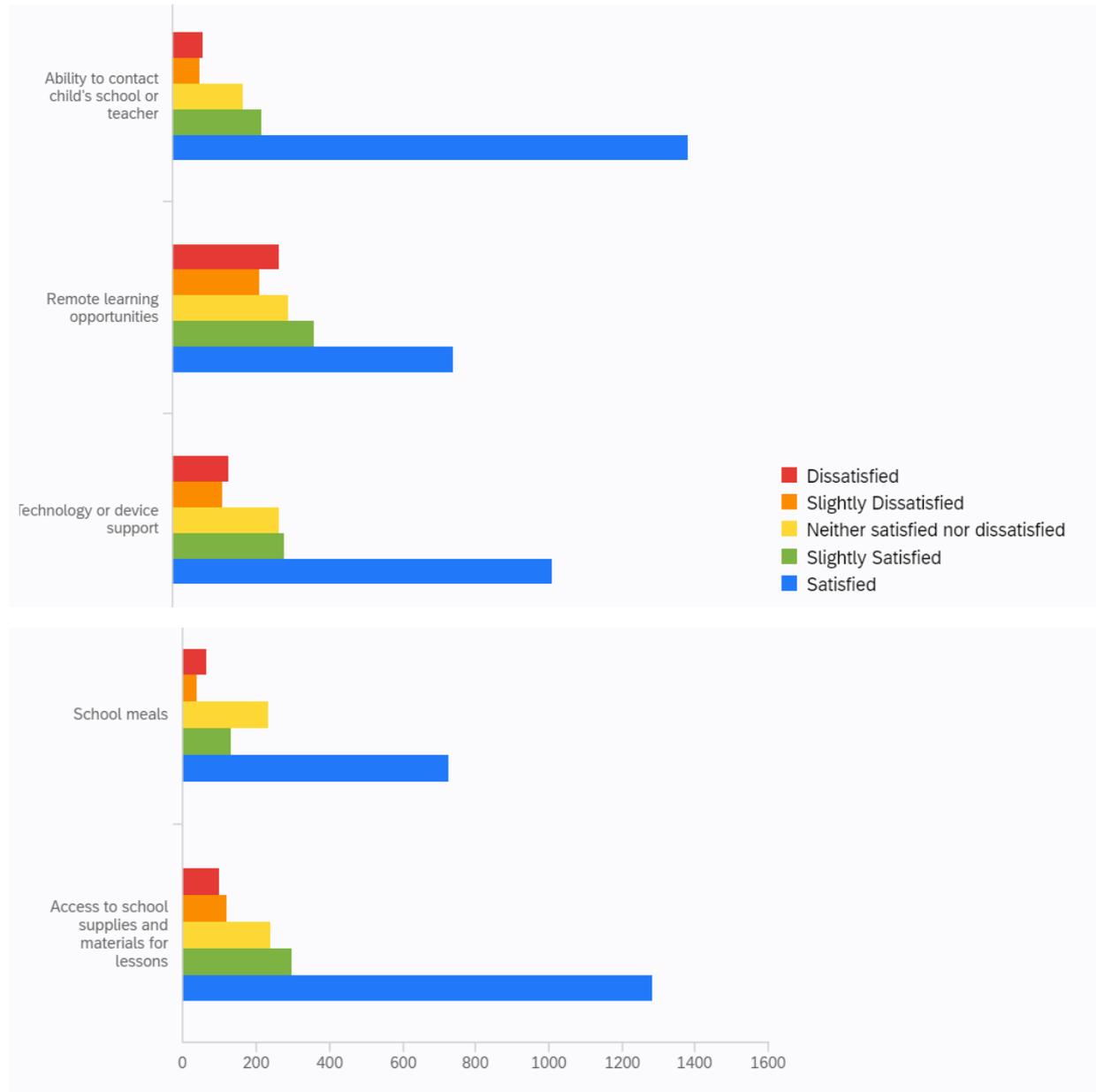
Questions:

Bellingham Public Schools has started the school year fully remote, which of the following best describe your child's experience this year so far?

All 2,163 respondents answered this question. The highest number of respondents selected “as expected” with 701 responses, next was “better than expected” with 611 responses, followed by “worse than expected” with 364 responses.



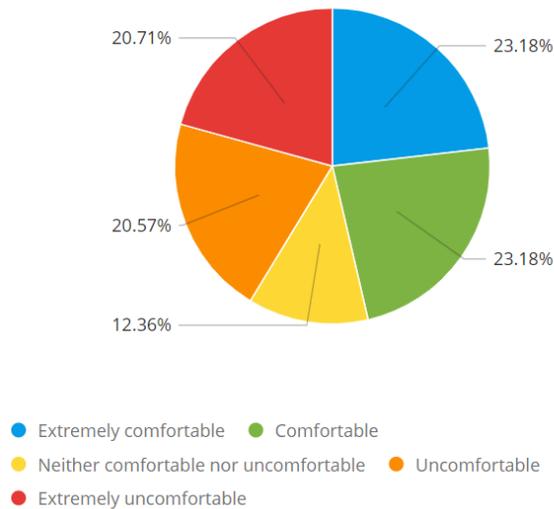
closest responses was “remote learning opportunities” with nearly 15 percent of respondents reporting they were “dissatisfied.”



How comfortable are you having your child return to school in the near future?

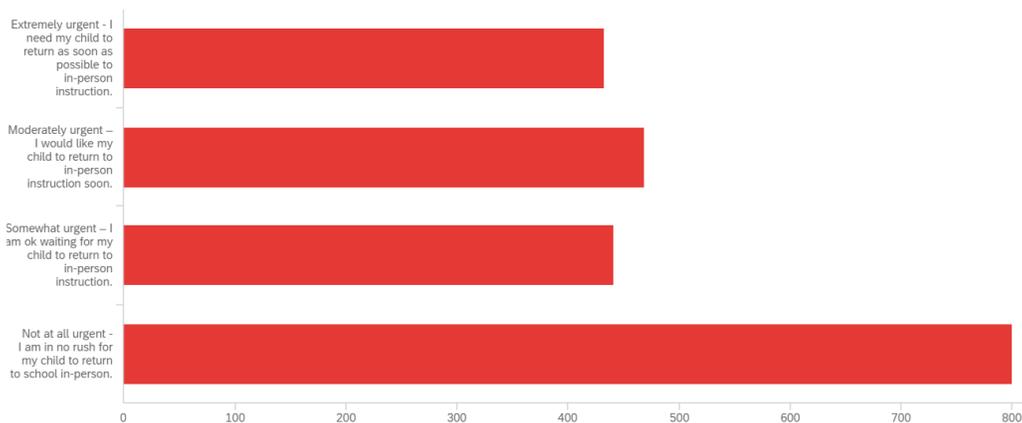
A total of 2,144 people responded to this question. The highest answers were “extremely comfortable” and “comfortable” both with 497 responses. These were followed by “extremely

uncomfortable” with 444 responses and “uncomfortable” with 441. A total of 265 respondents selected “neither comfortable nor uncomfortable.”



As you think about the learning needs of your student and the timeline for returning to school in person, how urgent are you feeling about speeding up that return?

A total of 2,143 people answered this question with the highest number selecting “not at all urgent” with 800 responses. Followed by “moderately urgent” (469), “somewhat urgent” (441) and “extremely urgent” (433).



In Stage 2 of our Reconnect Plan, we are focused on helping students return to in-person instruction who are struggling most with remote learning. Do one of the following apply to you or your family?



396 people answered this question with 205 selecting “Special Education Services,” followed by “other” with 137 responses and “home language is not English” with 46 responses.

Other responses included that their student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), they are single or full-time working parents, concerns about child falling behind academically, concerns about lack of socialization and screen time.

When thinking about your child returning to school, rate your level of concern:

Of the 2,128 responses for this question, 932 respondents selected a high level of concern for “potential challenges for students to maintain social distancing,” followed by “adequate safety measures for cleaning and personal protective equipment” with 691 responses and “risk of schools closing again if health conditions change” with 690 responses.

For low concern respondents selected “transportation challenges for my family,” as their lowest concern with 1,753 responses, followed by “access to teachers and staff for academic support” with 1,453 responses and “my child or someone at home is high-risk for serious health problems,” with 1,247 responses.

