

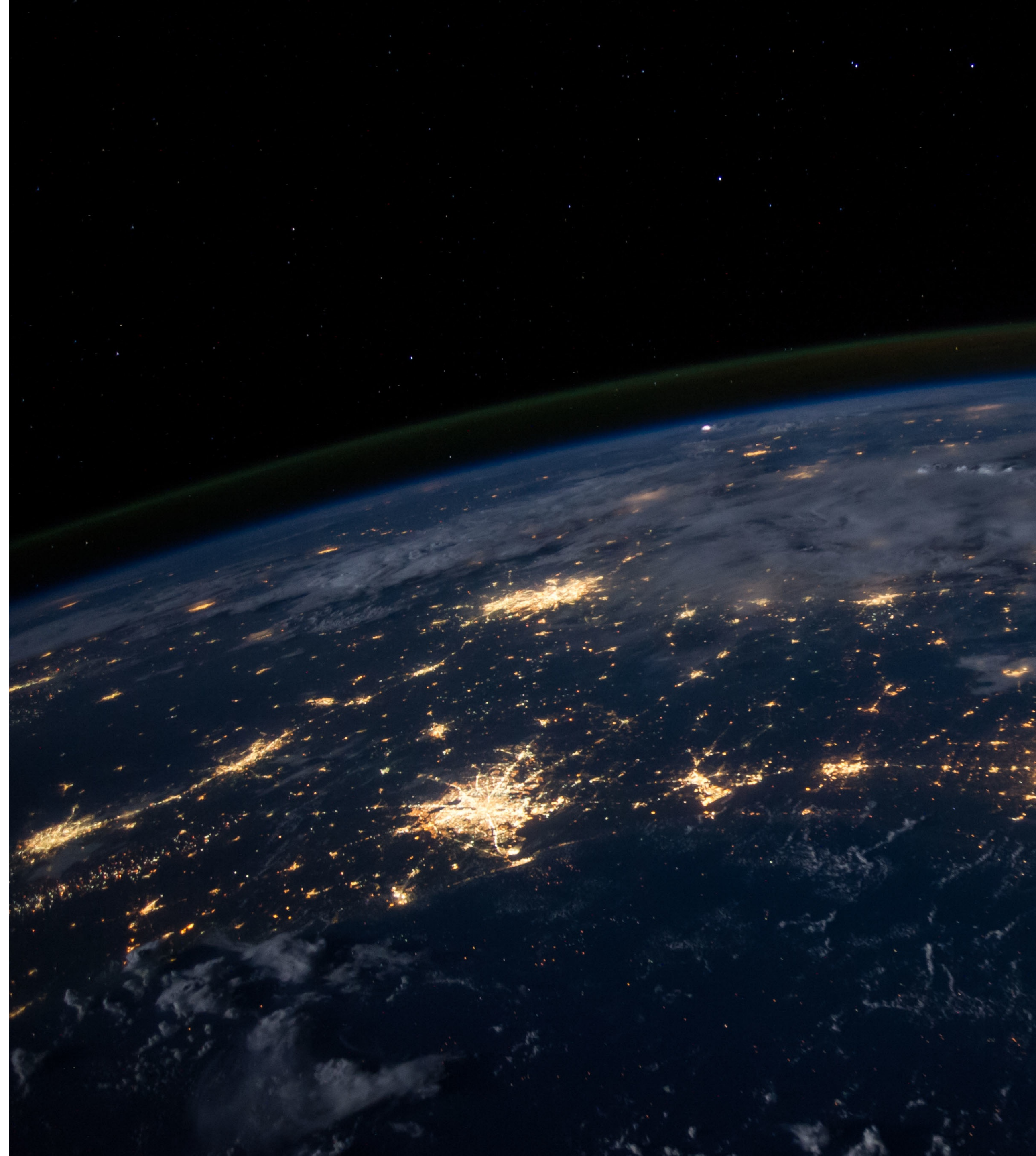


# National Parents Union Coronavirus Impact Survey

## Key Trends and Week #6 Update

Weekly survey of N=500 parents of K-12 public  
school students nationwide

Week #6: June 1–3, 2020





# Methodology

- We are conducting weekly online, national surveys of parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through high school to better understand the challenges and experiences they are facing during the COVID-19 crisis and their expectations and priorities for the future.
  - Sample: N=500 parents of K-12 public school students per week.
  - Field dates:
    - Week 1: April 27–29, 2020
    - Week 2: May 4–5, 2020
    - Week 3: May 11–12, 2020
    - Week 4: May 18–20, 2020
    - Week 5: May 25–27, 2020
    - Week 6: June 1–3, 2020
  - Results are weighted by gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and region to reflect known population demographics.

# Key Trends



# Parents' Top Concerns Remain Education and Social Interaction

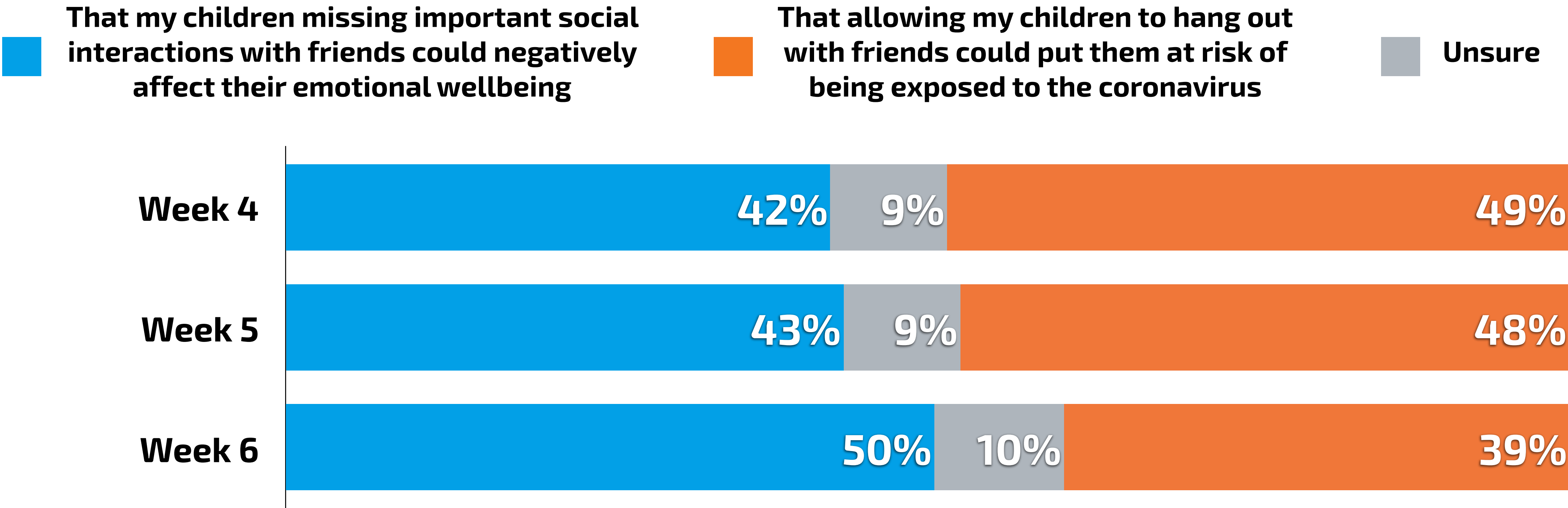
**Q: With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian?**

% Worry a lot/Some about . . .	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends	58%	60%	61%	59%	65%	64%
School closures will have a negative impact on your child's education	55%	56%	53%	57%	60%	64%
Making sure your child or children stay on track in school so they are ready for the next grade	59%	59%	54%	60%	65%	63%
You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus	59%	59%	57%	57%	60%	56%
Your children spending too much time on screens (TV, computer, phone, etc.)	N/A	N/A	49%	49%	54%	56%
How the situation is affecting your children's mental health and emotional wellbeing	N/A	50%	48%	49%	53%	55%
Being able to make ends meet	46%	44%	40%	46%	51%	47%
How the situation is affecting your mental health and emotional wellbeing	N/A	44%	42%	43%	45%	46%
Figuring out what to do with your kids during the day	44%	37%	37%	37%	39%	45%
Your children being exposed to more negative aspects of online social interaction, such as cyberbullying	N/A	N/A	N/A	41%	45%	43%



# Somewhat Fewer Parents Than in Previous Weeks Express Concern About Risk of Exposure to COVID-19

Q. Thinking about the next couple of months, which of the following would you say concerns you more?



# Consistent Findings On Top Supports Week To Week

**Q: To cope with the coronavirus crisis, which of the following would be the most helpful for you to have as a parent right now? Please choose NO MORE THAN THREE.**

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Help keeping my children engaged in good activities	46%	46%	53%	52%	50%	56%
More money to spend on necessities	41%	37%	43%	42%	46%	41%
More information about how to support my child's	28%	31%	37%	30%	35%	35%
High speed internet access	31%	29%	28%	29%	27%	27%
Paid time off work from my job	22%	21%	23%	21%	23%	24%
More hours in the day	19%	18%	16%	18%	18%	16%
More tablets or computers in the house	20%	13%	9%	14%	9%	12%
Someone to run errands for me to pick up essentials	16%	14%	13%	12%	15%	12%
Childcare	6%	10%	7%	7%	8%	11%
Something else	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%



# Greatest Hardship Remains Not Seeing Family And Friends

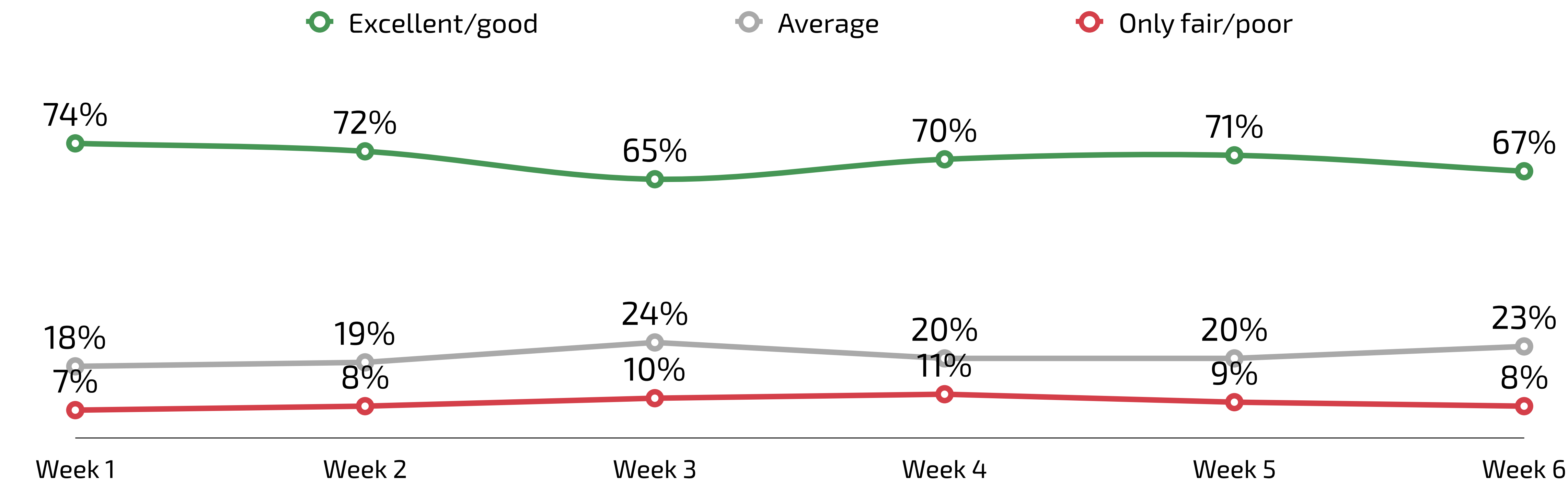
Q: Which one or two of the following are the greatest hardships you personally have faced due to the spread of the coronavirus?

TOP FIVE RESPONSES	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
I haven't been able to see friends and family members	22%	24%	27%	24%	26%	27%
I feel down or anxious about the overall situation in the country right now	25%	22%	19%	18%	24%	23%
I haven't been able to move freely or go about my daily routine	17%	15%	19%	15%	21%	21%
I've had difficulty helping my children with their schoolwork and learning	15%	18%	21%	20%	20%	21%
I've had difficulty getting food and other essentials	11%	13%	16%	13%	13%	13%



# Most Still Rate Schools' Coronavirus Response Positively

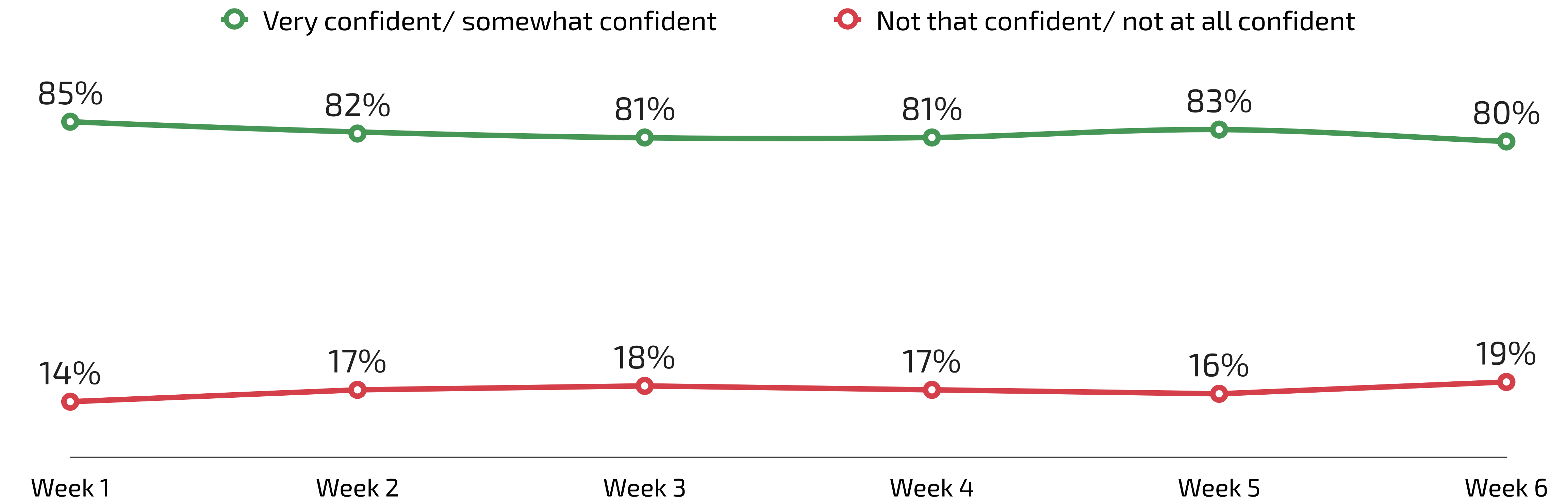
**Q. Overall, how would you rate the job your child's school is doing in providing resources and support to help your child continue learning?**





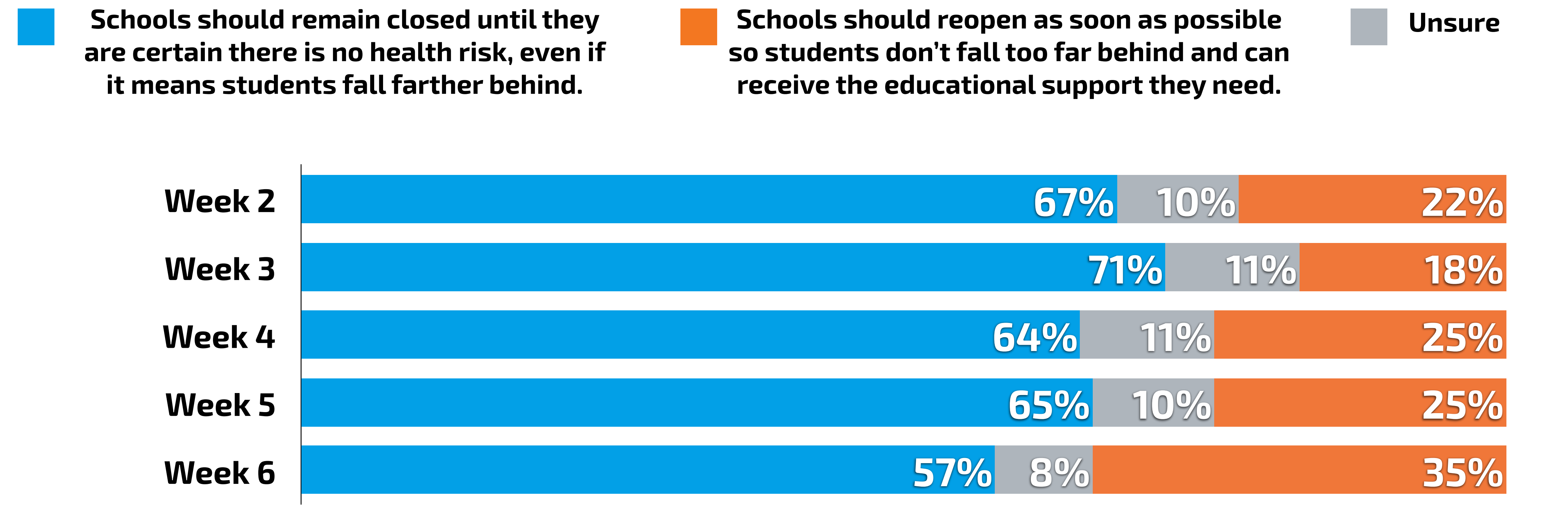
# Parents Remain Confident They Can Help Their Children Learn

Q. Overall, thinking honestly, how confident do you feel about being able to help your child continue learning?



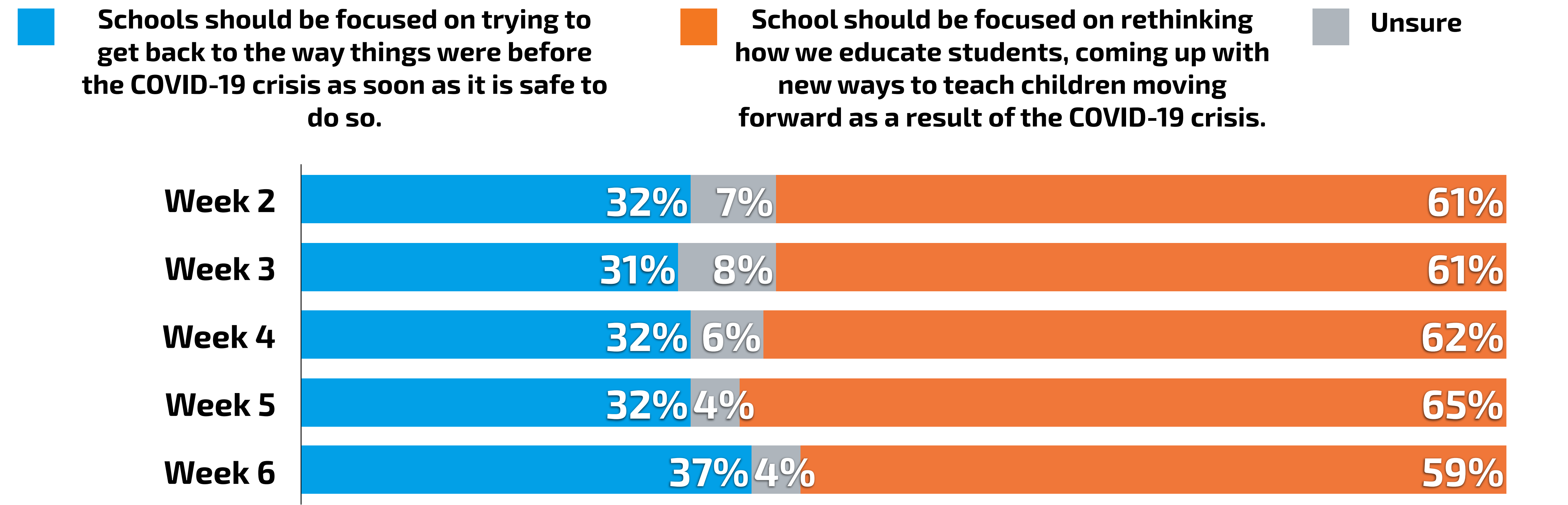
# Parents Still Say Schools Should Err On Side Of Closing

Q. Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more?



# Parents Continue To Say School Should Be Re-Imagined

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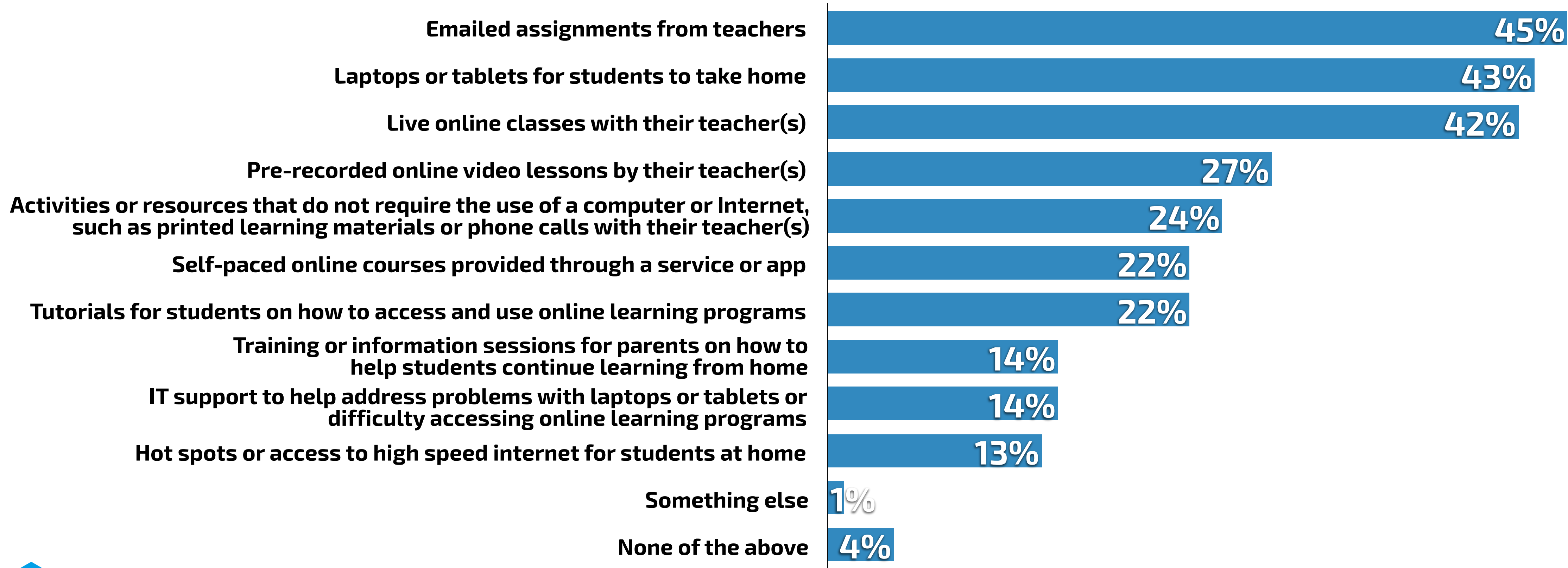


# **Week #6: School Budget and Learning Resources**



# Emailed Assignments, Laptops or Tablets, and Live Online Classes Were the Most Commonly Provided Resources

Q. Did your child's school offer any of the following to help your child continue to learn while their school was closed this spring? Please select all that apply.



# In April, Fewer Parents Said Schools Were Providing Laptops or Tablets for Their Children to Take Home

WEEK 1: Is your child's school offering any of the following to help your child continue to learn while their school is closed? Please select all that apply.  
WEEK 6: Q. Did your child's school offer any of the following to help your child continue to learn while their school was closed this spring? Please select all that apply.

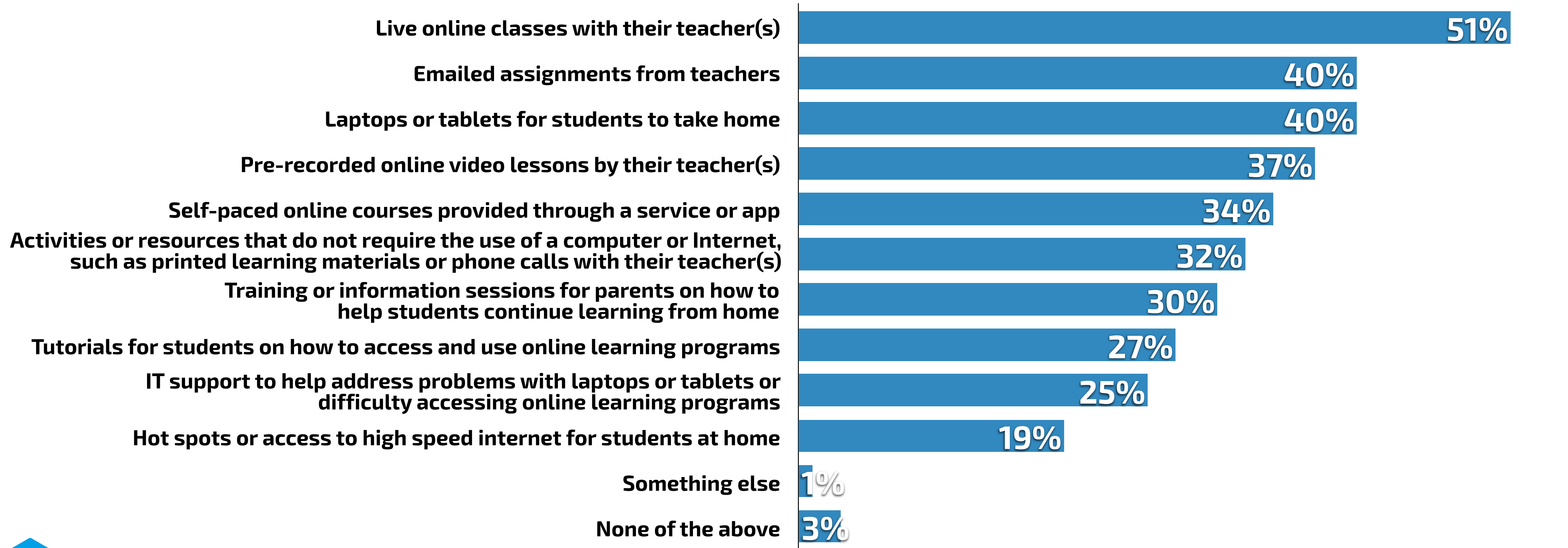
	Week 1	Week 6
Emailed assignments from teachers	50%	45%
<b>Laptops or tablets for students to take home</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>43%</b>
Live online classes with their teacher(s)	46%	42%
Pre-recorded online video lessons by their teacher(s)	27%	27%
Activities or resources that do not require the use of a computer or Internet, such as printed learning materials or phone calls with their teacher(s)	27%	24%
Self-paced online courses provided through a service or app	29%	22%
Tutorials for students on how to access and use online learning programs	N/A	22%
Training or information sessions for parents on how to help students continue learning from home	N/A	14%
IT support to help address problems with laptops or tablets or difficulty accessing online learning programs	N/A	14%
Hot spots or access to high speed internet for students at home	7%	13%





# What Parents Want in the Future Is Fairly Similar to What They Received This Spring . . .

Q. If your child’s school needs to close during a future outbreak of the coronavirus or another virus, which of the following would you want your child’s school to offer to help your child continue to learn? Please select all that apply.



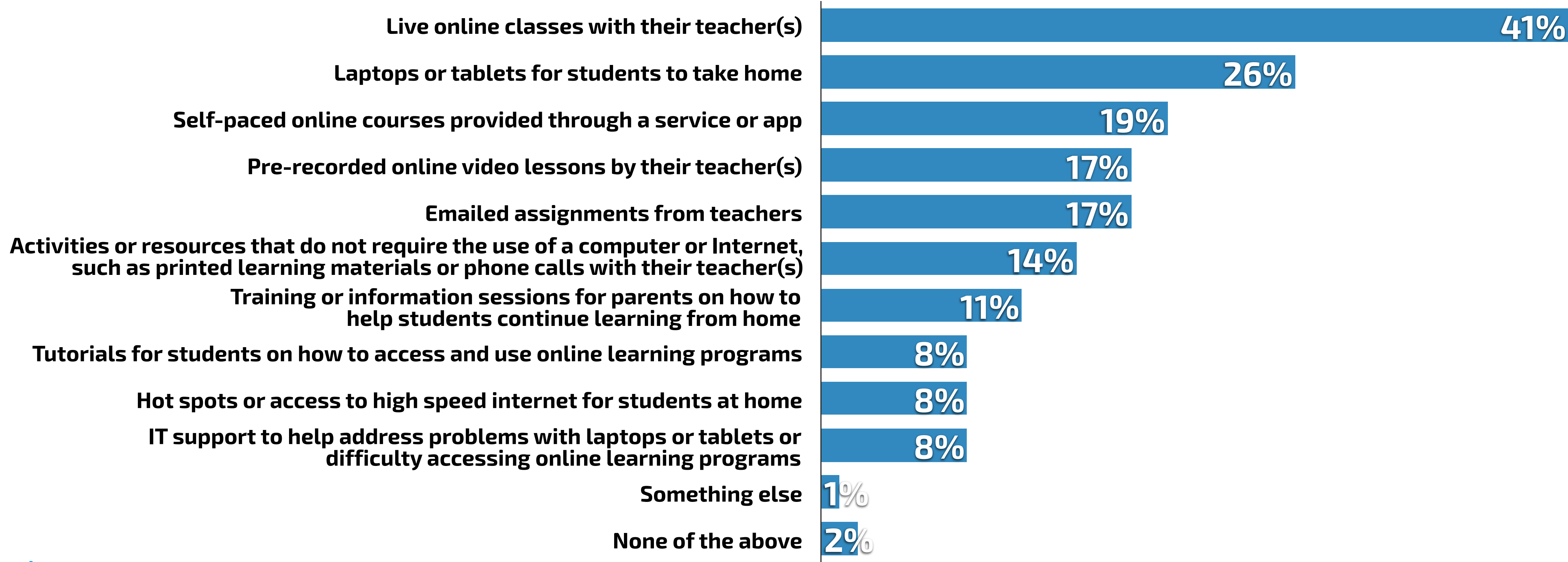
# ...But Parents Want More Self-Paced Learning And Training Sessions

	Offered at Schools	Parents Want Schools to Offer
Emailed assignments from teachers	45%	40%
Laptops or tablets for students to take home	43%	40%
Live online classes with their teacher(s)	42%	51%
Pre-recorded online video lessons by their teacher(s)	27%	37%
Activities or resources that do not require the use of a computer or Internet, such as printed learning materials or phone calls with their teacher(s)	24%	32%
<b>Self-paced online courses provided through a service or app</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>34%</b>
Tutorials for students on how to access and use online learning programs	22%	27%
<b>Training or information sessions for parents on how to help students continue learning from</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>30%</b>
IT support to help address problems with laptops or tablets or difficulty accessing online learning programs	14%	25%
Hot spots or access to high speed internet for students at home	13%	19%
Something else	1%	1%
None of the above	4%	3%



# Live Online Classes Top the List of Most Helpful Resources, Followed by Laptops or Tablets for Students to Take Home

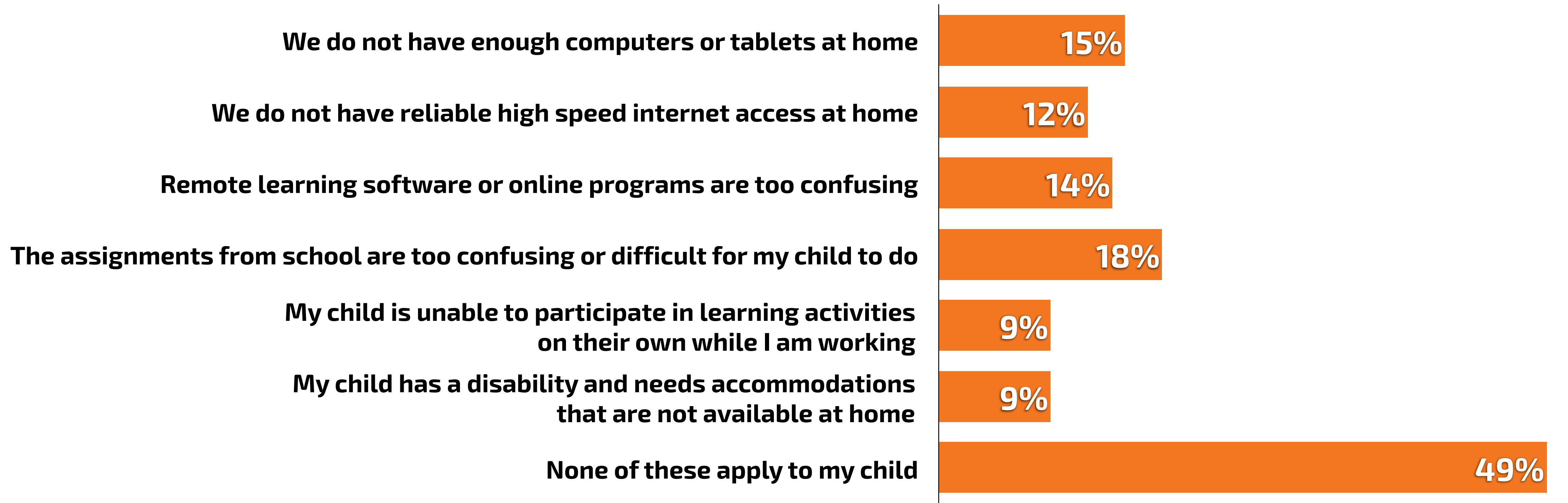
Q. Which one or two of the following would be MOST HELPFUL for your child's school to offer to help your child continue to learn during school closures?





# About Half of Parents Say One or More Factors Would Make It Difficult for Their Child to Participate in Online or At-Home Learning

**Q. Would your child have difficulty participating in online classes or at-home learning activities for any of the following reasons? Please select all that apply or indicate if none of these apply to your child.**



# There Are Only a Few Slight Differences Between Parents of Younger vs. Older Students

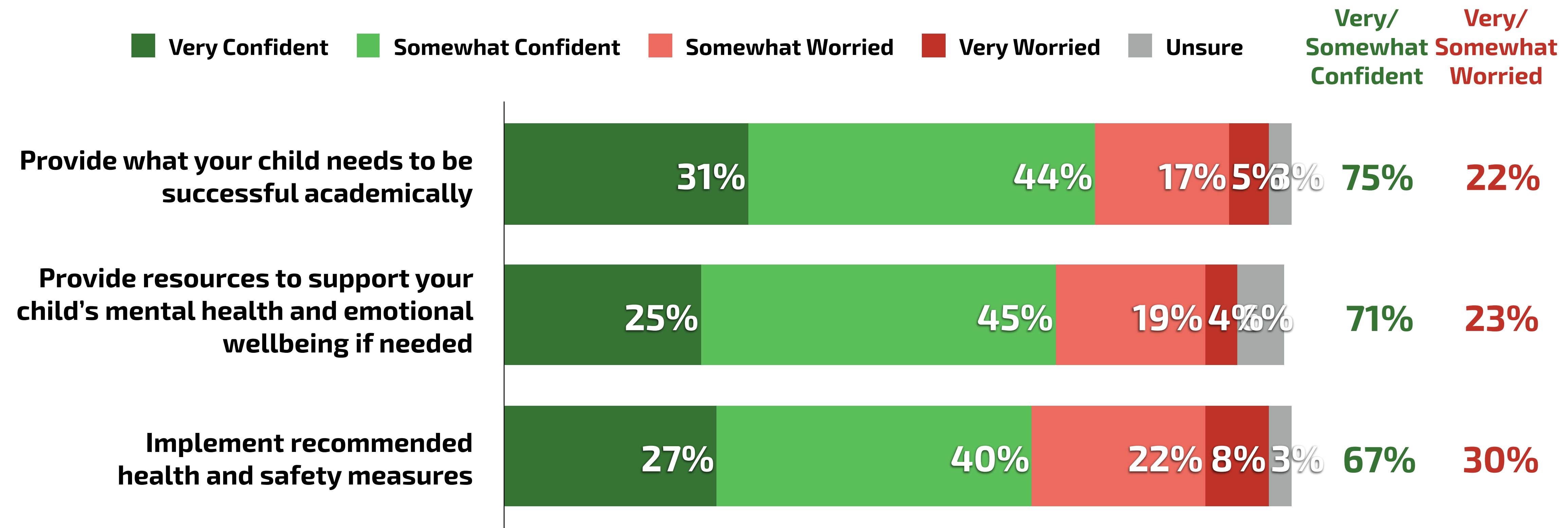
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	Parents of K-5	Parents of Junior High	Parents of High School
We do not have enough computers or tablets at home	17%	16%	11%
We do not have reliable high speed internet access at home	12%	15%	10%
Remote learning software or online programs are too confusing	16%	11%	14%
The assignments from school are too confusing or difficult for my child to do	18%	17%	18%
My child is unable to participate in learning activities on their own while I am working	11%	13%	6%
My child has a disability and needs accommodations that are not available at home	11%	5%	9%
None of these apply to my child	46%	51%	55%
Unsure	2%	1%	5%



# Parents Are More Confident Schools Can Meet Academic Needs Than That They Can Implement Health and Safety Measures

Q. When your children’s schools reopen next school year, do feel confident that their schools will be able to do each of the following, or worried they might not be able to?

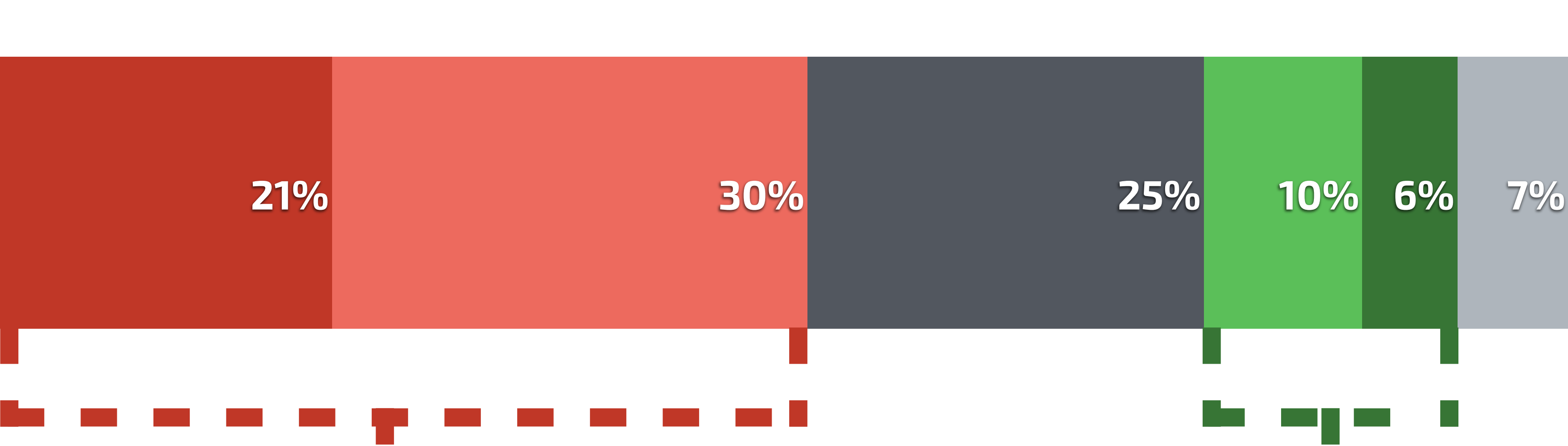




# Most Parents Worry Schools Will Face Budget Cuts

Q. How much do you worry that your children's schools will face budget cuts or not have the financial resources they need next year?

Worry a lot   Worry some   Worry a little   Do not worry much   Do not worry at all   Unsure



52% Worry a lot/ some

16% Do not worry much/ at all

# Parents Say Schools Should Prioritize Having a Full-Time Nurse and Free Meal Programs; Field Trips Can Be Cut

**Q: If your children’s schools have to make choices about what to prioritize due to budget cuts or a limited budget next year, how much of a priority do you think each of the following should be?**

	Top Priority/ Very Important
Having a full-time nurse on staff at school	73%
Providing free breakfast and lunch programs for students who qualify	69%
Providing extra academic support like tutoring programs	65%
Providing face masks to students and staff	64%
Providing laptops or tablets to all students	63%
Offering counseling services	54%
Raising teachers' salaries	50%
Offering fine arts classes (art, music, theater, etc.)	43%
Having school sports teams	33%
Going on field trips	24%







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