

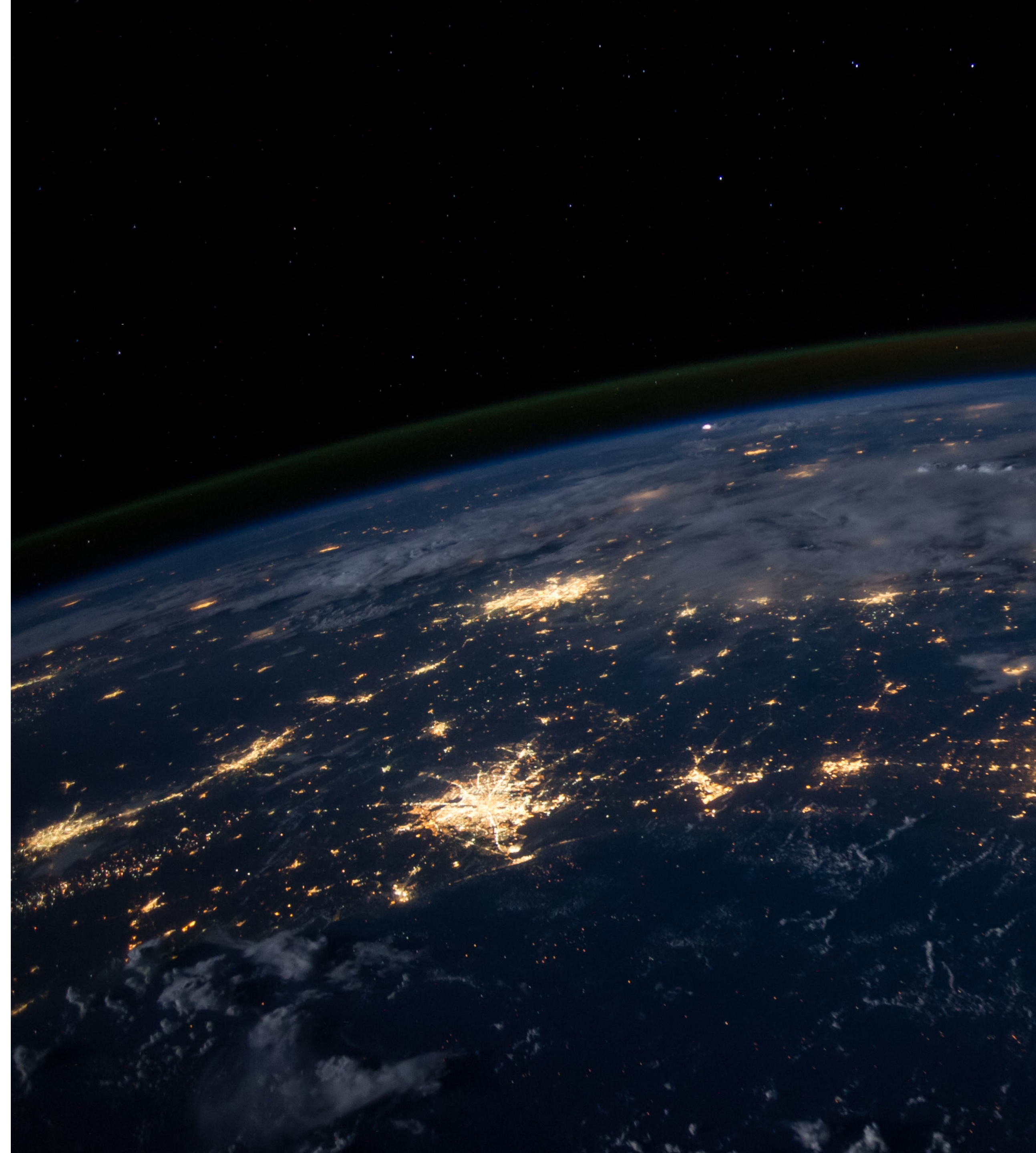


National Parents Union Survey Of K-12 Public School Parents

February 2021

N=1,002 parents of K-12 public school students

February 12–22, 2021



Methodology

We are conducting monthly online surveys of parents of K-12 public school students throughout the 2020–2021 school year to better understand their experiences and challenges they may be facing, as well as their views on education and other issues affecting families. From April through June 2020, we conducted weekly surveys.

- Results are weighted by gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and region to reflect known population demographics.
- 2020–2021 School Year Field Dates and Sample Sizes:
 - September 21–29, 2020 (N=1,140)
 - October 19–27, 2020 (N=1,000)
 - November 13–18, 2020 (N=1,000)
 - December 10–18, 2020 (N=1,008)
 - January 14–19, 2021 (N=1,001)
 - February 12–22, 2021 (N=1,002)
- Earlier 2020 Field Dates, N=500 Each Week:
 - 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
 - Week 7: June 8–11, 2020
 - Week 8: June 15–18, 2020

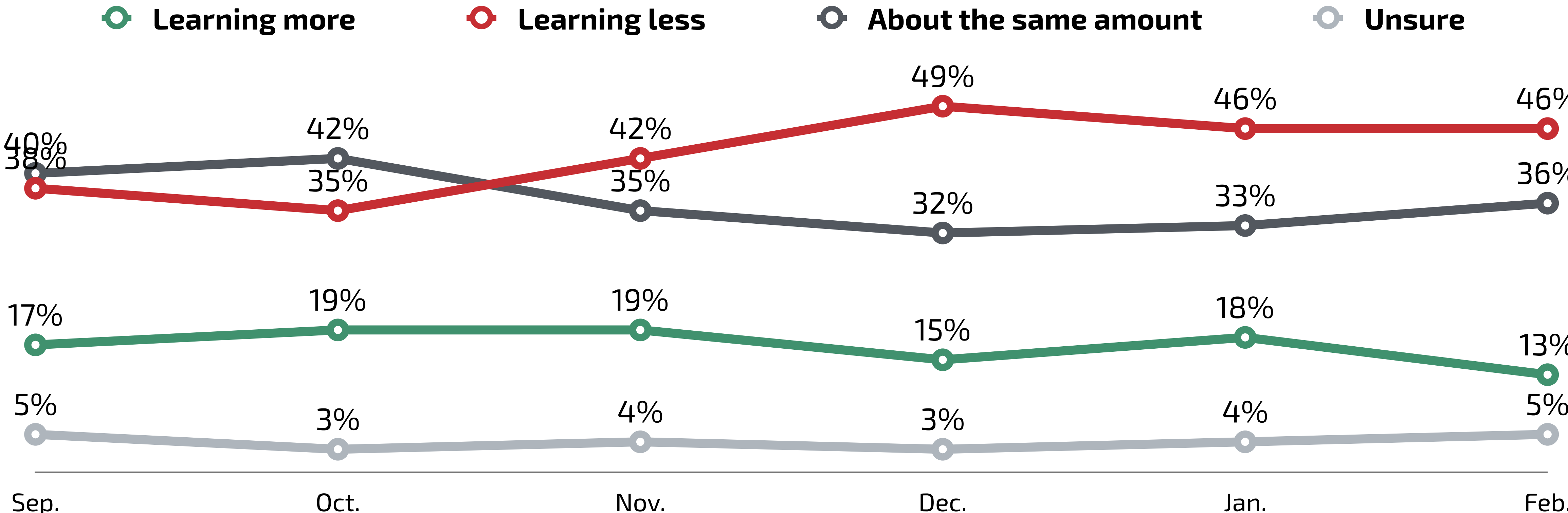


Learning During A Pandemic: How It's Going



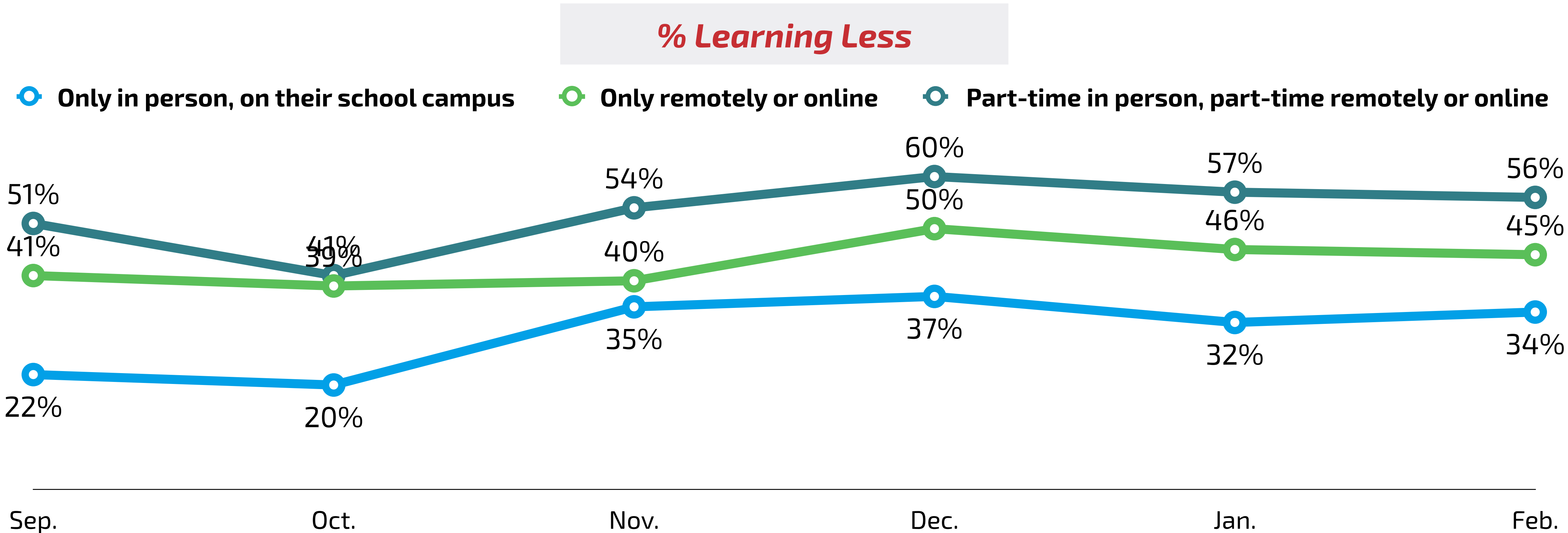
46% Say Their Child Is Learning Less Than Normal

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Parents Of Hybrid And Remote Learners Continue To Be More Likely To Say Their Child Is Learning Less

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Preference For Remote Learning Has Decreased Slightly

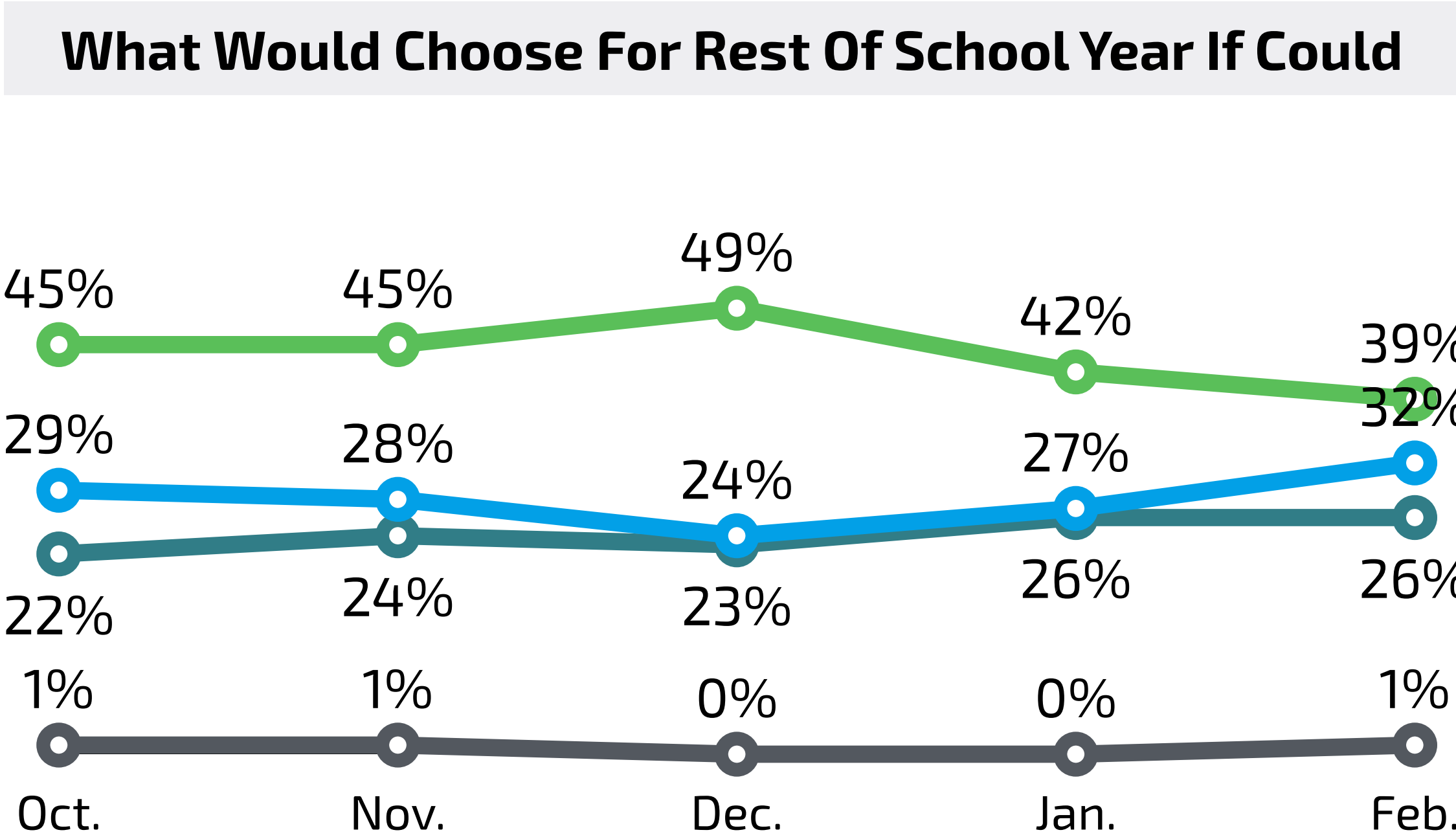
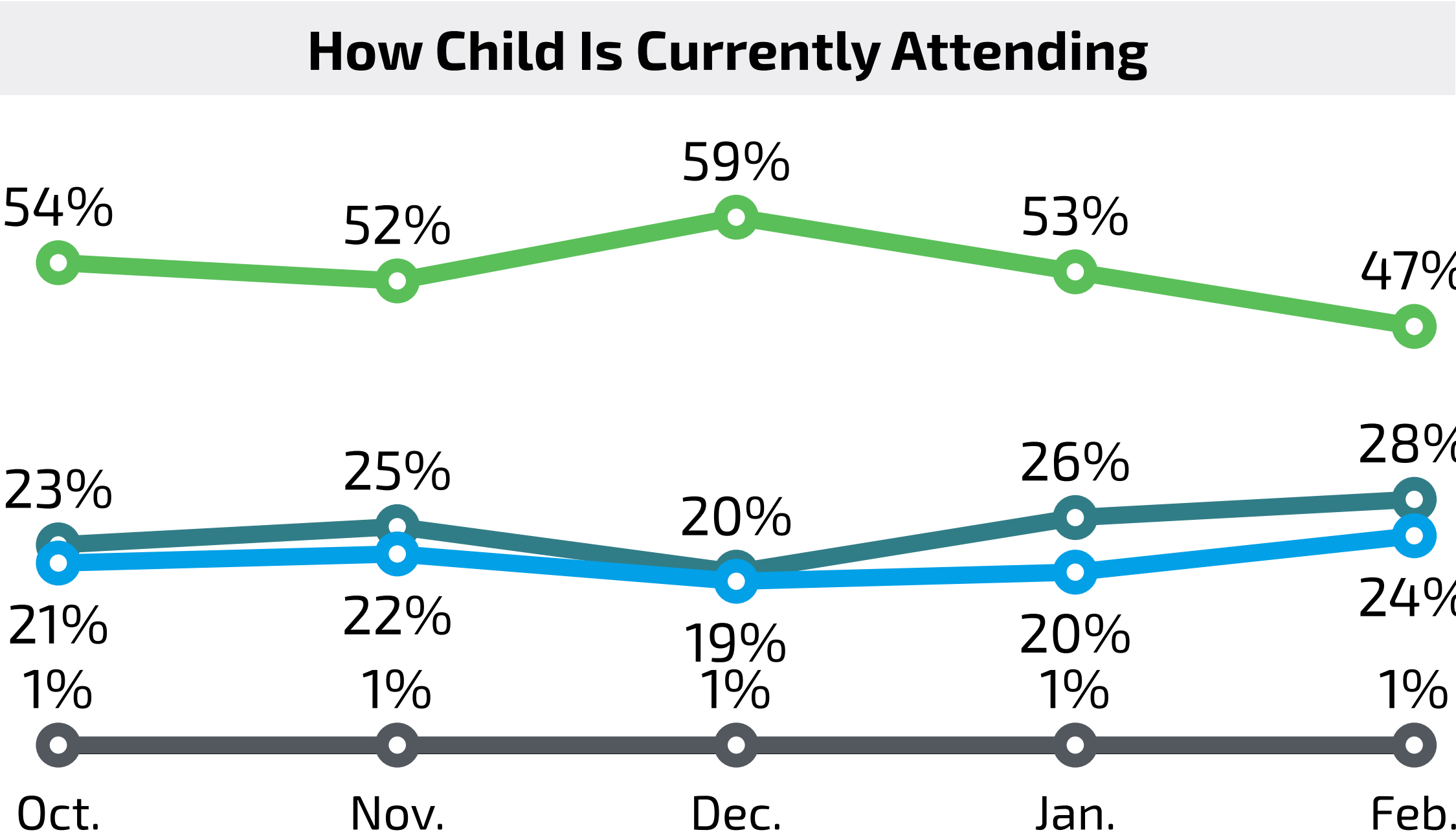
Q. How is your child currently attending school?
Q. Now, if your child's school were to allow you to choose ANY of these ways for your child to attend school for the rest of this school year, which would you choose?

- Only in person, on their school campus

○ Only remotely or online

○ Part-time in person, part-time remotely or online

○ Something else

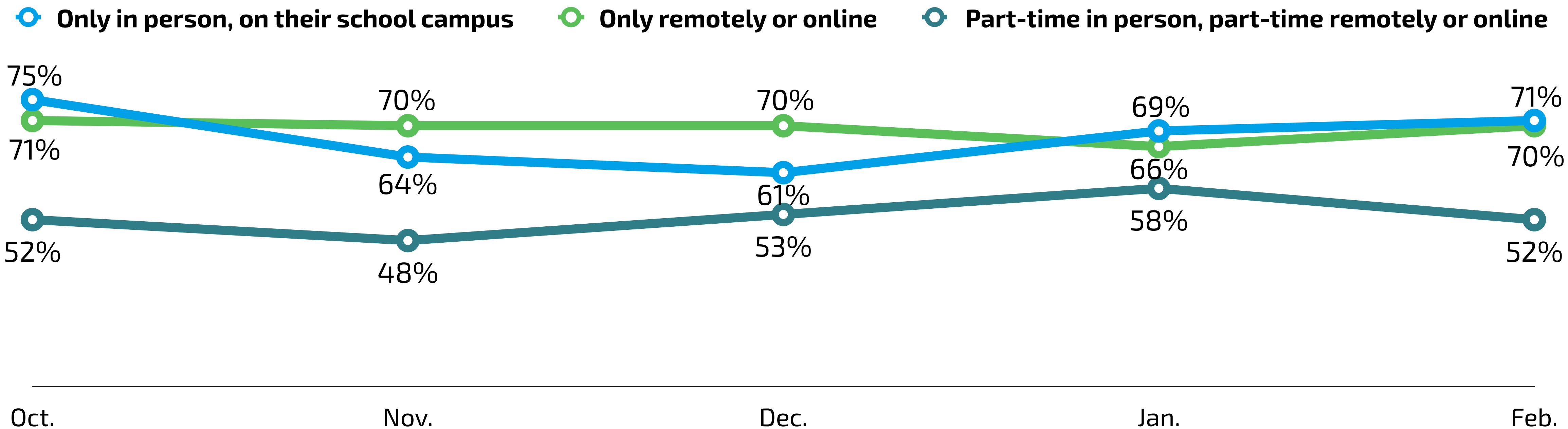


Note: Not shown above - "Unsure" when asked what they would choose.

But Parents Of Full-Time Remote Or In-Person Learners Remain More Content Than Parents Of Hybrid Learners




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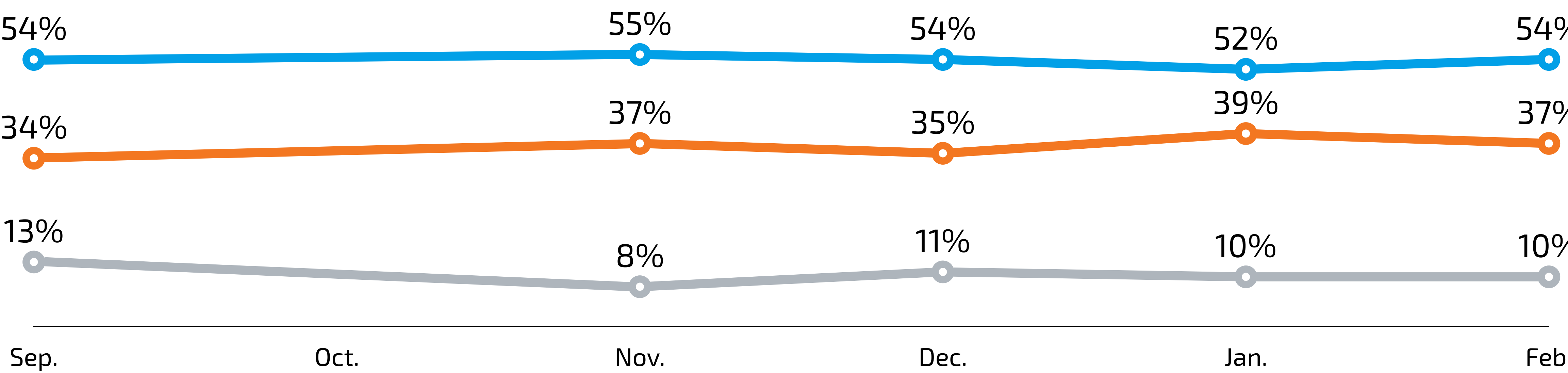
% of each group who would choose the SAME way for the rest of the school year



Most Parents Prefer Consistency

Q. Even if neither of the following is perfect, which of the following would you prefer?

-  I would rather my child's school stick to a consistent plan for whether students receive remote or in-person learning throughout the year, rather than changing gears based on the number of coronavirus cases in my area.
-  I would rather my child's school adjust whether in-person instruction is offered based on coronavirus cases in my area, even if it means going back and forth between in-person and remote learning throughout the year.
-  Unsure

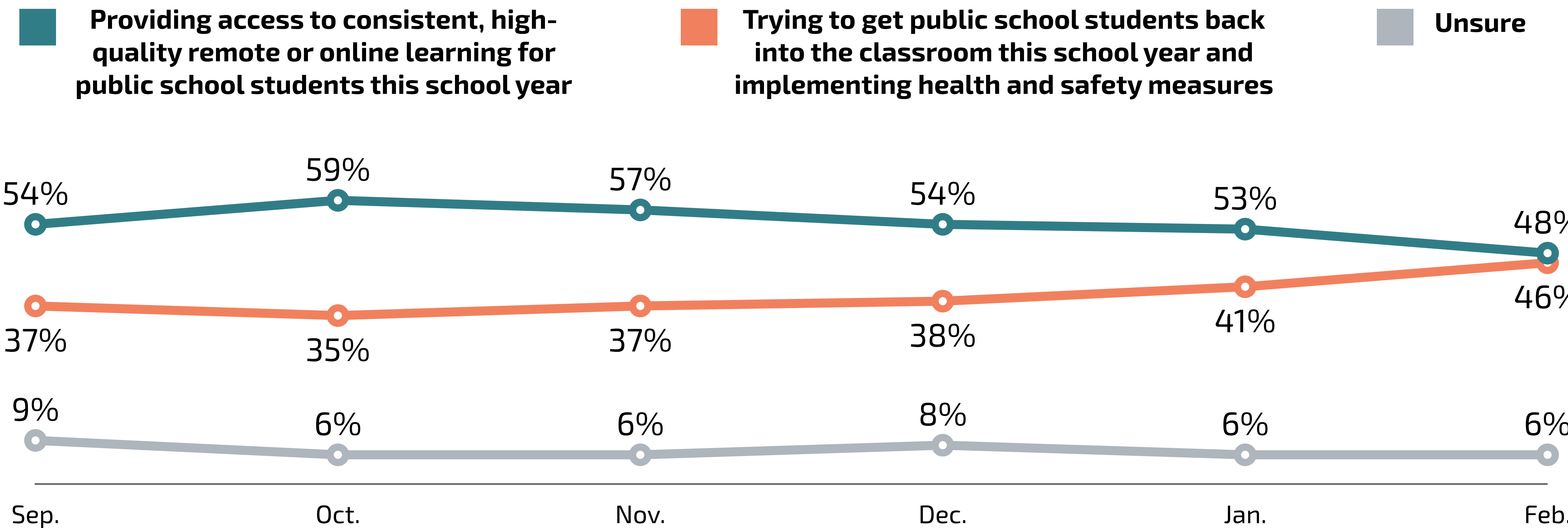


Returning To In-Person Learning



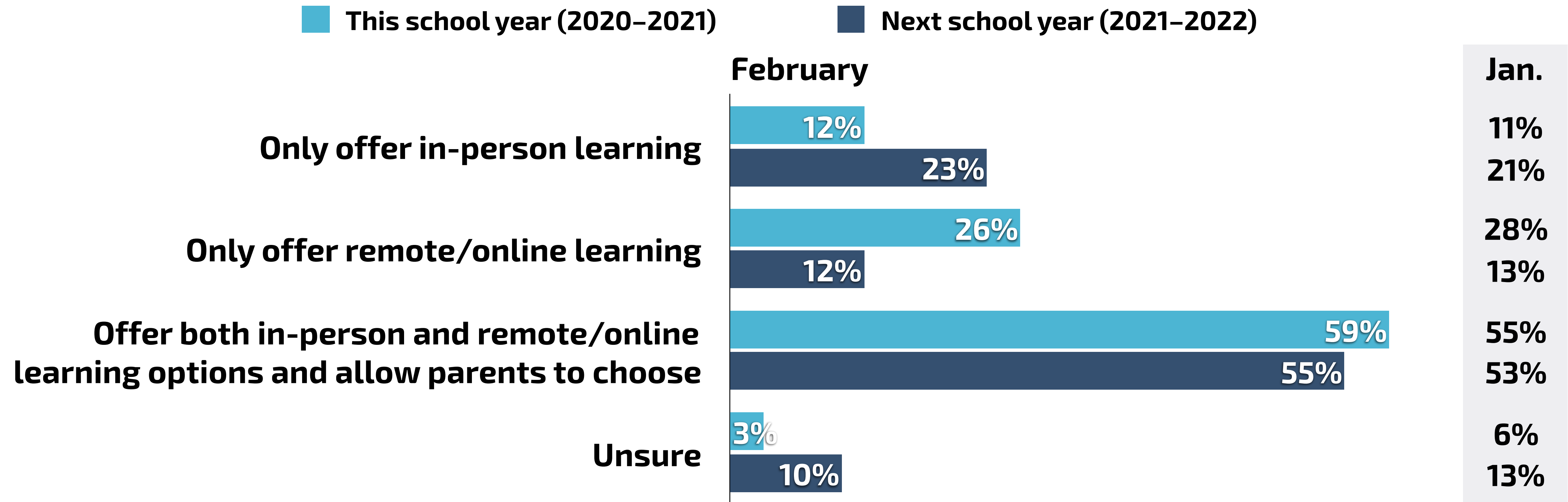
Views On Type Of Learning To Prioritize Now Divided

Q. If you could send a message to people who make decisions about education policy and public schools, which of the following do you think they should prioritize this school year?



Most Parents Say Schools Should Offer Both In-Person And Remote Learning Options And Allow Parents To Choose

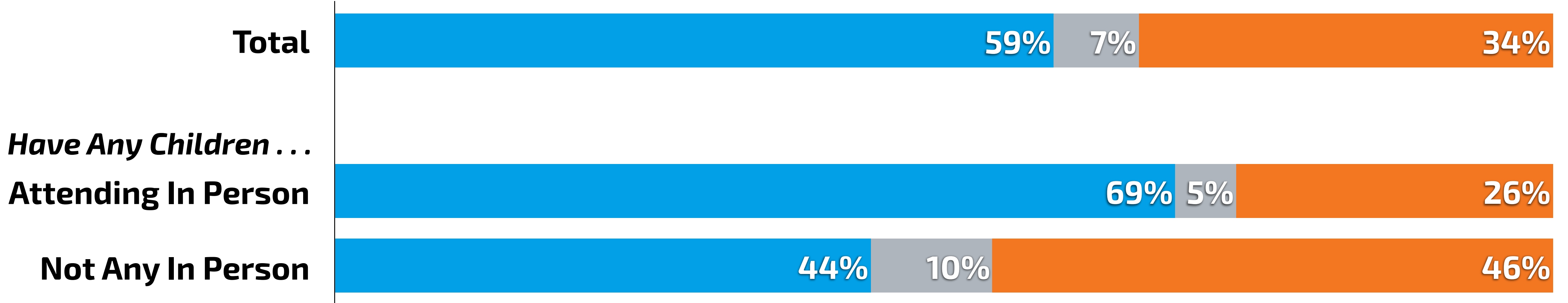
Q. For the remainder of this school year (2020–2021), do you think public schools should . . . ?
Q. Thinking about NEXT school year (2021–2022), do you think public schools should . . . ?



Most Say Schools Should Be Offering In-Person Learning As Long As They Have Safety Measures In Place

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

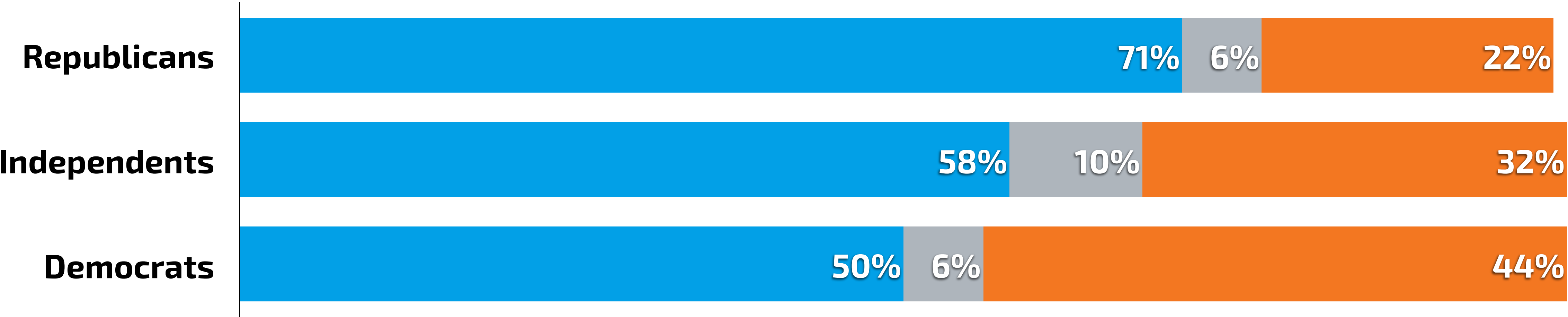
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- Unsure



Republican Parents More Likely To Say Schools Should Be Offering In-Person Learning, But Half Of Democratic Parents Say The Same

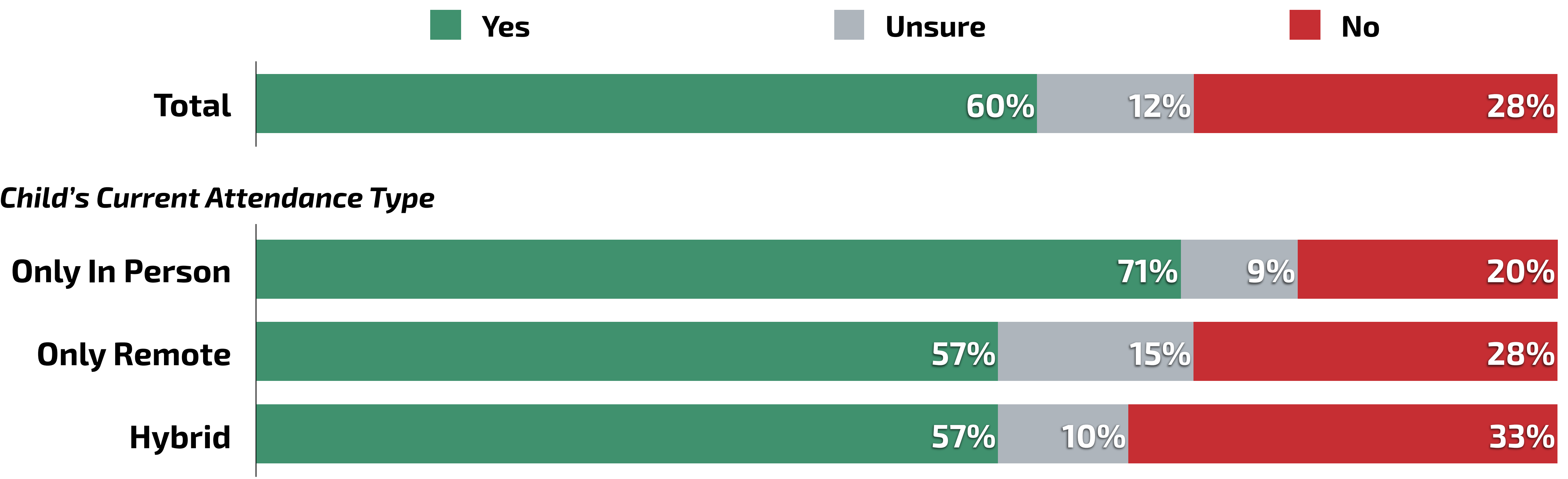
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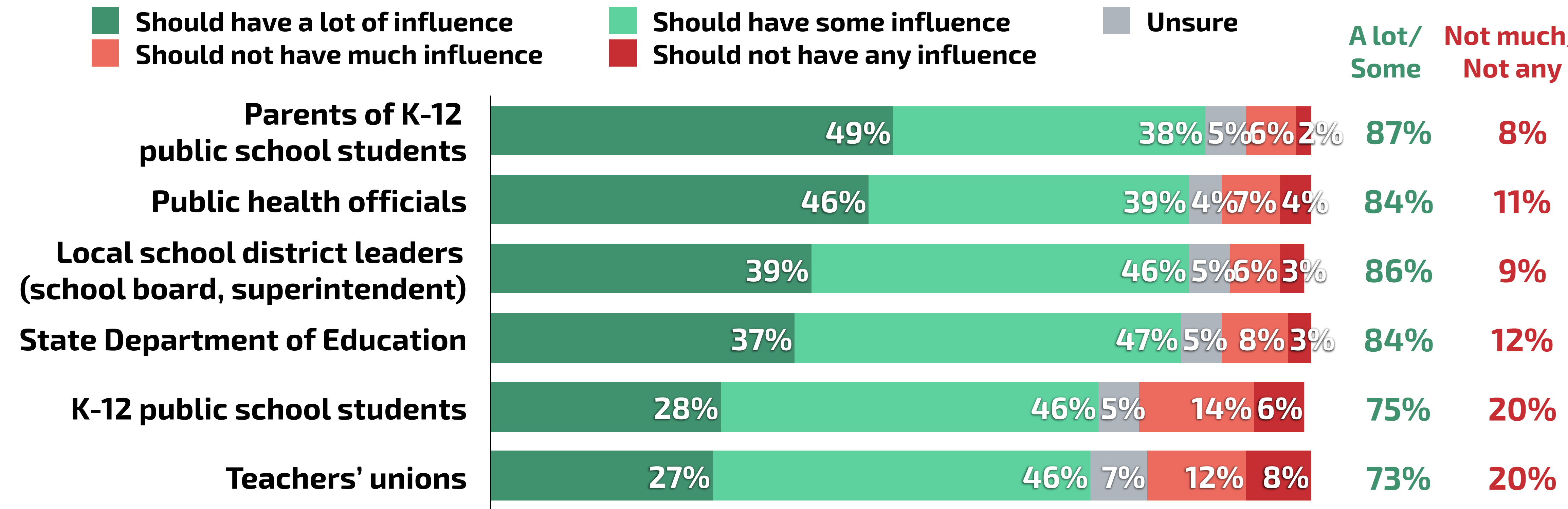
Parents Of Remote And Hybrid Learners Less Likely To Feel Their School Has Done Enough To Include Them In Decision-Making

Q. Do you feel your child's school has done enough to include parents in the decision-making process about options they are offering and plans for returning to in-person learning?



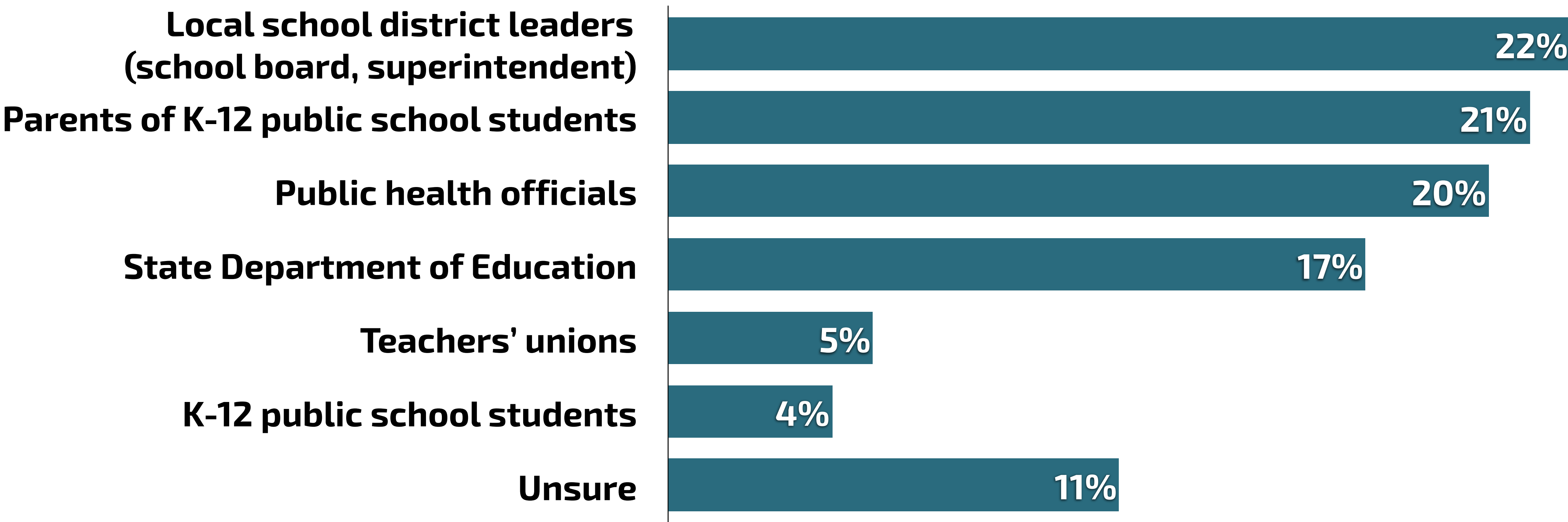
More Say Parents, Public Health Officials, And Education Leaders Should Influence Decisions Than Say Unions Should

Q. How much influence do you think each of the following groups should have on decisions about when and how public schools should return to in-person learning?



On Who Should Have Final Say, District Leaders Top Choice

Q. If there is some disagreement over when and how public schools should return to in-person learning, which of the following groups do you think should make the final decision about what schools should do?

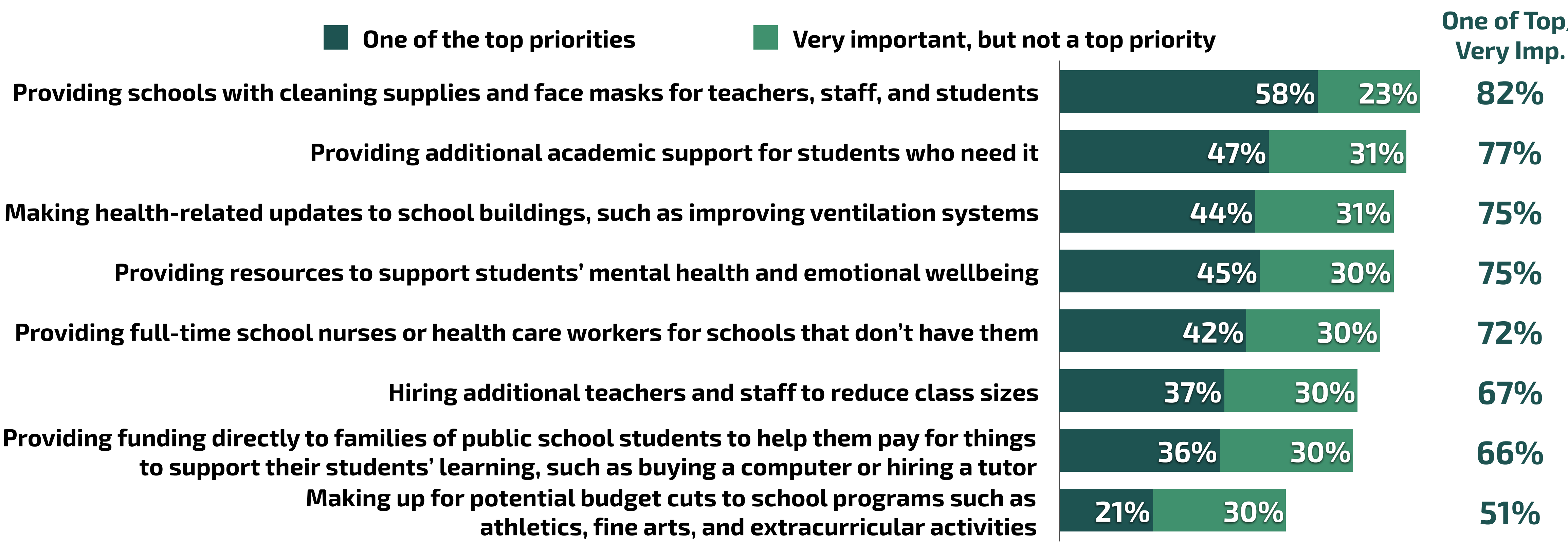


Views On Funding Priorities



Health-Related Supplies And Building Updates, Academic Support, And Mental Health Resources Most Important To Fund

Q. If states receive additional relief funding to help address educational challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, how much of a priority do you think each of the following should be?



Note: Other response options were Somewhat important, Not that important, Not at all important, and Unsure.



Republican And Democratic Parents Agree On Priorities

Q. If states receive additional relief funding to help address educational challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, how much of a priority do you think each of the following should be?

% One of the top priorities/Very important, but not a top priority	GOP	DEM
Providing schools with cleaning supplies and face masks for teachers, staff, and students	81%	85%
Providing additional academic support for students who need it	77%	81%
Making health-related updates to school buildings, such as improving ventilation systems	73%	79%
Providing resources to support students' mental health and emotional wellbeing	72%	77%
Providing full-time school nurses or health care workers for schools that don't have them	72%	74%
Hiring additional teachers and staff to reduce class sizes	68%	71%
Providing funding directly to families of public school students to help them pay for things to support their students' learning, such as buying a computer or hiring a tutor	61%	70%
Making up for potential budget cuts to school programs such as athletics, fine arts, and extracurricular activities	52%	56%





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