

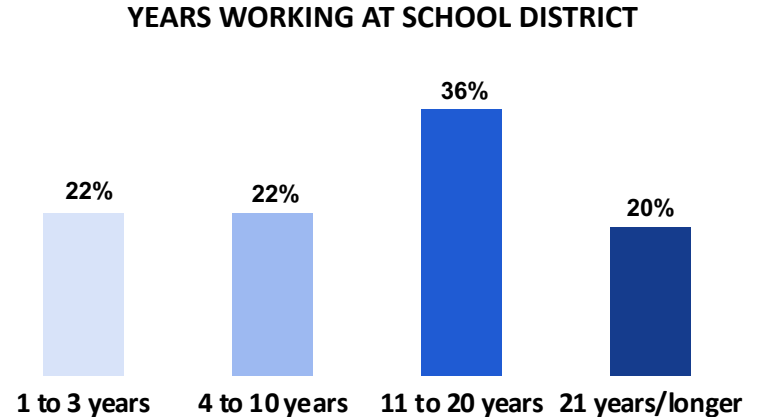
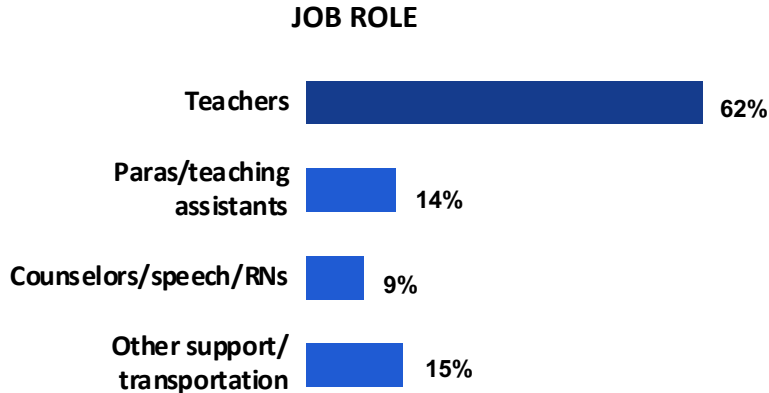
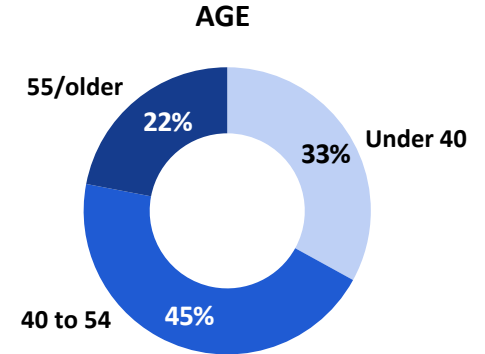
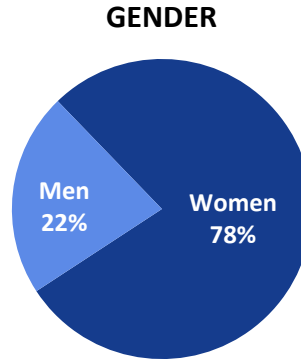


# Members' Views on Resuming Safe Instruction This Fall

*Key findings from a survey among 1,118 NYSUT K-12 members,  
conducted July 28 to 31, 2020*

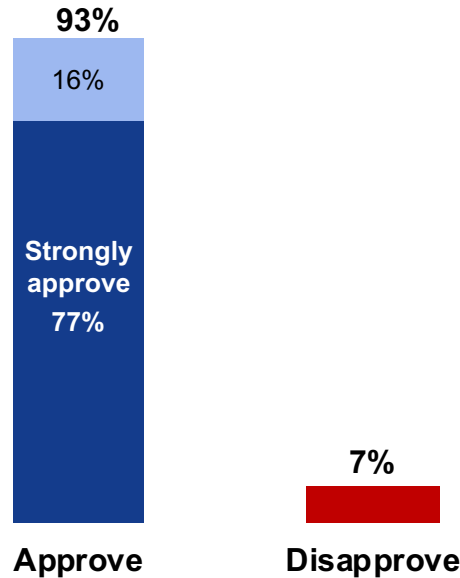
# Methodology & Sample Characteristics

- Survey conducted online among 1,118 NYSUT K-12 members
  - Does NOT include UFT members
- Sample is representative of the NYSUT K-12 membership universe (*outside NYC*)



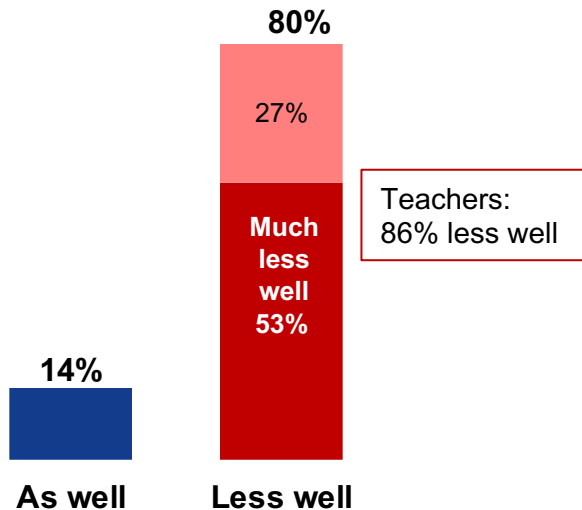
# The overwhelming majority of members approve of the decision to close schools in March, including more than three-fourths who strongly approve.

*As part of social distancing restrictions, state and local officials closed schools starting in March for in-school instruction. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to close schools?*

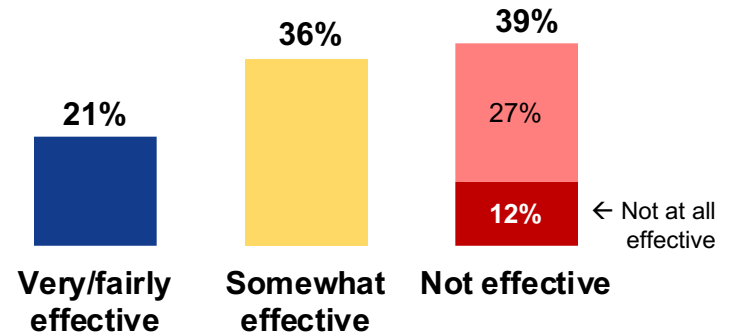


# While distance learning is no substitute for in-person learning, the majority feel it was at least somewhat effective.

*In terms of student learning, how well has distance learning worked compared to traditional in-person teaching?*

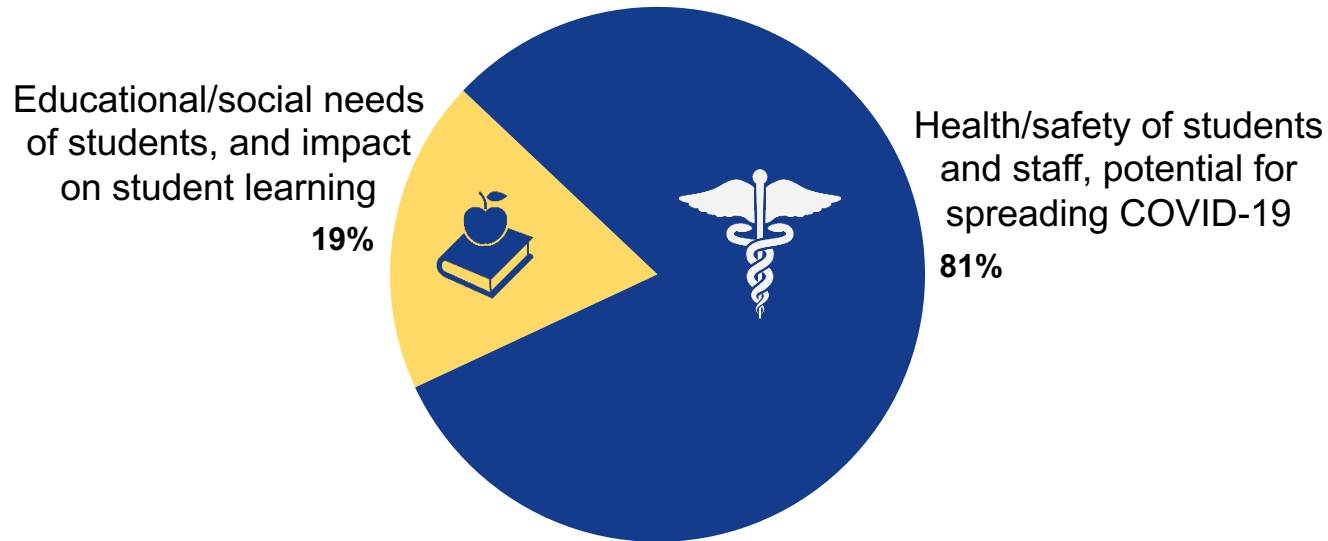


*When schools were closed for in-school instruction, most districts adopted some form of distance learning. How effective do you think distance learning was for your students?*



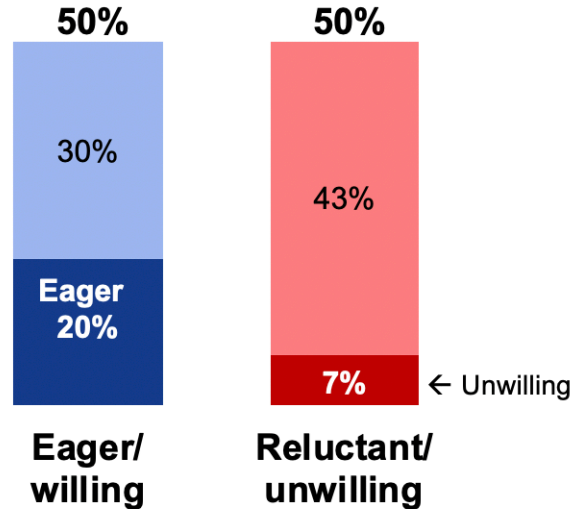
# Members largely believe that the health and safety of students and staff should be the deciding factor in re-opening.

*Which should be the biggest factor in deciding whether, how, and when schools should reopen?*



# Half of members say they are eager/willing to go back to in-person instruction, half are reluctant/unwilling

*Feelings toward Going Back to In-person Instruction/Work at my School*



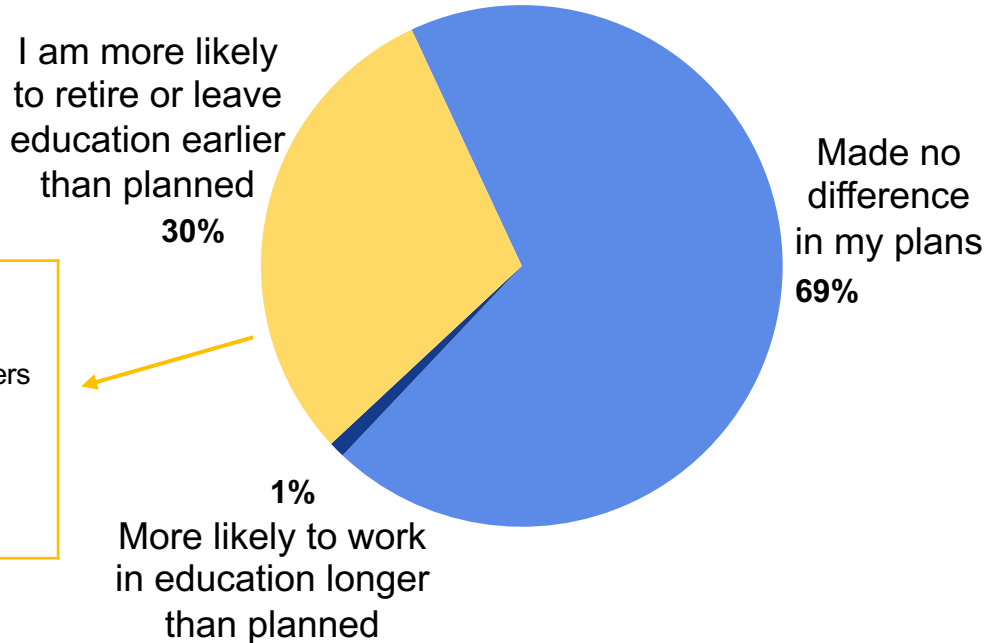
# Of those who do NOT feel ready to return to school buildings, most express general concern for safety

*Why do you feel that you won't be ready?*

<b>Concern for my personal safety</b>	<b>81%</b>
<b>Concern for students' safety</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>Concern for colleagues' safety</b>	<b>65%</b>
School doesn't have proper safeguards for in-person instruction	49%
Family/household member in high-risk age category	42%
Family/household member has underlying health concern	41%
I have an underlying health concern	37%
I am in high-risk age category	24%
Students are not ready to transition back to in-person instruction	18%

# Almost half of older members say that COVID-19 has made them more likely to retire earlier than they had planned.

*Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Likelihood of Retiring or Leaving Education Early*

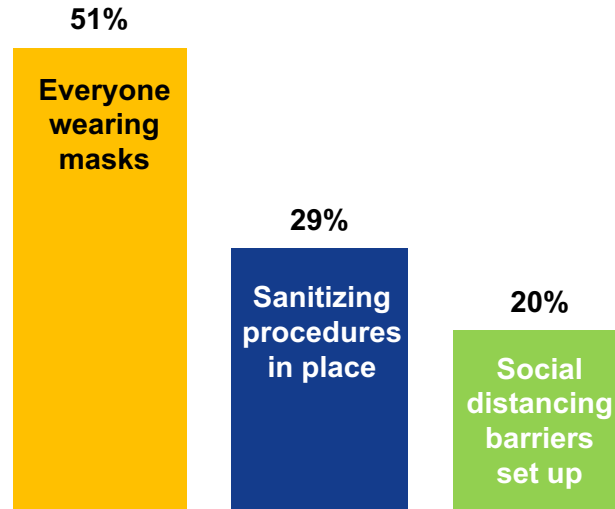


More likely to retire/leave early		
	All members	Teachers
Under age 40	24%	28%
Age 40 to 54	26%	29%
<b>Age 55/older</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>55%</b>



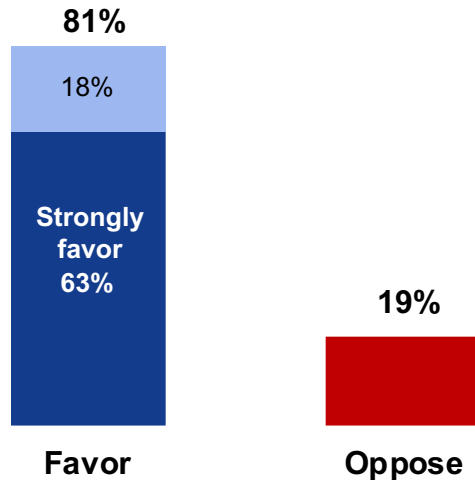
# Of those three safety precautions, masks are seen as most important.

*Of these safety measures, which is the most important to you in terms of making you feel safe returning to in-person work at your school?*

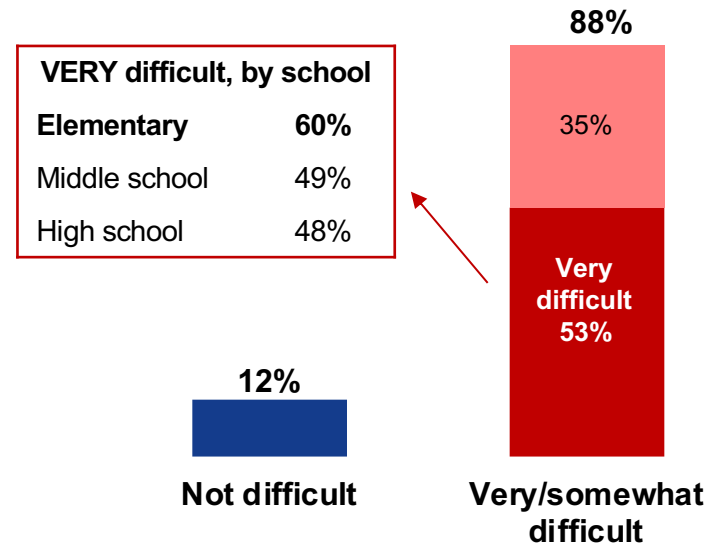


# More than 80% favor requiring students to wear masks at all times, but they acknowledge that this will be difficult to enforce.

*Do you favor or oppose requiring students to wear masks at all times while in the school building?*

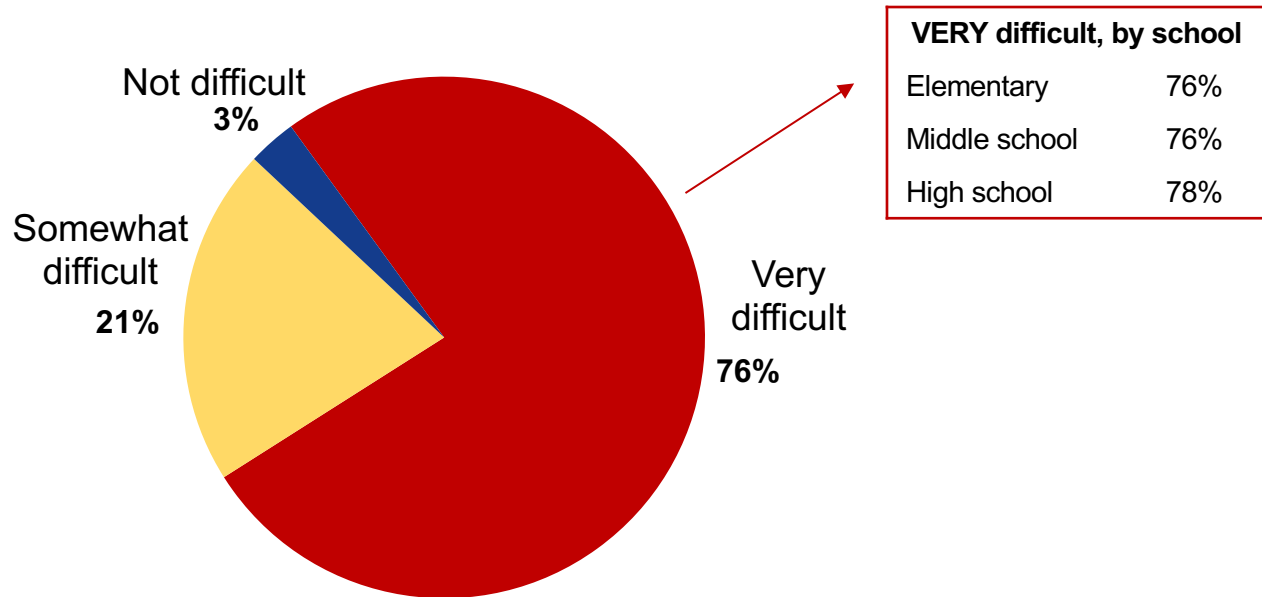


*How difficult do you think it would be for students to effectively wear PPE, like masks, when required?*



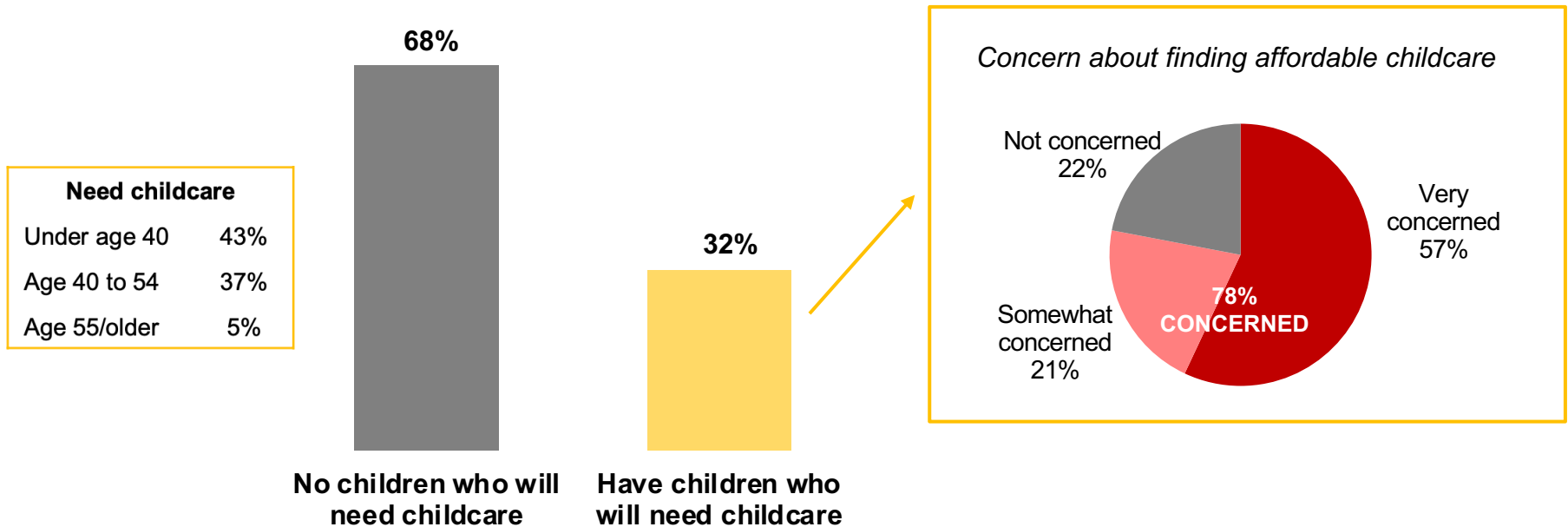
# Even greater numbers believe it will be difficult for students (at all grade levels) to stay six feet apart from one another.

*How difficult do you think it would be for students to maintain six feet apart from each other?*



# A third of members have childcare needs, and of those, 78% are concerned about finding an affordable childcare option should they be asked to go back to work in person.

*Do you have children at home who will need childcare if you are asked to go back to work in person?*



# Members' highest priorities for safe re-opening: daily sanitation, masks, stay-at-home mandate for anyone who has had contact with an infected person, immediate notification of COVID cases.

*Four Most Important (of 16 tested) Steps for Schools to Take if They Reopen in the Fall*

