

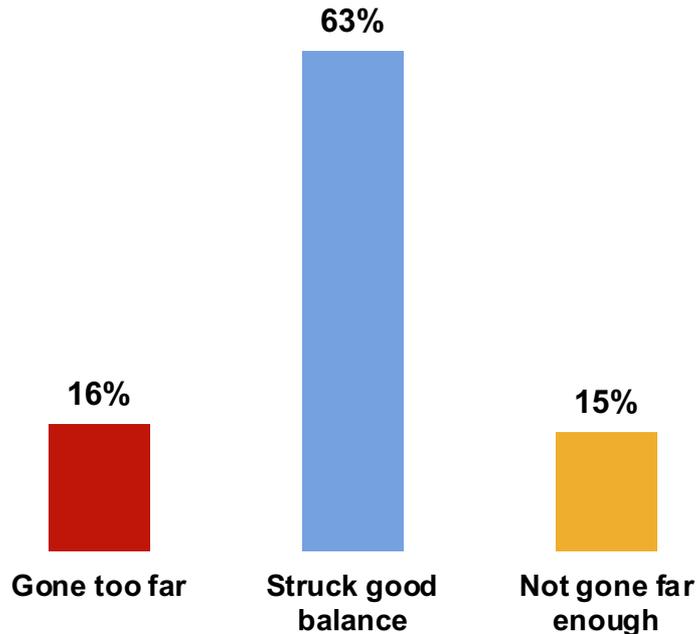


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# Districts Have Struck Right Balance on In-Person Instruction

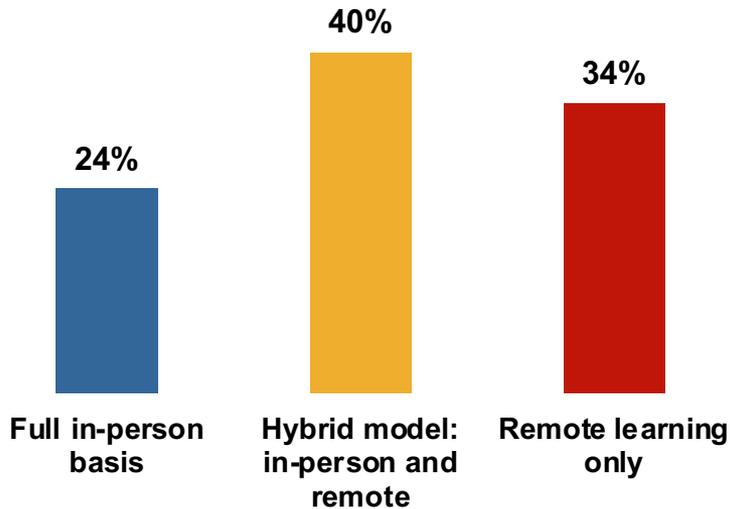
*Assessment of My School System's Current Level of In-Person Instruction*



	<i>By current mode:</i>		
	<u>In-person</u> <i>(17%)</i>	<u>Hybrid</u> <i>(60%)</i>	<u>Remote only</u> <i>(22%)</i>
Gone too far	25%	15%	13%
Not done enough	8%	15%	21%
Good balance	<b>65%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>55%</b>

# Preferred Operating Mode Depends on Experience

*Regardless of what your school is currently doing, how do you think your school SHOULD be operating?*



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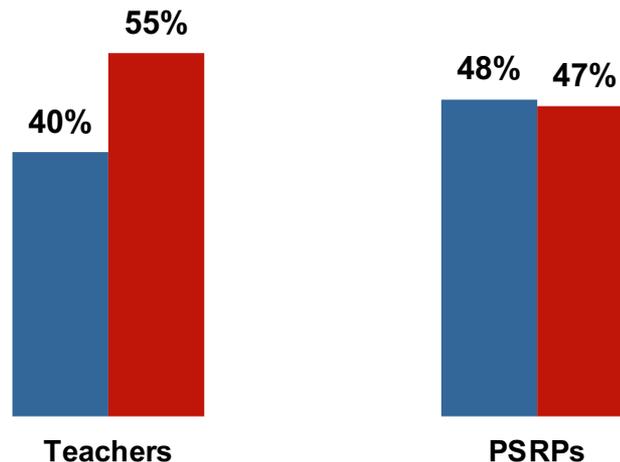
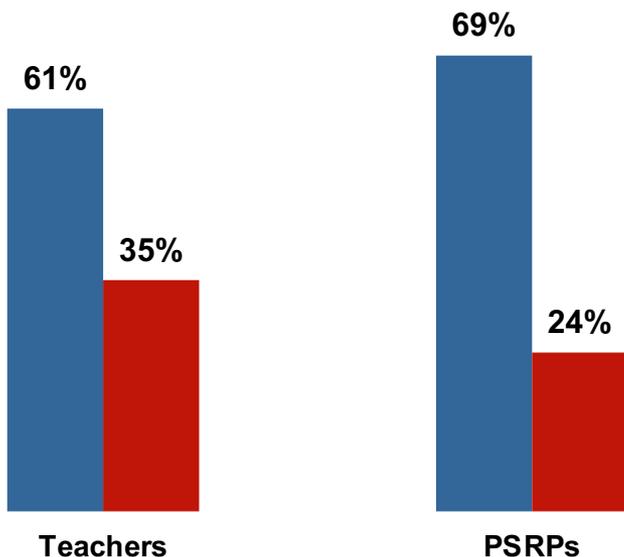
	In-person (17%)	Hybrid (60%)	Remote only (22%)
Fully in-person	62%	19%	6%
Hybrid	18%	55%	19%
Remote only	15%	24%	75%

# Most with In-Person Experience Are Comfortable, But Those at Home Remain Concerned

*Have you felt comfortable returning to work in-person so far?*

*Would you feel comfortable returning to work in-person?*

■ Have felt/would feel comfortable    ■ Have NOT felt/would NOT feel comfortable

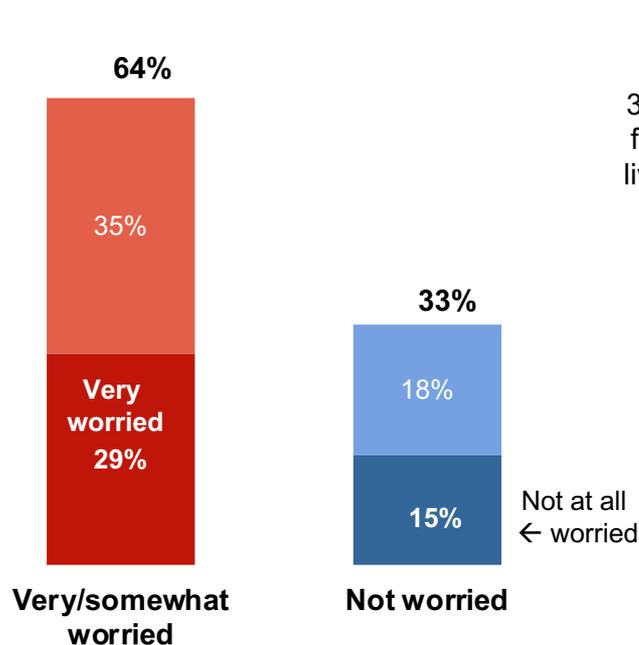


**SCHOOL OPERATING IN-PERSON OR HYBRID MODE**

**SCHOOL OPERATING IN REMOTE-ONLY MODE**

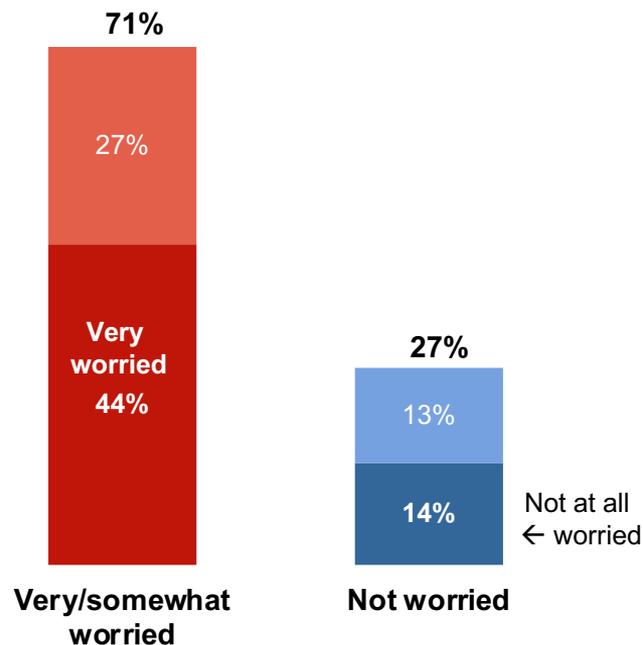
# Members Worry about COVID-19 Infection, Especially Transmission to Family Members

*How worried are you that you might get infected with COVID-19 at work?*



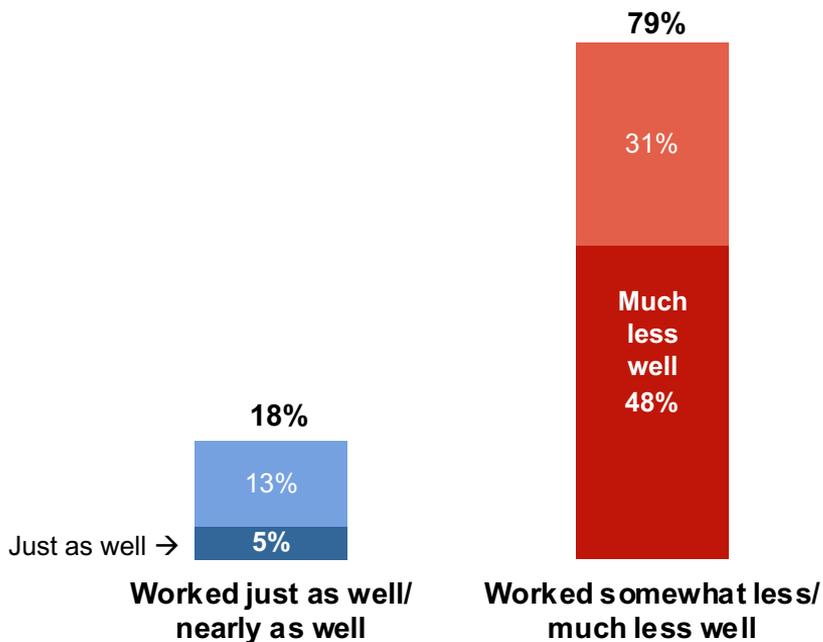
*How worried are you that you might get COVID-19 at work and then infect someone in your family?*

36% are at high-risk for COVID-19, 47% live with someone at high risk.

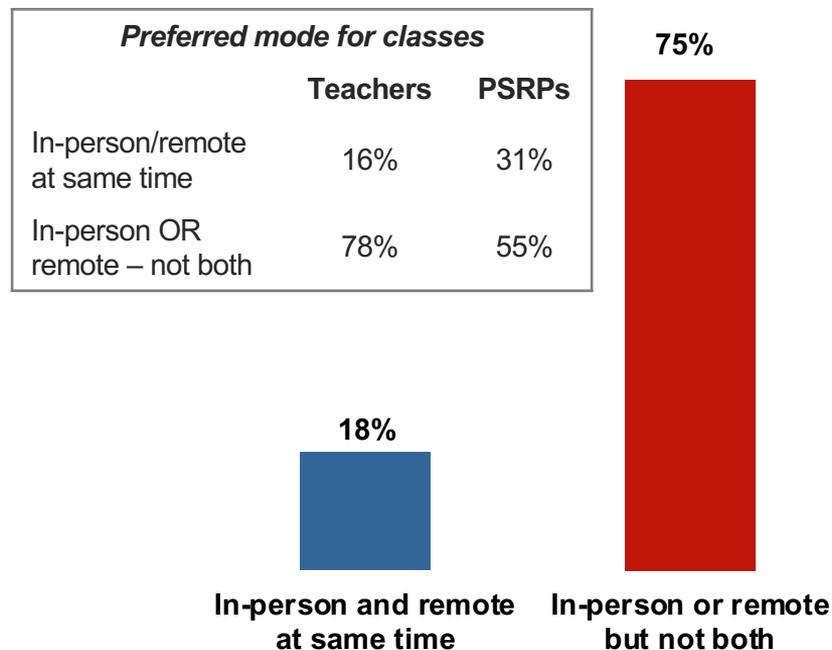


# Educators Say Distance Learning Is Not Working

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

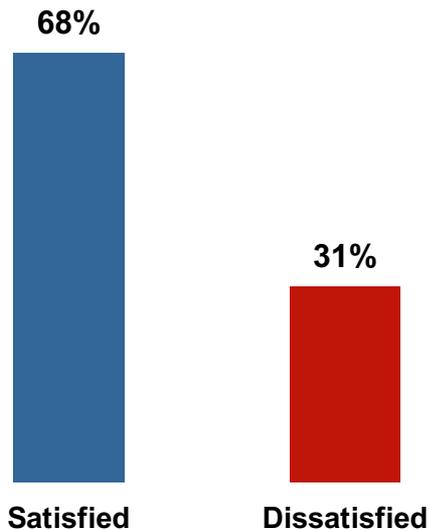


*Preference for conducting class sessions*

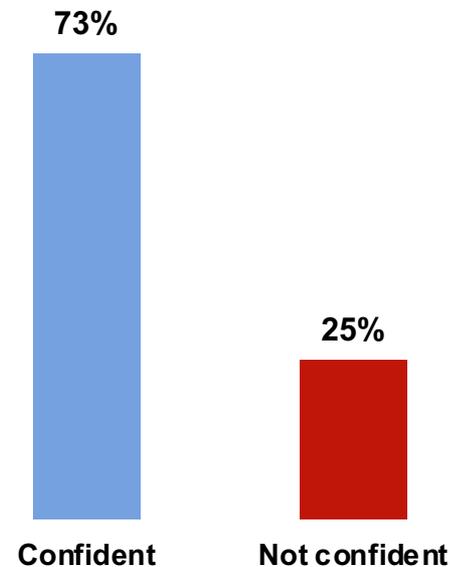


## Most Members Confident in their School System

*Satisfaction with how my school system has handled the COVID-19 pandemic*

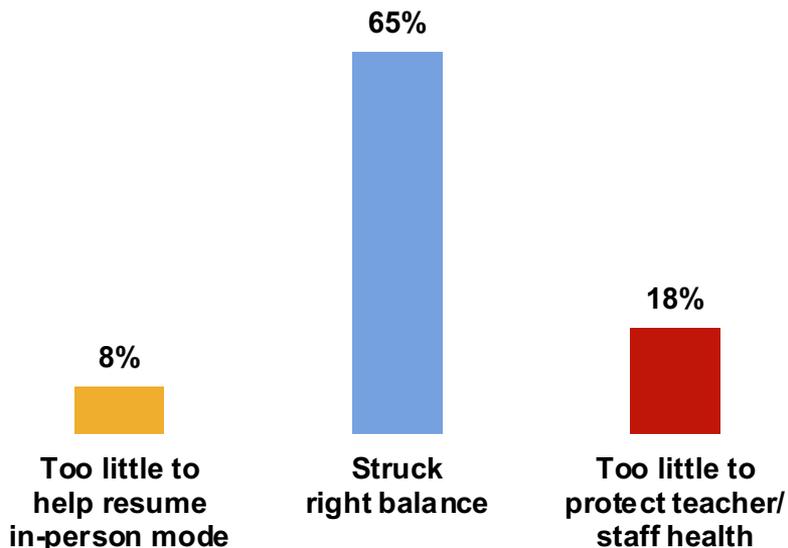
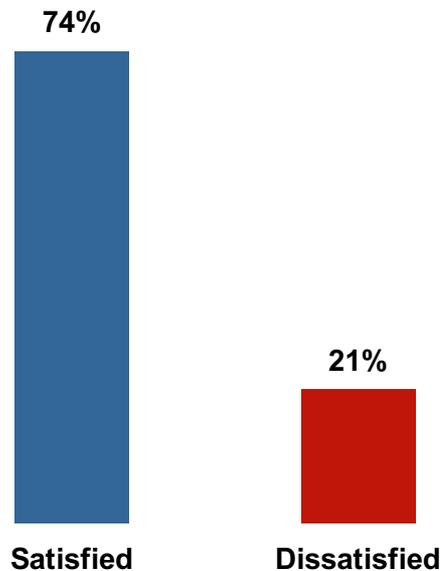


*Confidence that my school will take necessary steps to keep staff safe this spring*



## Members Are Satisfied with Union's COVID-19 Response

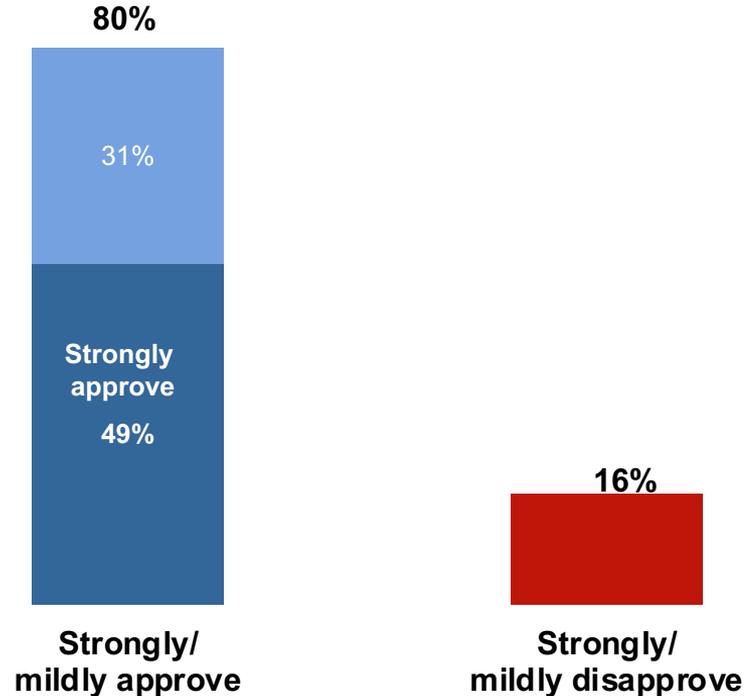
*Satisfaction with how my union has handled the COVID-19 pandemic*



# Strong Support for Biden’s Safe Reopening Posture

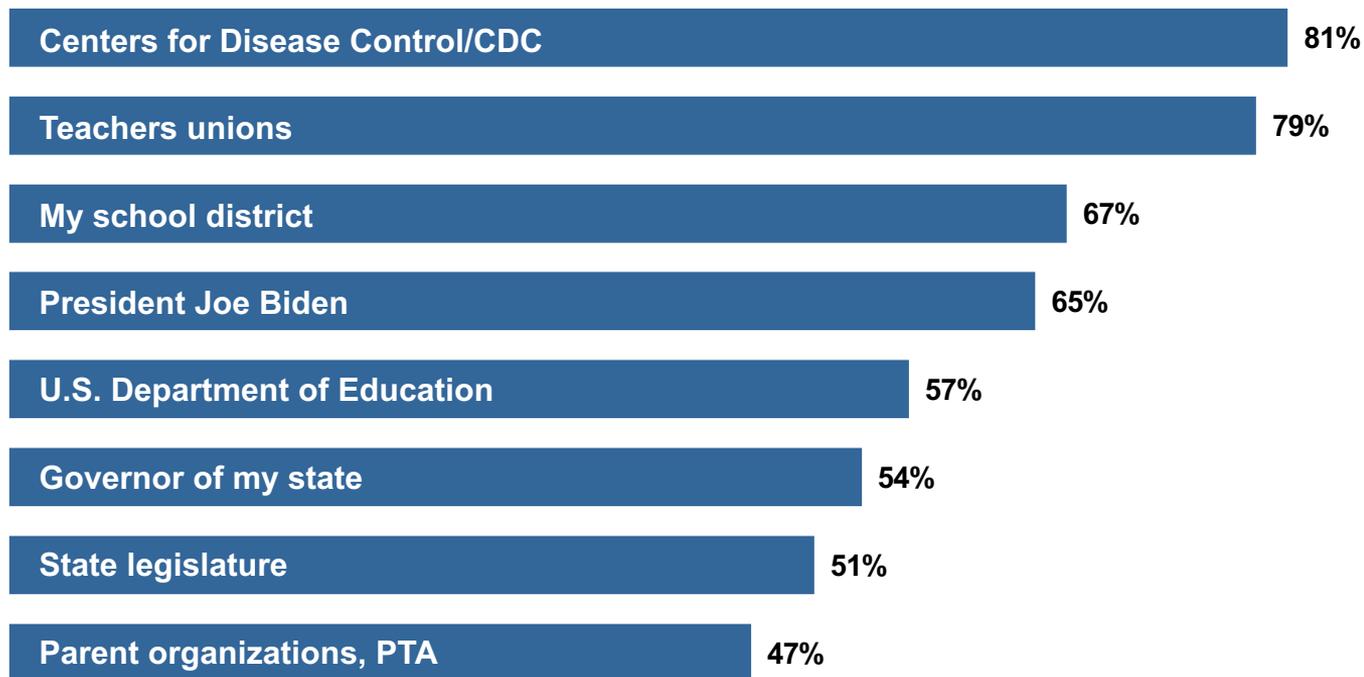
*As you may know, President Biden has said it should be a priority to re-open schools for in-person instruction as quickly as possible, and is proposing federal support to help schools re-open safely with proper COVID-19 testing and safety protocols.*

*Do you approve . . . or disapprove of President Biden making it a priority to re-open schools with proper testing and safety protocols?*



# CDC and Union Are Most Trusted on Reopening Decisions

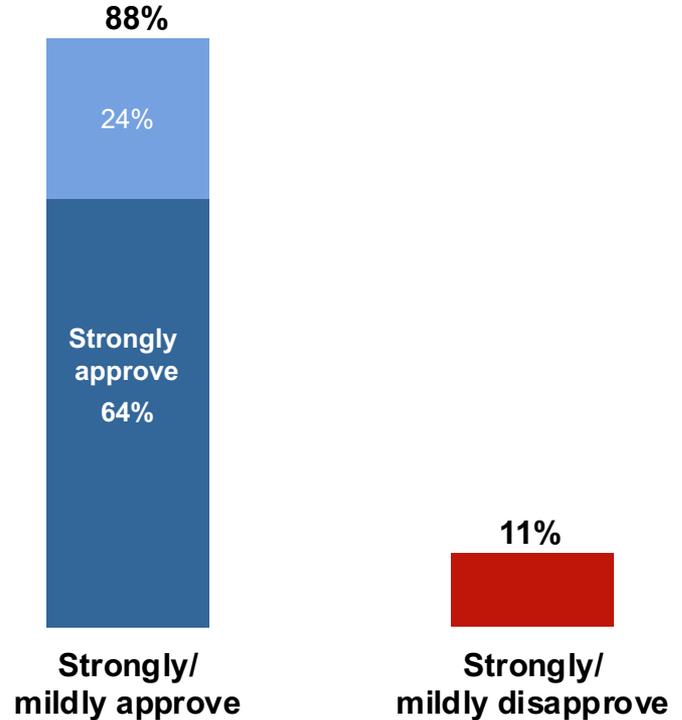
*TRUST A LOT/SOMEWHAT to make good decisions about whether, how, and when schools should re-open*



# Overwhelming Support for AFT Safe Reopening Plan

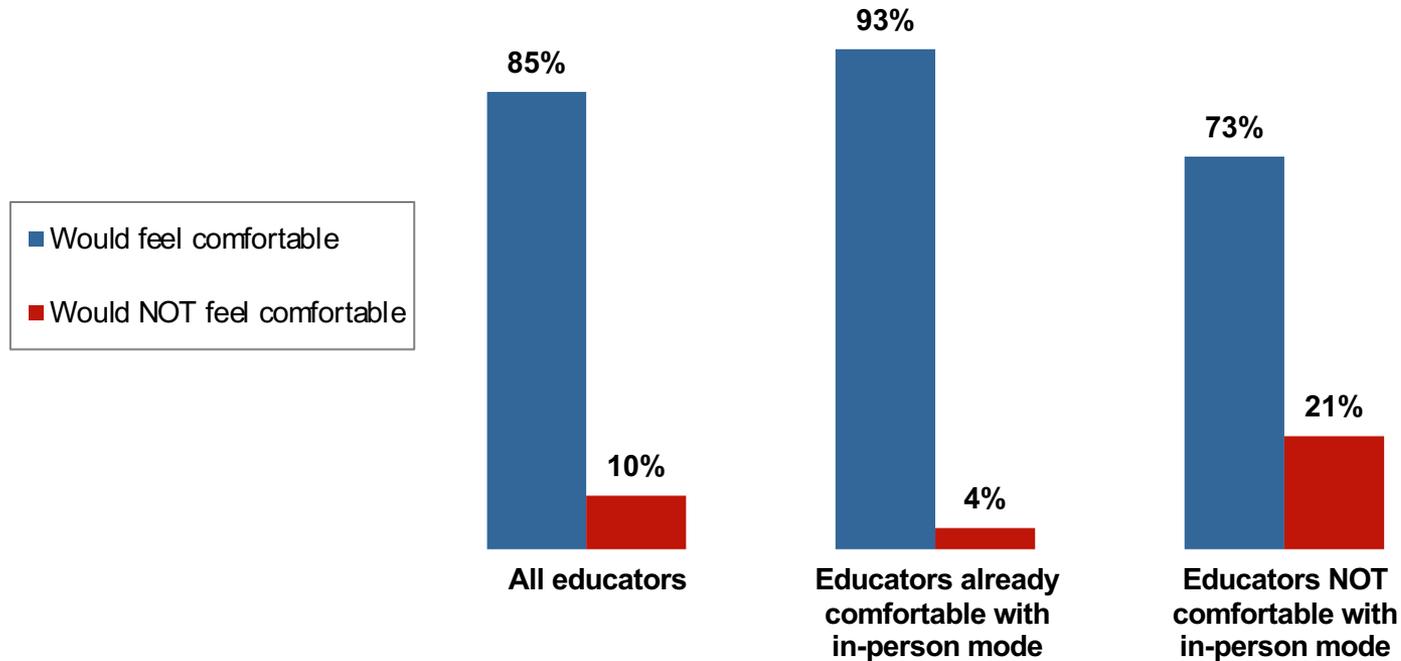
*Proposal by the American Federation of Teachers for safely re-opening schools for in-person instruction:*

*Full in-person learning can happen with the proper testing and safety protocols. COVID-19 testing must become a way of life in schools and we need to test regularly and rapidly to monitor the virus. We need to ensure the proper safety protocols, including masks, physical distancing, cleaning and sanitizing procedures, and ventilation upgrades in every school. High-risk teachers and school staff need appropriate accommodations to keep them safe. And we need to prioritize vaccinations for teachers and school staff.*



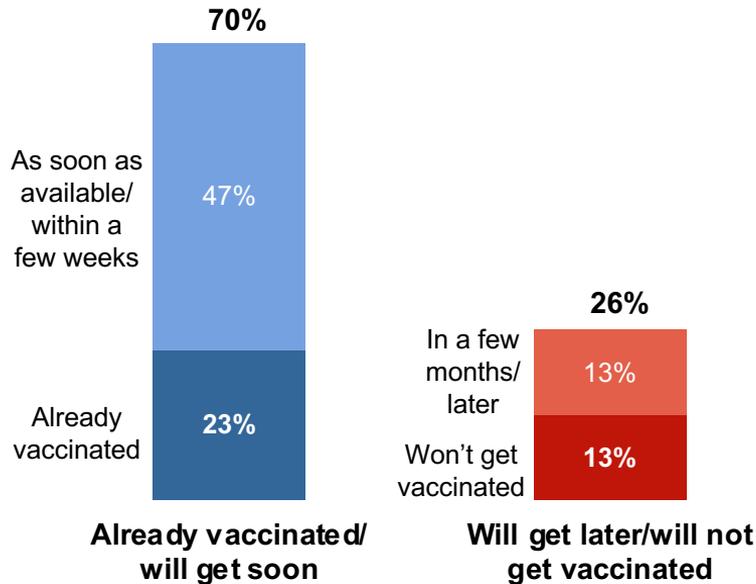
# If AFT Plan Adopted, Members Will Be Comfortable Working in Person

*If [the AFT plan's] public health steps are taken, and there is adequate funding for schools to re-open, would you feel comfortable working inside your school or building?*



## Most Want to be Vaccinated Soon, But 1 in 4 Do Not

*Two different COVID-19 vaccines have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration as safe and effective, and other COVID-19 vaccines are also likely to be approved. What are your plans for getting the COVID-19 vaccine?*



	Already vaccinated	Will get soon	Will get later/ won't get vaccinated
Teachers	24%	48%	24%
PSRPs	19%	40%	34%
Whites	27%	50%	12%
Hispanics	15%	49%	31%
Blacks	13%	33%	47%
Democrats	26%	54%	16%
Independents	18%	43%	35%
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