Litchfield Elementary School District

Distance Learning Parent Survey Results

June 2020

A districtwide survey intended to receive feedback from district households was administered to the Litchfield Elementary School District community. Responses began coming in on May 21st. As of the afternoon of June 1st, the district had received 4,595 total responses. If each household responded once, representing 59% of the approximately 7,760 households in the district.

The following is a count of responses by school:

School	# Responses
Barbara Robey	201
Belen Soto	450
Corte Sierra	309
Dreaming Summit	293
L. Thomas Heck	271
Litchfield El	443
Mabel Padgett	382
Palm Valley	401
Rancho Santa Fe	262
Scott Libby	198
Verrado El	342
Verrado Heritage	439
Verrado Middle	237
Wigwam Creek	415
Western Sky	526
White Tanks	6

Overall, of the 4,595 responses:
- 68% report email or text message is the preferred method of communication from the school or teacher
- 77% report using the offered distance learning tools was at least "somewhat easy"
- 73% report 1-4 hours of distance learning activities is a reasonable amount of time

- 61% did not feel a concern about child care
- 87% used either screen-based or a combination of screen and paper-based materials for distance learning
- 82% prefer weekly or semi-weekly communication from the school or teacher ("2-3 times per week" was a common response), while 16% report they prefer daily contact

What was the biggest challenge for you, your child, or your family during school closures?
The majority of responses to this question fall into two main categories: distance learning challenges and non-school related challenges.

The majority of responses that pertain to distance learning challenges include:
- balancing work and home, work and helping to educate
- keeping children engaged, occupied, focused, motivated to study/learn in the home
- having multiple children in multiple grade levels
- internet and number of computers when multiple family members need access

In general, respondents who reported a greater number of students in the home had more concerns about access to technology devices, home internet connectivity, balancing work and home, and balancing time with each student.

Other responses seemed to be related to general societal challenges, such as social distancing and stay at home orders:
- boredom
- isolation/social interaction with others
- keeping consistent home schedules, routines
- not being able to leave the house, be with friends

If school is closed due to COVID related concerns in the future, how could your child's school better support your family?
Many responses were complimentary of the district's supports it provided to students during the closures. Common responses include variations of:
- I can't think of any other way/in no way

Other common responses include:
- open schools/do not close schools
- more childcare options
- continued communication/keep informed/keep updated on changes
- more live lessons/online courses
- school-issued computers for access to learning materials
- more engaging/challenging work

What information would you like to receive from your child's school over the summer months to better prepare to return to school in August?
The vast majority of responses centered on receiving information about the plan to re-open for the 2020-2021 school year. Common themes include:
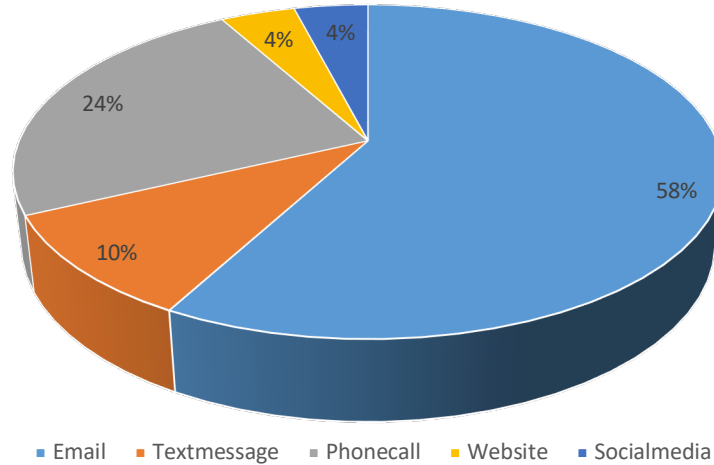- plan for student safety, including any health supplies that will be required (mask, gloves) and details about classroom changes/physical structure
- timeline for re-opening/when
- plan for class schedules
- plan for academic rigor/engagement

Other common responses include:
- summer work/summer school options
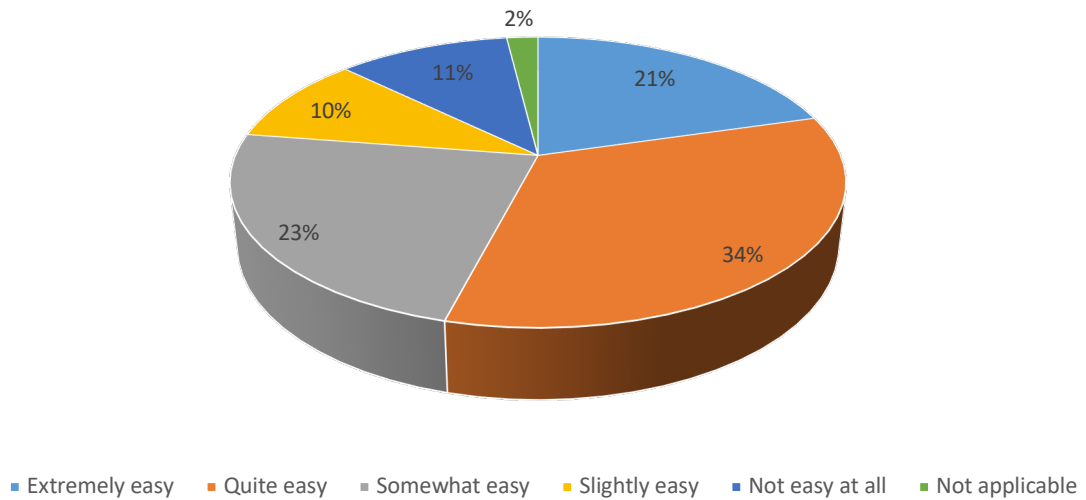- additional class work at the beginning of the year

What is the best way for your child's school to share information with you?

Sharing Information

Pie chart "Sharing Information":
- Email: 58%
- Textmessage: 10%
- Phonecall: 24%
- Website: 4%
- Socialmedia: 4%

Legend: ■ Email ■ Textmessage ■ Phonecall ■ Website ■ Socialmedia
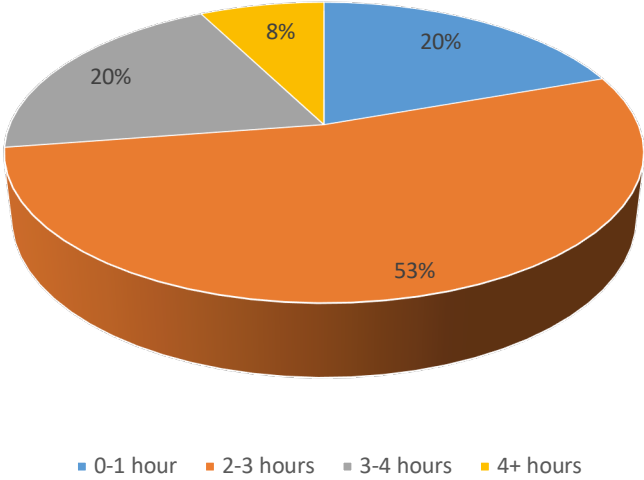
How easy was it for you to use the distance learning tools your school provided (video calls, Google sites, Moby Max, Zoom, etc.)?

Distance Learning Ease of Use

Pie chart "Distance Learning Ease of Use":
- Extremely easy: 21%
- Quite easy: 34%
- Somewhat easy: 23%
- Slightly easy: 10%
- Not easy at all: 11%
- Not applicable: 2%

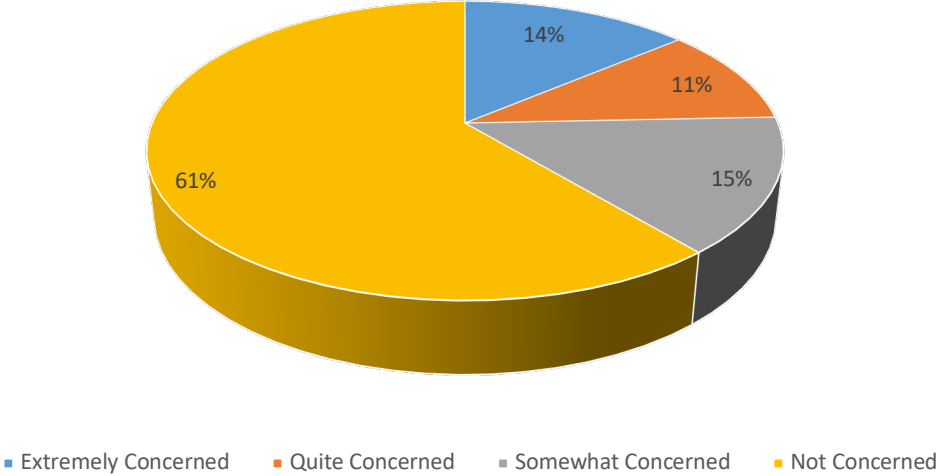Legend: ■ Extremely easy ■ Quite easy ■ Somewhat easy ■ Slightly easy ■ Not easy at all ■ Not applicable

Based on your recent experience with distance learning, what do you consider to be a reasonable amount of time for your child to participate at home in learning activities from school?

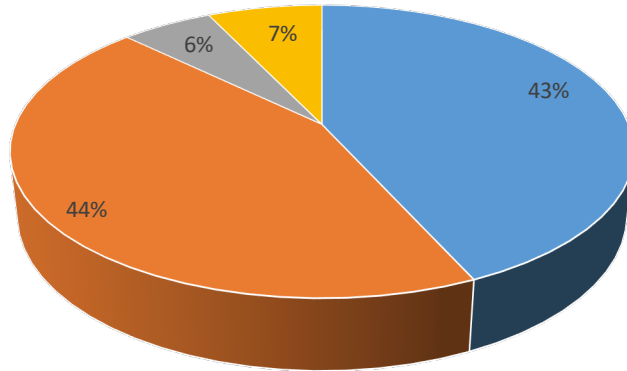### Reasonable Amount of Distance Learning Time

- 8%
- 20%
- 20%
- 53%

■ 0-1 hour ■ 2-3 hours ■ 3-4 hours ■ 4+ hours

Regarding school closures, how concerned were you with childcare?

Concern Over Childcare

- 14%
- 11%
- 15%
- 61%

■ Extremely Concerned ■ Quite Concerned ■ Somewhat Concerned ■ Not Concerned

Which of the distance learning materials did you utilize most?
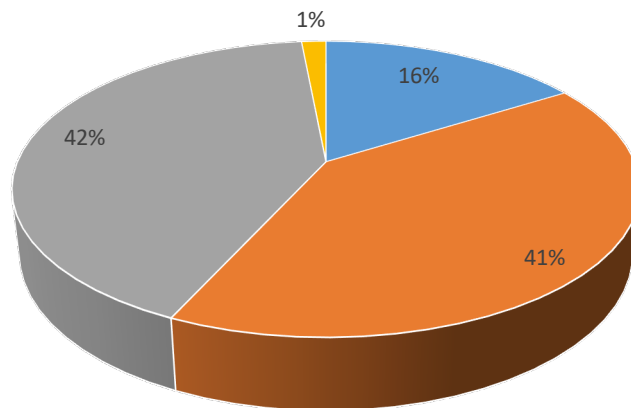
Use of Distance Learning Tools

7%

6%

44%

43%

■ Screen based   ■ A combination of both   ■ Paper packet mailed home   ■ Paper packet printed at home

How often do you prefer communication from the school or teacher?

Frequency of Communication

1%

16%

42%

41%

■ Daily   ■ Weekly   ■ Multiple times per week   ■ No Preference/As Necessary