

# 2024-25 Instructional Calendar Committee

January 25, 2024



**Welcome**

# Calendar Committee Priority

Recommend to the School Board an instructional calendar based on what is instructionally best for students.

# Instructional Calendar Committee Members

Application Process—District Website

## Feeder Patterns

- Teachers (36)
- Non-Teaching Campus Staff (16)
- Parents (12)
- Community Members (12)

District Support Staff (advisory role)

# District of Innovation

Last Monday in August

# District of Innovation Process



# District of Innovation

- **Current Law:** According to Texas Education Code §25.0811 school districts are prohibited from beginning instruction for students prior to the fourth Monday in August.
- **Benefit of Exemption:**
  - A flexible calendar
  - Empowers the district Calendar Committee to meet the needs of the local community
  - Personalize learning
  - Increase college and career readiness
  - Balance the amount of instruction time per semester
  - More flexible professional development opportunities for staff
- **Instructional Calendar**
  - The district calendar committee will develop a proposed instructional calendar for the Board to consider.
  - The Board will have final approval of the 2024-2025 instructional calendar.



# **Instructional Calendar Parameters and Resources**



# Texas Education Code

- Minimum of 75,600 minutes for students
  - Lunch, recess, intermissions part of instructional minutes
- 187-day teacher contract
- Inclement weather days
- ~~4<sup>th</sup> Monday in August~~
- May 15 (earliest last day of instruction)

Students = Minutes  
Teachers = Days

# Instructional Calendar Parameters

- Instructionally best for students
- Minimum of 173 instructional days
- Balance semesters as much as possible
- Timing of professional development days
- State testing calendar
- Student attendance data
- Minutes for at least two inclement weather days
- Summer programs (district and college)

# Instructional Calendar Parameters Important to the CFISD Community

- Spring Break
- One week for Thanksgiving break
- Two weeks for winter holiday break
- Election day
- Holidays: Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas eve/day, New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day

# Instructional Calendar Resources

- Superintendent Student Leadership Committee Input
- Community Input Survey
- Region 4 District Collaboration
- Surrounding District Calendars
- Lone Star College Calendar

# Teacher Workdays

# Teacher Work Days

- Added during 2020-2021 school year (COVID)
- Teachers working with online and face-to-face students
- 5 days added
- Students received asynchronous instruction
- Currently: non-instructional days (4)  
complete teacher autonomy for the days

# SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

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# Attendance on Teacher Workdays

<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of Absences</b>
September 26, 2022	535
October 24, 2022	665
January 13, 2023	795
February 17, 2023	904
April 10, 2023	736
September 25, 2023	558
October 16, 2023	677



# Department Considerations

# Facilities and Planning

- **Facilities Planning and Construction:** Summer renovations can extend into the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August depending on the scope of the renovation. An earlier start date could affect the amount of renovation work that can be completed during the summer. This may result in more work being performed during the school semesters.
- **Maintenance:** Maintenance uses the summer break to complete work orders that would be disruptive to the campus to complete during the school year. Too early a start date will affect the amount of work orders that can be completed during the summer.
- **Operations:** Operations uses the summer break to deep clean campuses in preparation for the upcoming school year. Too early a start date will affect the amount of deep cleaning that can be completed during the summer.

# Testing

- Testing uses the summer break to provide Credit by Exam opportunities to students. Credit by Exam typically occurs a week in June and a week in July to meet state requirements.
- Testing uses the summer break to provide an EOC testing opportunity to high school students to meet state requirements.
- Testing would not be impacted by an early start date in August.
- Testing uses TEA provided testing windows to schedule STAAR and EOC assessments for the district during the school year.

# Future State STAAR / EOC Testing

<b>Summer 2024</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
June 25	EOC English I
June 26	EOC Algebra I & EOC US History
June 27	EOC English II & EOC Biology
<b>December 2024</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
Dec 3–Dec 13	EOC Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology & US History
<b>Spring 2025</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
Apr 8 – Apr 18	Grades 3–8 Reading Language Arts, English I & English II
Apr 15 –Apr 25	Grade 5 Science, Grade 8 Science, Grade 8 Social Studies, Biology & U.S. History
Apr 22 –May 2	Grades 3–8 Mathematics & Algebra I
<b>Summer 2025</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
June 17- June 27	EOC Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology & US History

# Transportation

- Transportation Services plans and develops routes during the summer, with routes generally complete the first week of August.
- Drivers and attendants have nine days of in-service, which included practicing their route and other safety and procedural trainings.
- Further, the fleet maintenance facilities use the summer months to inspect, maintain, and service school buses for the upcoming year, while our human resources and training divisions hires and trains drivers and new coaches in preparation for the upcoming year.
- All this can be accomplished with an earlier start date, as long as the summer program can be adjusted and student information for the upcoming school year is made available to Transportation earlier.

# Fine Arts

- **Band** – HS Marching Bands adhere to UIL regulations on scheduling summer practices. August 1<sup>st</sup> is the annual UIL date for HS bands to begin their competitive seasons.
  - (1) “The members of this marching band or any of its components did not begin preparation of the visual curriculum for this UIL contest presentation prior to August 1. In addition, no more than 15 hours of supervised instructional time was devoted to visual fundamentals between the end of the previous school term and August 1.” Exception: Auxiliary camps, leadership training and preparation for special summer events such as civic parades, professional football game appearances and other non-competitive performances are not considered a violation of this limitation.
- **Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, Other Music** – No limitations on summer preparations. Dance and theatre teachers and students usually have activities during the summer, and we believe that there will be no negative impact to our programs.
- A slightly earlier school start date might even allow for our HS programs to be better prepared for first football, choir and theatre performances of the school year.
- **Fall Break** – An extended fall break would require students and teachers to still be present for practices and contests that would occur during the break, as those would be necessary per the expectations of their performance responsibilities.

# Athletics

- **Athletics – High School:** School start dates do not change the UIL calendar which has most fall sports starting August 5. Earlier school start dates means eco/dis students have transportation to school allowing for more kids to be involved in our fall sports. Some of our campuses cannot field entire teams until school starts. Earlier school start dates may mean that our tournament sports may be missing more classes (water polo, volleyball, team tennis). For winter and spring sports, starting school earlier allows for more time in the pre-season to work with players. (competitive advantage over districts who start later).
- **Athletics – Middle School:** UIL does not permit middle school activities to begin prior to school starting. Starting school earlier keeps middle school schedules from being compressed allowing for maximum competitive opportunities for development. It also allows for more flexibility with moving game dates when we have conflicts with breaks throughout the respective seasons.
- **Athletics – Socio/Eco Impact:** An earlier start date allows our eco/dis student-athletes earlier access to nutrition, regular daily schedules, peer groups, & positive adults/mentors which all positively impact their trajectories toward success.

# Curriculum and Instruction

- Advanced Academics
  - Dual Credit LSC Second Session ends August 18. The posting of grades and receipt of transcripts is a process and are not immediately available. We will work with students if an earlier start date is recommended. (minimal students impacted)
- Summer Programs/Summer School
  - More than 1,800 staff teach and facilitate summer programs some of which extend to the end of July.
- Instructional Technology
  - Promethean panels cannot be installed until renovations/construction are completed.
  - Preparing Chromebooks (cleaning, repair, return) for the school year.
- Teacher Content Professional Development
- Fall semester instructional days



# Survey Results

# Superintendent's Student Leadership Group

- **Possible Start Day:**

- August 12, 2024
  - School activities start earlier than start date
  - 10 days to manipulate
  - More time to prepare assessments
  - More teacher workdays
- August 14, 2024
  - Beginning of year procedures
  - Ease into school year
  - Ready for learning Mon., 8/19
- August 19, 2024
  - Start a week early and end a week early
- August 26, 2024
  - LSC summer II classes

- **Possible End Day:**

- End school by May 23, 2025

- **Holidays**

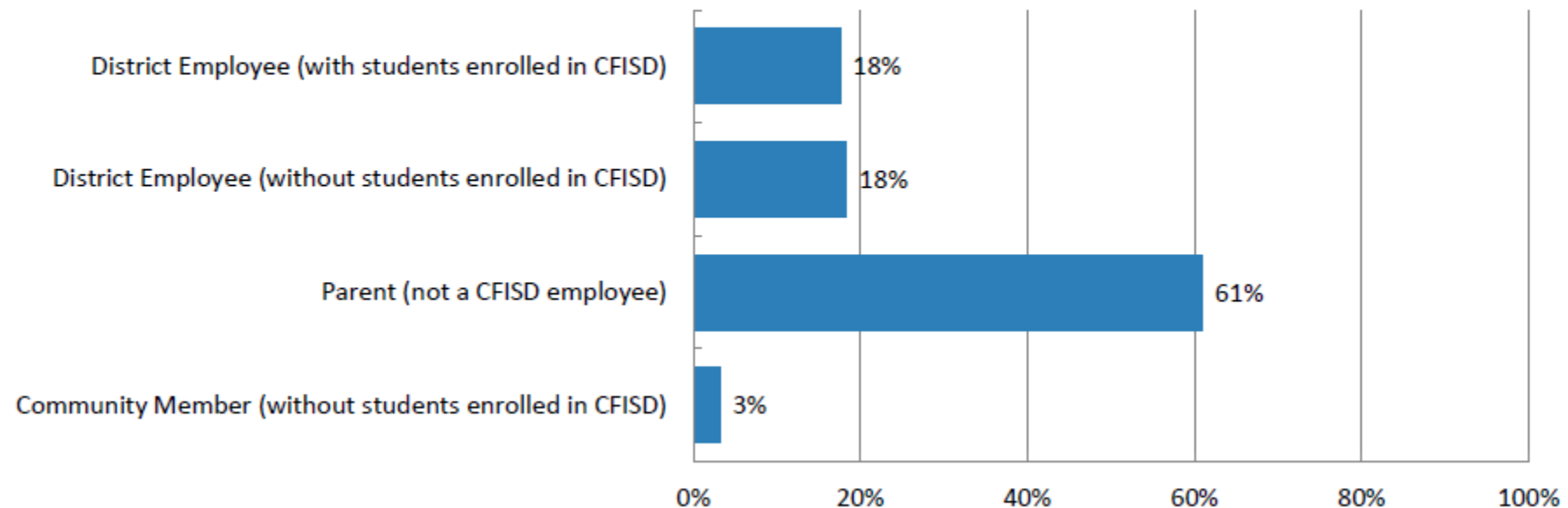
- Week in October
- Week in February
- Place extra minutes/days on months with little/no holidays
- More Mondays and Fridays off
- Distribute additional days off to spring semester

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(Data as of 1-25-24)

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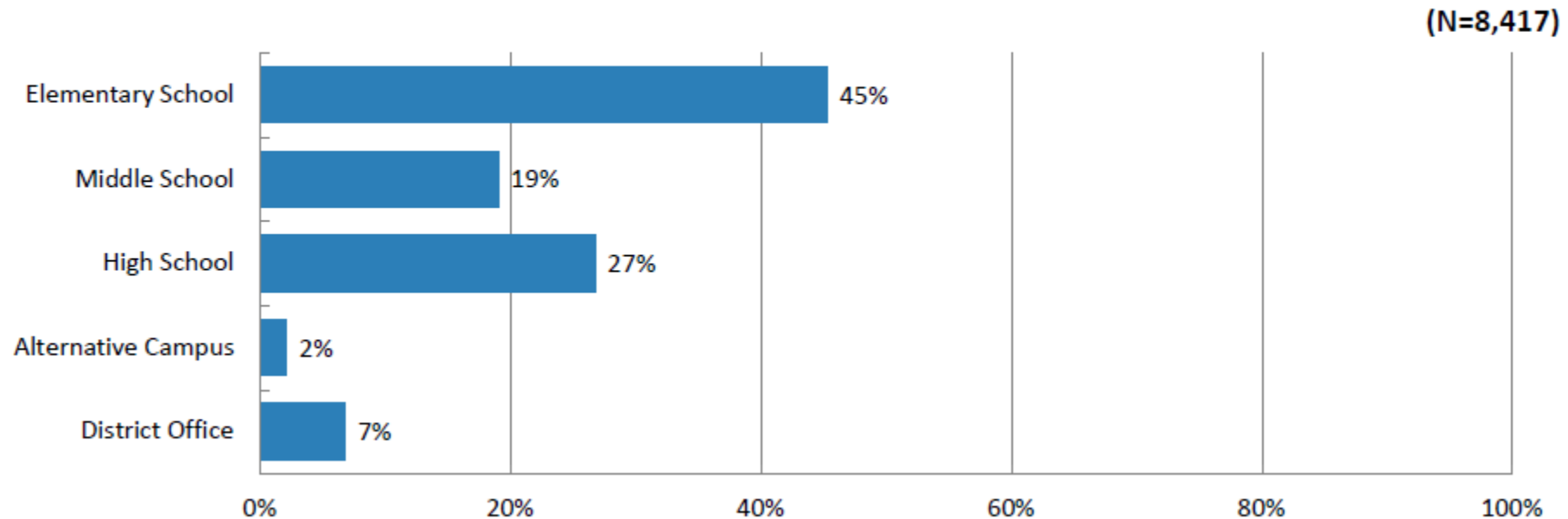
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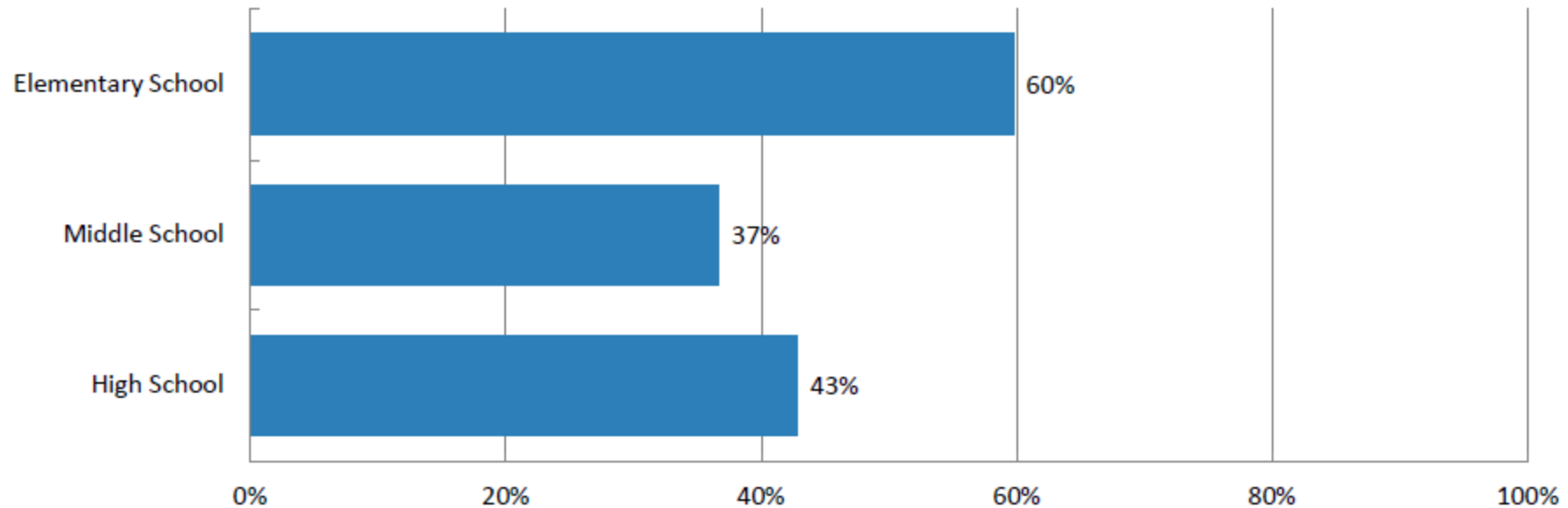


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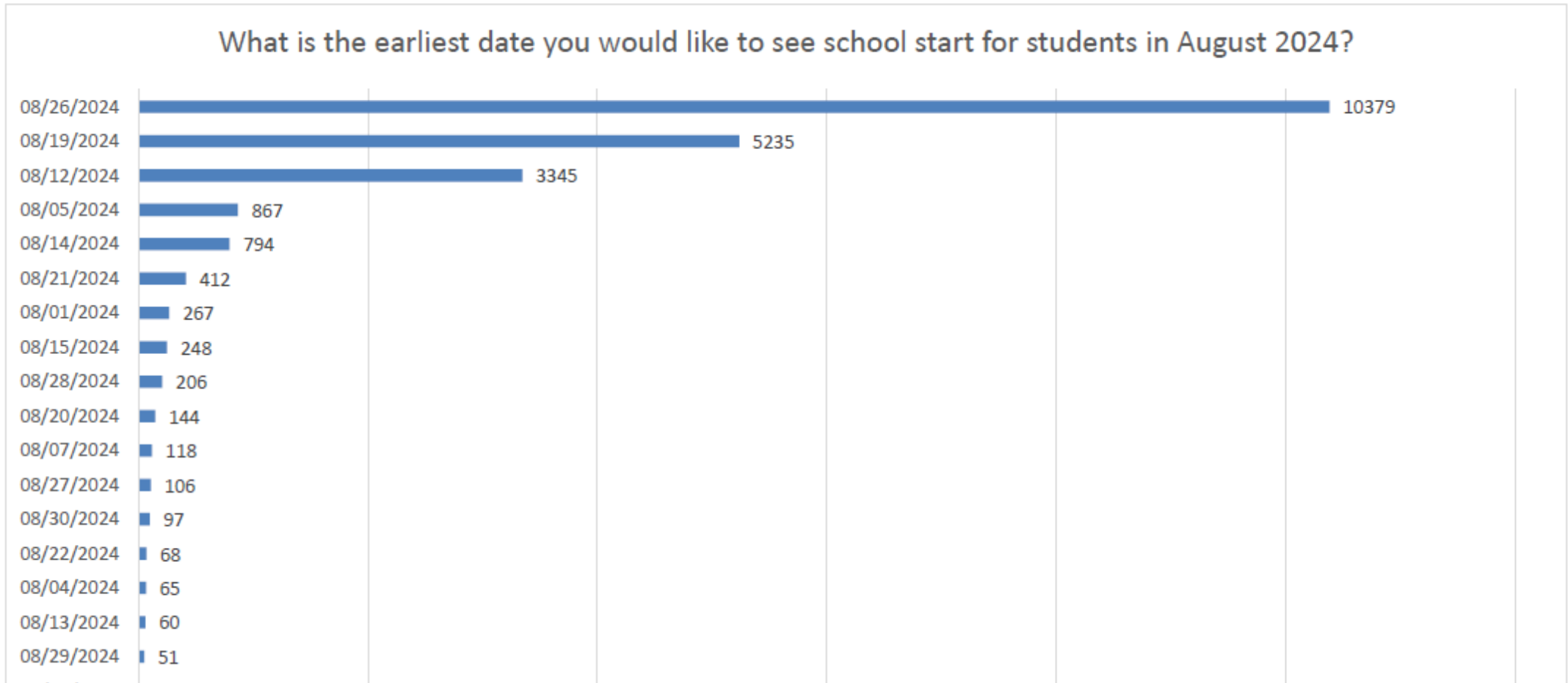
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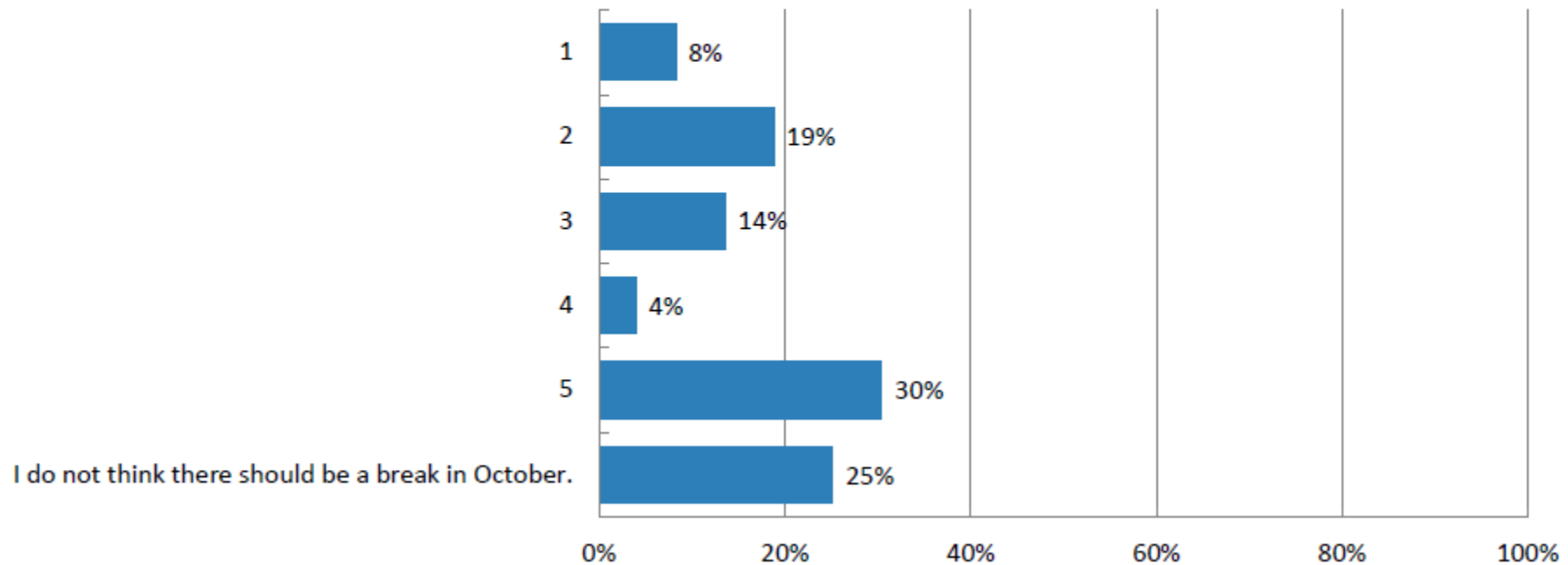


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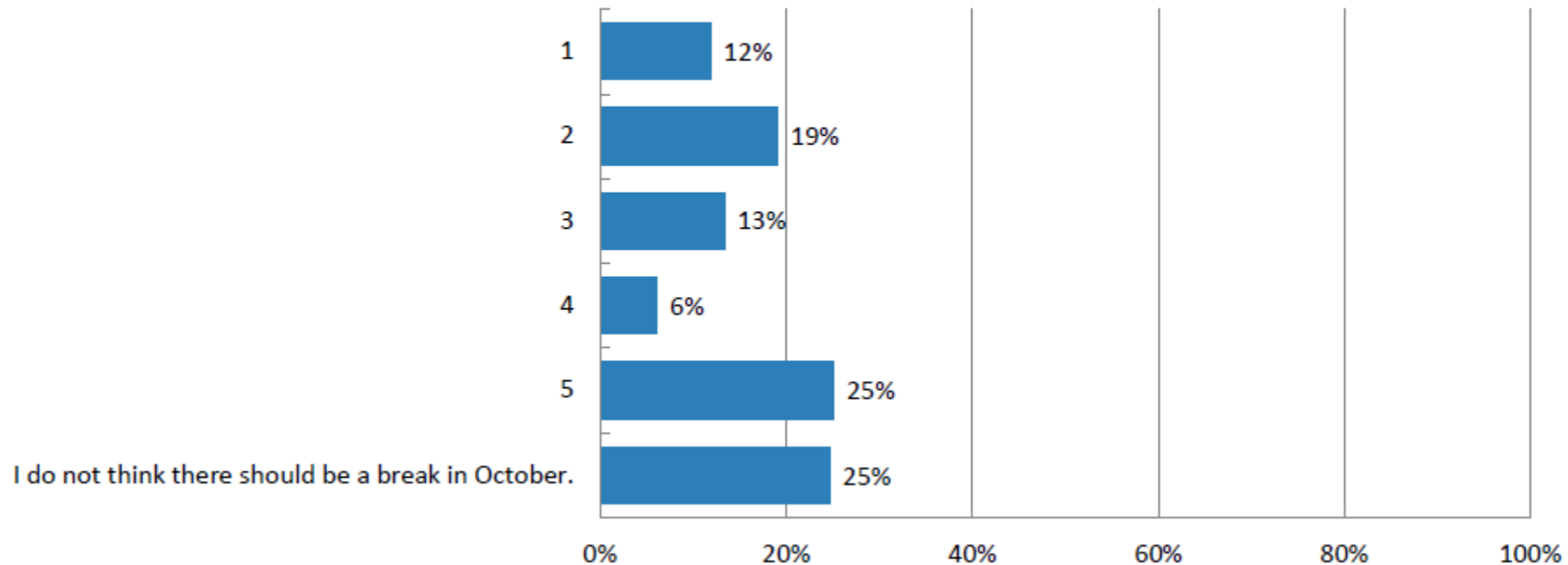


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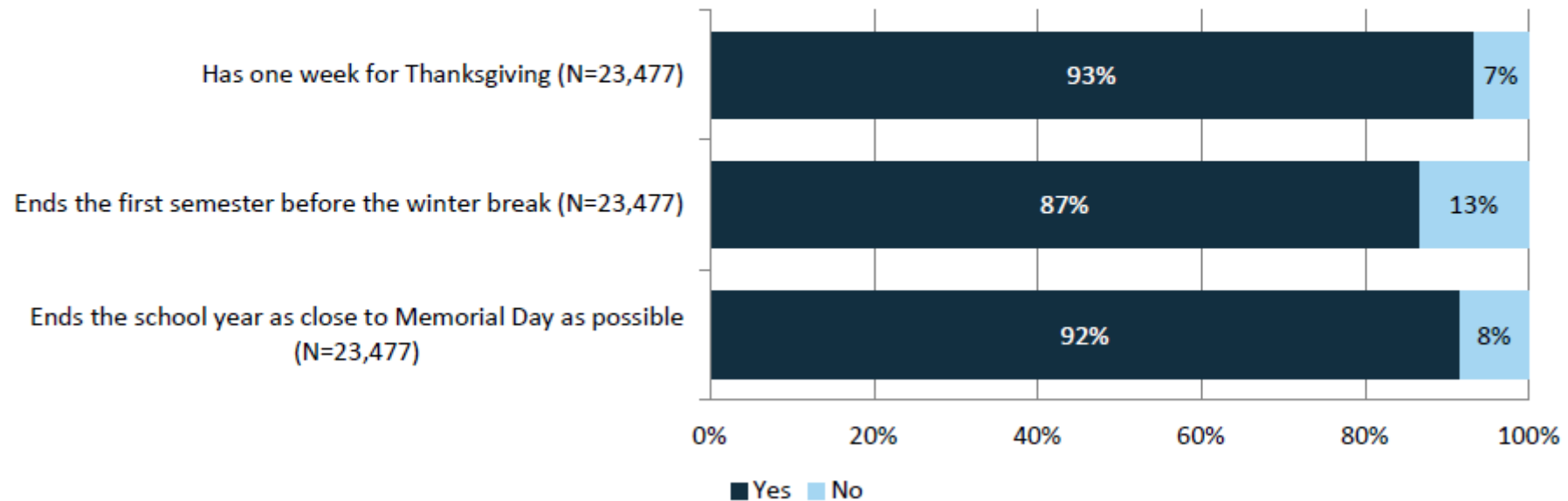




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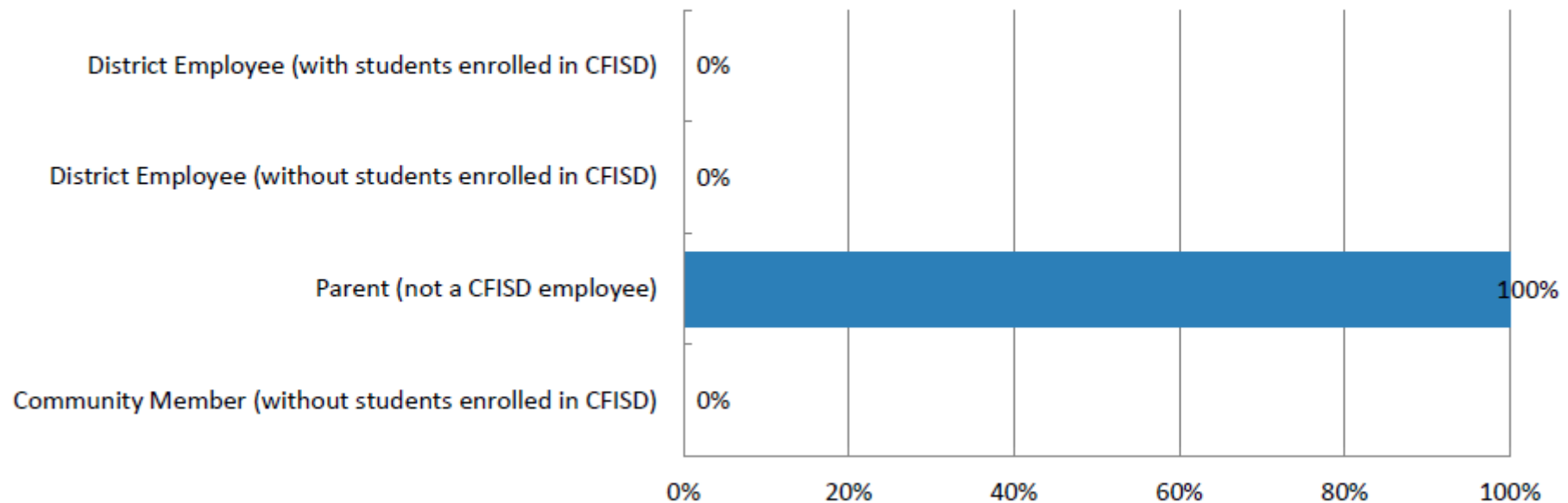
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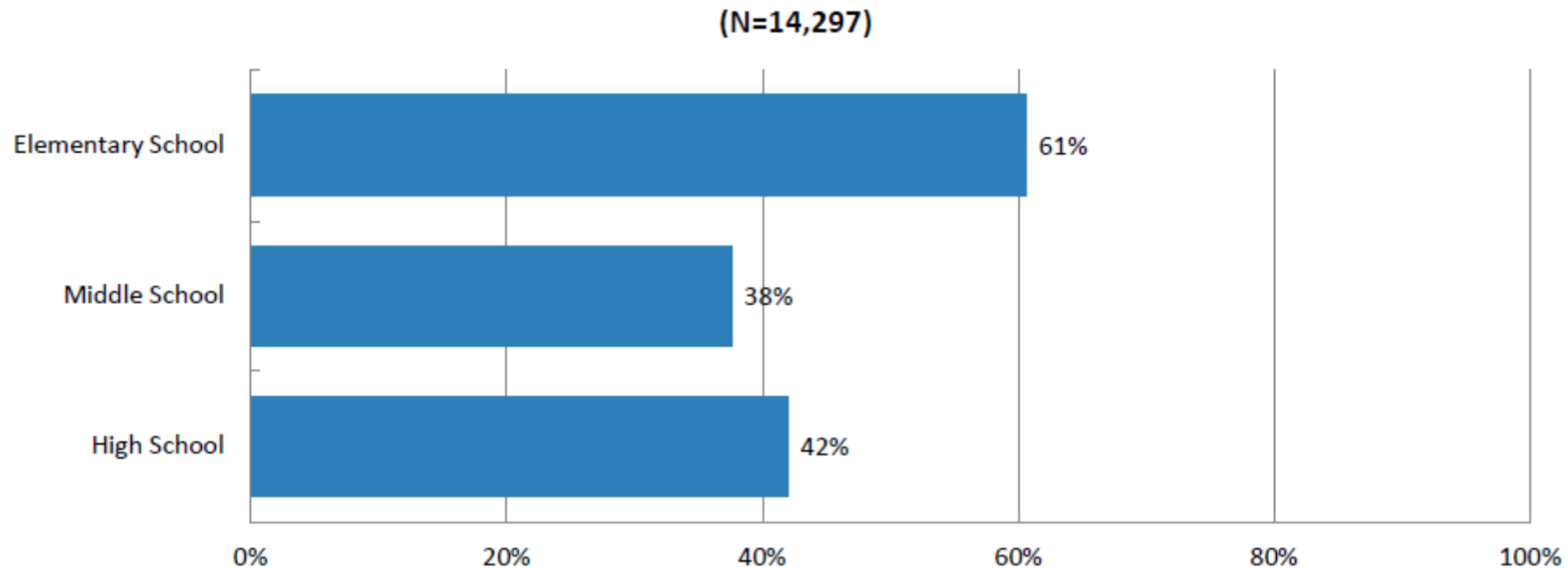
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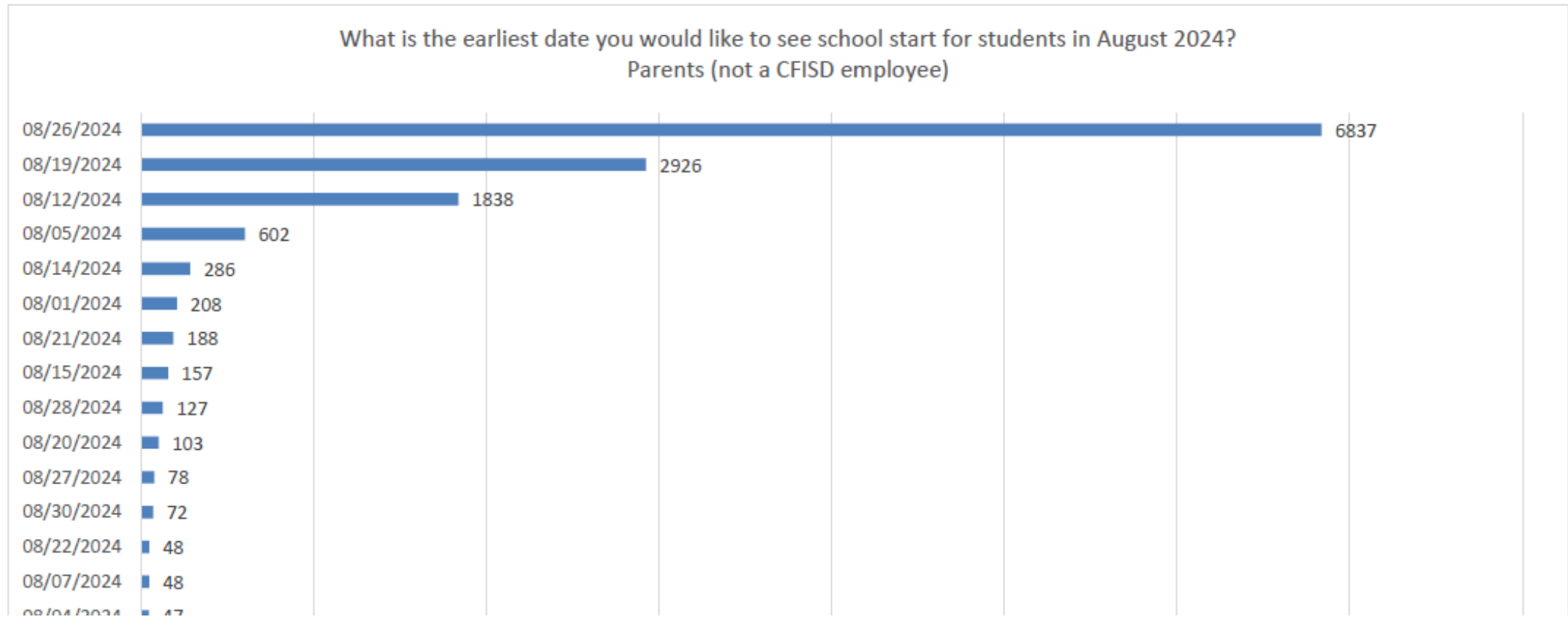
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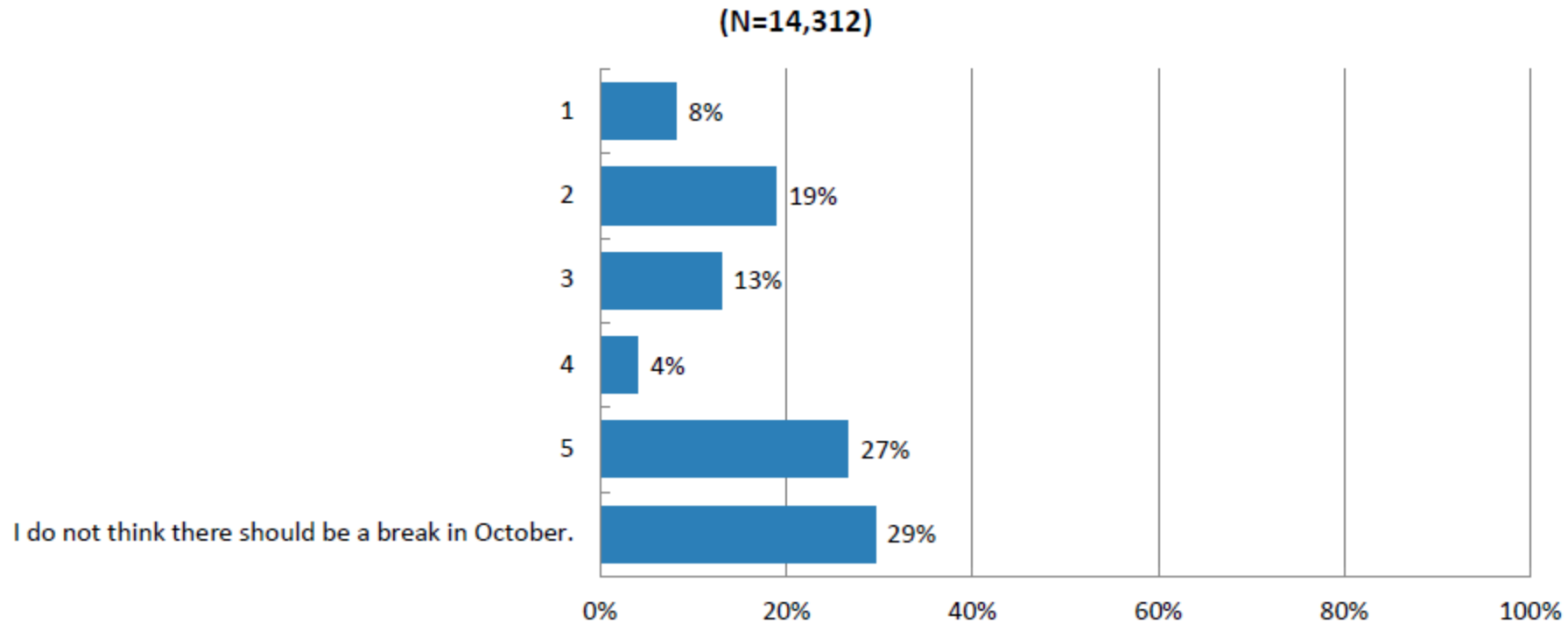
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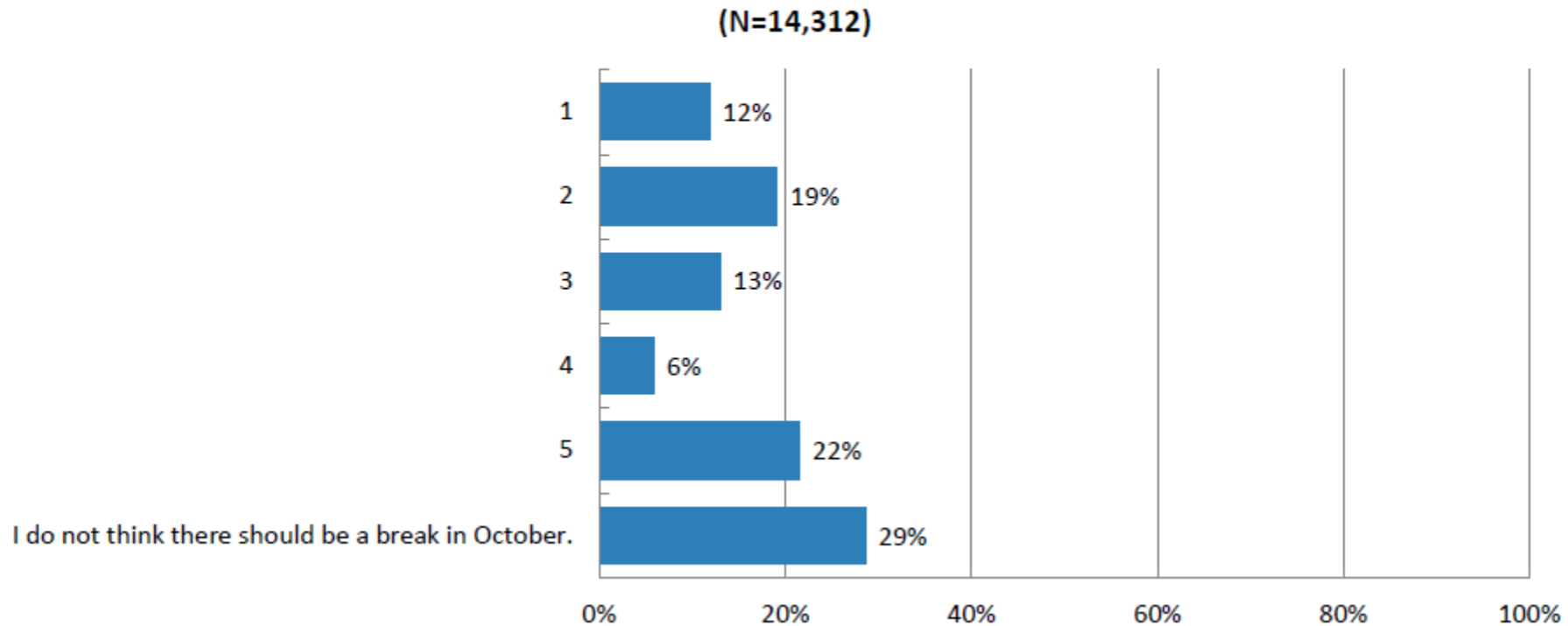
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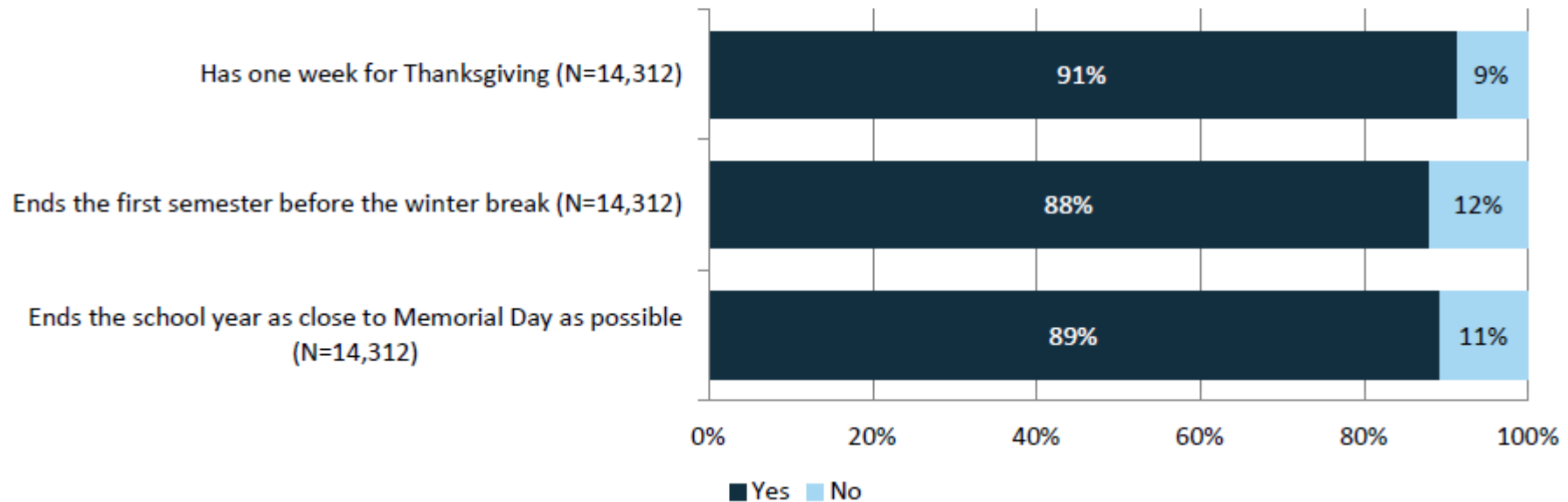
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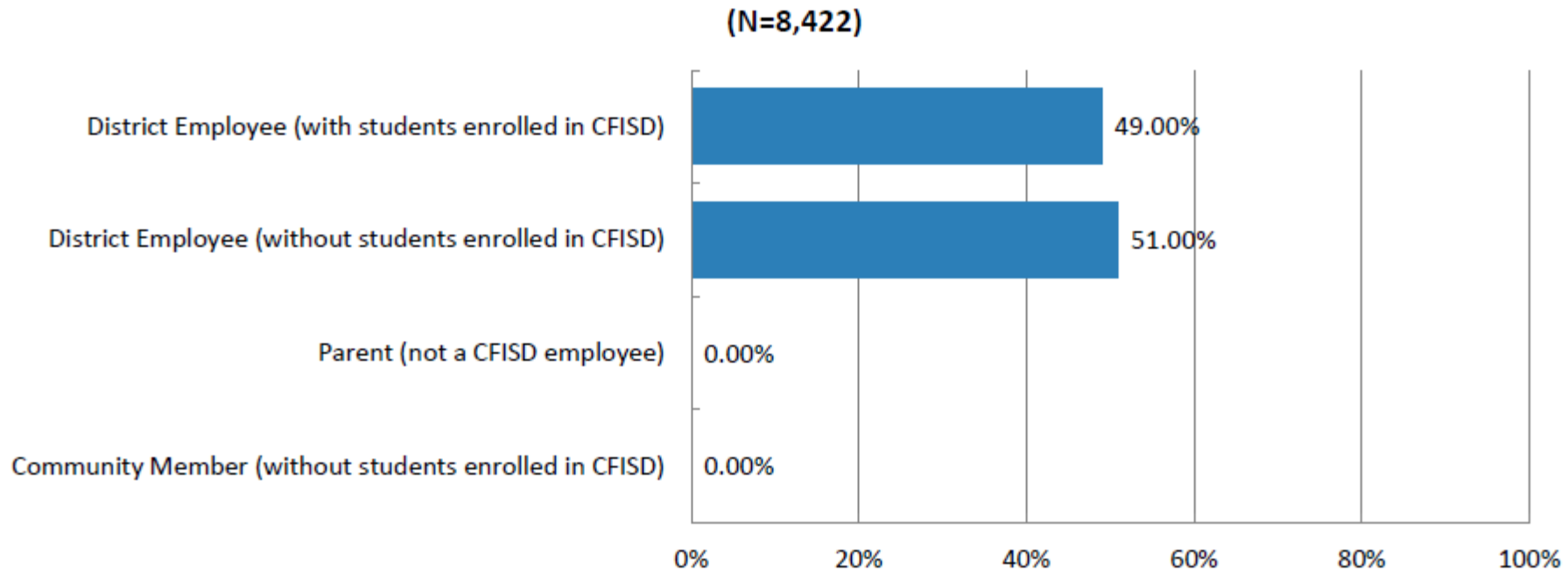
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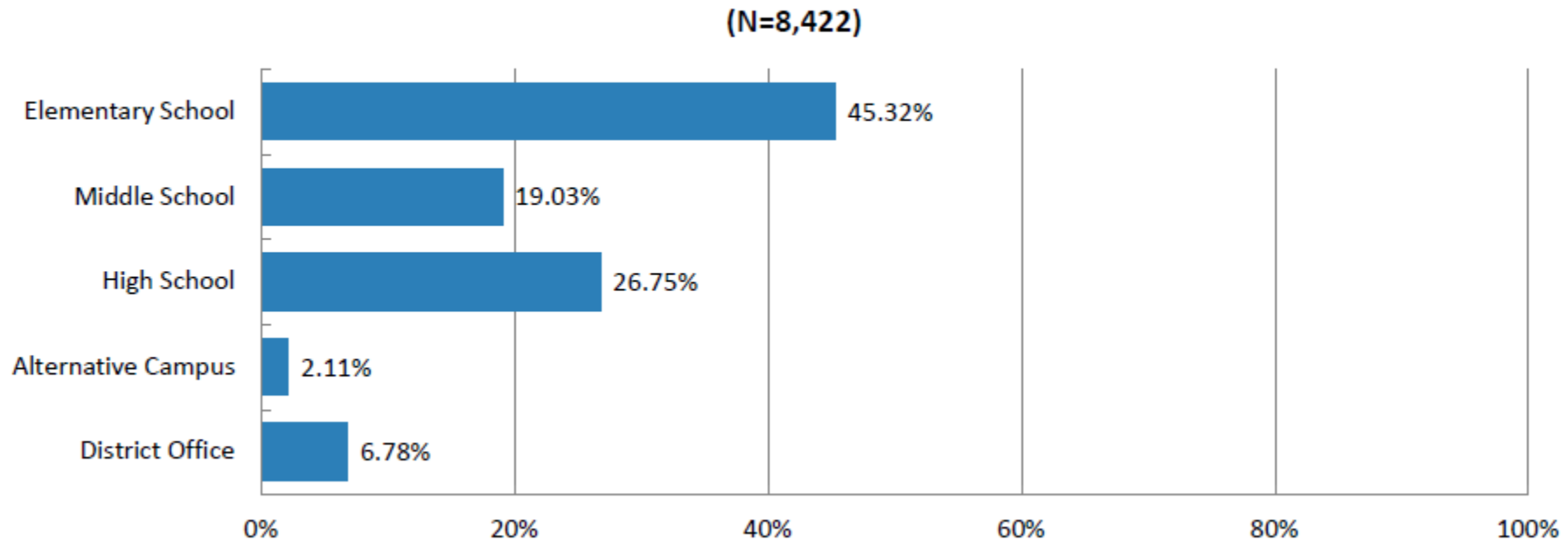
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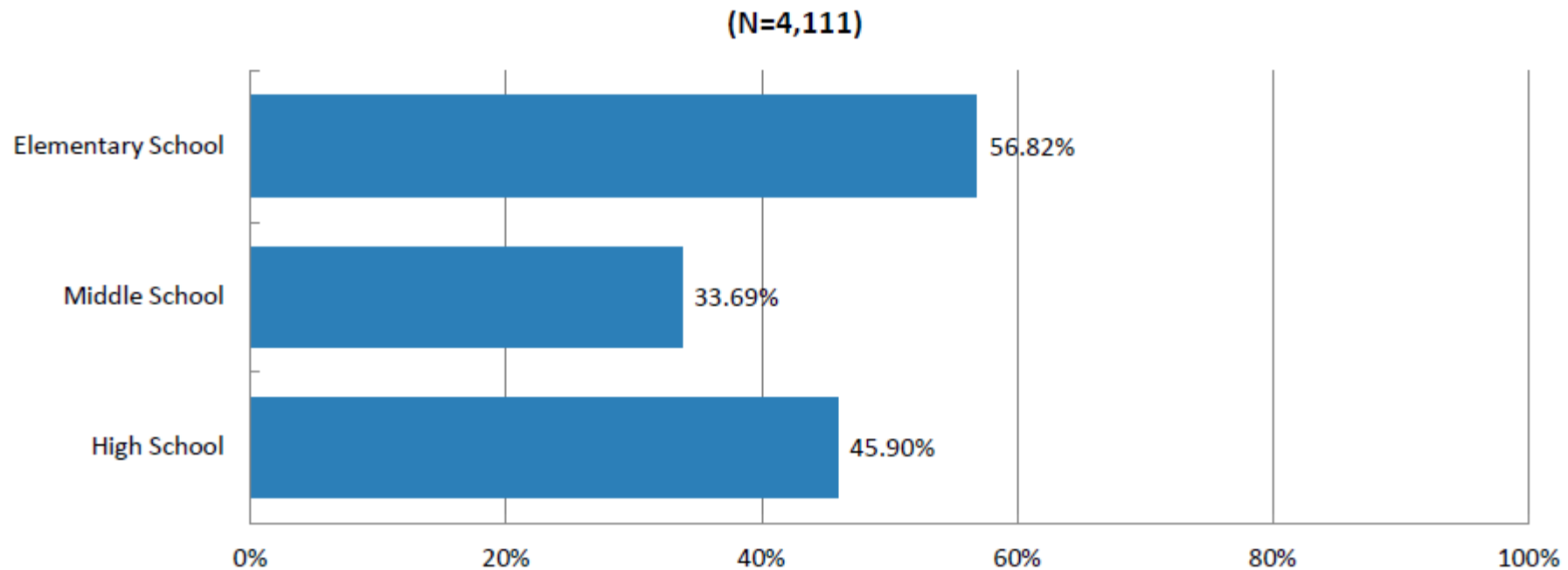
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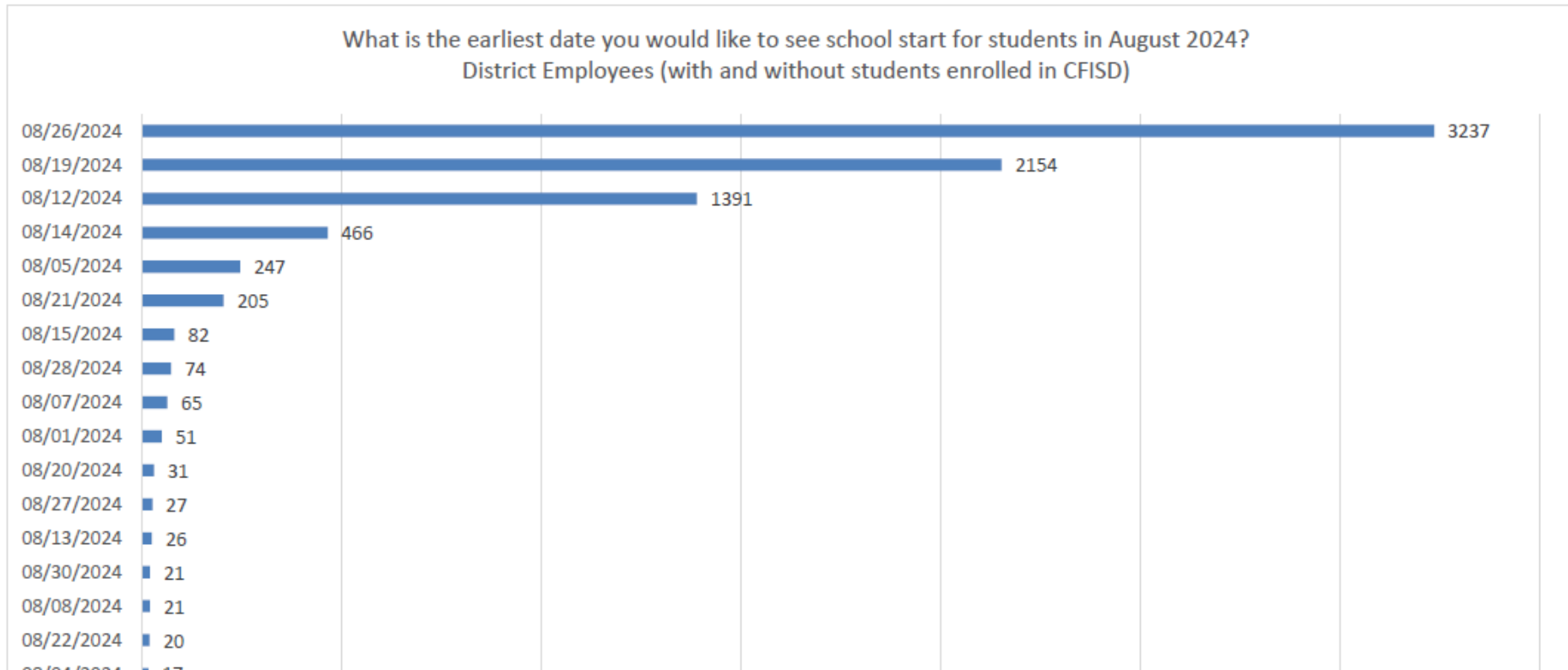


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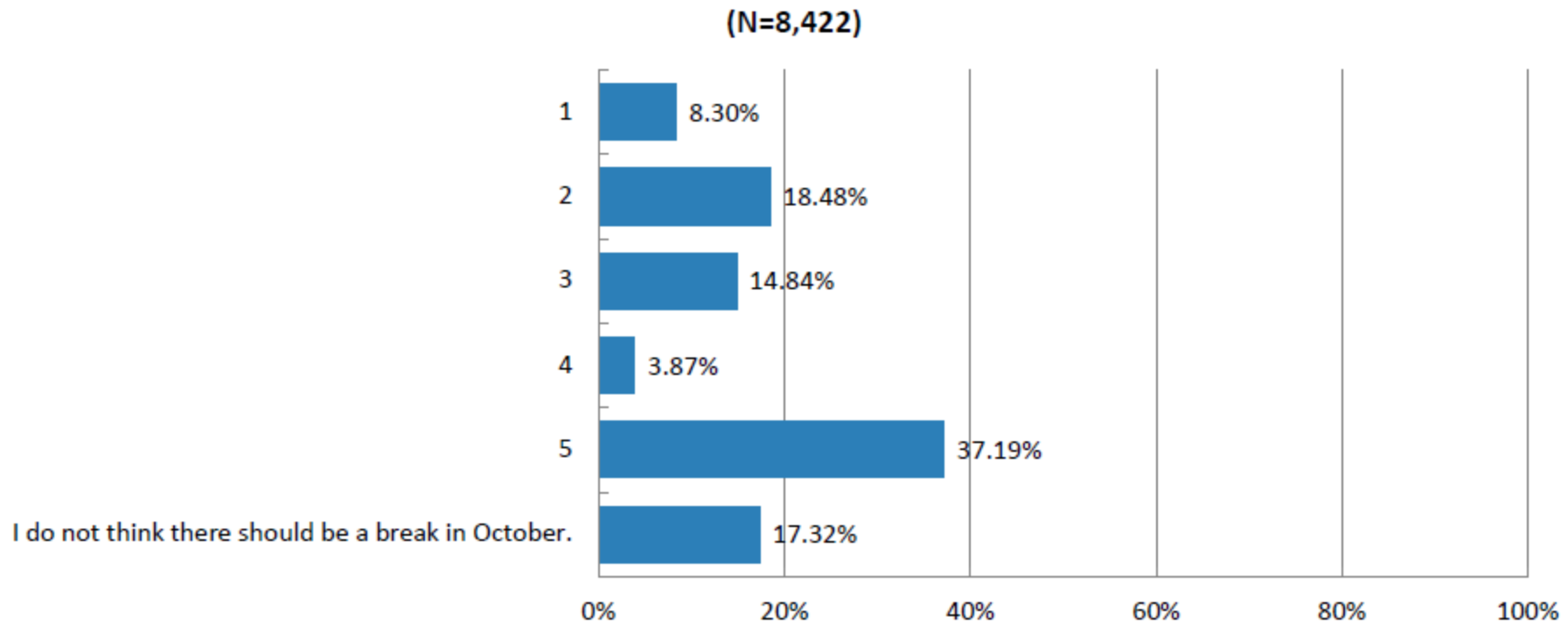


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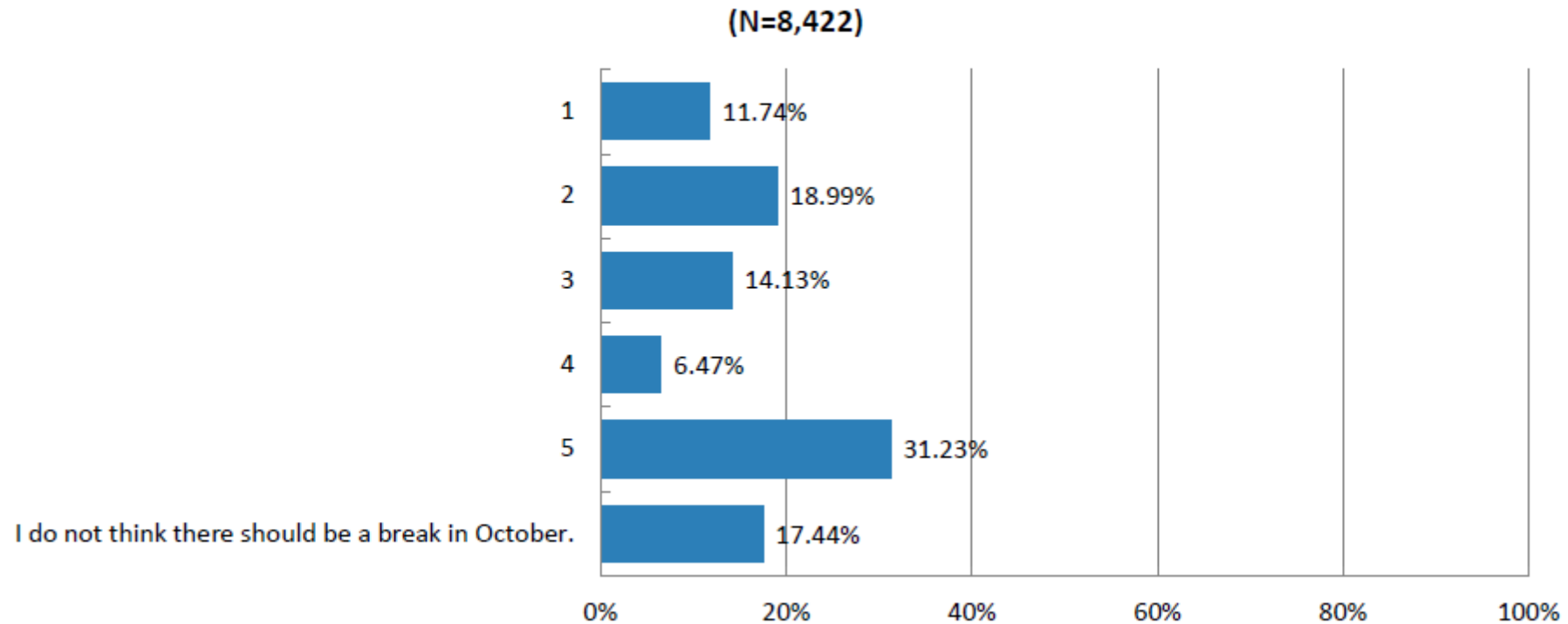
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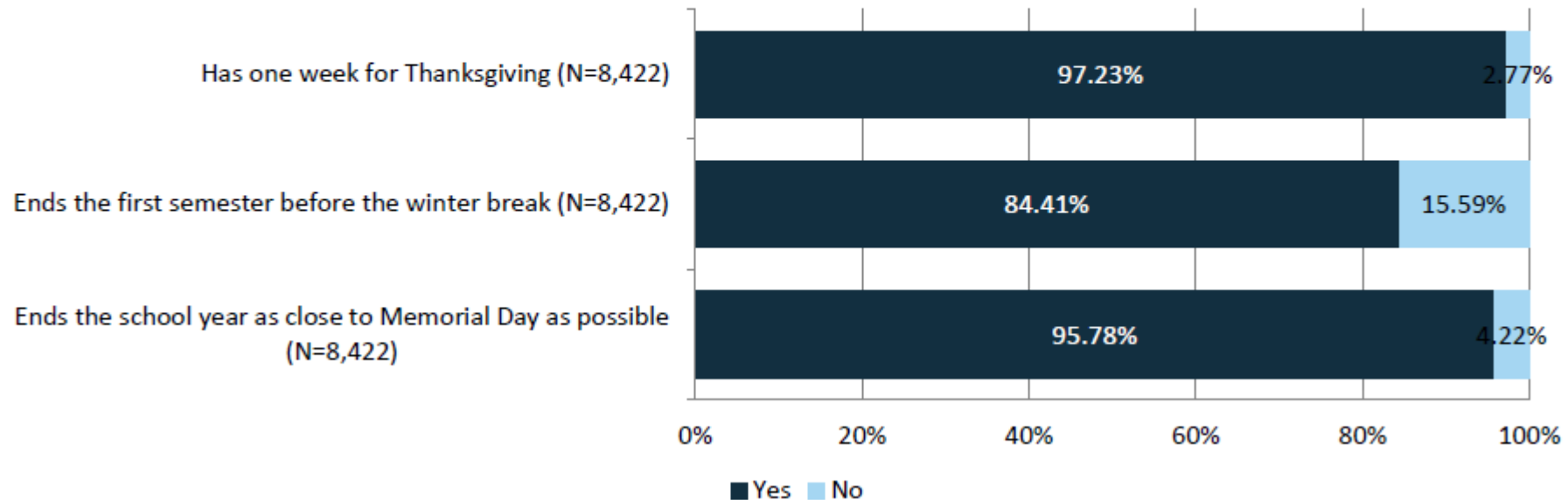
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Would you prefer the district:



# Other District Calendars

# Table Activity

- Review the approved 2024-25 instructional calendars from other districts.
- Discuss what you notice.
- Share



# **Develop the 2024-25 CFISD Instructional Calendar**

# Table Activity

- Participant Packets
  - 2023-24 CFISD Instructional Calendar
  - 2024-25 Working Instructional Calendars
  - 2024-25 Blank Calendar
- Discussion Work
- Sharing

Please note: All participant packets contain a table number and an alpha character. These should be collected by the table facilitator at the end of the meeting and returned to the committee chair.

# Next Steps

- Proposed instructional calendar shared with Superintendent's Cabinet.
- Proposed instructional calendar presented to the DEIC.
- Proposed instructional calendar presented to the CFISD Board of Trustees in February 2024.
  - Board votes on the 2024-25 instructional calendar.
  - 2024-25 instructional calendar placed on the district website after the vote.

# 2024-25 Instructional Calendar Committee

January 25, 2024

