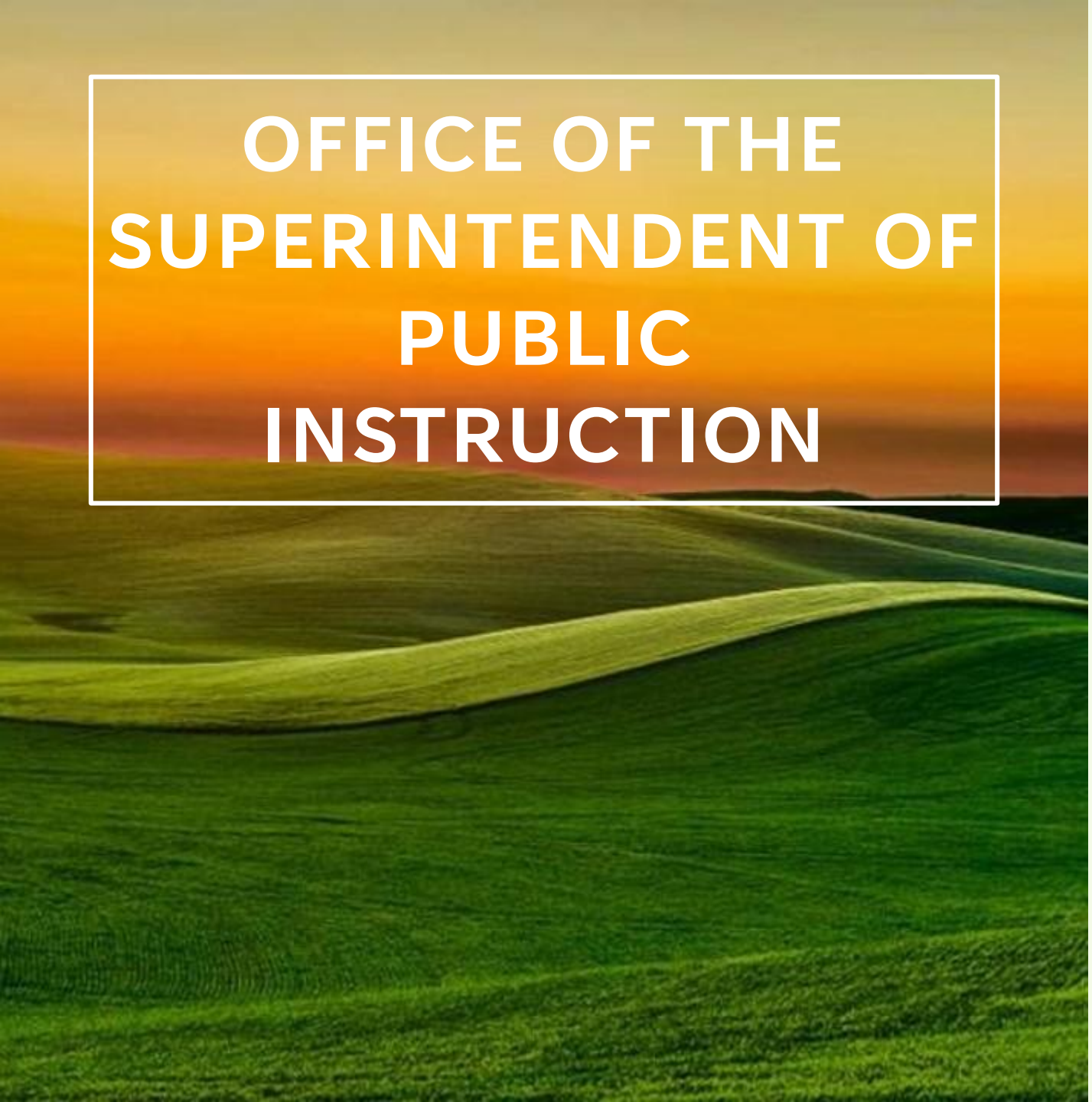
# CELL PHONE SURVEY SUMMARY

Shoreline School District and
Shoreline Education Association
May 11, 2026



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"**The research is clear:** Reducing the use of cell phones in class improves concentration and learning, improves mental and physical health, and reduces pressures caused by social media. I am challenging all Washington school districts to engage their communities over the next year with a goal to reduce distractions during instructional time and determine a path for restricting cell phone and smart device use in class by the start of the 2025–26 school year." – **Chris Reykdal**



# 2026 NEGOTIATIONS

Prior to negotiations, secondary teachers were asked if the use of cell phones during the school day negatively impacted their students' ability to learn.

92.6% said "YES."

# BACKGROUND



As an outcome of the negotiations, the parties wrote a Memorandum of Understanding that established:

1. An agreement to implement an "off and away for the day" cell phone expectation at each of its secondary schools.
2. A workgroup to communicate with and survey stakeholders about the policy.

# 2025-2026 EXPECTATION



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# SURVEY SUMMARY



1. The survey was open from April 2 – 17, 2026 (16 days)
2. It was administered via Parent Square, with email reminders sent by school administrators and SEA.
3. The following stakeholders were invited to participate:
   - Students Grades 6-12
   - All Shoreline School District Parents/Guardians
   - All Shoreline School District staff

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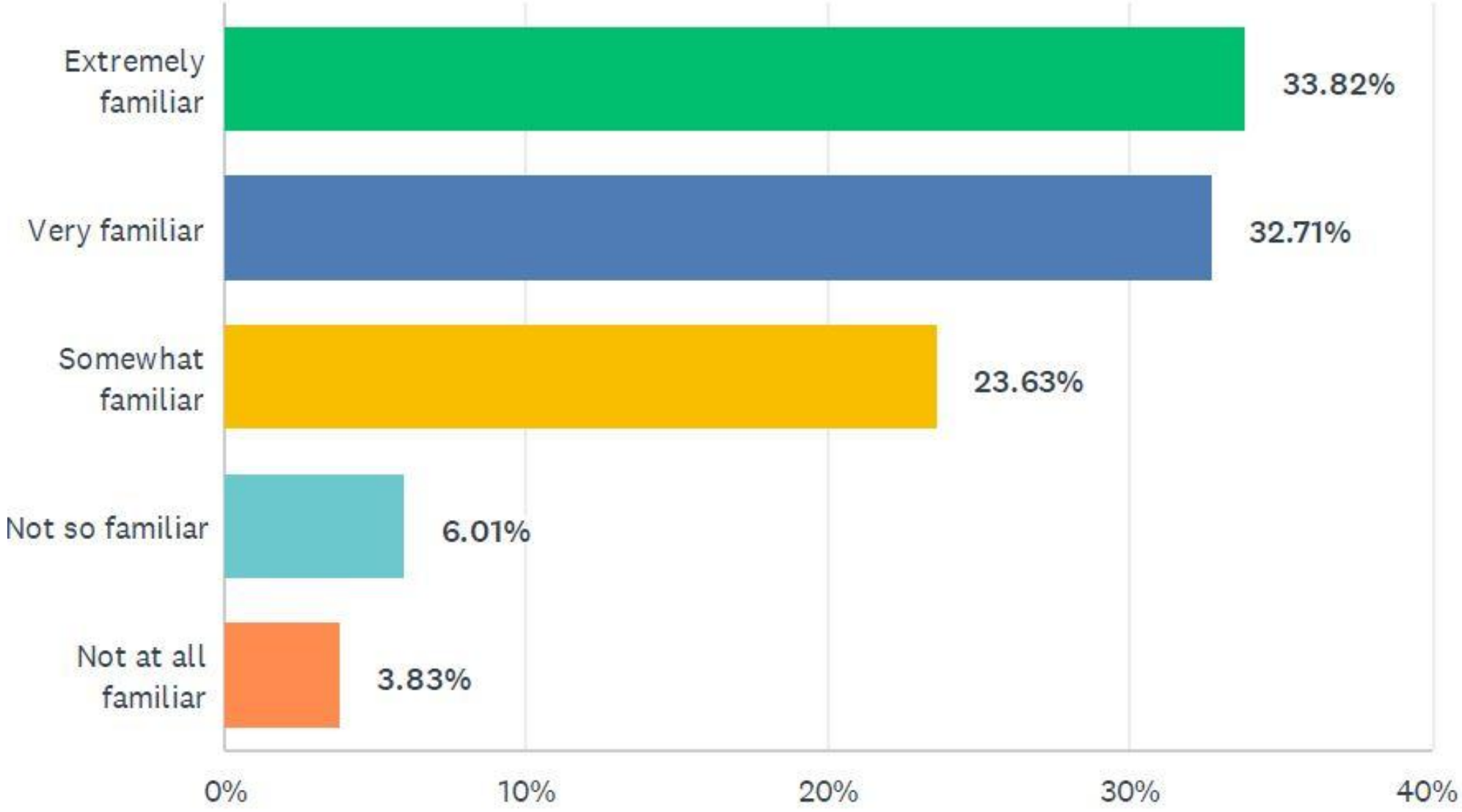


Total Respondents: 3,963

- 2030 – Students Grades 6-12
- 1418 – Parents/Guardians
- 503 – Staff

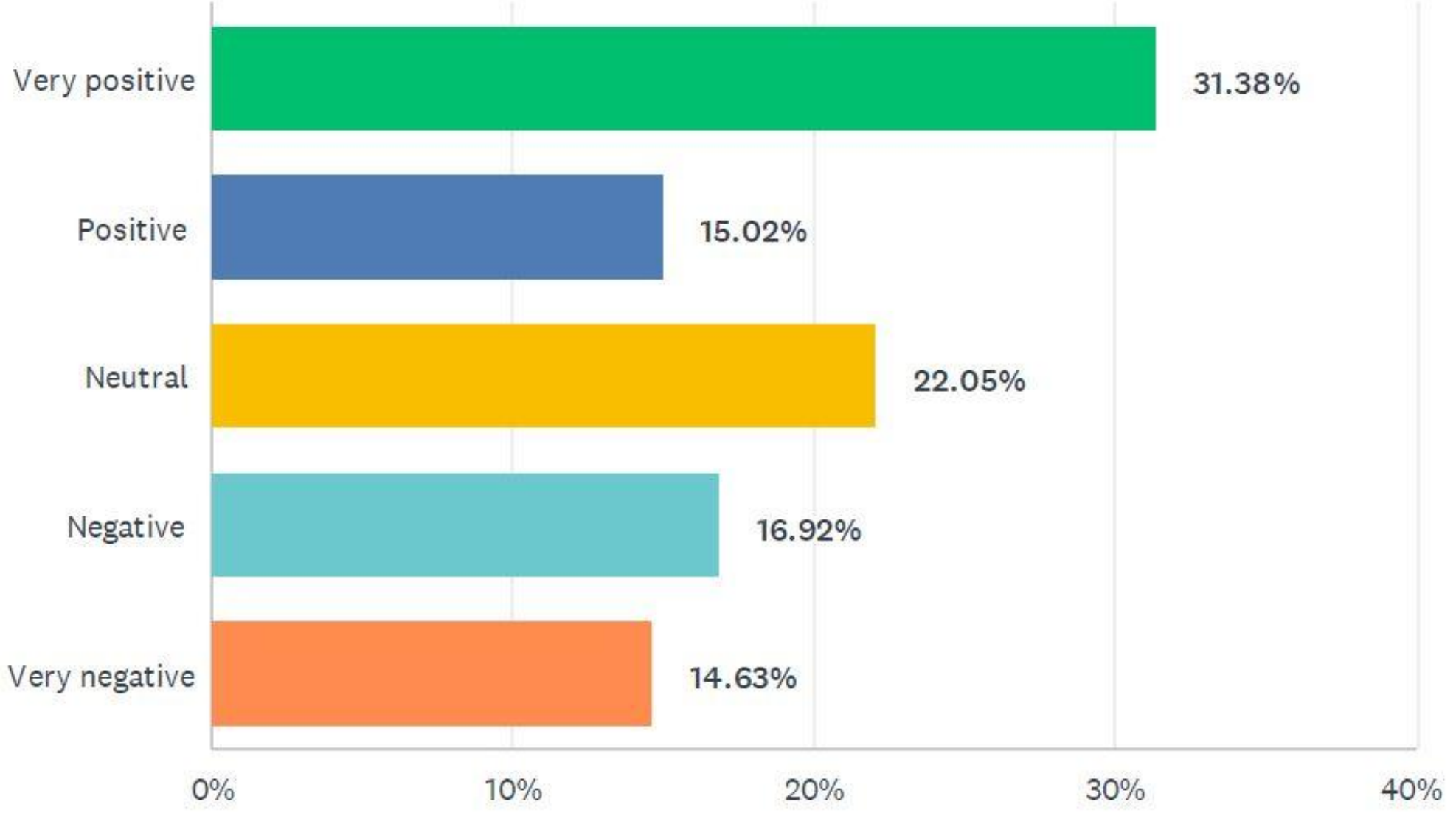
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## How familiar are you with the new "off and away" expectation for cell phones and personal electronic devices?



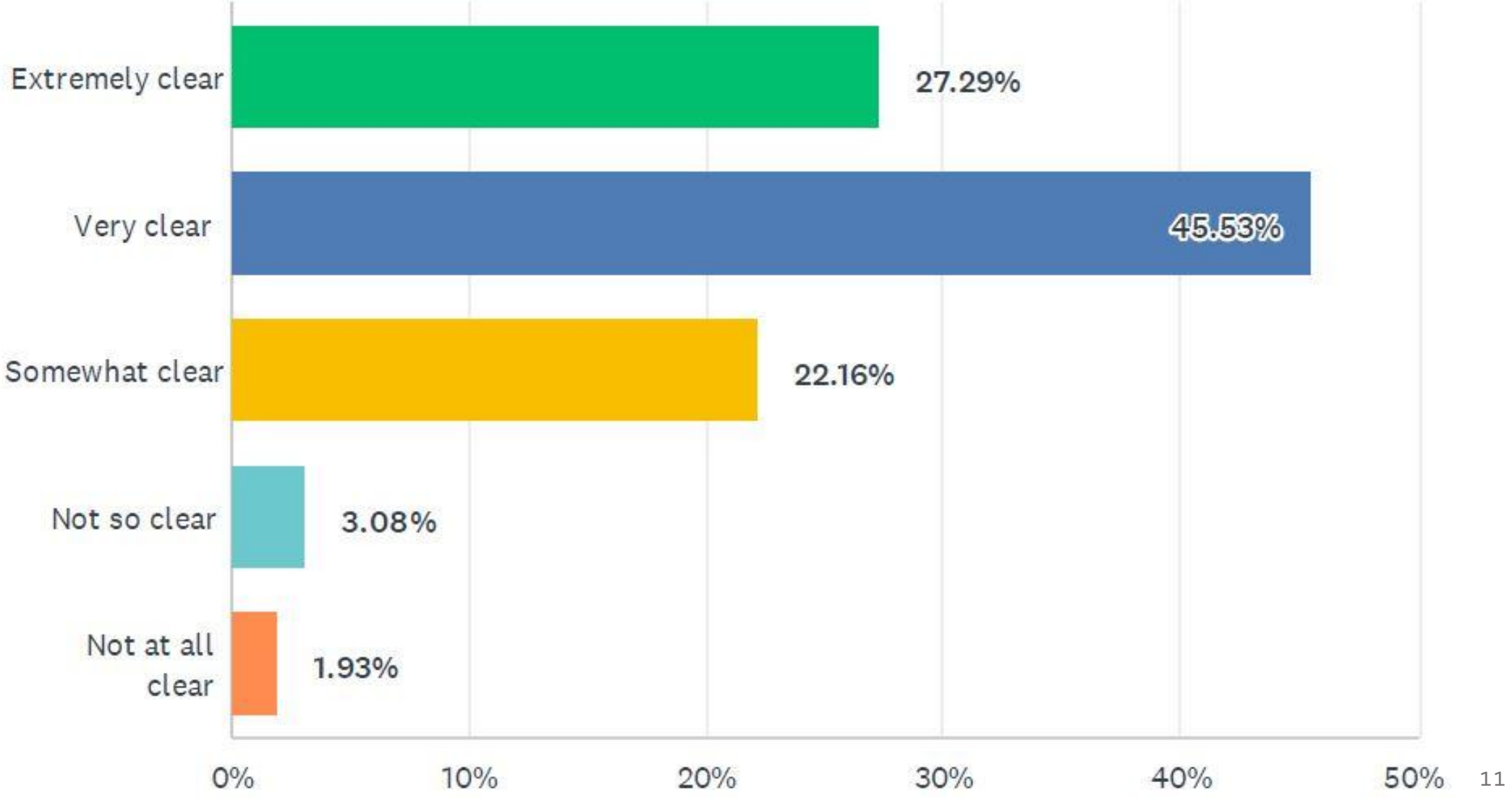
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## How do you feel about the new "off and away" expectation for cell phones and personal electronic devices?



# SURVEY SUMMARY – STUDENTS

How clear is the new "off and away" expectation for cell phones and personal electronic devices at your school?



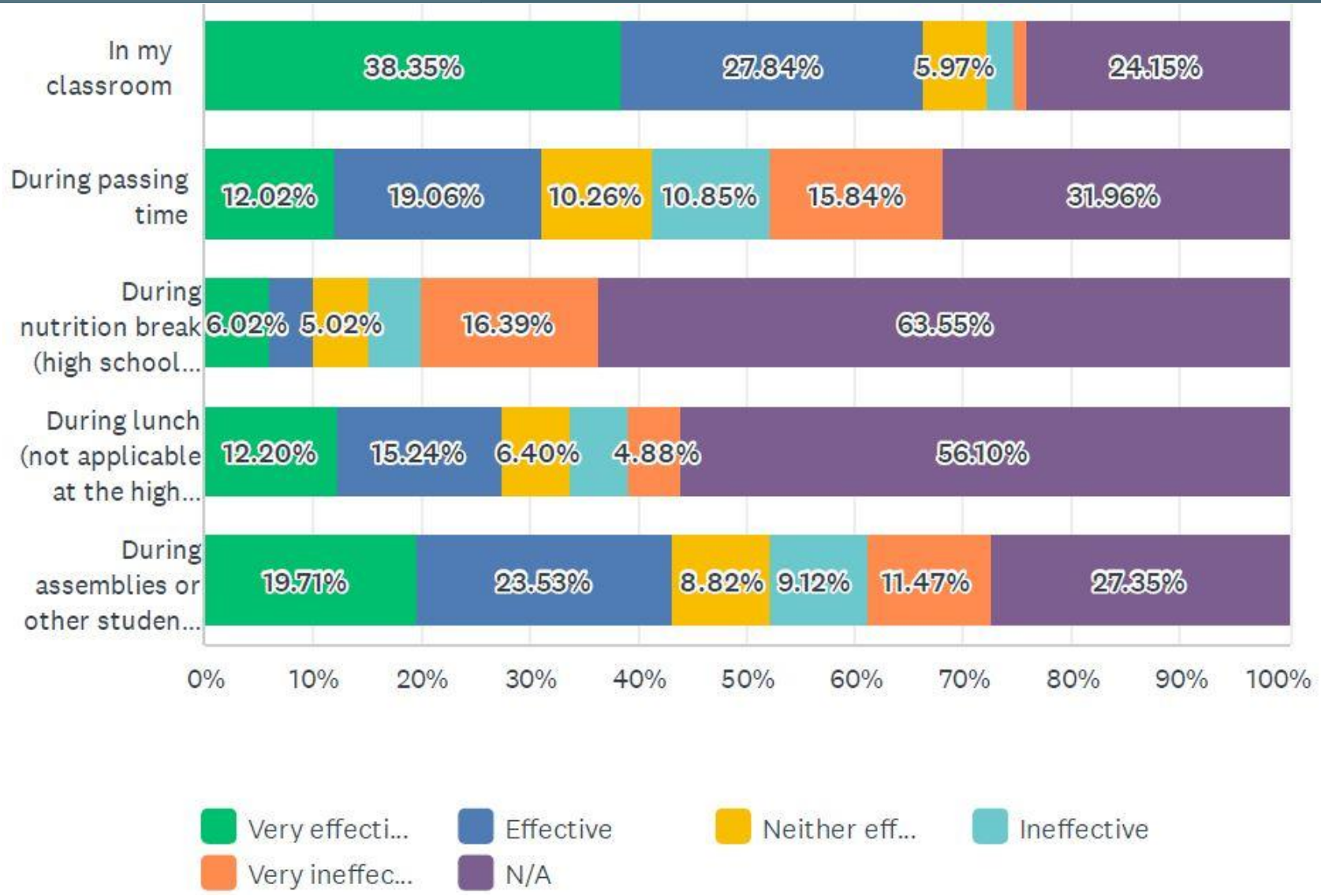
# SURVEY SUMMARY - STUDENTS

## How does having your cell phone "off and away" impact the following:



# SURVEY SUMMARY - STAFF

## How effective is the "off and away" agreement:



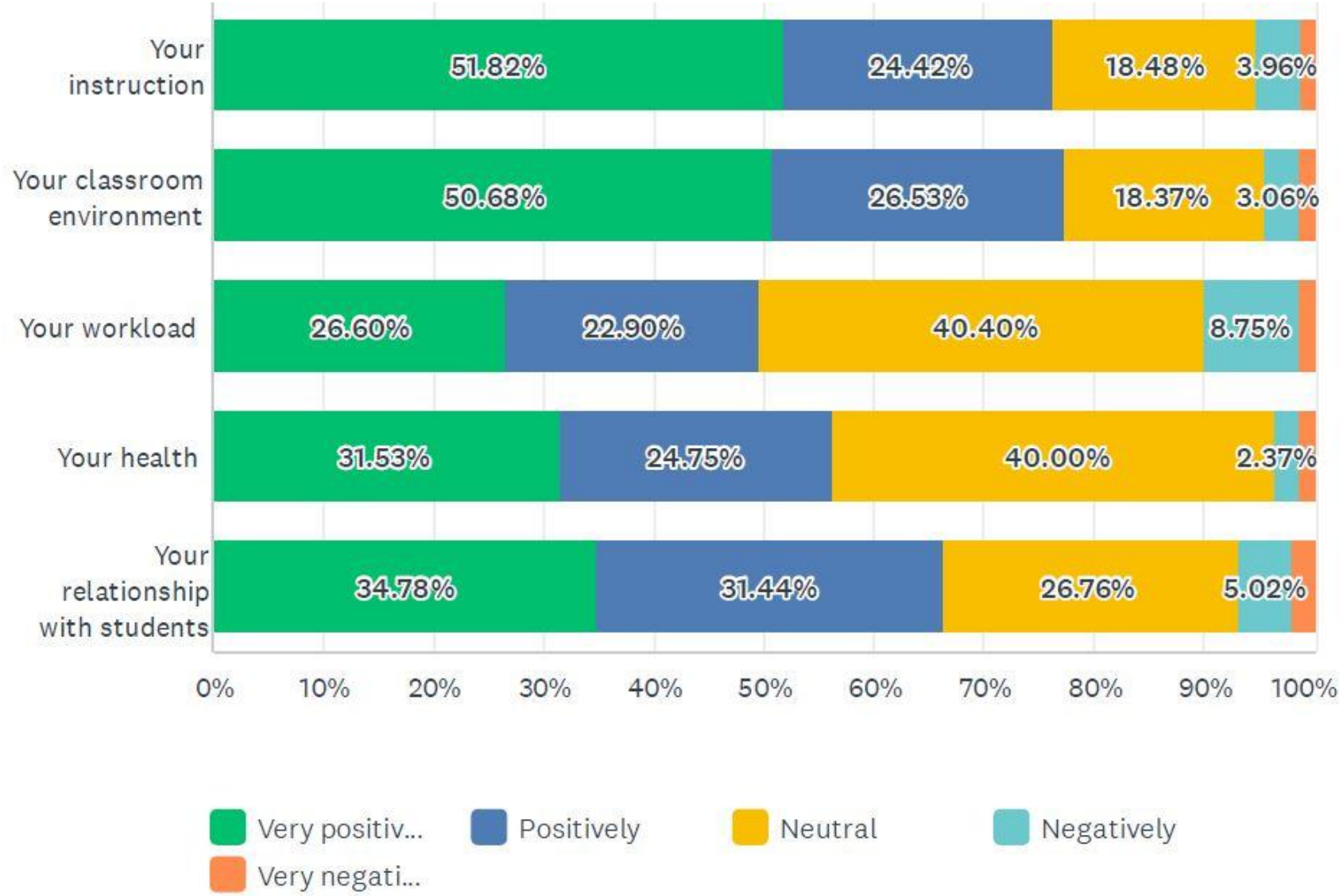
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## What impact has the "off and away" expectation had on the following:



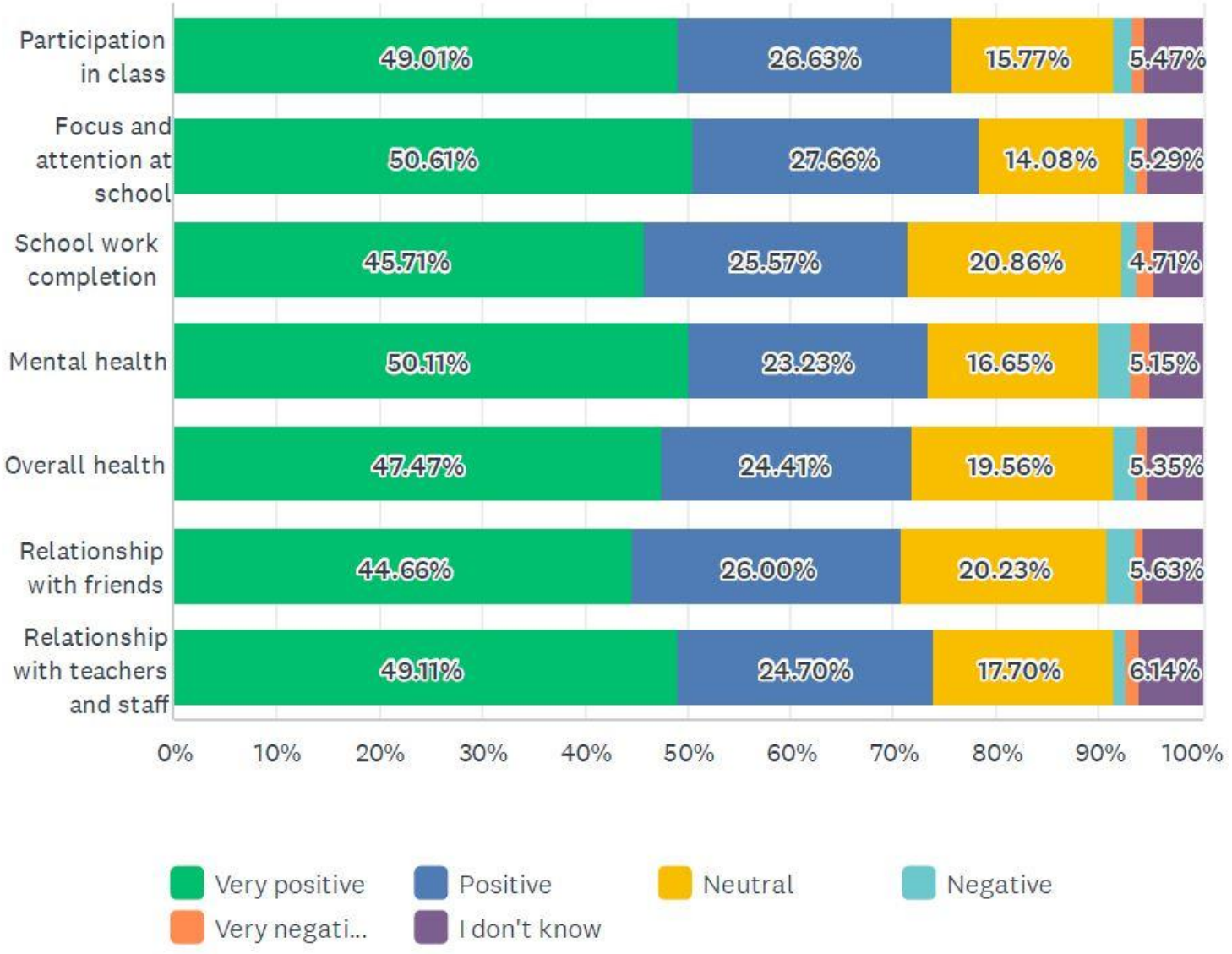
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How does implementation of the "off and away" expectation impact:



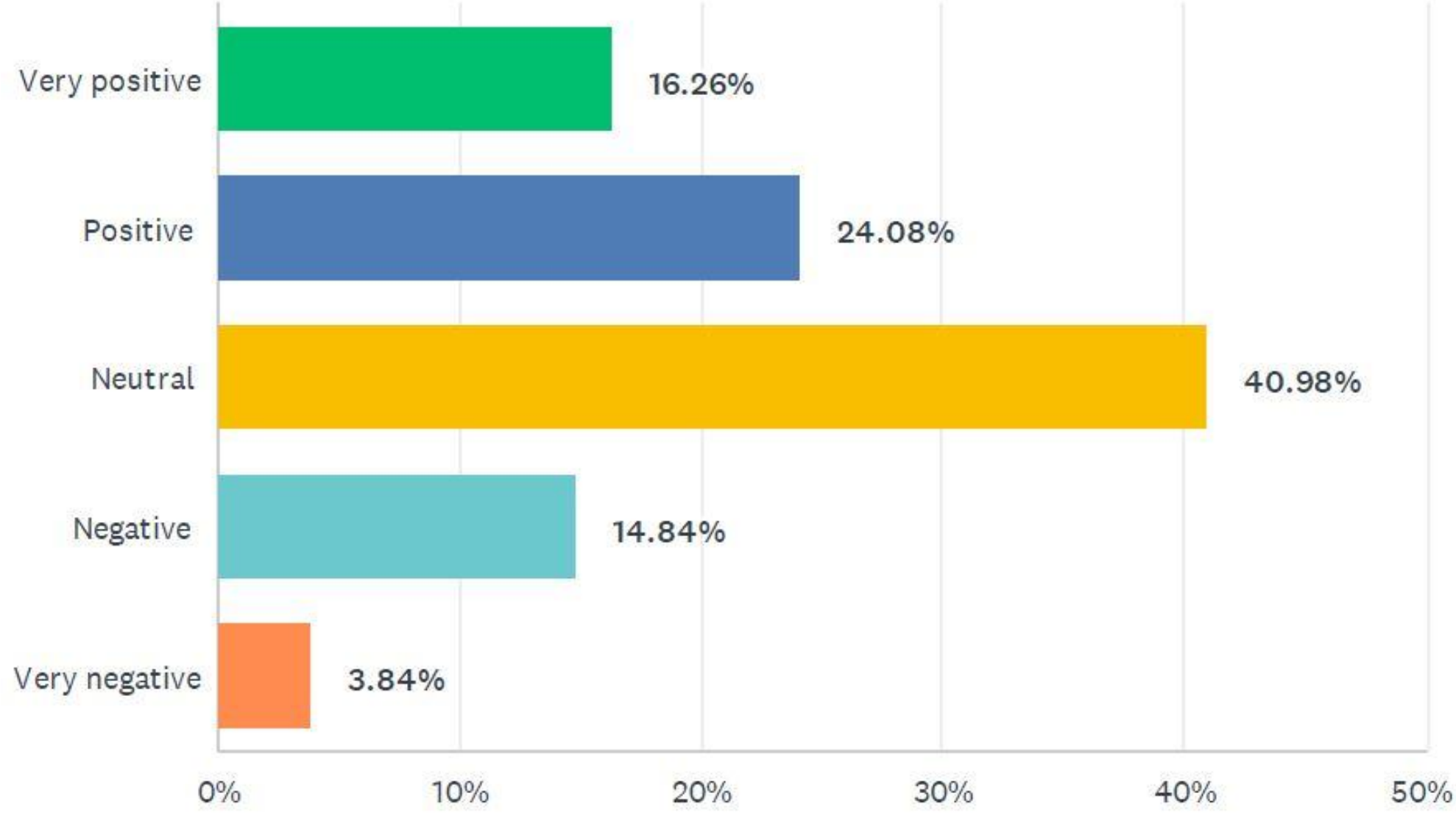
# SURVEY SUMMARY - PARENT/GUARDIAN

For each area below, what is your perception of how your child is impacted by having their cell phone "off and away" at school?



# SURVEY SUMMARY - PARENT/GUARDIAN

What is your perception of how your child feels about the “off and away” expectation?



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# THANK YOU!