

First Nations Studies Survey Results

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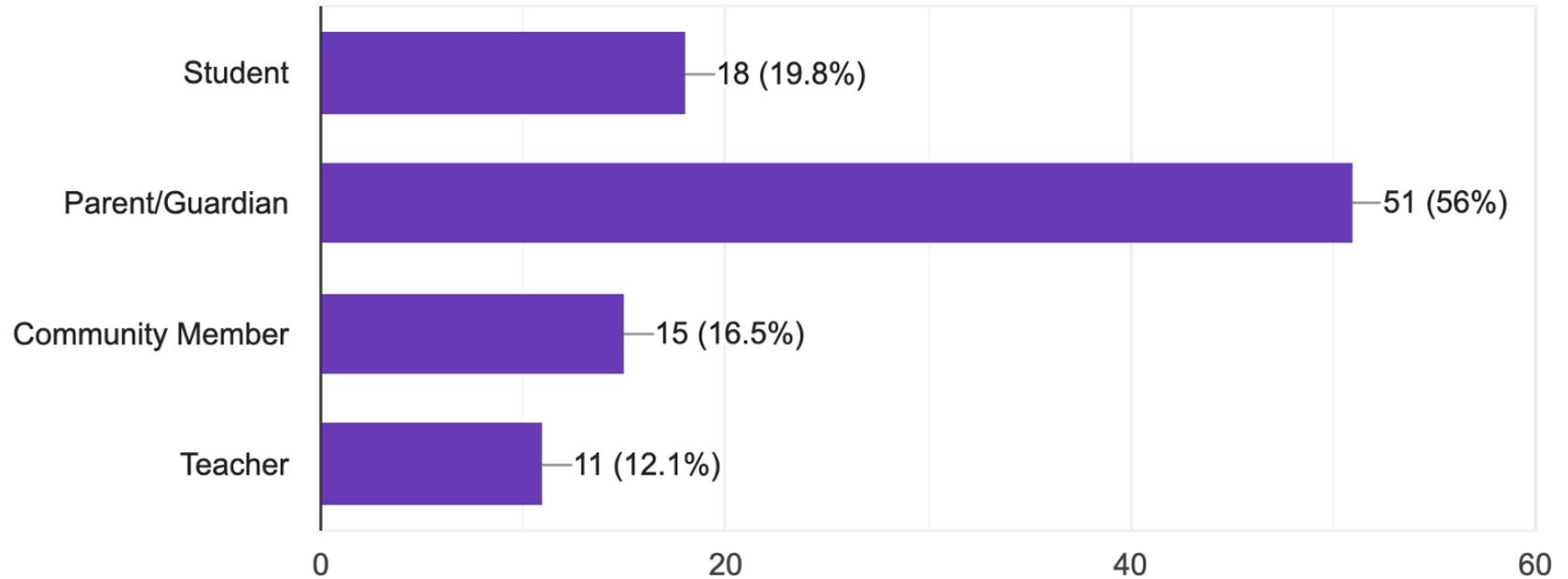
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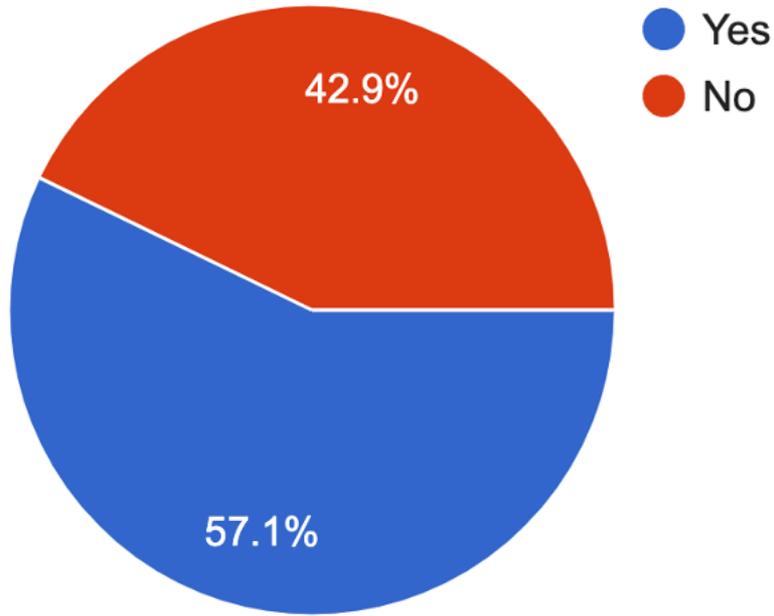
5 Priorities for Success



91 Responses

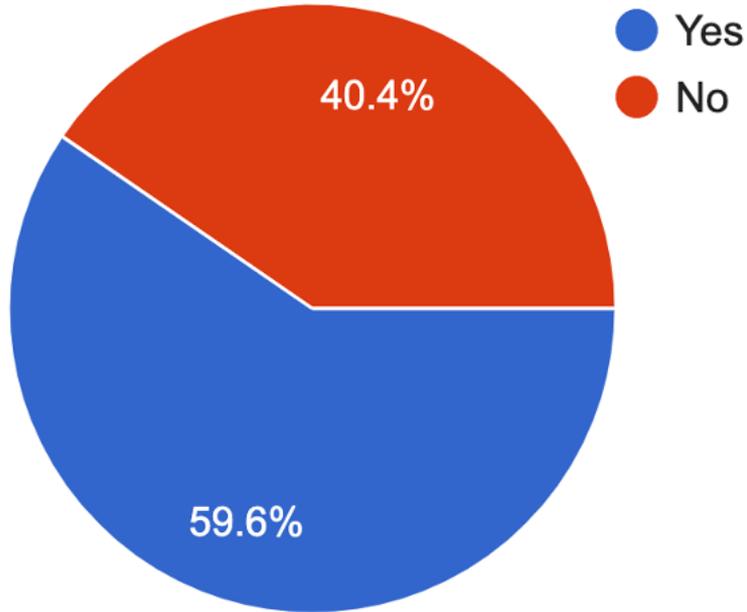


Emotional Support



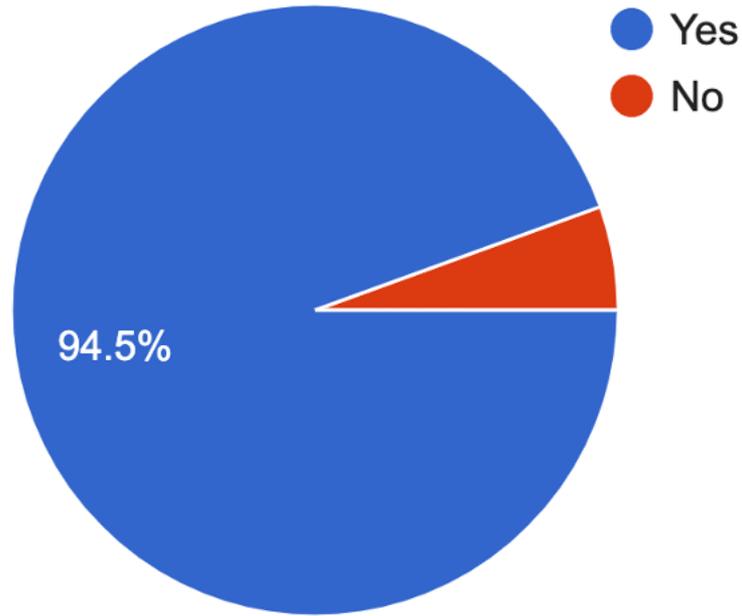
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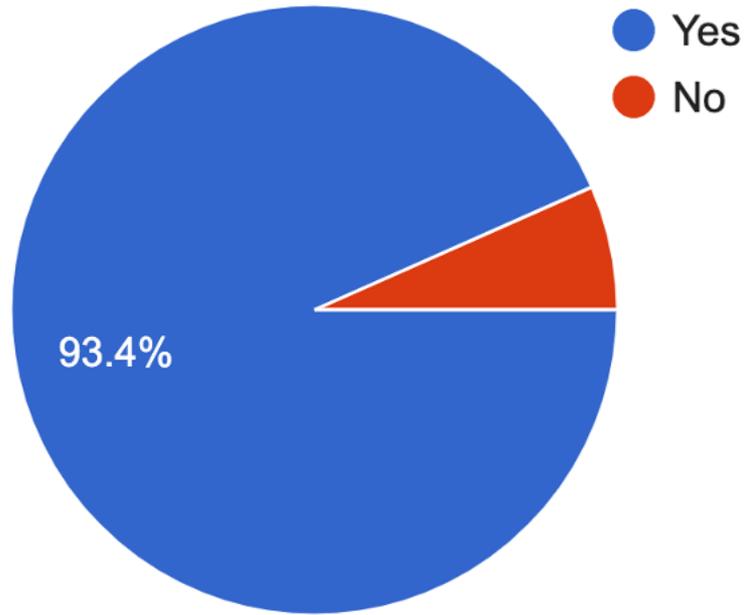
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Indigenous Peoples' Day



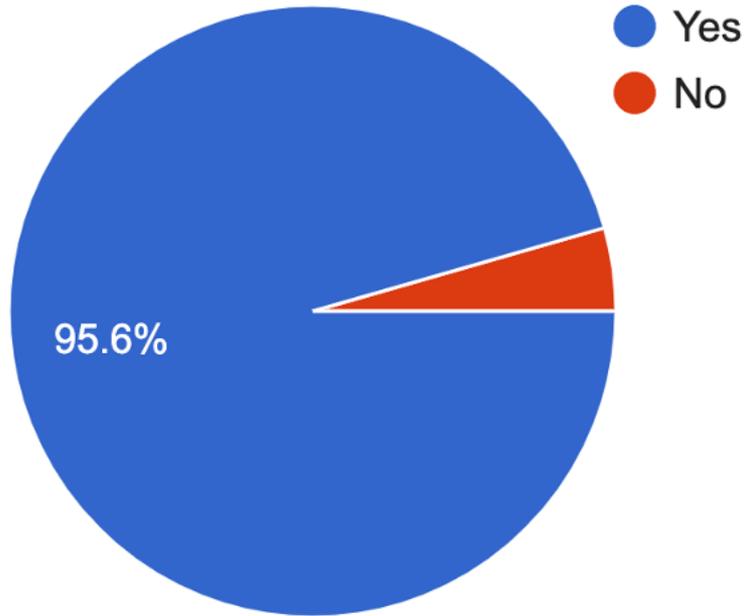
Should Indigenous Peoples' Day be an observed holiday?

Curriculum



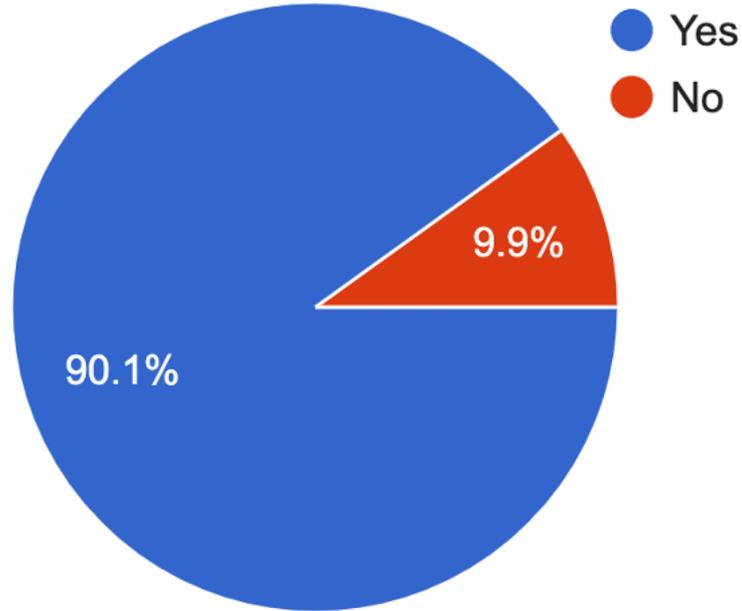
Do you feel it to be important that the curriculum within MPS be updated?

All Grade Levels



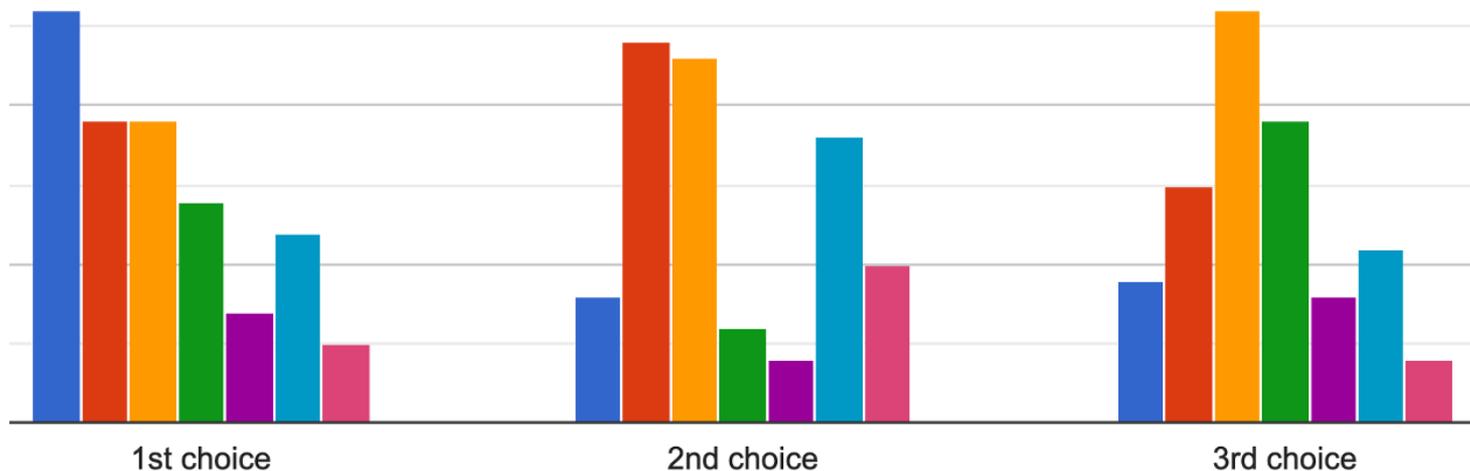
Do you think First Nations history and culture should be taught in all grade levels?

High School Course



Do you think First Nations history and culture should be taught as its own course in MPS high schools?

Rank in Order of Importance

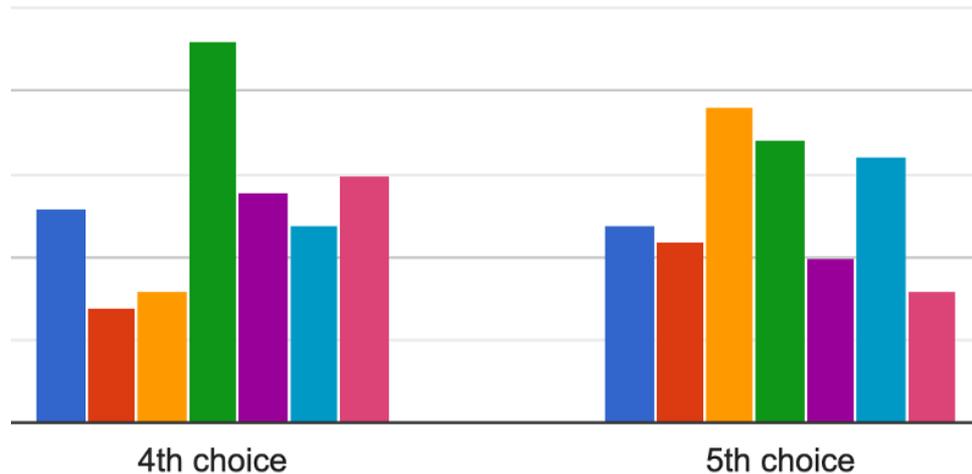


■ 1st choice: Opportunities for language and culture taught in school

■ 2nd choice: History books from a First Nations Perspective

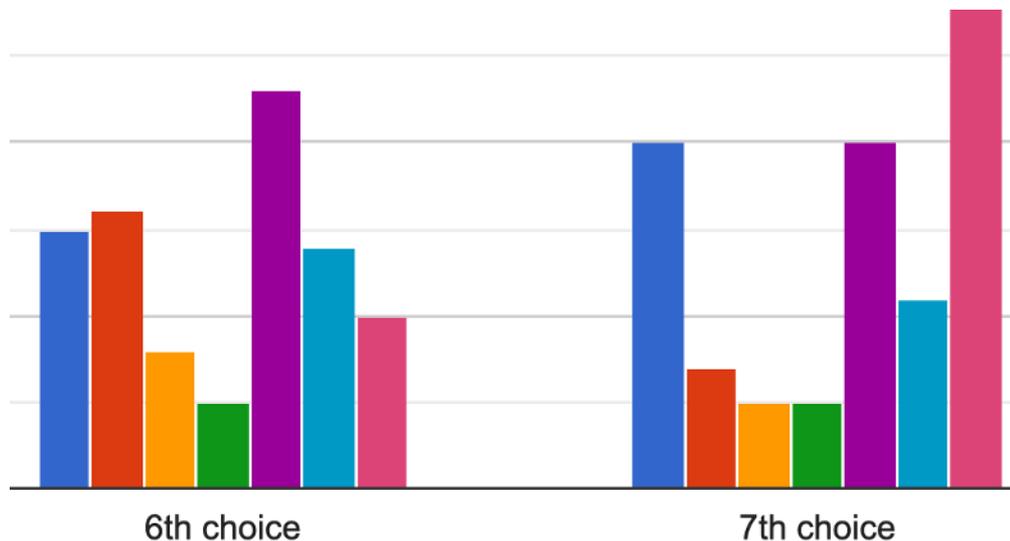
■ 3rd choice: History and information about First Nations people of WI

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- 4th choice: Social and emotional needs of First Nations children being met in school
- 5th choice: Professional development (PD) for teachers on Act 31 (PD on how to integrate culture into the curriculum)

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■ 6th choice: Information about going to college

■ 7th choice: Professional development for social workers and psychologists on the social and emotional needs of First Nations students

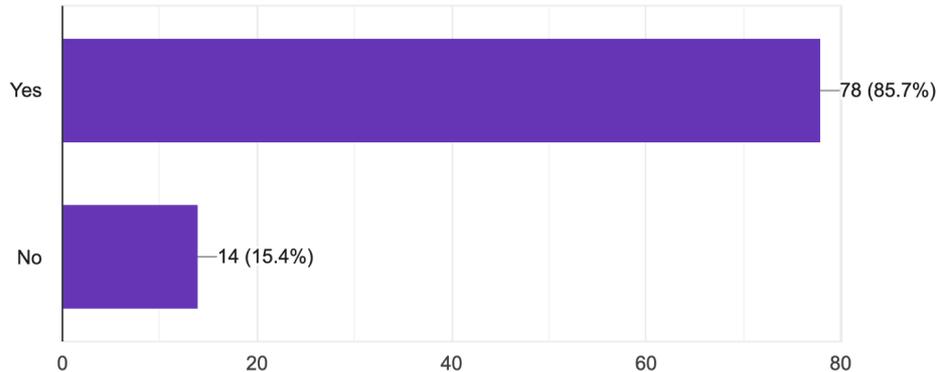
Important Issues and Events

- The 11 federally recognized tribes of Wisconsin: **83 voted yes**
- An accurate history of Thanksgiving: **77 voted yes**
- Treaties between First Nations and the US Government: **85 voted yes**
- First Nations Sovereignty: **80 voted yes**
- The Trail of Tears: **71 voted yes**
- Boarding schools: **71 voted yes**

What monumental events or important issues should our MPS students be educated about? (Please check all that apply):



Teacher Professional Development



Do you think that all teachers should have professional development on how to teach First Nations children and youth?

Follow-up Plans

First Nations Studies, BME Department

- Annual Act 31 professional development
- Book studies
- Thursday Updates utilized to share resources
- Act 31 resource webpage
- Develop resources for Native American Heritage Month

Office of Academics

- Ensure that Core Curriculum Specialists attend Act 31 professional development
- Assist with development of Act 31 professional development for the district
- Ongoing development of programs for district regarding First Nations Peoples



Thank you.



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