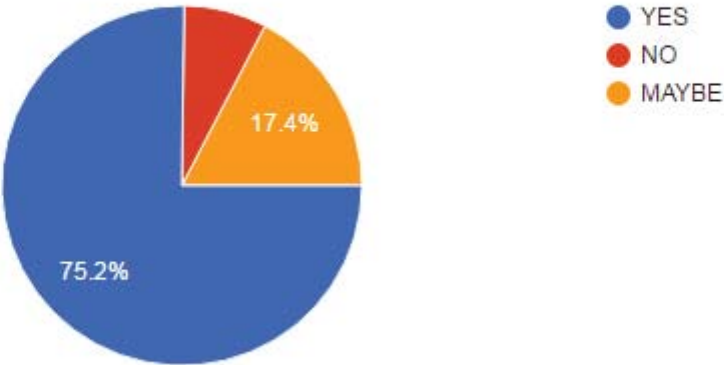


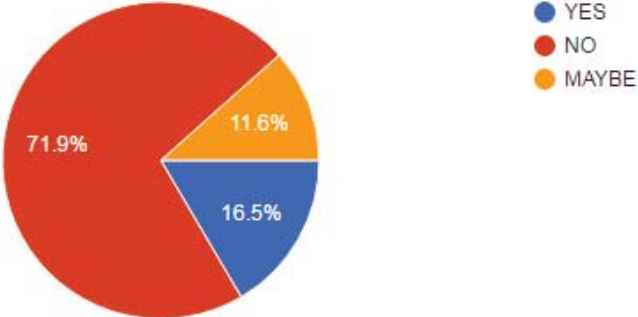
Elementary Survey Concerning Raised Bill 767

(as of 2/7/2017 at 6:03 p.m.)

Would your school be able to meet this requirement? (121 responses)



Would this change have a negative impact on your school programming?
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YES	NO	
YES	NO	
NO	YES	
NO	YES	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	Full support of 20 - 30 minutes of continuous exercise for K-5 students.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	We currently run a 30 minute lunch and have a 30 minute recess as well.
YES	YES	
YES	NO	
MAYBE	YES	Given our climate - 20 minutes of continuous exercise is ideal, but not always possible. How would schools in cold/in-climate weather ensure they could offer this?
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
MAYBE	MAYBE	The only concern comes on indoor recess days due to rain or extreme cold. Our gym is used for physical education classes so we can't open up the space for indoor recess in the gym. On a typical day, there is no issue or negative impact.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
MAYBE	YES	Every minute of the day is tightly accounted for. Any additional time would take away from language arts, math and other core subjects.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
MAYBE	MAYBE	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	We currently have 25 minutes a day of recess.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
MAYBE	YES	Transitions times often do not allow for the full 20 minutes of recess. Our days are jammed. Children do have movement breaks throughout the day between learning which are more effective than a guarantee of 20 uninterrupted minutes.
NO	YES	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	MAYBE	We could accommodate a new statute such as this by shortening our current 30 minute lunch by five minutes and increasing our 15 minute recess to 20 minutes. However, based on brain research, legislators should be made aware of the advantages of increased student activity for abbreviated periods of time at various times throughout the school day rather than one mandated extended period of time as is being proposed.
MAYBE	NO	When recess is 'indoors' because of weather, meeting the requirement isn't possible.
YES	MAYBE	
YES	NO	

MAYBE	YES	Right now, we provide 25 mins. recess every day, but indoor recess does not necessarily include physical activity. Requiring daily physical activity during inclement weather would not be possible for all students.
YES	MAYBE	Currently we offer a 25 minute lunch and a 20 minute recess. At this time, it is consecutive time. However, as more mandates are placed upon the school, it may be challenging to do this and this proposal may have a negative impact on school programming in the near future.
MAYBE	MAYBE	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	We currently have this in place.
YES	NO	Our school already schedules 30 minutes of lunch K-5 and 20-30 minutes of consecutive time at recess.
YES	NO	
YES	YES	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	Recess provided for 25-30 minutes (continuous time) daily.
YES	NO	I have served as a teacher or administrator in 5 elementary schools and this has always been the practice. More often it has been 30 minutes of recess time.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	We currently offer a daily 20 minute recess and a 25 minute lunch for all students. My question is - my school is a grade 5 -6 and I'd love to NOT have recess for my grade six students. As I understand the current bill, if the school has an "elementary" grade (K-5), ALL students in the building must have a recess. Would this be clarified in the new bill?
MAYBE	MAYBE	Conflicts with teacher contract for duty free lunch and prep.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	Our school currently has a 20 minute long recess block following lunch so this would not be an issue. We are brainstorming if we can expand that to a 30 minute long block for the next school year.
MAYBE	NO	We have a 20 minute lunch period now. We also have a 20 minute recess. However, during inclement weather students are inside. Indoor recess is in the classroom. We do not have the facilities (e.g., covered play area, second gym) needed for students to be able to have an inside play area for physical activity when recess is indoors. Teachers do movement breaks, such as with gonoodle, but are limited with the amount of room that students have to move around. A better suggestion would be 30 minutes of PE everyday. There again, it is hard to know if schools would have the gym space? Finally, many parents are asking for teachers to keep their students in at recess so that they can get extra help from the teacher. At the moment, we only allow this on days when students have 30 minutes of PE. I totally agree with giving elementary students more physical activity. I personally think PE everyday is the best solution.
YES	YES	Although my school would be able to accommodate, having the option of splitting time is preferred. Students sometimes need shorter more frequent breaks than 1 longer one. Schools should have their own discretion.
YES	NO	
MAYBE	MAYBE	We do the best we can concerning coverage. We need to offer recess but, at times in Preschool there are 15 minutes of offering for recess. Must the 20 minutes be law? What if the temperatures are below 20 degrees? Sometimes we make a judgement call on what is best for children.

		This is something our schools are doing in Plainville, however, it is a hardship for a few reasons: -covering this time is tricky and finding qualified adults to interact and supervise children safely/effectively is a struggle -our teachers then have 60 minutes for academic arts with a 20 minute movement time for children included -our teachers then have 45 minute during which scholars eat lunch and play outside -with a school close to 450, preK-5 it is a scheduling challenge to provide equal amounts of time to all teachers especially preschool -without the addition wellness staff we hired for a wellness initiative, this would be an impossibility
YES	YES	
NO	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
MAYBE	MAYBE	5%th grade is part of our middle school and they would be a few minutes shy of 20 minutes. Grade K-4 would be fine.
YES	NO	Our students have recess for 25 minutes daily.
YES	NO	We already provide students with 20 consecutive minutes.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	I still wonder about indoor recess... Also- when enacting "logical consequences," and a child is consistently not following recess rules, it would make sense to be able to have that child sit out recess.
YES	NO	For grades K-2, I would encourage even more recess time. Consider two 20 minute continuous breaks.
YES	NO	
NO	YES	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	In prior schools that would have been a huge problem, particularly in grades 3-5 where two breaks in a day worked much better with the instructional schedule.
MAYBE	MAYBE	As long as we can take recess away for disciplinary/behavioral concerns in a conservative manner.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
MAYBE	MAYBE	Concern with meeting this during the winter months will be problematic.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	We should be able to accommodate this -- we do this already. We also incorporate movement breaks throughout the day, which by definition, need to be scattered and not continuous. My concern is "physical exercise", which I am interpreting as typical recess activities: jump rope, kickball, soccer, basketball, playing on a playscape, etc. This is how our students currently spend their recess. Scheduling and personnel are two challenges, and in this era of diminishing resources, I want to be sure that the Legislature does not go further in prescribing/mandating types of activities or a specific level of instruction/supervision that we cannot fund.
YES	YES	
NO	YES	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	

YES	NO	
YES	NO	
NO	YES	Many of our staff are in the habit of a daily walk which is a remnant of our healthy schools initiative. We do not have a physical education teacher here full time (only 3 days per week). Pre-School is not included in our specials schedule. We don't have the staff. If we have inclement weather there is no way to meet this expectation.
MAYBE	MAYBE	It would depend if this were a daily requirement or just a certain number of days per week.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
MAYBE	YES	We are a K-8 school. Our K-4 has this recess, but for our 5-8 which is part of our middle school, it is optional. Including Grade 5 in this bill would impact and impede programming in small K-8 schools.
YES	NO	
MAYBE	YES	Today's students have many social and emotional issues which result in distractions to the learning environment. Recently some students refuse to do work when asked and are defiant to adults. This results in a power struggle between adults and students. Our school would like to give the message that students can refuse to do work but will complete what is asked eventually, Therefore, we need to be able to take their free time aka recess away as needed. This type of natural consequence (if you do not complete a task, it must be done resulting in loss free time) is needed. In addition as a principal, I have students stay afterschool as well as come in on the weekend to do work. However, loss of recess is a huge motivator and in my experience, students do not lose many recess times when they know that is an option. Lastly if a child is obese, reality is that daily time "devoted to physical exercise of not less than twenty consecutive minutes in total" is not going to make a huge impact unless there is a PE teacher ensuring that all students are exercising. With over 30 years of being in the education field, during recess some students stand around and others run around. This is a "free time" for students unless you pay for someone to structure the time and supervise participation.
YES	NO	We already have a 25 minute recess time each day. In addition, PE classes are held for 40 minutes once every four days.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
NO	YES	
YES	NO	Additional recess will be beneficial for student learning.
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
YES	NO	
MAYBE	YES	
MAYBE	MAYBE	
NO	YES	
MAYBE	NO	
YES	NO	We already have 20 minutes of recess twice a day. When we made this change, the time was taken from instructional minutes.
MAYBE	MAYBE	We have been exploring a schedule that would include an "open" recess and lunch time. The total time for the two would be closer to 50 minutes, but in our exploratory draft, we don't necessarily guarantee continuous time for either. If we stay with our current schedule, we more than meet the requirements for this proposed bill.