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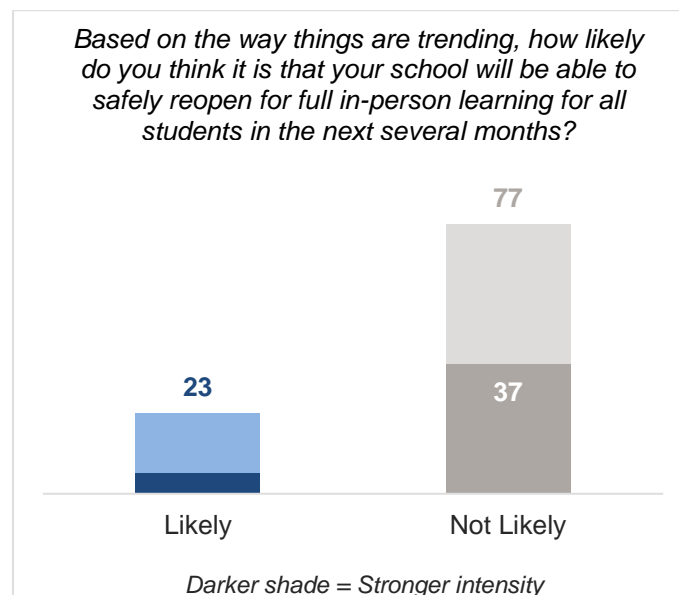
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## Poll Analysis: Maryland Educators On Physically Reopening Schools

A new poll of Maryland educators<sup>1</sup> finds a strong majority does not think schools will be able to safely reopen for full in-person learning in the next several months and educators want numerous safety precautions in place to ensure schools are ready to reopen safely. Maryland educators widely support increased safety measures and see them as essential to physically reopening schools.

### Key Survey Findings

- **Most Maryland educators think it is unlikely their school will be able to safely reopen for full in-person learning in the next several months.** A strong majority of educators (77 percent) feel it is not likely schools will safely reopen and 37 percent feel strongly about this. Just 23 percent feel it is likely schools will be able to safely reopen.



<sup>1</sup> GBAO conducted a survey of 2,317 MSEA members online via Qualtrics from September 22-28, 2020. The survey results carry a margin of error +/- 2.0 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence interval.



- Educators strongly support several safety measures to be implemented before reopening schools.** Educators overwhelmingly support regularly disinfecting schools, having hand sanitizer available throughout buildings, adequate air ventilation, procedures for those who test positive, requiring protective equipment like masks and gloves, and reducing classes sizes to help with social distancing. Educators also support setting up plexiglass barriers in shared spaces and adding mental health staff.

*Below is a list of requirements schools may consider when they physically reopen schools in Maryland if the threat of coronavirus still exists. For each one, please indicate if you support or oppose this requirement for schools*

● Strongly support    
 ● Total support

