

**STUDENT SUPPORT INITIATIVES
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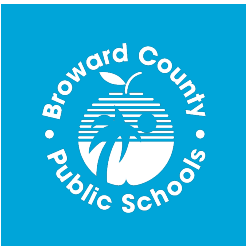
Policy 5.5: Attendance

1st Board Workshop

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BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Historical Overview

- Policy reviewed and presented last school year at two School Board workshops and two RSBM
- Policy approved June 2015 & implemented August 2015



Issues included:

- Number of days allowed for absences per quarter
- Make-up work for unexcused absences

Staff Recommendation

- Pattern of Nonattendance clarified

Board Decision

- Make-up work allowed for ALL absences

Board Direction

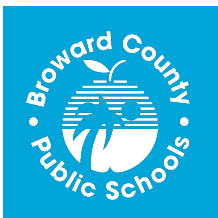
- **Staff requested to communicate policy changes broadly across the District**

Make-up Work Vetted Options 2014-15

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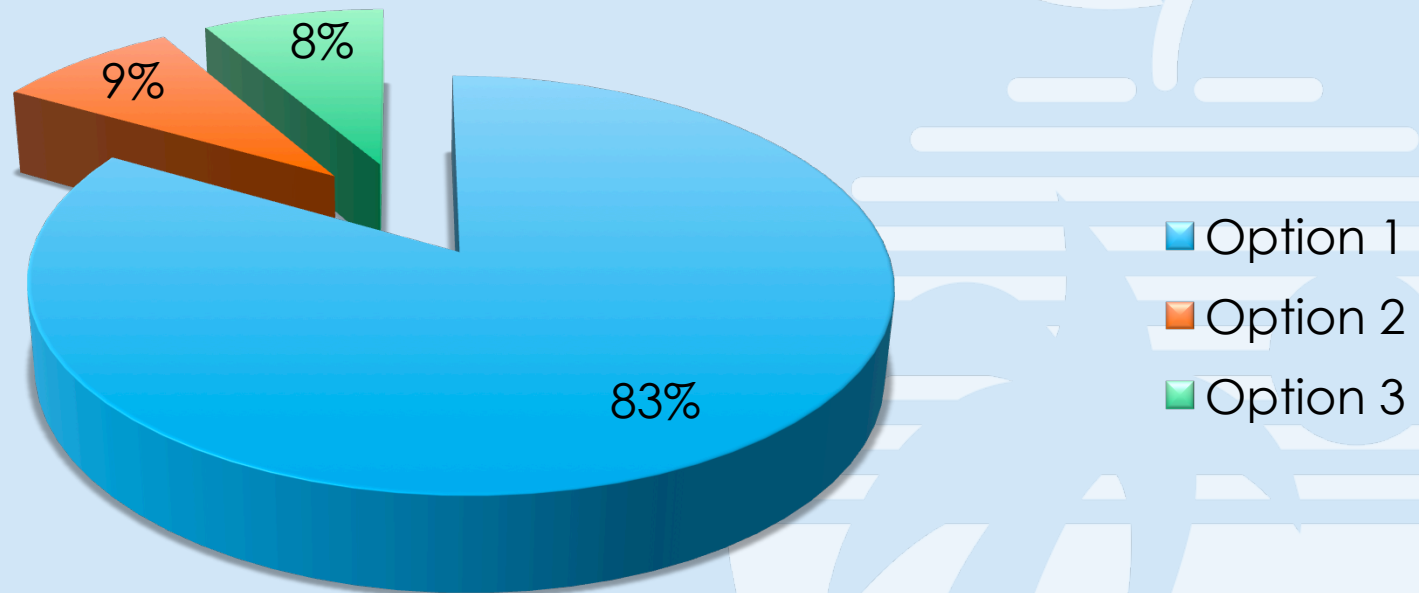
Option 2: Make-up work is allowed for unexcused absences. Students must receive a 10% deduction from the grade of the make-up assignment. Make-up work must be submitted within two days, not including the day of return, for each day of absence. Previously assigned work is due the day of return.

Option 3: Make-up work is not allowed for unexcused absences.



HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

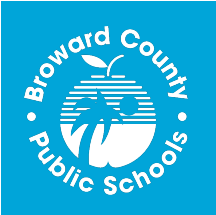
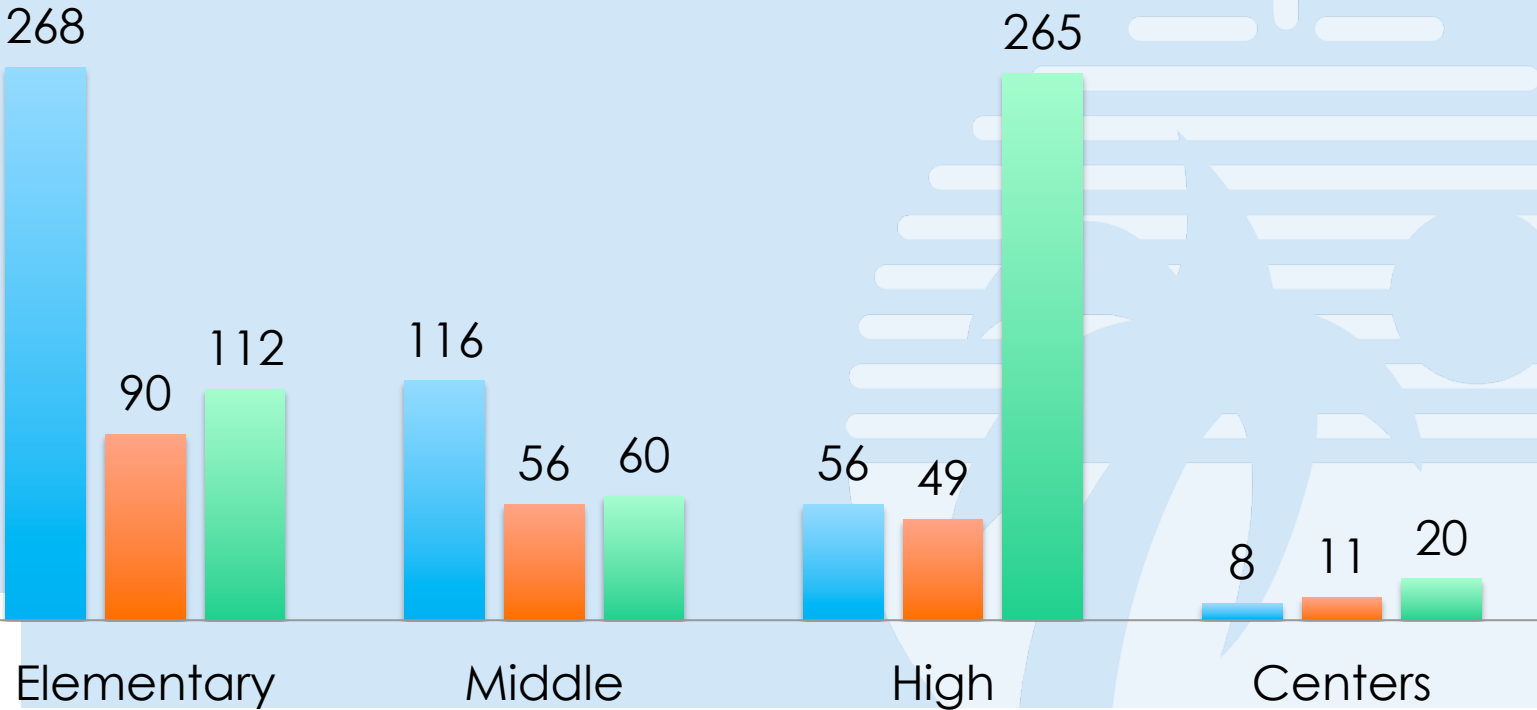
High School Principals



BTU FEEDBACK- 1121 Responses

BTU Responses By Levels

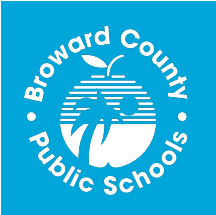
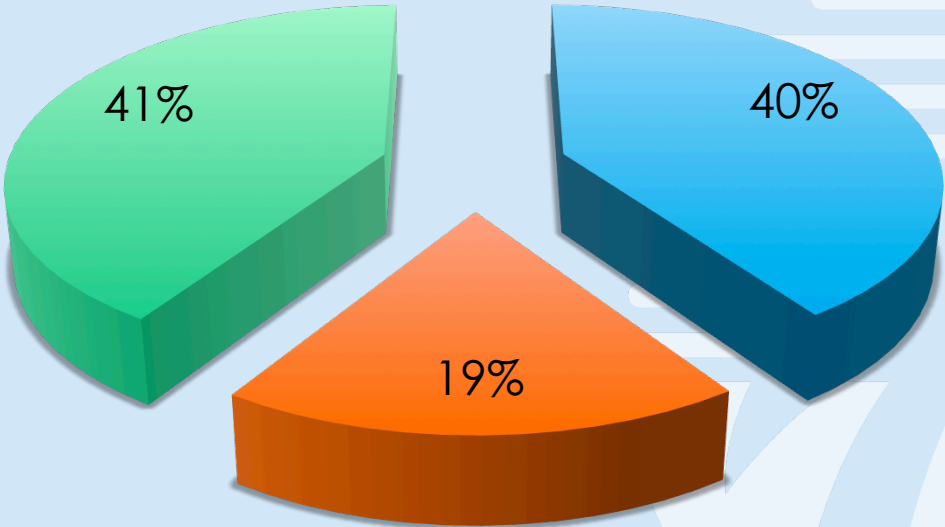
Option 1 Option 2 Option 3



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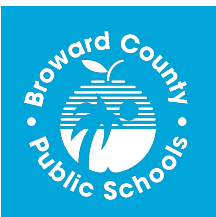
Total BTU Responses

■ Option 1 ■ Option 2 ■ Option 3



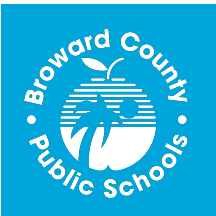
OTHER STAKEHOLDERS' FEEDBACK

Stakeholder Group	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Broward Police	✓		
District Advisory Committee	✓		
Diversity Prevention & Intervention		✓	
Early Childhood	✓		
ESE Department	✓		
ESOL Department	✓		
PTA	✓		
Students (high school)		✓	
Title 1		✓	
Transportation	✓		



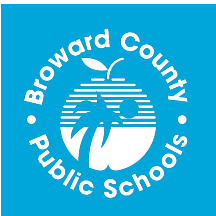
Current School Board Request

- During the presentation of Policy 5.8 at the School Board Workshop on March 29, 2016, the Board requested a review of Policy 5.5 as it pertains to make-up work for unexcused absences, and broader constituent input.
- District Attendance Committee met, and based on School Board discussion and direction, as well as review of practices in comparable Districts, the committee developed various options for vetting and school board consideration in management of make-up work for unexcused absences.



August 2015-YTD Attendance Data Review

- Based on initial data pull, it seems that attendance has improved this school year compared to last.
- Data is, however, inconclusive and is being carefully analyzed to ensure accuracy prior to its release.



Comparative Review of Make-up Work

Hillsborough County:

At classroom teacher's discretion make up tests and graded work for unexcused absence may be allowed. Middle school students **MAY** receive and high school students **MUST** receive, a 10% deduction from the grade of the make-up assignments.

L.A. Unified:

Make-up work allowed for justifiable reasons and on request of parents and principal; awarded credit and grade as would, original assignment

Dade County:

Unexcused absences do not require the teacher provide make-up work for student. The Attendance Review Committee may assign educationally-related activities to mitigate the loss of instructional time.

Palm Beach County:

For excused & unexcused absences, the students are afforded the opportunity to make up work without academic penalty.

New York City:

Absences for vacations and extended trips cannot be considered excused. **Families should plan vacations and trips when school is not in session and must work with the school to develop plans for take-home and make-up work.**

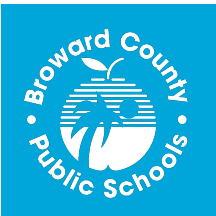
Pinnellas County:

Work made up after an unexcused absence in elementary or middle school **MAY** be dropped a letter grade and **MUST** be dropped a letter grade in high school.

ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE OPTIONS FOR MAKE-UP WORK

Option 1

Make-up work is allowed for full credit and grade for **ALL absences, excused and unexcused**. Make-up work must be submitted within two days, not including the day of return, for each day of absence. Previously assigned work is due the day of return.

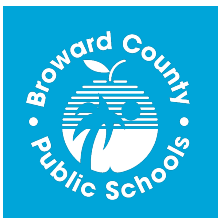


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OPTION 2:

Make up work is allowed for excused absences for full credit and grade. Make-up work must be submitted within two days, not including the day of return, for each day of absence. Previously assigned work is due the day of return.

Make up work is allowed for unexcused absences, but students must receive a 10% deduction from the grade of the make-up assignment. Make-up work must be submitted within two days, not including the day of return, for each day of absence. Previously assigned work is due the day of return.

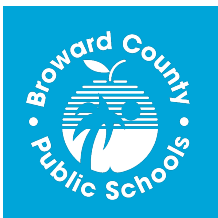


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OPTION 3:

Make up work is allowed for excused absences for full credit and grade. Make-up work must be submitted within two days, not including the day of return, for each day of absence. Previously assigned work is due the day of return.

Make up work is NOT allowed for unexcused absences (except for Middle School students as stated in current policy).

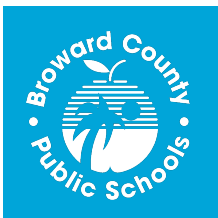


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OPTION 4:

Make up work is allowed for excused absences for full credit and grade. Make-up work must be submitted within two days, not including the day of return, for each day of absence. Previously assigned work is due the day of return.

Make up work is allowed for unexcused absences but student can only earn the lowest passing grade. Make-up work must be submitted within two days, not including the day of return, for each day of absence. Previously assigned work is due the day of return.

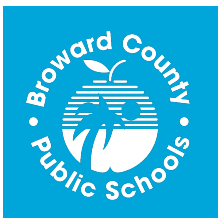


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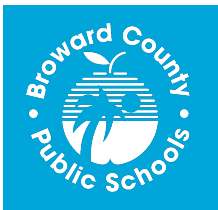
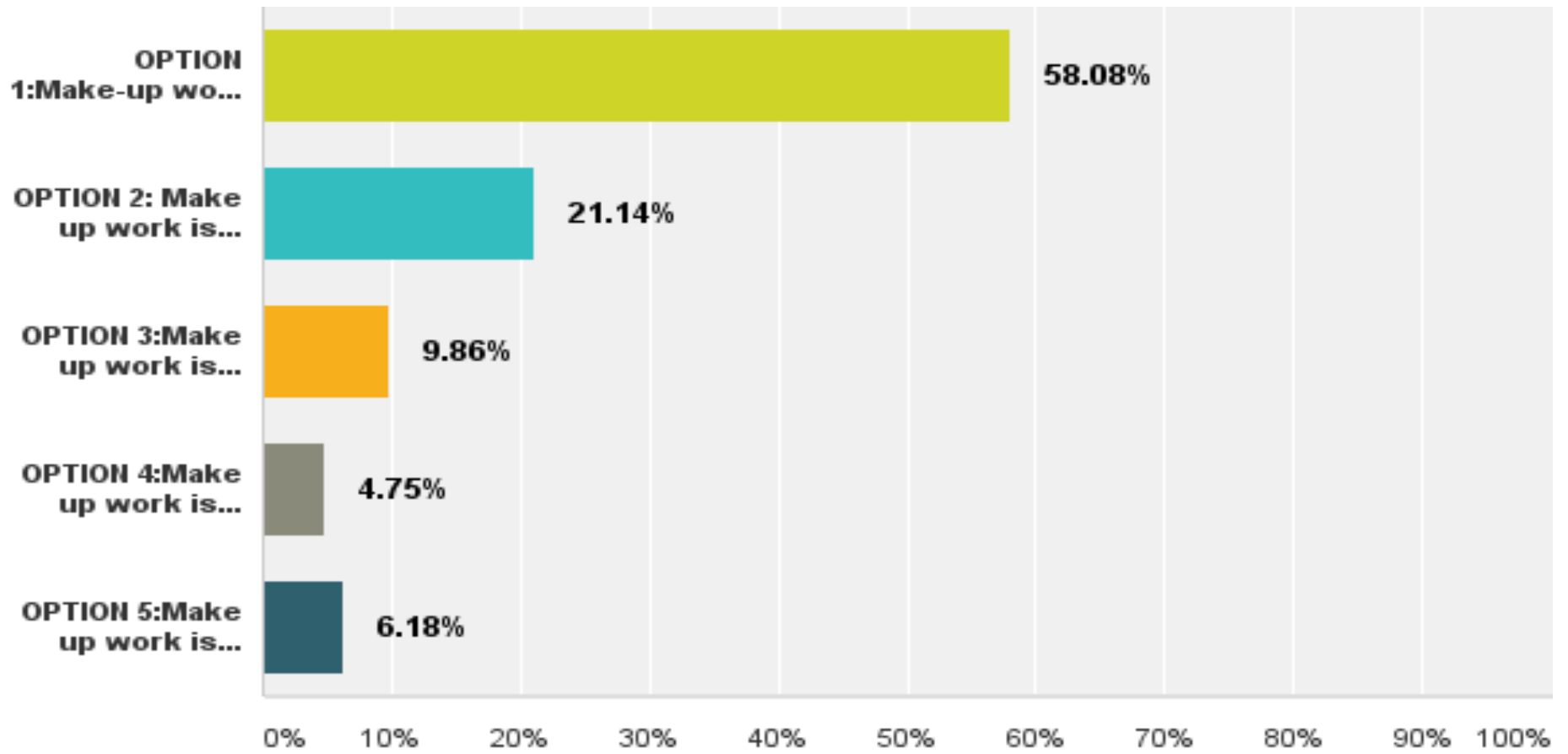
OPTION 5:

Make up work is allowed for full credit and grade for absences excused within 2-weeks of the day of absence. Make-up work must be submitted within two days of the excusal. Previously assigned work is due the day of return.

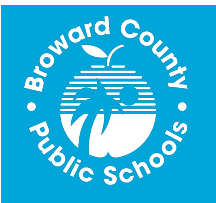
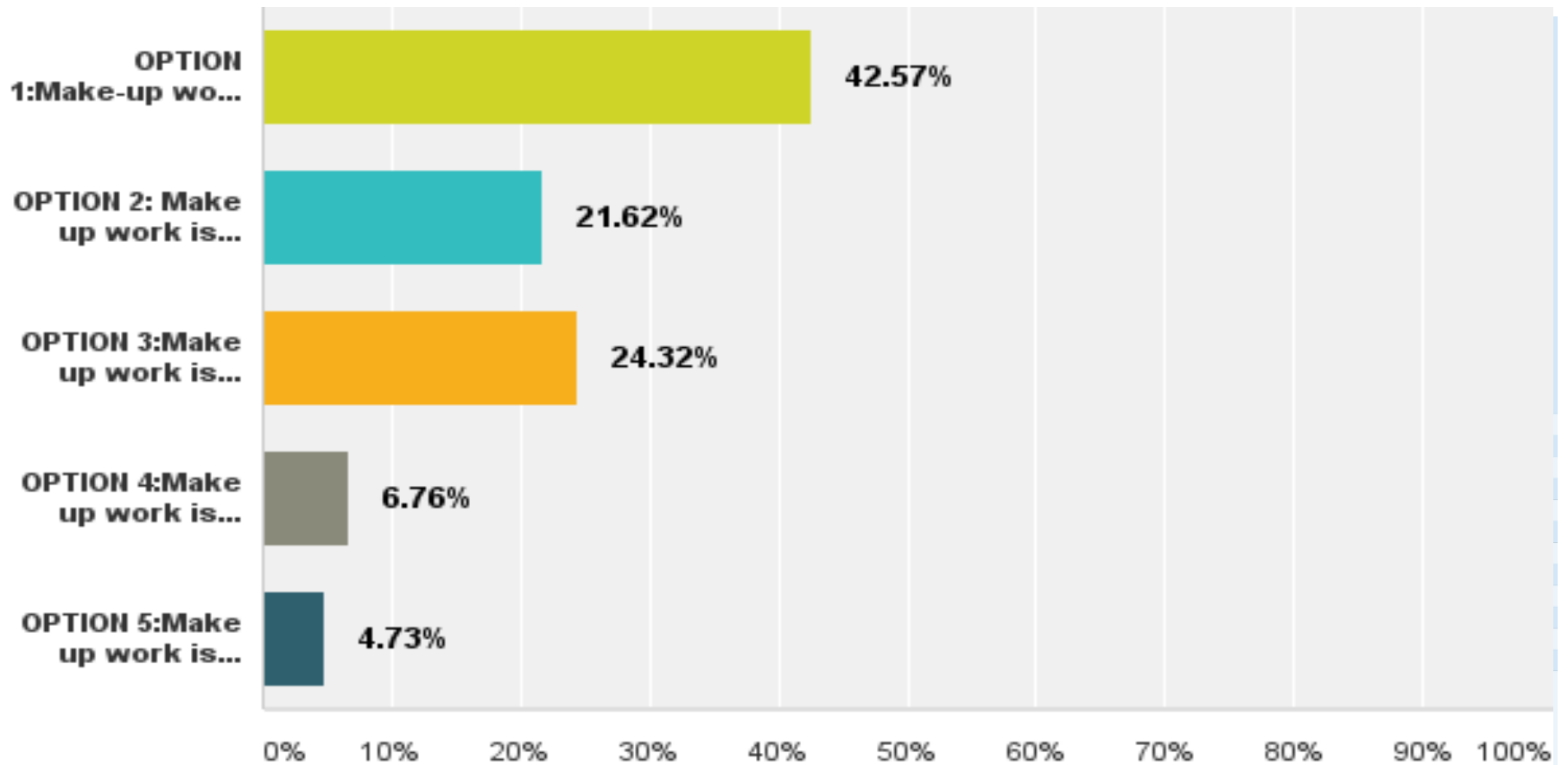
No make-up work is allowed for unexcused absences (absences not excused within two weeks of the absence).



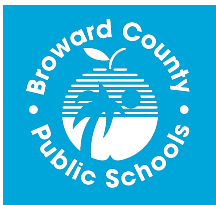
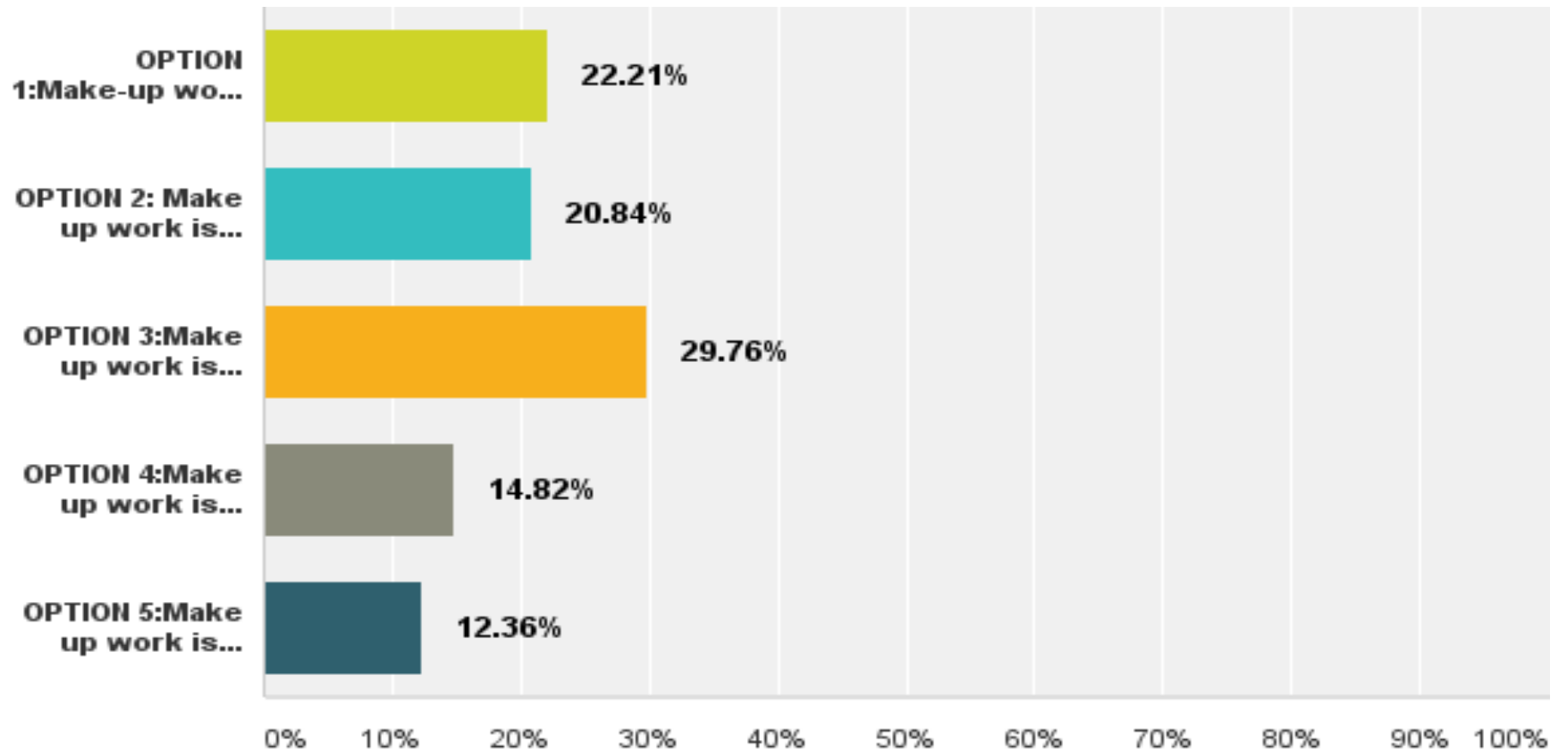
PARENTS – 842 Responses



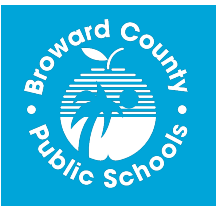
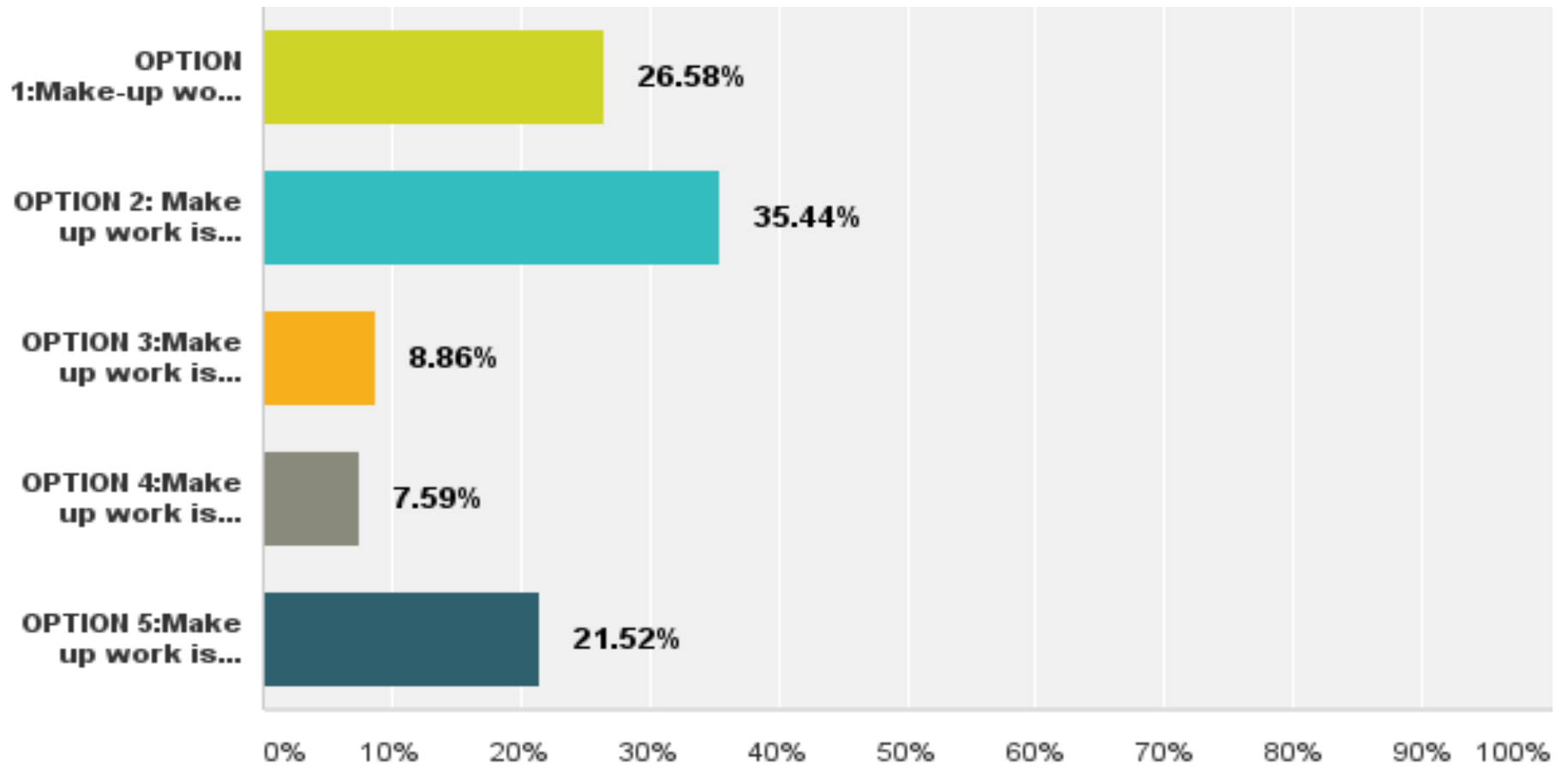
PRINCIPALS – 148 Responses



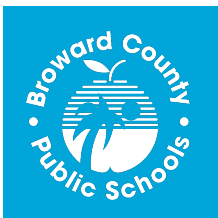
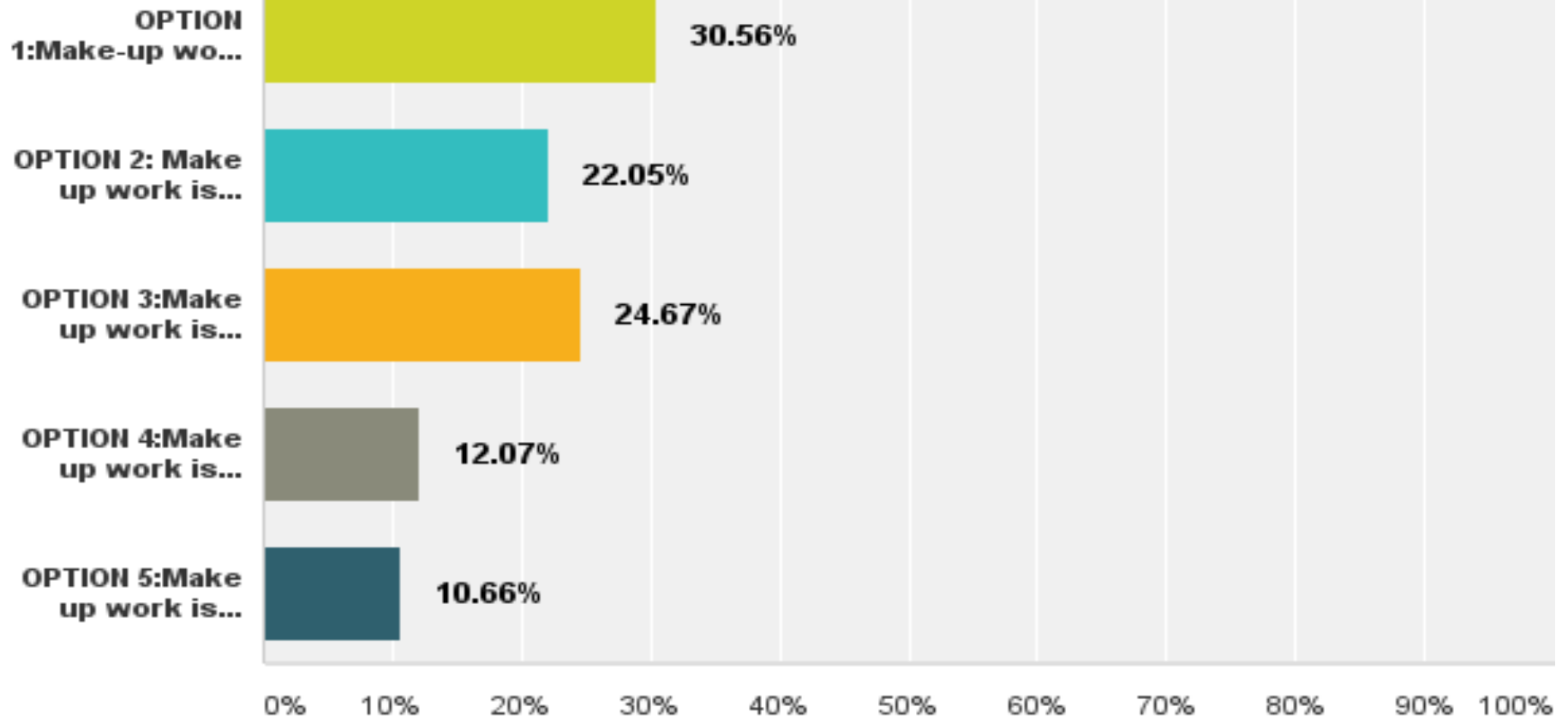
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF - 3,138 Responses



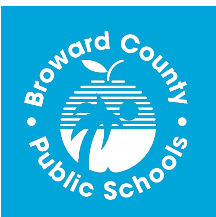
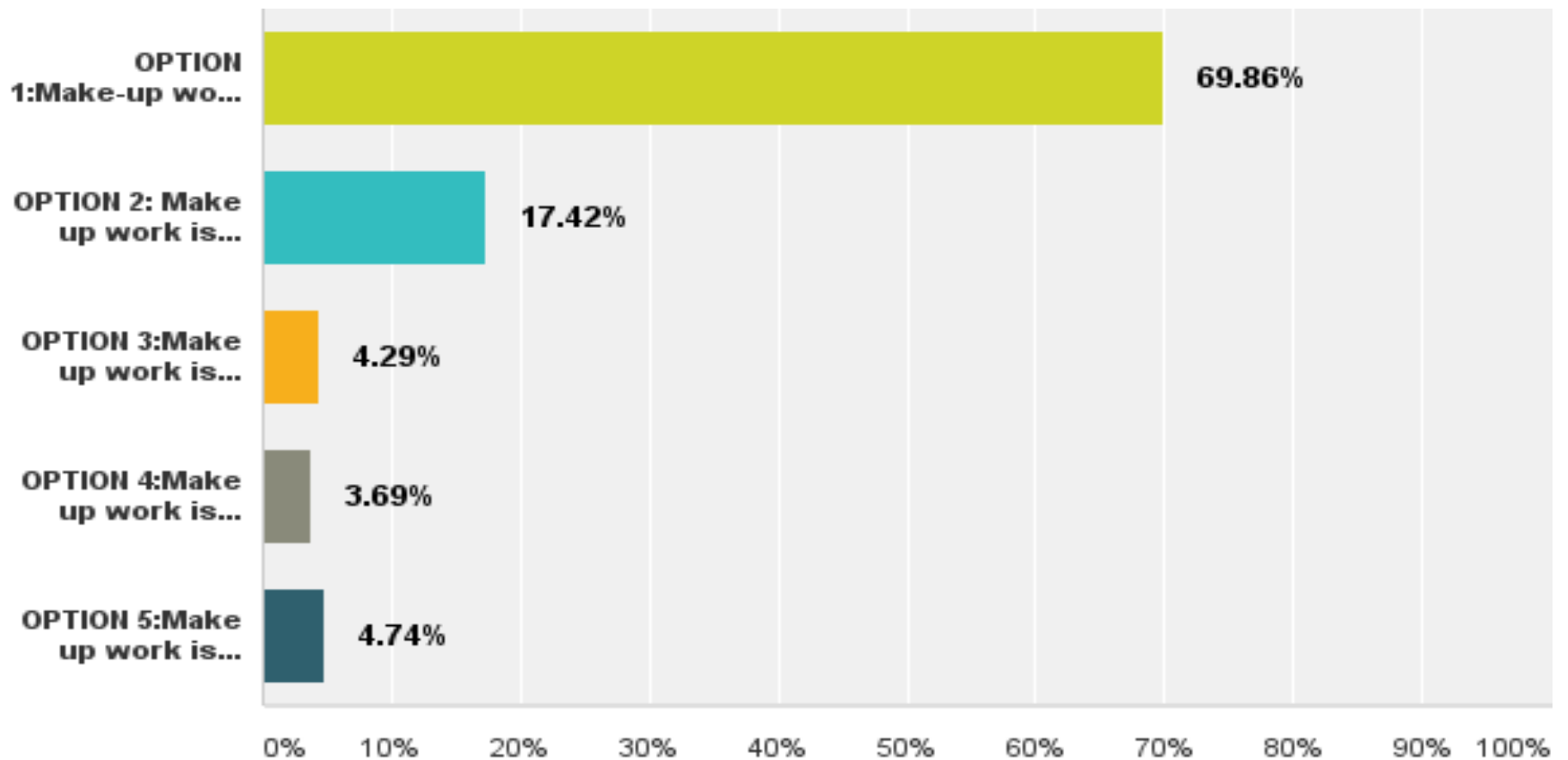
DISTRICT ADMIN. – 79 Responses



SUMMARY RESPONSES— 4,609 Responses



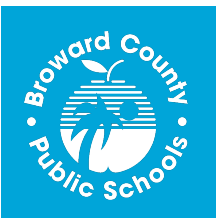
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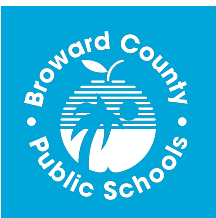
OTHER POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

For better alignment once approved, remove section on make-up work from Policy 5.5 and place instead in Policy 6000.1

As directed by the Board, amend definition of “pattern of non-attendance” to exclude excused absences



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