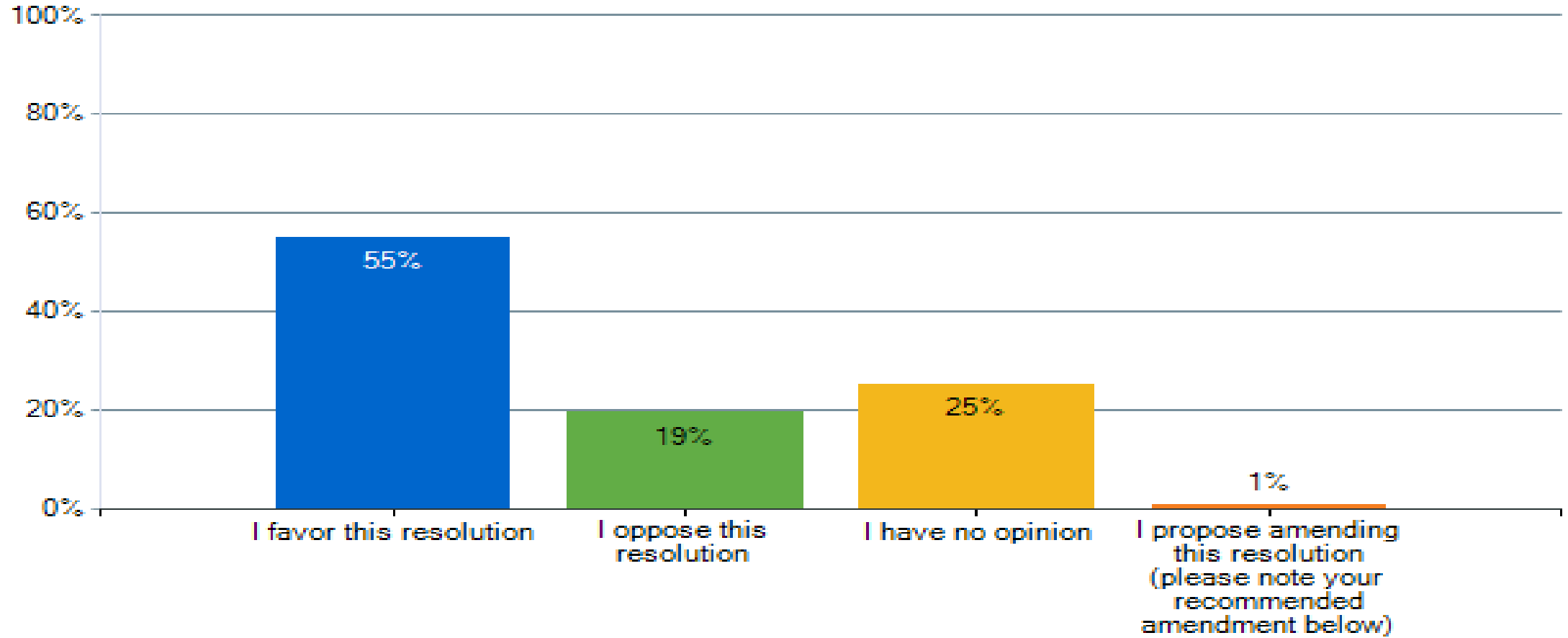
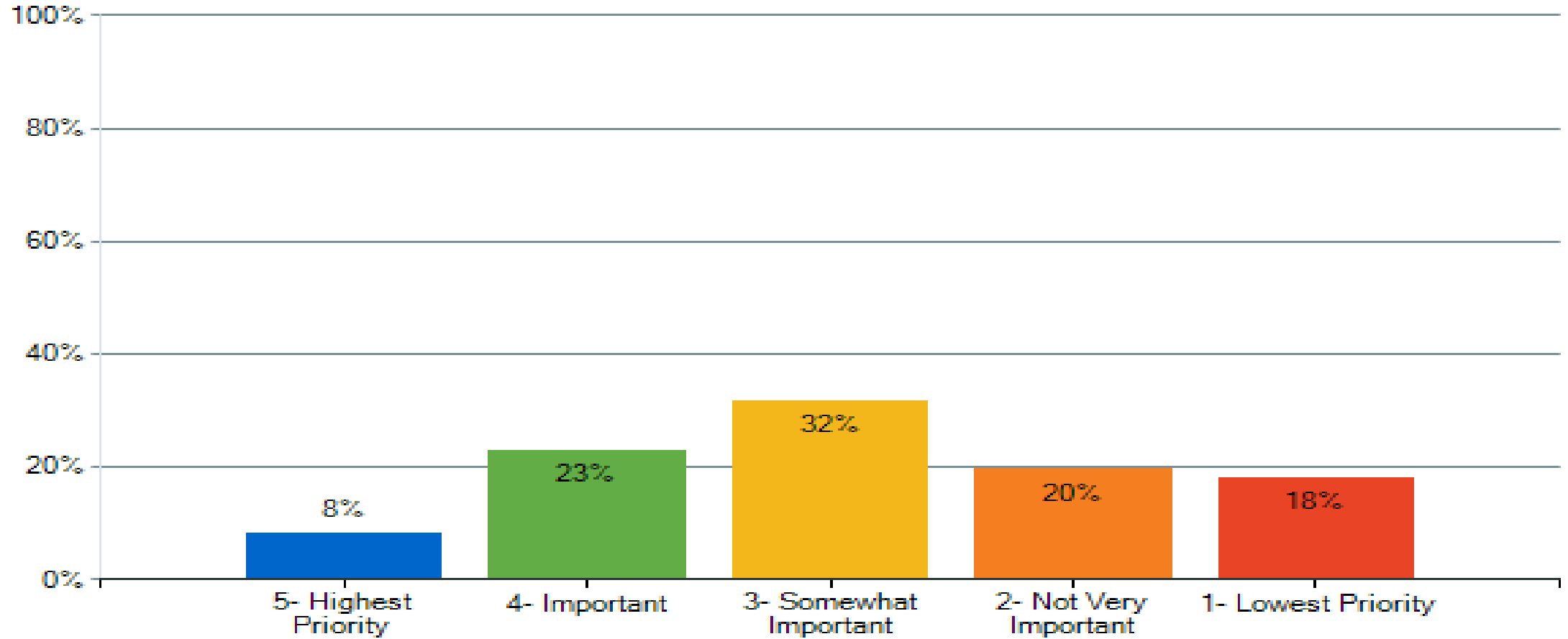


Improving Restroom Access for Primary and Secondary School Students



191 responses

Please indicate your view of this resolution as an ISMS priority.



184 responses

Comments

Response Text

I think that students needing to use the bathroom while in class could be a potential problem, especially in schools with lower income &/or disciplinary problems, but I think any solution to this problem should also include teachers

Really? Don't we have important things to talk about?

Oh, good Lord! If you try to legislate students' use of bathrooms, how will you punish the students; accidents, more than the embarrassment of having wet pants?! How you deal with bathroom fakers falls in the larger troublesome category of students who fake any conditions to escape doing the required school work. Certainly consultation with parents is a necessary step and other constructive measures. Locking the bathroom doors is a horrible non-solution,

I vividly remember being in grade school and only be allowed two hall passes per day to use the restroom/go to my locker. It is ridiculous that children are limited in the number of times they can use the restroom daily.

It's hard to imagine this is a real problem. It is far more lenient than when I was in school and we didn't have problems then.

Seems reasonable - although there is potential for side effects of misuse of this policy

In general, I prefer recommendations to be solely focused on health. This topic seems to be tangential at best.

And why is ISMS micromanaging primary and secondary schools' education content and daily schedules ? We are out of our lane on this one !

In the course of my career as a pediatrician, I have seen water restriction for students to reduce need for bathroom use. So I wrote all my patients notes to allow water bottles for medical reasons (like physiological health and mental attention!) Then the schools finally allowed water bottles and now they are limiting passes. So I write most of my patients notes to allow adequate use of the restroom for physiological health and mental attention. I understand that some students are thought to abuse these policies, but we spend so much of our time treating constipation secondary to these restrictions in the school setting. In fairness to the school, they need the resources to have monitors in these restrooms for multiple reasons and they do not currently have those resources. But the challenge needs to be set. This is a much bigger problem than many realize. Thank you for bringing it to the forefront.

Not sure what problem this is meant to solve, is this really a big issue? I have not heard of this

Great idea

I do not think ISMS should be wasting time with this.

I'm not aware of any significant issue with this. If you don't have some limitations, however, you know people will take advantage of it. Seems to be an unnecessary burden on the schools.

Do not agree that this should be a general all state policy that should be identified as a problem for an individual student as a potential disability or health problem by their treating physician

What specific changes are being proposed?

This issue is complicated because of the students who use the restrooms for other than urinating or moving their bowels!

oppose first resolve---I do not like other groups mandating specific education for me and therefore do not want to impose that on others.....second resolve seems petty and not sure how to coordinate shorter walking distance between classes

This seems ridiculous that we have to sponsor a bill for a basic need , really ? What about menstrual products ? Toilet paper ?

This issue is certainly important to some students but is unlikely to be solved by legislation. Discussion with school officials regarding specific cases seems a better approach.

The first resolved can be supported but I do not feel it is the purview of medicine to tell school districts or the State Board of Education what type of bathroom policies are required. Favor first resolved only.

Children w special needs may require more often BR breaks that can take longer. Due to catheters braces immobility wheel chair usage These children require accommodations that are generally granted through IEPs and approve by school nurse.

not convinced there is a public health issue or systematic lack of access. I suggest talking to the many teachers who have disruptive students who use bathroom breaks to control the environment, disrupt the classroom, and socialize

Micromanagement is not good.

Would be abused to cause chaos in the schoolroom. Restrooms are available between classes.

And shall we recommend how long it takes to eat a P&J sandwich? We only have so much in the way of resources. We should concentrate on real issues.

Let's let the educational professionals do their job and not further regulate them

Already have policy

I entered no opinion below only because I'm not sure where this comes from! Is this really an issue? Or has there been an outlier school and a rare case where it proved to be a problem? Do not believe that ISMS should interject policies on minor, infrequent issues. But willing to listen....

i have battled this issue for years and feel it would be very important for student health.