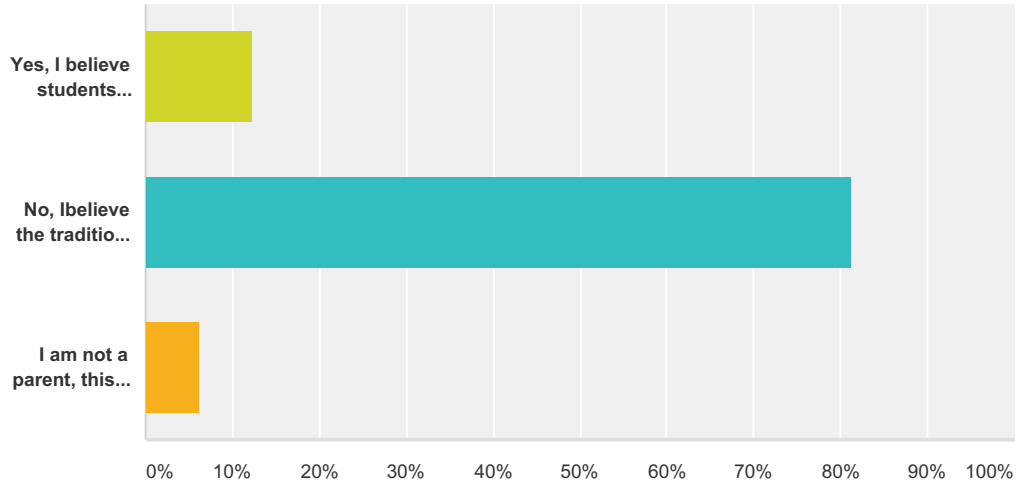


**Q1 Parents (current or previous), do you believe the current VB elementary grading system (AP,P,DP,N) called "Standards Based Grading-SBG" is a better system than the traditional A,B,C,D approach?**

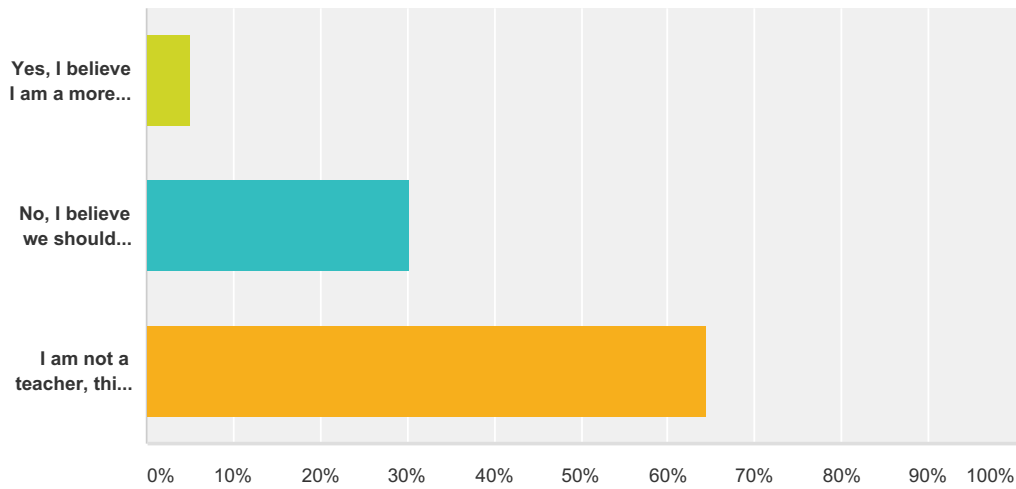
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, I believe students benefit from the SBG system	12.37% 35
No, I believe the traditional system is better and we should return to it	81.27% 230
I am not a parent, this question does not apply to me	6.36% 18
<b>Total</b>	<b>283</b>

**Q2 Teachers, do you believe the current VB elementary grading system (AP,P,DP,N) "Standards Based Grading-SBG" is a better system than the traditional A,B,C,D,E system that was in place prior to this new program?**

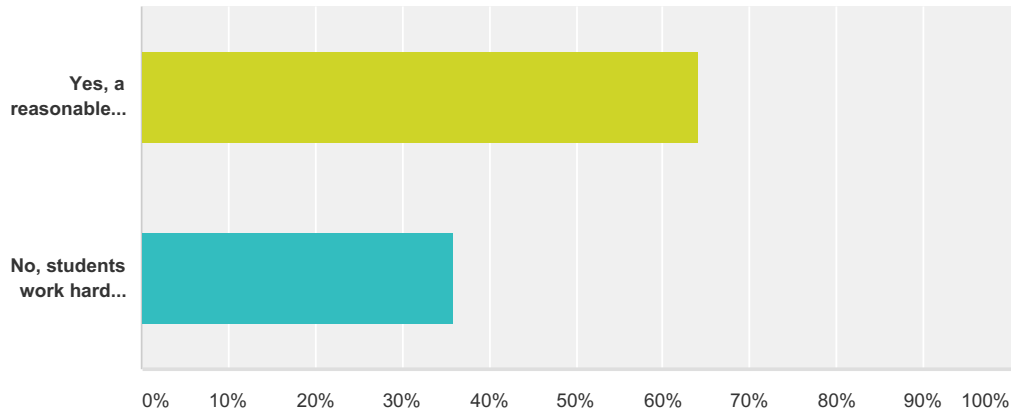
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, I believe I am a more effective teacher because of the new system	5.11% 14
No, I believe we should switch back to the traditional system	30.29% 83
I am not a teacher, this question does not apply to me	64.60% 177
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>

### Q3 Any VB Resident-- homework has been removed in most of our elementary schools. Do you believe elementary students should receive homework?

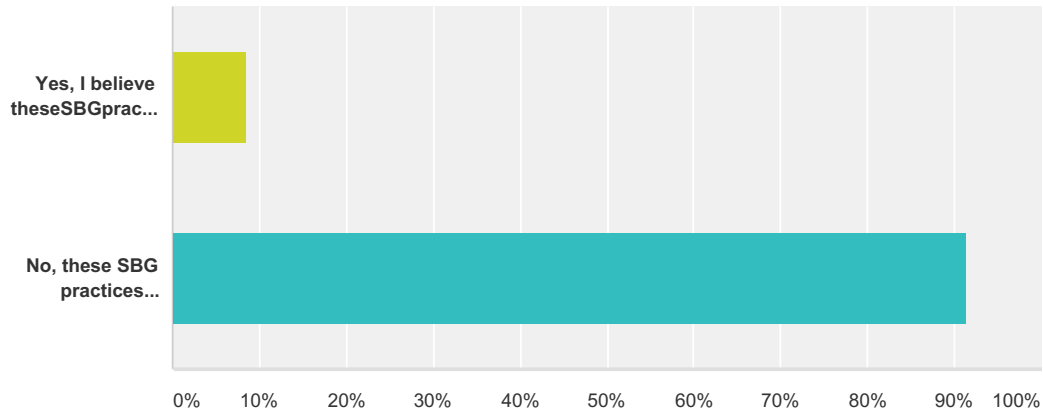
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, a reasonable amount of homework that reinforces learning is important at the elementary level	64.18% 181
No, students work hard enough in school they should not have homework	35.82% 101
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>

### Q4 Would you support the implementation of the elementary grading practices (Standards Based Grading-SBG) at the middle and high school level in Va Beach?

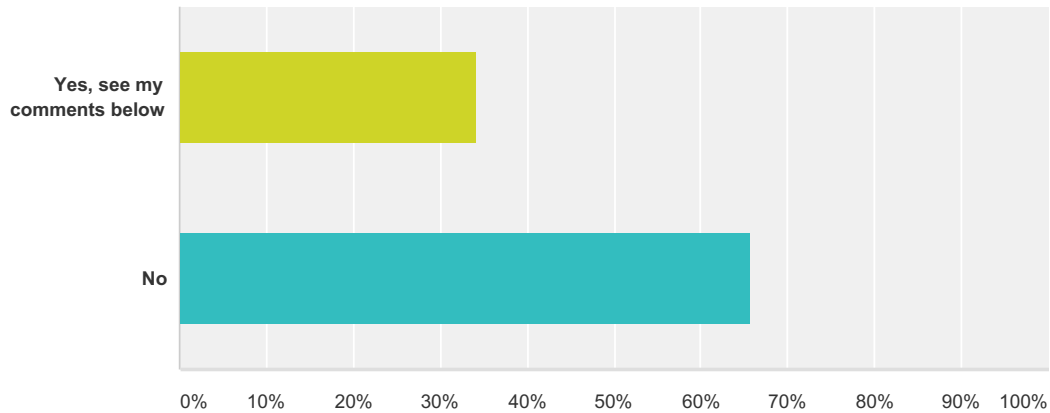
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, I believe these SBG practices should be implemented in all of our schools	8.54% 24
No, these SBG practices should NOT be implemented in all of our schools	91.46% 257
<b>Total</b>	<b>281</b>

### Q5 Do you have any additional comments?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 27



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, see my comments below	34.24% 88
No	65.76% 169
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	We need to prepare our children for the real world and give them the tools to succeed. There is always room for grace to be offered but actions need consequences (positive and negative)	10/2/2016 11:26 PM
2	Standards based heading may present a problem for children who don't understand the importance of self accountability	10/2/2016 3:09 AM
3	Classes and grading need to be at a pace the kids can grasp the info balanced with a	10/1/2016 10:05 AM
4	I believe homework is fine in the elementary school however they say 15 min which at time seems more then that. I also feel even at this level the homework sheets are not always what they seem to be.	10/1/2016 7:51 AM
5	There are bigger issues than grading policy in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools.	9/30/2016 10:42 AM
6	all day kindergarten needs to be in place	9/27/2016 12:43 PM
7	The traditional system grades the parent and student not just the student. This is not fair especially to single parent or low education families	9/23/2016 8:06 PM
8	Mu daughter graduated from FCHS in the top of her class. She did not have to study much to achieve an awesome GPA. She was given oppportunities to retake tests or make test corrections. Thus her GPA was artificially inflated. Now as a second year college student, who must study she is surprised that you actually have to study to receive good grades. I think VBCPS let my daughter down because college was one giant punch in the face because her grades in HS were basically given to her, not necessarily earned. AND for the middle schools who have already implemented this type of retake/test corrections these schools are inflating the grades of the students as well. SO when my son goes to apply to various programs; having not been given these oppportunities, his peers might get placed in schools based on higher (not really earned) GPA than my son who did it the traditional way, study take a test and that is your grade. The whole system is just ridiculous, this teaches kids a lack of responsibility in general and it will negatively effect them in the end. I am considering pulling my son out of VBCPS for high school to ensure he is prepared for college.	9/23/2016 1:02 PM

9	I am currently a high school student at OLHS. I see no reason for changing the grading scale for middle and high school report cards. This system may be beneficial for younger students, but I feel as though this would present a multitude of new problems if it is introduced at higher levels. The traditional grading system is sufficient for evaluating a student's work and effort. Not only is SBG not compatible for calculating high school GPA, but it also puts an unnecessary amount of extra work on teachers. If students are trying their best, completing their work, and studying, the traditional grading system should be just fine for showing parents how much effort their child puts into class.	9/22/2016 1:50 PM
10	It's been frustrating as the parent of a gifted elementary student. With SBG, she graded on a completely different set of criteria than her classmate. Since she's reading above grade-level, her "grade" is based on her performance at that level. So, she's making Ps while other children are easily making APs. I've been told that by our GRT that this grading issue for gifted children is handled on a school level and at the discretion of the principal. Obviously, there is no consistent standard among the schools. This makes it difficult since these children are applying to academies and their grades are compared. While I understand SBG, I think traditional grades give us a better idea of how our children are performing on a common scale.	9/19/2016 5:06 PM
11	The practice of grading by objective is time consuming and really does not provide parents with any useful information regarding their child's progress. The whole system is more subjective with no consistency from building to building.	9/17/2016 6:53 PM
12	The system currently in place gives us no idea how our child is actually doing in school. It also does not prepare them for the real world.	9/17/2016 2:37 AM
13	Making our society stupid	9/16/2016 11:16 PM
14	Question #4 is not a valid question. VBCPS is not considering the same system for middle and high school. Rather they are looking at mastery grading... Looking for the level to which a student has actually mastered the objective being asked of them. You, unfortunately, have your facts confused. Mastery grading actually holds our students more accountable as opposed to the current, very skewed system we use which somehow computes a failing grade to be worth six times the mathematical value of any other grade.	9/16/2016 7:43 PM
15	My son and students do not have any concept of how they are doing with the current grading practices.	9/16/2016 7:12 PM
16	We need our students to be held to high standards and learn accountability.	9/16/2016 5:20 PM
17	Homework - the were only two options all or none but my opinion is that there should be minimal homework. A maximum of 10 min per elementary subject, 15 min per middle school class and 20 per high school class per night should be implemented.	9/16/2016 3:19 PM
18	More help with children who are twice exceptional would be lovely ( gifted and learning disabled )	9/16/2016 2:40 PM
19	My elementary student has about an hour of homework a night. What schools have done away with homework? Elementary students are having a hard time transitioning from letters that do not mean much to A, B, C, D and E. Please return to the old way.	9/16/2016 2:18 PM
20	NO to SBG! And there should be better ways to recognize kids who do well. It's like the good students can't be rewarded so everyone else doesn't feel bad.	9/16/2016 1:51 PM
21	Students should be assessed based on standards. How will we communicate that information on transcripts to colleges?	9/16/2016 1:32 PM
22	remove common core math and bring back traditional math.	9/16/2016 12:13 PM
23	There is a growing body of evidence showing homework at the elementary level does not enhance learning. Perhaps at 4th and 5th grade levels, it useful to build good habits for certain subjects (like math or reading) but it should be at the teacher/dept discretion based on evidence and not busy work.	9/16/2016 10:12 AM
24	Students need responsibility and accountability. Coddling them will not help them in the long run or real world. Do not lower the standards of VBCPS, raise them instead. Many parents do not know how to be involved with their kids' educational needs; that could be a focus area to help students be more successful. Teachers and schools should not be totally responsible for a child's success. No cell phones for students during the school day...that's a huge distraction. More accountability for fund raising on athletic teams to prevent fraud by coaches.	9/16/2016 10:01 AM

25	As a parent of a child who just finished 5th grade, I think the SBG grading system is simply terrible. Let me restate so you make sure to record it... SBG is terrible. It's subjective based on each teacher and class. I don't care what I've been told to the contrary. When you get right down to it, it becomes subjective. It doesn't give parents an indicator of whether or not their children need help. Sometimes it's not possible to get an AP on tests, but you never know. Then P can range from no questions incorrect to getting several incorrect. And how on earth do you use the "higher level thinking/application" to give APs in subjects like PE and music??? Again ALL subjective based on teacher! I even had teachers admit it's subjective. Then we get down to playing favorites. Grading should be numbers based. It's fair and not subjective and gives a far better indicator. Also, there is a problem using this grading scale when you move out of VB. We have a lot of students that are military and when they go to transfer to another school. Guess what! APs go to As and Ps go to Bs. VB schools say this isn't how to convert, but how should any other school in the nation react to this grading system. Beyond frustrated!!! I'm glad my daughter is in 6th grade and no longer needs to deal with it. Do NOT bring it to middle school or high school.	9/16/2016 9:11 AM
26	I believe Elementary School students should have 1-2 pages of homework so they're prepared for having to do homework at the Middle and High School levels. The grading system doesn't matter as much to me either way as long as I'm able to understand how my child is doing in school.	9/16/2016 8:13 AM
27	The school system asked for parent/community input regarding proposed MS and HS grading policy changes; there was feedback and concerns about moving to SBG and it appears that community input really wanted. The school system, within the last 8 years, already lowered standards to a 10 pt grading scale, now they want to remove accountability and reduce instruction time. No wonder graduation rates have increased within VBCPS, but SAT scores are declining and seasoned teachers are choosing to teach elsewhere. I have 2 children in Elementary school and 1 high-schooler in Beach schools and cannot stand SBG and the lack of meaningful homework and assignment deadlines/accountability. Do not implement these changes at the secondary levels, it's not how the workforce and college work.	9/16/2016 7:57 AM
28	Traditional grading holds kids accountable. There also should be some take home work. This allows me to see what they are working on.	9/16/2016 7:46 AM
29	The SBG is opinion not fact. Numbers are fact	9/16/2016 7:41 AM
30	We need to get our kids ready for the real world. The new grading system doesn't do it!	9/16/2016 7:24 AM
31	The standard based grading is completely flawed. There is still a gpa attached to it and the gasps are too huge by going down 1 step. Let's also not forget that this also completely subjective on the teachers end. Missing 2 questions on an 100 question test doesn't qualify as anything but satisfactory. That's a great test score call it what it is an A.	9/16/2016 7:19 AM
32	I believe that 4/5th graders should be receiving homework so they can mentally prepare for middle school. Our kids are not prepared for 6th grade. The SBG is confusing for parents & kids. I think it sugar coats failing or not understanding the standards.	9/16/2016 6:15 AM
33	I feel the SBG does not give a clear picture of how the student is performing. It is too broad and vague.	9/16/2016 5:54 AM
34	Go back to the a,bc grading system. Allow more recess in elementary school, everyone needs some homework based the amount based on grade level and the class there in.	9/16/2016 5:21 AM
35	I am the grandparent of a fourth grader who lives with me. I get her off the bus and have always seen to it that her homework is done. It is hard for me to understand how a child can benefit from having no homework.isntit beneficial to go over what was learned in class, or to review their social studies, math or science? How does the parent even know what they are studying in class? Conversations with the child after school and at dinner time will only tell you what the child wants you to know. I am having a very hard time adjusting to this!	9/15/2016 11:19 PM
36	I do not think lowering the standards and taking the actual accountability away from the students does anything for them. They are NOT set up for the real world, work ethic sucks and they think everything is negotiable because that is now HS work is being presented. Thank you.	9/15/2016 10:27 PM
37	Elementary schools need to bring back honor roll and principal's lists back. The school needs to bring back the traditional grading system.	9/15/2016 10:12 PM
38	The SBG if implemented properly and aligned throughout the district is beneficial and great! However, every teacher in every classroom and every building grades differently...even if it is calibrated. New teachers are not really trained on SBG. Lastly, aren't the grades still averaged in synergy? I love the idea of SBG, I do not believe the district is using it to it's fullest capabilities.	9/15/2016 9:05 PM
39	Zeros are appropriate if no work is done and late work show be down graded!	9/15/2016 8:58 PM
40	I think implementing g these standards may help erase the stigma felt by some students when receiving a poor grade. The elementary method appears to bring focus to over all knowledge vs the grade.	9/15/2016 7:54 PM
41	10-15 min of homework not hours	9/15/2016 7:46 PM

42	Go back to A B C D F	9/15/2016 7:40 PM
43	Unless universities change to a standards based grading system, I believe public schools should prepare students to be successful in college. I, as a parent, can understand that if my child gets an A or B, they understand the material being taught. C or D-needs work. E- I need to meet with the teacher and line up some tutoring.	9/15/2016 6:55 PM
44	Homework in elementary school should be reading for pleasure. Once school starts back each fall, my grandson does not read for pleasure unless it is his homework. There is not enough time once the other homework is completed.	9/15/2016 6:54 PM
45	Students should receive zeroes for not completing work and lose points for turning in late	9/15/2016 6:27 PM
46	Save the VBCPS standards. Save our students	9/15/2016 6:03 PM
47	The currently elementary grading system is very subjective and not consistent among teachers. What may be an AP for one teacher could be a P for another. Also, this grading system has taken away all motivation--no honor roll, Principal's List or BUG roll. Too much emphasis is placed on behavior and not academics. I have no idea where my child stands because a P means nothing to me.	9/15/2016 5:35 PM
48	Prefer traditional grading with transparency when changes are sought.	9/15/2016 3:53 PM
49	I am a retired teacher. I taught for 34 years. I have seen first hand how the curriculum has become less demanding of the student	9/15/2016 2:30 PM
50	This grading system is ridiculous and does NOTHING to prepare my child for college and beyond. If it continues past elementary school I will pull my son out and send him to private school.	9/15/2016 7:51 AM
51	I think the school board should be listening to our teachers opinions more on these topics	9/15/2016 7:22 AM
52	We have a responsibility to help students develop strong work ethics and a sense of personal responsibility for their own success. This cannot be accomplished if we give grades for work that was not submitted and require nothing to be done outside of class.	9/15/2016 6:52 AM
53	Standards based grading system is horrible- hard to understand, hard to know when, your child needs help, and does not help them reach their full potential.	9/15/2016 6:24 AM
54	Students need to be taught responsibly. They are responsible to study and complete work on time. That is the real world.	9/15/2016 6:07 AM
55	The amount of homework should be based on grade level. Occasional practice in the early grades increasing in small increments through 5th grade. At the middle school level homework should become more regular, but still in reasonable amounts. As a retired high school teacher, one difficulty we had was that students came to us with no expectation to do homework and without the organizational skills to manage the required work. At the high school level, students should be prepared to successfully manage doing the homework needed to practice material they are learning, to complete out of class projects and to do the reading needed for a class. Bottom line, we are preparing students to be a part of the work force, to complete college, to pursue a career. We are failing to prepare students for life if we have never expected them to work independently outside of the classroom.	9/14/2016 11:40 PM
56	Go back to A BCD grading please!!!	9/14/2016 10:25 PM
57	We need to make it easier for children to pass by teaching them responsibilities and not excusing them or their parents from this responsibility.	9/14/2016 9:42 PM
58	I believe in SBG at all levels, however I think VBSchools have gone a bit too far and have too many components. I don't think elementary school students should have nightly homework, but I do think summer refresher work or a longer school year is valuable instead.	9/14/2016 9:21 PM
59	We need to hold all students to high standards, and make them accountable. No homework disconnects parents from what's going on in school. Kids in elementary school shouldn't have more than 30 minutes of homework, including reading. Fifth grade students should be held to a higher level to prepare them for middle school. Additionally, standards based grading does nothing to help students. Any good teacher is going to remediate and re-assess students who are struggling. They don't need 100 chances to earn a P. Also, students in 4-5 grades should receive academic recognition for their hard work. The everybody gets a trophy approach to school is doing nothing to prepare our students to be competitive in the global economy.	9/14/2016 9:02 PM
60	Please stop this nonsense!!! VBCPS has not reason NOT to be a great system. Please don't screw this up.	9/14/2016 7:50 PM
61	Middle school and high schools need homework, but each subject should have a given night. No home work should add up to more than 2 hours a night.	9/14/2016 7:29 PM
62	Hold our kids accountable. Allow teachers to teach!!!	9/14/2016 7:04 PM
63	I hadn't thought about standard based grading for MS or HS, but that would pinpoint the needs of our kids.	9/14/2016 6:43 PM



64	We are lowering our expectations of our students to achieve the desired statistics that make administrators look good.	9/14/2016 6:30 PM
65	When I went to elementary school, grading was 1,2,3,4 in the various categories (similar to the AP, P, DP, N). I think it would be hard to quantitatively emply an A, B, C, D system in elementary school without numerically graded tests (0-100), wherein you can then can be correlated to A, B, C, D (even fit to a Bell Curve, as is done in college). And I think numerically scored tests in early elementary school are not the best approach.	9/14/2016 4:07 PM
66	UTI trying to fix an honorable grading system that as never broken to begin with. All schools should have the traditional A, B, C, D, E grading scale. Parents understand it, students have to earn it, and teachers can be more efficient with their time.	9/14/2016 3:58 PM
67	Frustrated that Honor Roll is no longer honorabl e or worth striving for. Kids that work hard, turn in homework on time & exceed expectations should be honored with the grades that they earned by working harder. Kids are all different which is extraordinary & they're not all going to get the same grades & that is okay.	9/14/2016 3:43 PM
68	We've been in many states and had both grading systems. My child finds the SBG system less motivating. Striving for all "A's" is a more concrete goal than than doing better in a skill.	9/14/2016 2:54 PM
69	Homework for the sake of homework is hard on the families of elementary school students. However, work not completed during the day should be sent home as homework. Additionally, in 3rd thru 5th grades, an effort should be made to introduce learning at home so there isn't a huge shock in middle school.	9/14/2016 2:03 PM
70	Adults are not expected to sit, quietly for 6 hours at a time. Why should we expect it of our children. PE and Arts are just as important as English, Math, Science & History. I understand budget restrictions. But there has to be a better way.	9/14/2016 2:00 PM
71	We are not getting our kids ready for college or vocational work with implications of the real world.	9/14/2016 12:33 PM
72	These current grading practices do not prepare our kids for middle school, and if anything it coddles them, especially in the higher elementary grades. We send them off with the idea that they didn't need to see dp and n as bad grades, just that they needed more time to learn the material. These kids didn't get more time to learn it, and often came out thinking that they were fine until they fail the sol tests. Little so they realize that dp and n are equivalent to low c to failing grades. How is this giving them opportunities (or parents ) to correct it? It's like giving them a high five for not knowing what they are doing. Kids need accountability and they need to know where they stand. They also need to be prepared. And this system does not do any of that.	9/14/2016 12:12 PM
73	This new grading system is neither realistic nor practical. It lowers expectations and removes the motivation and incentive for students to work.	9/14/2016 11:56 AM
74	SBG does not adequately acknowledge high achieving students. The "P" range is too broad and doesn't give parents an adequate view of how a child is performing. It does nothing to prepare children for future expectations beyond elementary education .	9/14/2016 11:54 AM
75	The powers that be need to listen more and act less. Give students a firm foundation which will serve them their whole working lives.	9/14/2016 11:27 AM
76	There will be no student accountability. It's a set up for failure.	9/14/2016 11:14 AM
77	Please bring back accountability. Timeliness and responsibility are important traits for our students.	9/14/2016 11:09 AM
78	Raised two children in the public school system and believe the A, B, C, D, F grading system is simple and works great for all. Also, believe homework should be mandatory for all students and parents alike. This whole process is for the benefit of attending college one day to become whatever one chooses. If it is not broken, let it remain. Do not test out something new on the children and their families when the old system is not broken.	9/14/2016 10:18 AM
79	SBG destroys motivation to do your best. It promotes a system of mediocrity. By lumping high achievers into the same "grade category" with average students, there is no differentiation in reporting, teaching or recognition. Highly motivated students are demotivated by this system. Parents don't understand the report cards or what their child is being graded on. The teachers have no way of objectively assessing students, as grading rubrics are purposely subjective. There is a high amount of personal bias inherent in this system. If the school administration is left uncontrolled, as it appears is now the case, the best we can hope for is a change in our Federal Government that will allow tax payers to take their children (and their tax dollars) to schools that care what the parents, community and students have overwhelmingly voiced. Parents know their children and how they learn better than a few people sitting in offices that are disconnected from the reality of all of this. SBG has been a complete disaster everywhere it has been implemented. This is only being implemented to increase graduation rates for one specific gender and minority group. Unfortunately, Mr. Superintended will soon learn that it won't work. The only thing that will help this group of students is to change the family unit, I.e., the values that have been instilled (or not) in these children. Good luck with that.	9/14/2016 8:47 AM

80	The current "best practices" movement by the superintendent DOES not hold students accountable for their own learning. I grew up in Virginia Beach and returned here to teach-I am so worried for my children currently in this system.	9/14/2016 7:40 AM
81	The grades should be kept the way they are.	9/14/2016 4:26 AM
82	As a parent to five kids in Vb schools I can't stand the math new way of teaching. Teaching math vertically is not practical. It just makes it more difficult. The angry grading scale is hard to understand and hard for students to understand too. I agree with homework however many of these projects are nothing but busy work and stress out young students as the demand is just too high!	9/13/2016 11:39 PM
83	The way math is being taught to my 2nd grade son is frustrating for parent and student. I'm not sure if it is the Common Core nonsense, but it is awful.	9/13/2016 11:27 PM
84	Standards based grading is another way to dummy down school and not hold students accountable. Most students are P which represents average or a C. There is no honor roll anymore. When students transfer to other districts, there games have no meaning. When a student is failing in a surrounding district, parents switch them to VB because they won't fail with our grading system.	9/13/2016 9:41 PM
85	The change to digital schooling is killing the writing and spelling standards of our children. There are also many ads the kids are viewing during their digital time which is completely inappropriate to have ads in a school settings.	9/13/2016 8:44 PM
86	This system, if implemented, no longer has us "ahead of the curve"...instead it has us dumbed down. Why not just give diplomas with birth certificates.	9/13/2016 8:30 PM
87	Not having any or little consequences for turning late assignment is probably the worst teaching I have ever seen! As an Executive, this is shocking!	9/13/2016 8:22 PM
88	Kids need to be held accountable. They also need to learn how a grade is earned and not just in a subjective way.	9/13/2016 8:10 PM
89	Stop putting so much pressure on the students for SOLs. My child cried himself to sleep almost every night for 6 weeks leading up to SOLs. He wanted to drop out of a bowling tournament because he thought he was "going to be as bad at this as I'm going to be at the SOLS." 9y.o. children should NEVER be made to feel like that!!!	9/13/2016 6:10 PM
90	Removing homework has rekindled our children's love of school! We are so pleased they have time for a more dynamic day instead of suffocating in school work. Great work!	9/13/2016 6:08 PM
91	I was torn between yes and no for the homework question. I think it should be minimal--studying, reading. There just aren't enough hours in the day. Families miss out on time together between homework and activities. Even dinner together is difficult for most these days. Parent time leads to better morals, leads to happier kids, leads to better grades and behavior	9/13/2016 5:58 PM
92	My daughter's Elementary school did not have homework last year, but they still had 5-7 standards based assessments a week. She had to study for those at night or she wasn't going to pass (5th grade). 4th grade had homework, but it wasn't graded. It was torture every night. She had no motivation. Guess what? Shes in middle school this year where homework is graded and she loves it, tries her best and does it voluntarily because she want to get a good grade. If this grading system is implemented in middle or high, she will probably be a drop out.	9/13/2016 4:59 PM
93	I have children in this district, but teach elementary students in another district. In general, under the current system, AP, P, ....many parents don't understand where their child really is. I've dealt with countless parents who have moved into my district who are shocked when their child receives a C, D, or E. It is very unfortunate.	9/13/2016 4:50 PM
94	As a high school teacher and parent of an elementary student I find homework an essential part of the learning process. The standards based grading system is absolutely useless. It is so subjective and does not tell me how well she is doing. She can get an Ap on one assignment (getting all problems correct) and another assignment gets a P (getting all problems correct). It is more of a pass fail system. At least with a letter grade system you know how well a student has done. Virginia beach should not change the high school system. Colleges would consider Virginia beach schools a joke with no accountability. Most colleges give letter grades and that is where most students plan on going after high school.	9/13/2016 4:34 PM
95	I think SBG is too complex for both the teachers that have to implement it and the parents and students who have to understand it. However, we have muddled through. I think it would be absurd for middle and high school.	9/13/2016 4:33 PM
96	I do believe some homework should be provided, but not just for the sake of homework and not every night in elementary school.	9/13/2016 4:30 PM
97	We are not preparing our kids for there future if this is brought into middle and high schools	9/13/2016 3:56 PM
98	Homework has been removed in some middle schools as well and should be returned.	9/13/2016 3:54 PM