

# RESPONDING TO COVID-19 : ONLINE CLASSES IN KOREA



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# Korea's endeavor to overcome COVID-19

- 'Openness', 'Transparency' and 'Democratic process'
- The whole nation working together with high level of civic responsibility, thoughtfulness and a sense of solidarity
- Keeping physical distance
  - High-level social distancing measures (22<sup>nd</sup> March ~ 18<sup>th</sup> April)
  - More relaxed social distancing measures (20<sup>th</sup> April ~ 5<sup>th</sup> May)

# Preemptive response by the Korean Ministry of Education

- Social distancing in and out of school
- Online school year was first introduced for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders of middle and high schools (i.e. 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders).

Year		6 <sup>th</sup> ~8 <sup>th</sup> April	9 <sup>th</sup> ~10 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> ~15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup> ~17 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> April~
High school	3	Break (3 days)	Adjustment period	Online school year (9 <sup>th</sup> ~)		
	1, 2	Break (7 days)			Adjustment period	Online school year (16 <sup>th</sup> ~)
Middle school	3	Break (3 days)	Adjustment period	Online school year (9 <sup>th</sup> ~)		
	1, 2	Break (7 days)			Adjustment period	Online school year(16 <sup>th</sup> ~)
Elementary	4-6	Break (7 days)			Adjustment period	Online school year(16 <sup>th</sup> ~)
	1-3	Break (9 days)				Online school year (20 <sup>th</sup> ~)



# Systematic preparation for online school year

- **(Infrastructure)** Public online learning platforms have been expanded.
  - No. public online platform and private platform users daily : a total of 5.4 million students(as of 30<sup>th</sup> April)
- **(Learning content)** More learning content has been added to the previous set of content.
- **(Digital devices and the Internet)** Digital devices are rented for free to students from low-income families, and the Internet subscription fees are also provided.
- **(Teacher capacity-building)** ICT capacity of teachers is strengthened with the operation of "The Community of 10,000 Representative Teachers" and other teachers' communities for voluntary mentoring.

# Systematic preparation for online school year

- **Customized support is offered to students in need**
  - Students with disabilities : combination of online education and one-on-one home visits
  - Students from multicultural families : cooperation of the Ministry of Education, Provincial Offices of Education and local multicultural education support centers
  - Students from low-income families : digital devices rental and free internet

# Systematic preparation for online school year

- **Systematic support for schools via public-private partnership**
  - Educational websites are accessible free of charge temporarily with free internet data.
  - Private sector learning content (audio textbooks, etc.) can also be used in public platforms for online classes

# Systematic preparation for online school year

- **About 98.8% of students participate in online classes nationwide**
  - 5.38 million students (elementary, middle, high school)
  - Same as the percentage of student attendance in a typical school year
- **Online class type**
  - ① Real-time interactive class
  - ② Content-oriented class
  - ③ Task-oriented class



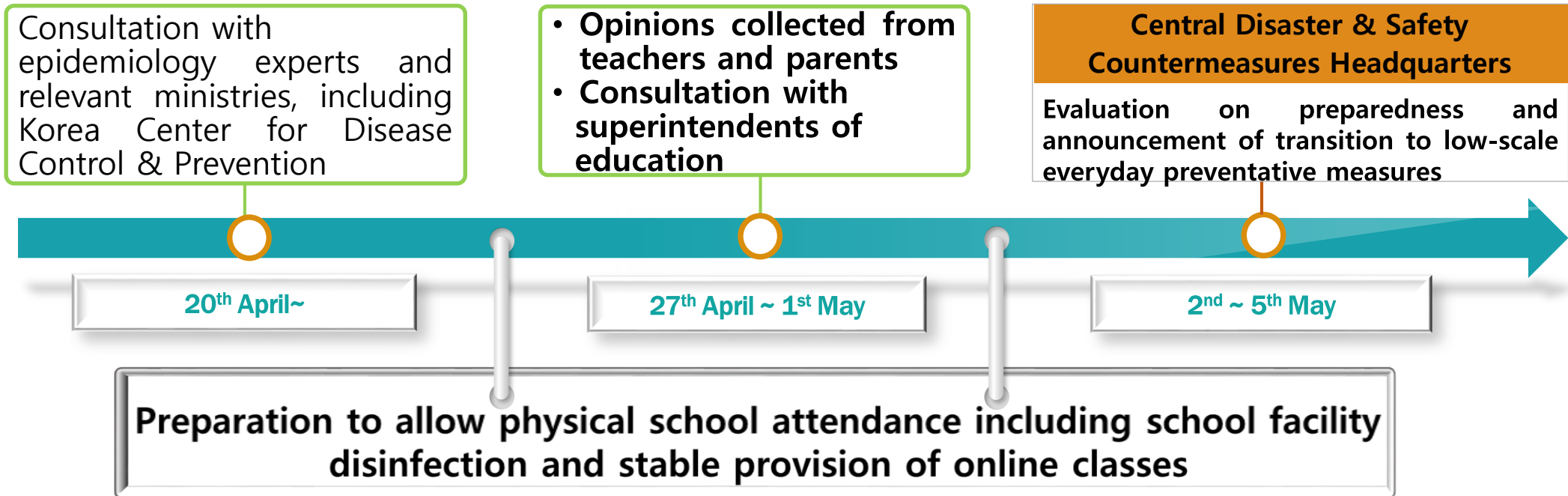
# Systematic preparation for online school year



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# Preparedness of Physical School Opening



- Covid-19 mock drill held in all schools nationwide.



# Physical School Opened

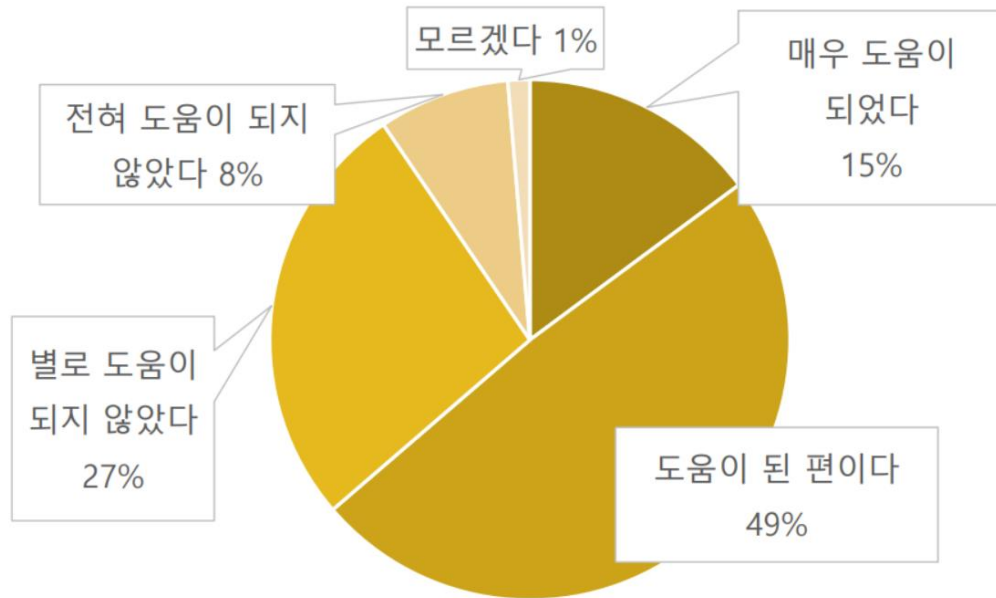




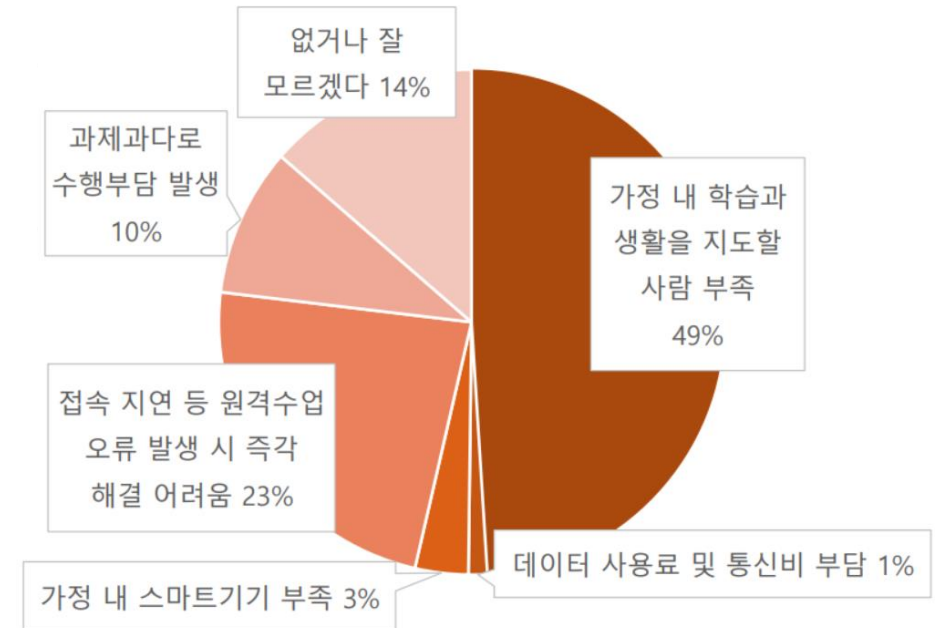
# Systematic preparation for online school year

## 학부모의 생각

원격수업이 자녀의 학습 결손을 예방하는데 도움이 되었다고 생각하십니까?



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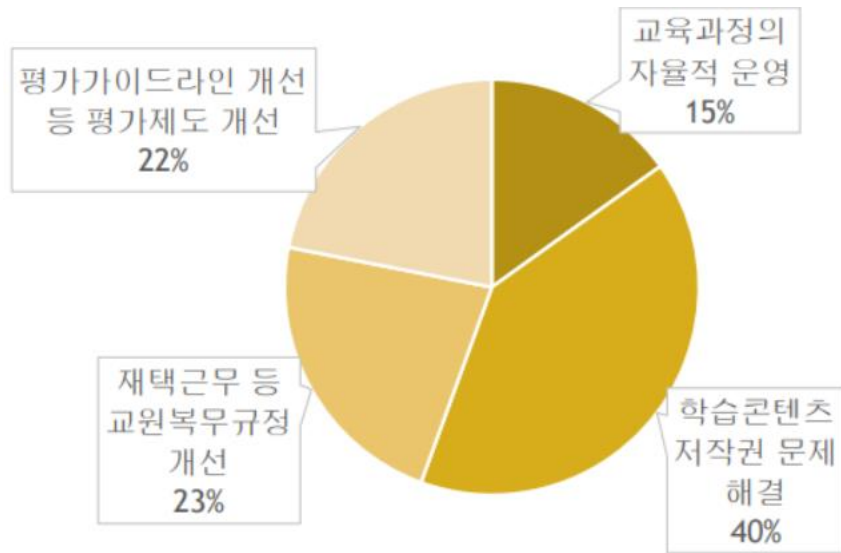




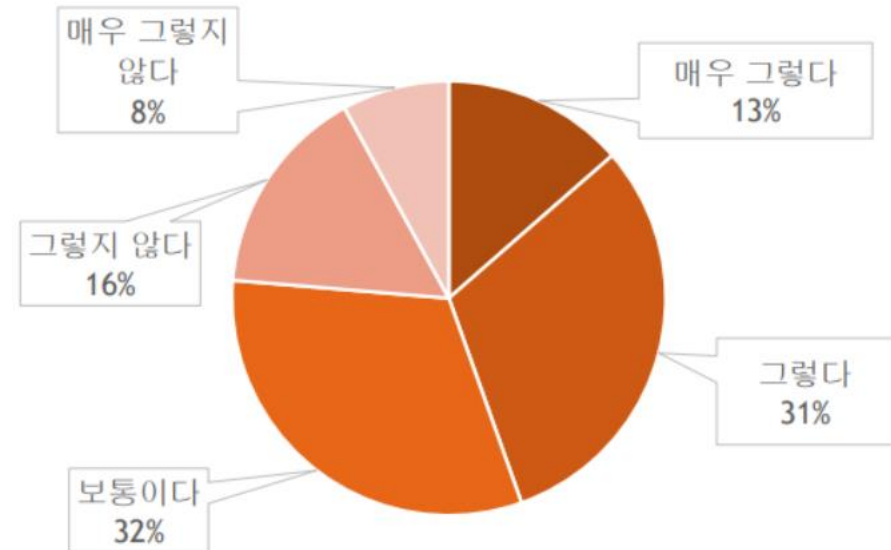
# Systematic preparation for online school year

## 선생님의 생각

원격수업 활성화를 위해 제도개선이 필요한 사항은?



향후에도 원격수업을 수업에 활용할 생각이 있으십니까?



# Korea's responsive measures in the future

- The experience of implementing the full-scale online school year can move forward the future of education and resolve digital divide.
- “Korean-style distance learning model” will be developed to pursue innovation and development of education in Korea.
- To overcome COVID-19 together, we need to promote information-sharing and cooperation in education around the world.
- The Korean government will actively share its COVID-19 response cases with the international community.



# Thanks



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