

# February Monthly Report

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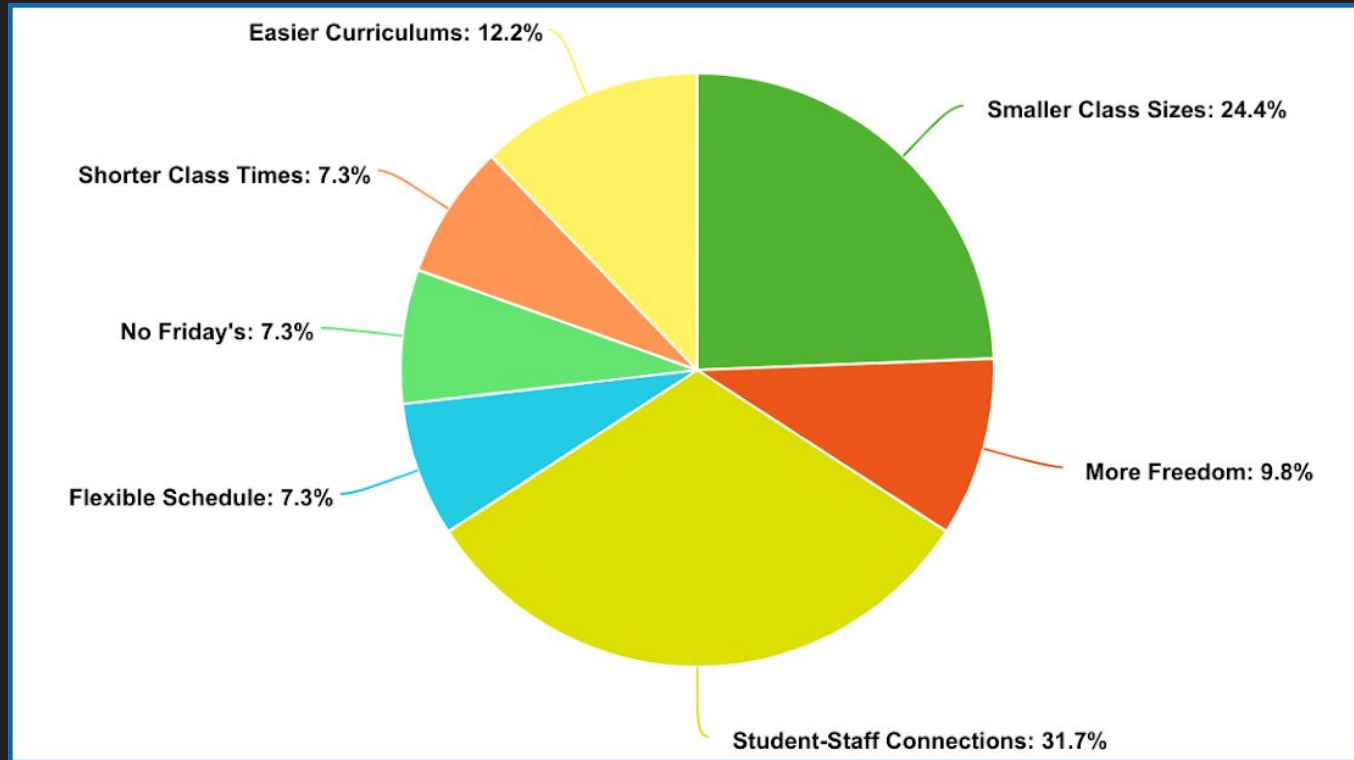
Hello everyone, my name is Damon Ritzko, and as of January 29th, 2024, I was elected to be the Official Area Learning Centers (ALC) Student Representative. I plan on taking on this task very seriously, and I want what's best for the student body.

At the beginning of this Semester, the staff set up a Minnesota Early Indicator Response System (MEIRS) survey for the students to take. It was either done online by the students themselves, or the staff would verbally ask the students the questions and they would (hopefully) answer as honestly as they could. So... this got me thinking, and I eventually came up with a ***hypothesis***.

My hypothesis was: **“Would students feel more comfortable talking to a fellow student rather than an adult?”**, so I quickly went to work. I went to a few staff members where I first pitched the idea to them, and they really seemed to like it. After going around and getting some advice and encouragement from other staff members, I went to my Principal: Mr. Nathan Glockle. I pitched the idea to him, and he was exceptionally supportive of the idea, and helped flesh out my idea into reality.

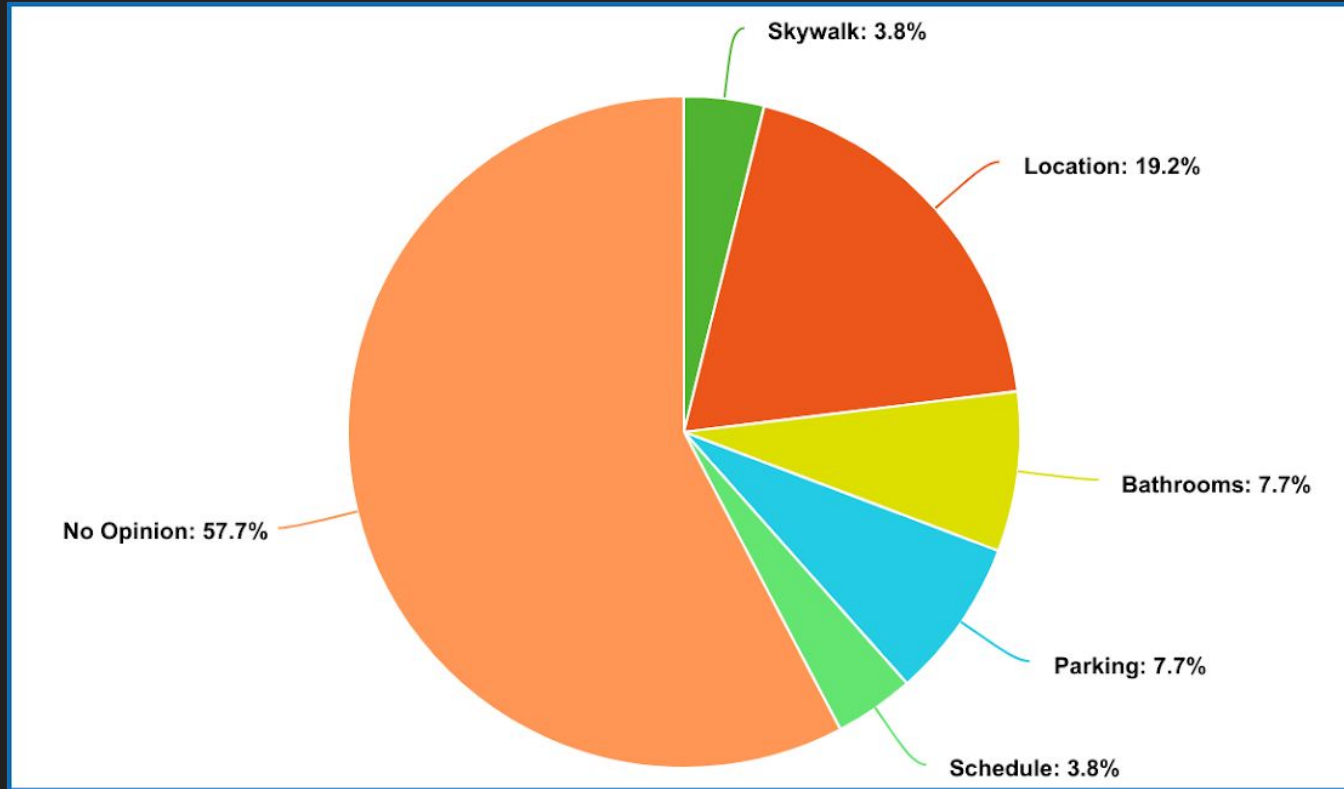
On Thursday, February 1st, and Monday, February 5th, I held “Interviews” with some selected students. Over the course of the two days, I had 3 hours to uphold these interviews and which I saw over 25 students in total that I was able to get information from, and here’s what I found:

# Some Things That Students Like About the ALC:



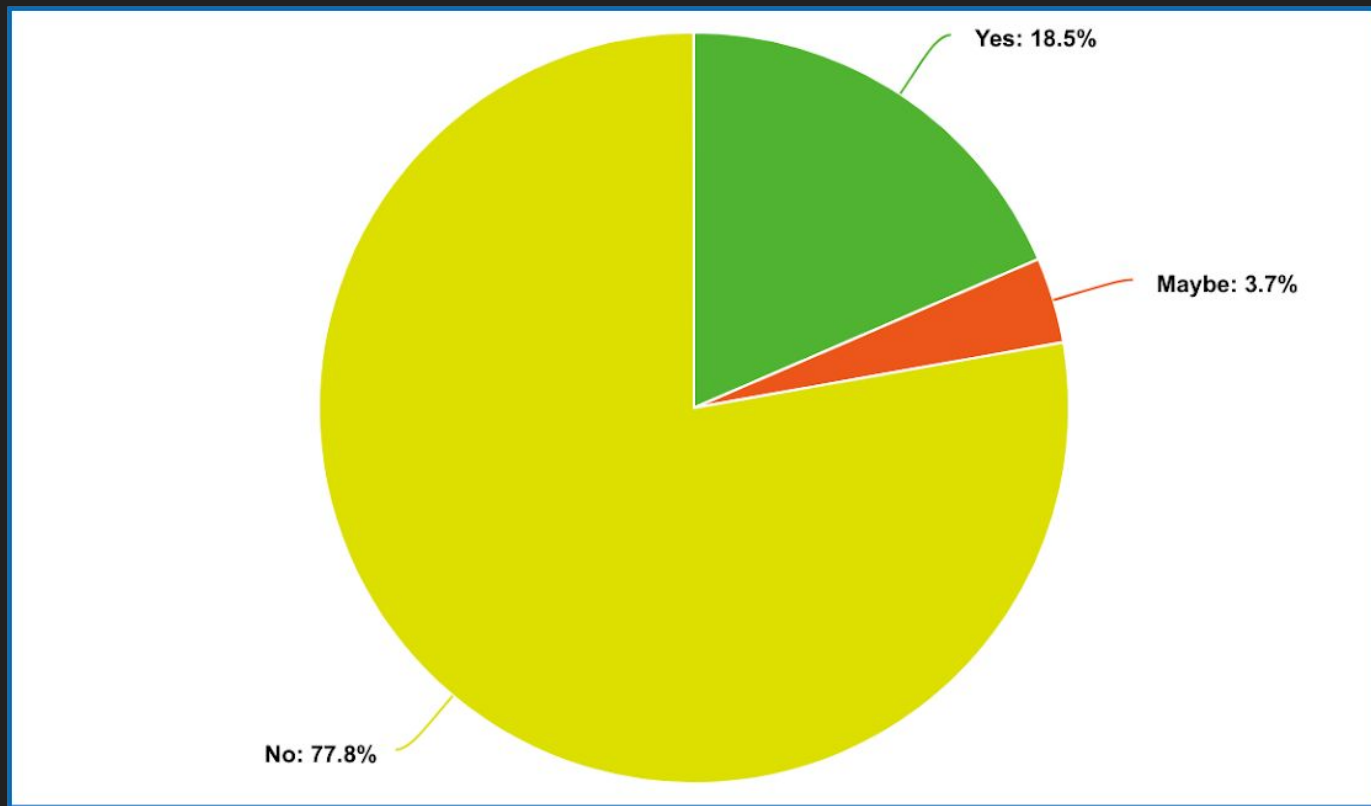
Smaller Class Sizes   More Freedom   Student-Staff Connections  
Flexible Schedule   No Friday's   Shorter Class Times   Easier Curriculums

# Some Things That Students Dislike About the ALC:



■ Skywalk ■ Location ■ Bathrooms ■ Parking ■ Schedule ■ No Opinion

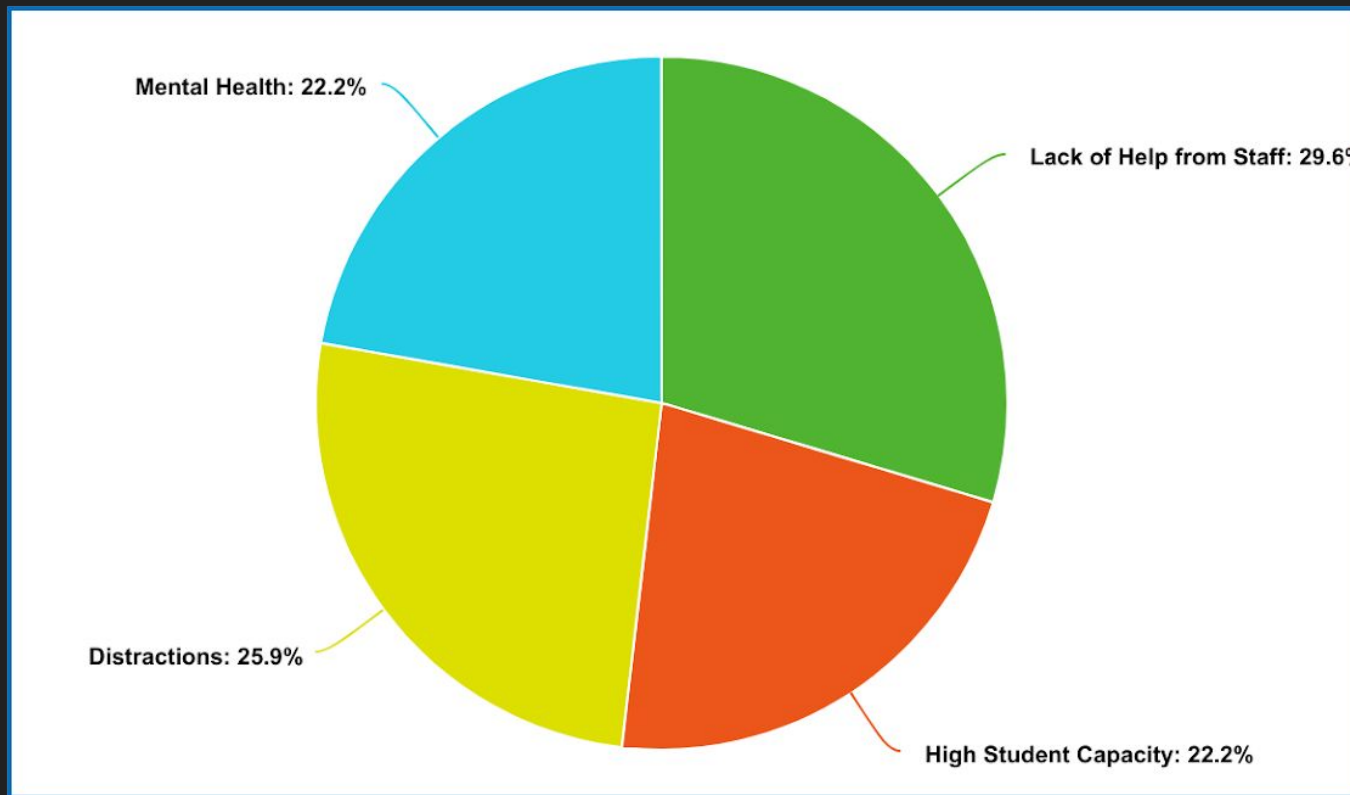
## Did students Feel like They Could've Succeeded at Their Old School?:



Yes Maybe No

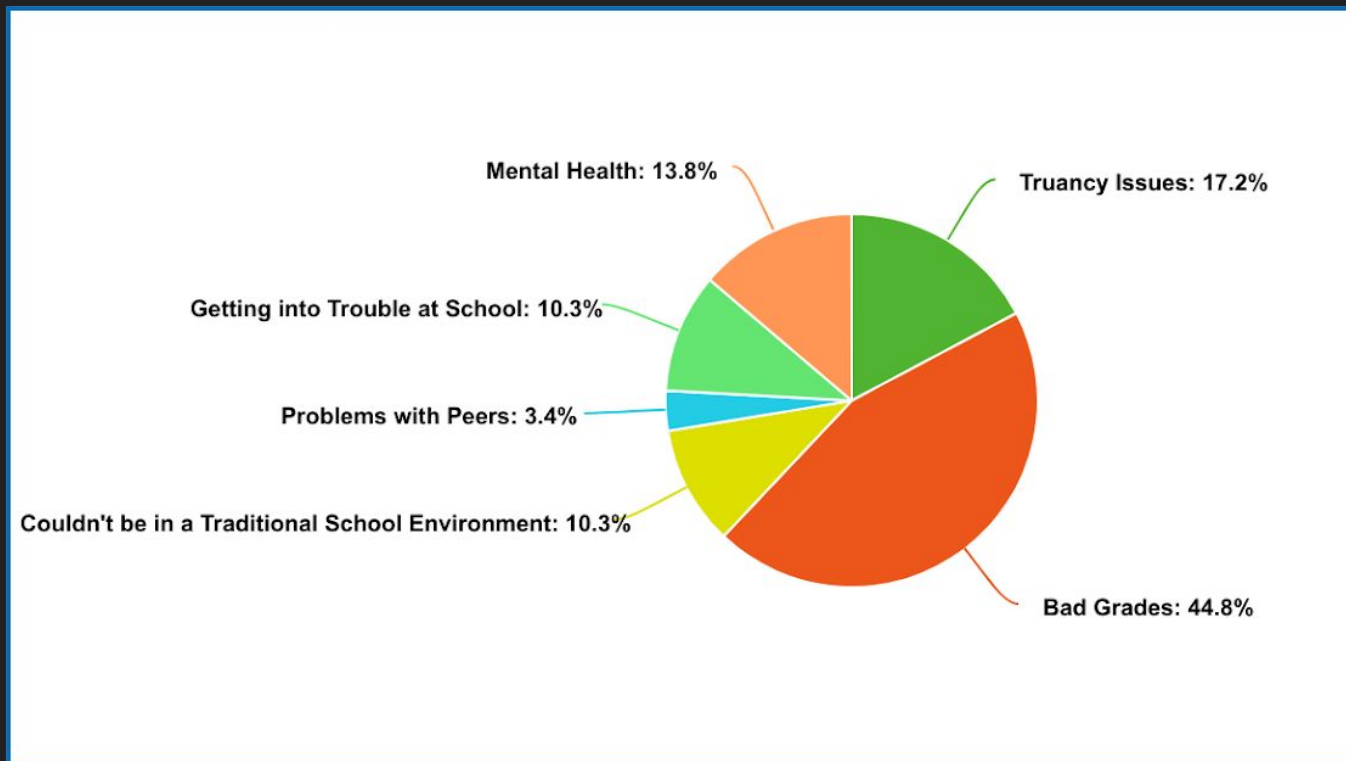


# Why Students Felt Like They Couldn't Succeed at Their Previous School:



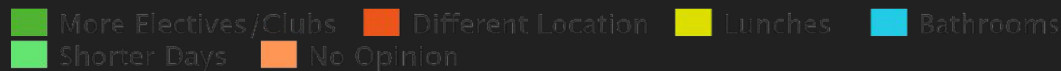
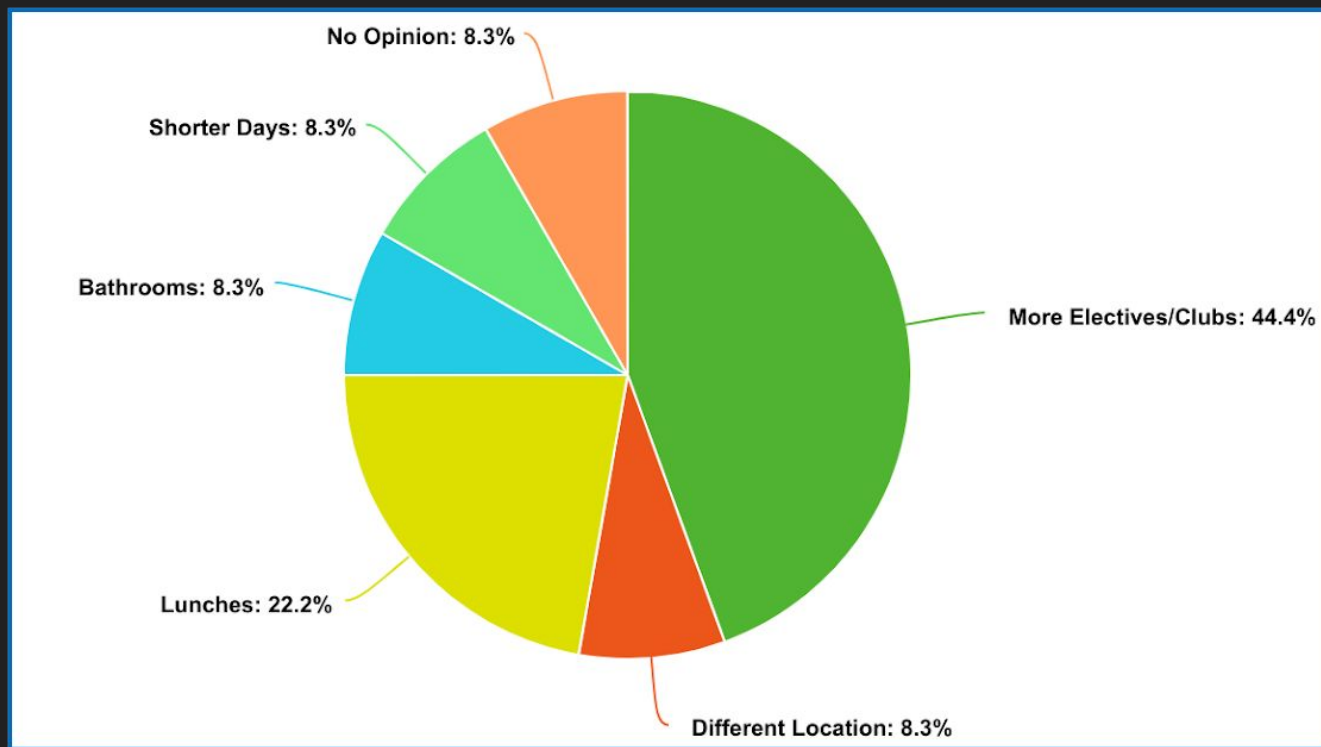
■ Lack of Help from Staff ■ High Student Capacity ■ Distractions ■ Mental Health

# Why Students Came To the ALC in the First Place:

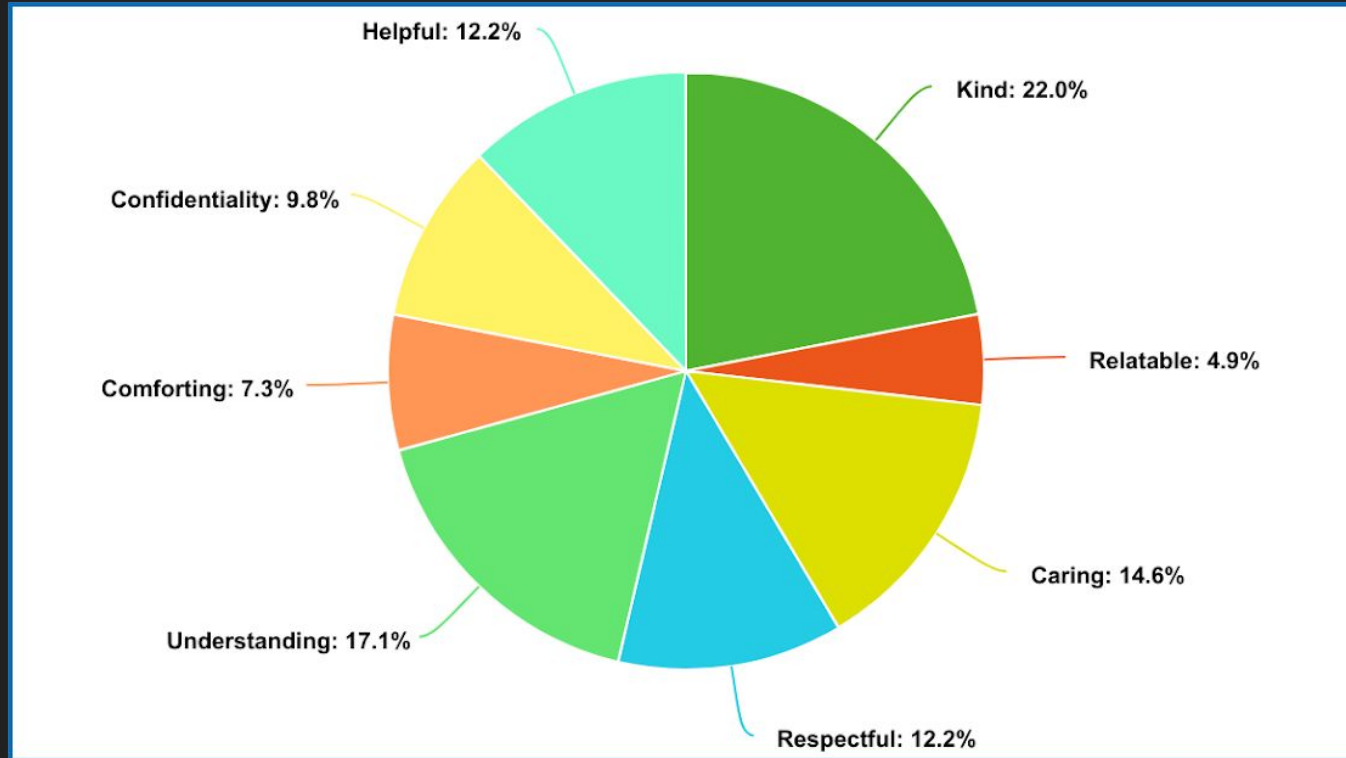


Truancy Issues    Bad Grades    Couldn't be in a Traditional School Environment  
Problems with Peers    Getting into Trouble at School    Mental Health

# What Students Thought Would be Good Improvements to the ALC:



# Why Students Feel Comfortable Going to the ALC Staff:



Kind Relatable Caring Respectful Understanding Comforting  
Confidentiality Helpful

That's all from me, Thank you for listening and if  
you have any questions, please feel free to ask  
away :)