Youth MOVE Nevada conducted a follow-up Fall survey in response to the Summer youth survey that revealed concerns and potential struggles leading up to the 2020-21 school year.

With families now experiencing school and distance learning, we talked to youth once more to see how their experience in school has been this year. This survey was conducted throughout the month of October 2020, and a total of 75 youth participated.

As a collective, youth preferred in-person learning and had concerns about academic and social connections. However, an overwhelming majority of youth are enjoying their time at home. The results of the Fall Survey echoed the youth’s original concerns, but provided a more in depth look at the challenges they are all currently facing.
92% of youth are using some form of distance education.

Survey Question: How are you going to school this year?

Only 8 percent of students are going to school in-person this year. 80% of those youth are 100% distance education, while 12% are in a hybrid model. That means that over 90% of youth are learning from home and have less opportunities to socialize with peers and receive less instruction from teachers.
Survey Question: How concerned are you academically this school year?

76% of youth are either very concerned or moderately concerned about their grades this year. This may be attributed to lack of educational support, technological issues, and the amount of time youth are spending sitting at a computer.
3 out of 10 youth are struggling academically.

Survey Question: What is the most difficult thing for you this school year?

Exactly 3/10 students are struggling academically and and a quarter of all youth are having difficulties with lack of social connection.
Survey Question: What are you enjoying the most about this school year?

45% of youth are enjoying being at home. Youth shared that they are spending more time with their families and feel like they are getting closer. Youth are also enjoying that they get to sleep more which is ultimately improving their mental health.
43% of youth need more academic support this school year.

Survey Question: What kind of support do you need most this school year?

43% of youth felt like they need academic support, which tells us that nearly half of youth are struggling to keep up with assignments and virtual learning. On top of that, 25% of youth felt like they needed some kind of mental health support and without going to campus they are less likely to receive any supports.
Survey Takeaways

1. Youth are lacking social connection and time with their friends. This can lead to lack of motivation and feelings of loneliness.

2. Students are struggling to keep up with assignments which is negatively affecting their grades.

3. Due to the academic and social challenges, youth are dealing with an increase mental health needs.

4. Youth are enjoying spending more time with their families, showing that family closeness and togetherness is increasing.