**EDUCATORS’ VIEWS ON INDEPENDENT READING AT SCHOOL**

- **Teachers & Principals:** 94% agree
  - "Students should have time during the school day to read a book of their choice independently."

- **77% of Teachers** set aside time for independent reading &/or read-aloud time, yet only 36% do this every school day.

- Students read 22 minutes on average when they have independent reading time.

- **63% of Teachers** wish independent reading time occurred more often.
  - #1 Barrier to independent reading is "The demands of the curriculum don’t allow enough time."

**Top Benefits of Independent Reading Time According to Educators:**
- Increased student achievement
- Higher student engagement with reading

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