

CATSKILL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REOPENING PLAN July 29, 2020

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“CATS Can, and CATS Will!”

OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- School districts across the state are charged with developing reopening plans to ensure the safe reentry of students and staff. The Catskill Central School District takes this responsibility seriously with developing a Reopening Plan to remedy the issues that surfaced during the initial school closure period. Stakeholder feedback was utilized to develop the plan with guidance from the CDC, the State Education Department and the Greene County Public Health Department. Our goal is to educate students in a safe, healthy and secure learning environment with little to no disruption to instruction.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Ensure safe learning and working environments for students and staff.
- Maximize student learning in one of the following formats: In-person instruction on alternate days with social distancing in CCSD school buildings or 100% remote learning.
- Ensure all students receive instruction that meets state and federal standards and have the necessary supports for success, including:

Access to technology and connectivity; social-emotional wellness and health supports; and additional supports to meet needs of special populations.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Provide training, time, support, and flexibility necessary for staff to prepare for a successful opening.
- Provide proactive clear communication to all families and staff.

Chronological Timeline of Events

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

March 1, 2020

Governor Cuomo announces first confirmed case of COVID-19 in New York and directs the NYSDOH to declare a public health emergency.

March 10, 2020

District distributes hygiene guidelines.

March 16, 2020

Governor Cuomo signs an Executive Order to close all New York schools effective March 18, 2020.

March 18, 2020

District meal distribution program begins.

March 20, 2020

Governor Cuomo signed an executive order “New York State on PAUSE.”

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

March 27, 2020

Governor Cuomo announces an extended closure for all Pre-K-12 schools in New York State until Wednesday, April 15th

April 1, 2020

Distribution of Chromebooks & Hotspots.

April 2, 2020

Governor Cuomo announced that schools will remain closed until April 29th, 2020.

April 3, 2020

The Governor's newest executive order (200.11), required the cancellation of Spring recess, scheduled for April 6-10.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

April 15, 2020

NYS Board of Regents released guidance on Regents exams. June 2020 Regents exams are cancelled.

May 1, 2020

Governor Cuomo announced that all school buildings in NYS will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

June 11, 2020

Reopening of Schools Committee- Meeting # 1

June 16, 2020

Last Day of Instruction for Students

June 25, 2020

Reopening of Schools Committee- Meeting # 2

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

June 29, 2020

Summer meal distribution

July 8, 2020

Governor Cuomo sets deadline for state as first week of August for school reopening guidance.

July 10, 2020

District sends surveys to staff and families.

July 13, 2020

NYSDOE Releases Guidelines for reopening schools.

July 23, 2020

Reopening of Schools Committee- Meeting # 3

July 24, 2020

Reopening of Schools Committee- Meeting # 4 CES Staff

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

July 29, 2020

Board of Education Meeting- Reopening Presentation

July 30, 2020

Reopening Presentation- Virtual Town Hall

July 31, 2020

Submission of Reopening Plan to SED

August 7, 2020

Governor Cuomo's Decision to Reopen Schools

August- September 2020

Additional Planning and Preparation to Reopen Schools

***Guidance from the
State Education
Department***

GUIDANCE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Introduction to the Guidance

The 2020-2021 school year will be our time to recover, rebuild, and renew the spirit of New York's schools.

Working together, educators, students, parents and communities will continue to address this challenge with resiliency, tenacity, and grit.

This document is intended to provide guidance to local educational agencies (LEAs) as they plan to reopen their schools – whether instruction occurs in person, remotely, or in some combination of the two.

New York is a large and diverse state – so there will be no “one size fits all” model for reopening our schools.



New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity



**RECOVERING, REBUILDING, AND RENEWING:
THE SPIRIT OF NEW YORK'S SCHOOLS**
REOPENING GUIDANCE

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GUIDANCE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Guidance and Portal Timeline

Wednesday, July 15th Dissemination

- Guidance will be ready for dissemination on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

Friday, July 17th Portal Opening

- The School Reopening Plan Portal will open on Friday, July 17, 2020.

Friday, July 31st Submission Deadline

- School Reopening Plans must be submitted to the Portal by Friday, July 31, 2020.



Stakeholder Feedback

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On July 10, 2020, surveys were provided to parents and staff to garner feedback regarding the reopening of schools. A total of 929 parents and 263 CCSD staff responded to the survey.

Questions ranged from the stakeholders preference of operations with regards to the following instructional models:

A. 100% In-person Instruction

B. Hybrid model (students are physically in-person two days a week and participate virtually for three days)

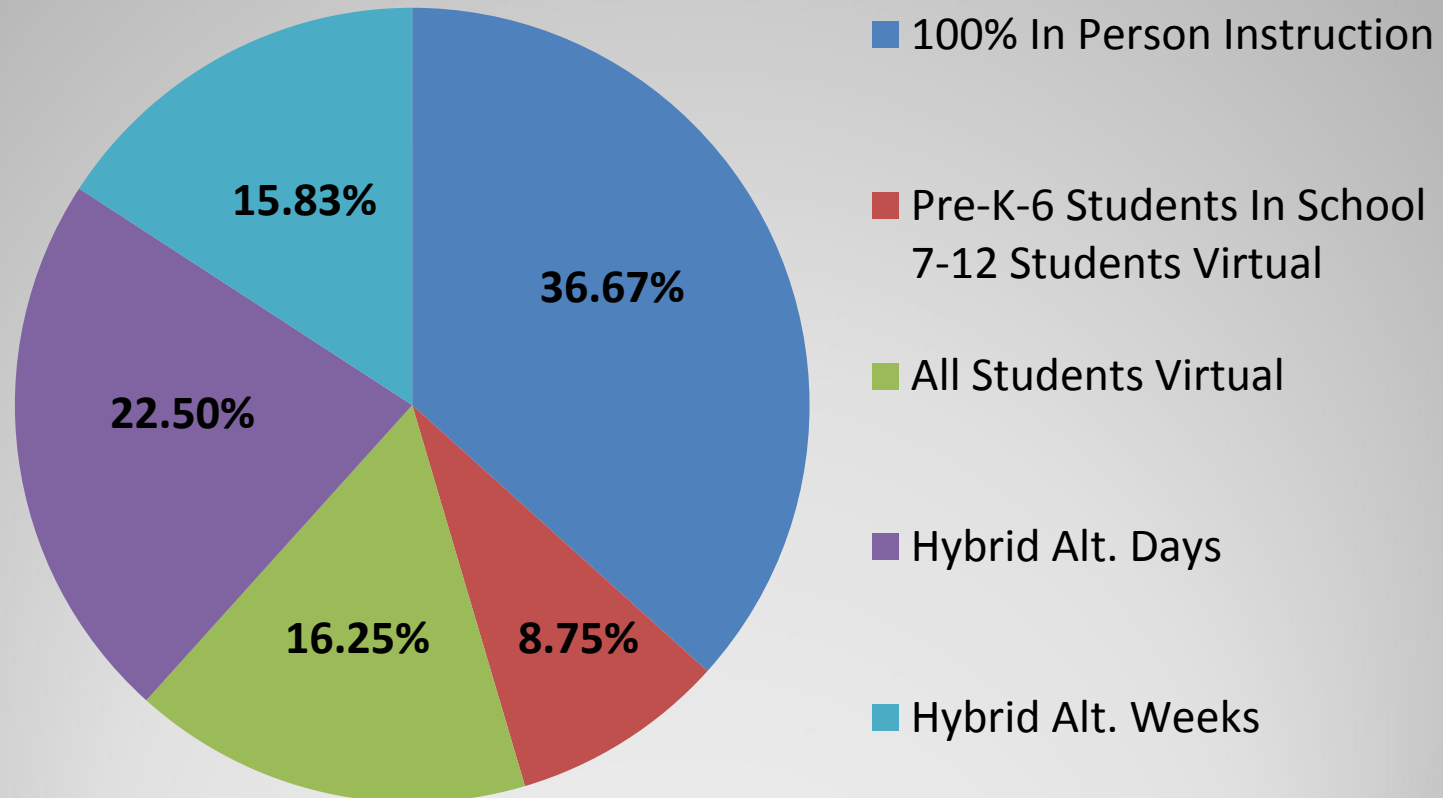
C. 100% Remote Virtual Instruction

Stakeholder Feedback

Other questions elicited feedback regarding daily temperature checks, wearing PPE, transportation, child care, technology needs, as well as open ended questions. The feedback was consolidated to provide you with an overview of the survey results.

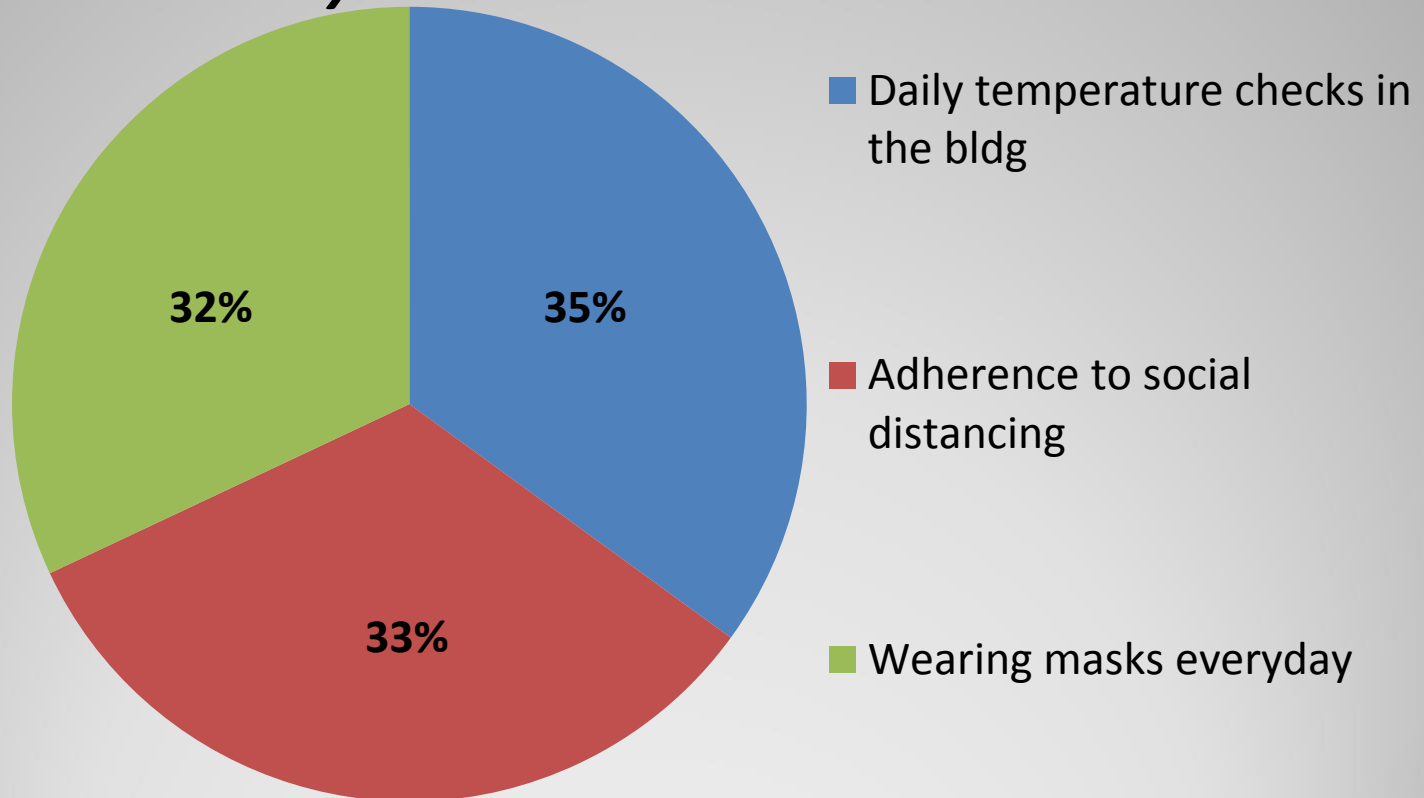
Staff Survey Results

Preference of teaching and learning model for the Fall



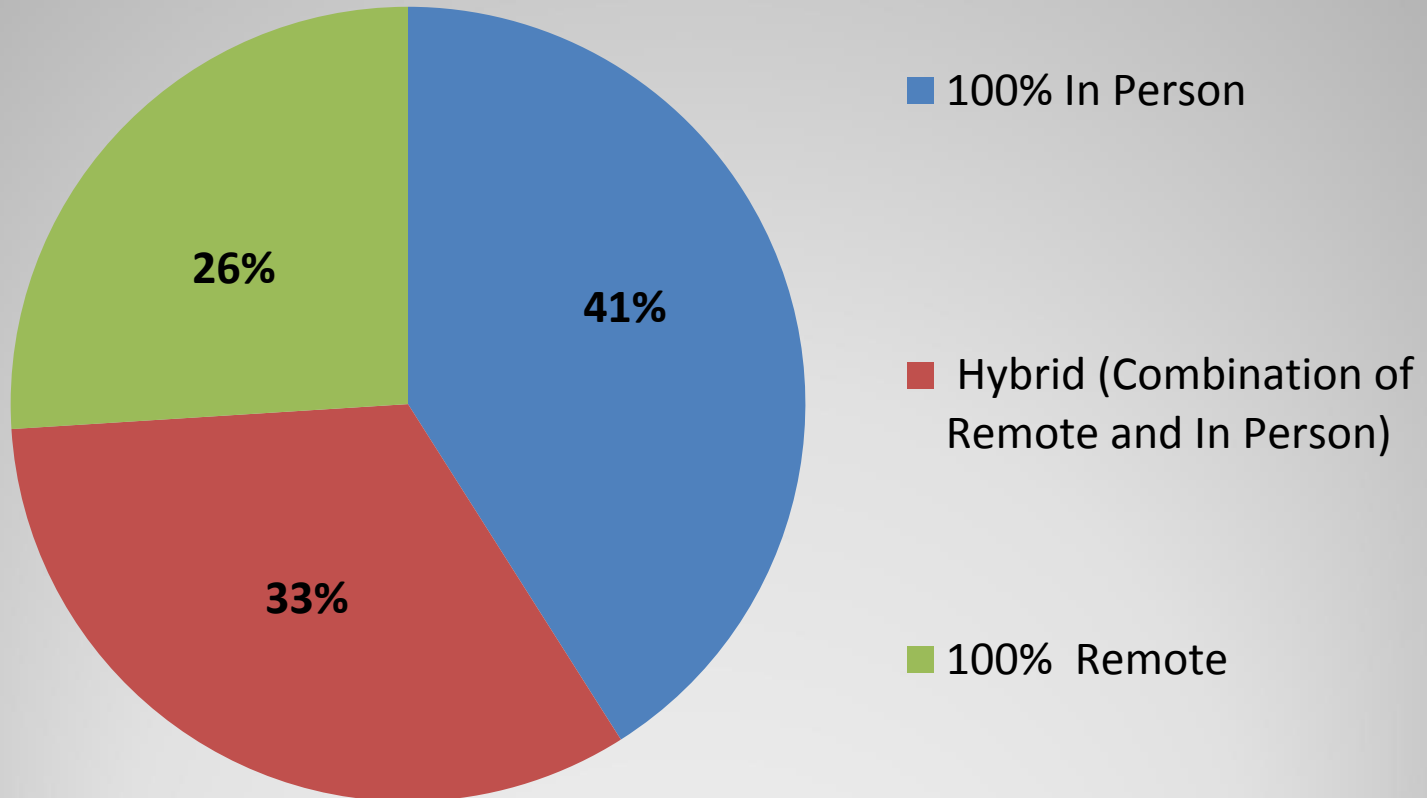
Staff Survey Results

Based on current CDC recommendations, check all you think should be mandatory



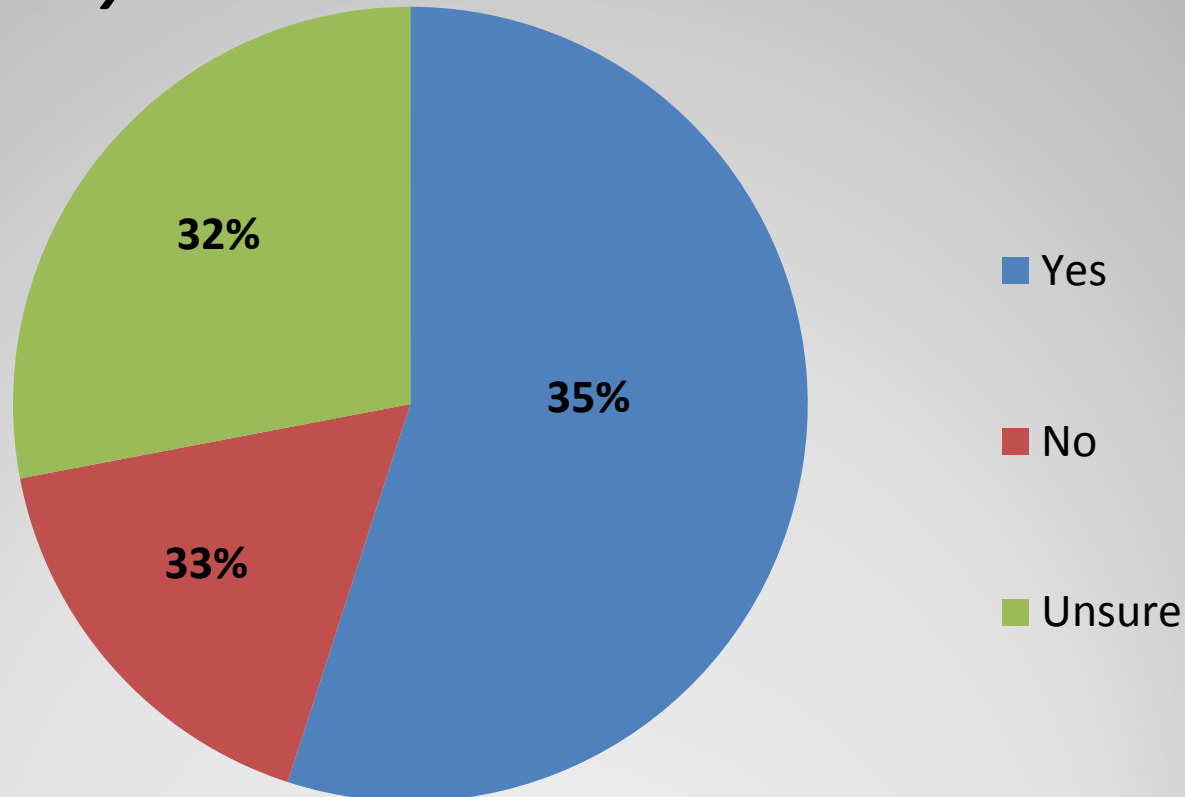
Parent Survey Results

It is my hope that school opens _____.



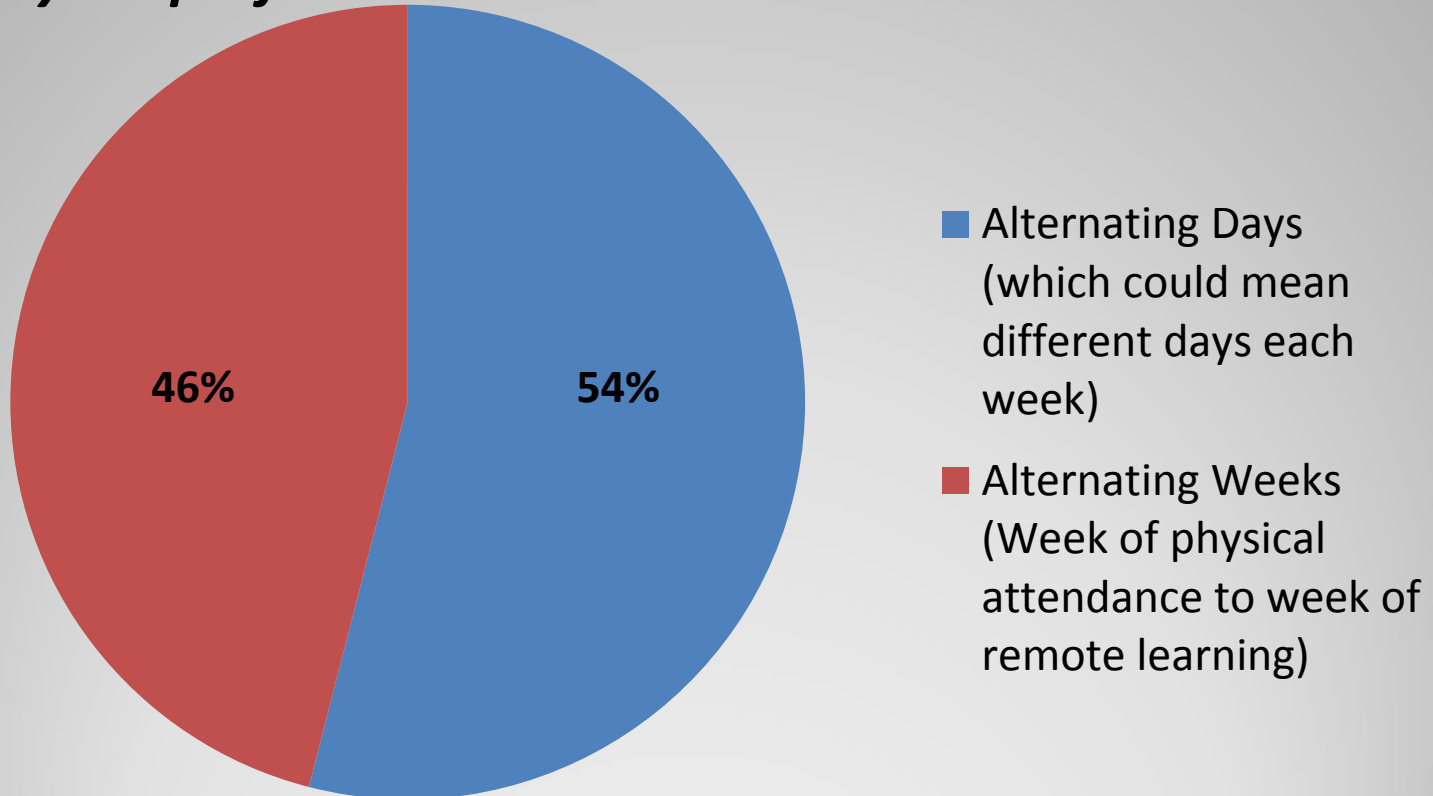
Parent Survey Results

If school opens in either 100% In Person or the Hybrid model, would you send your child to school?



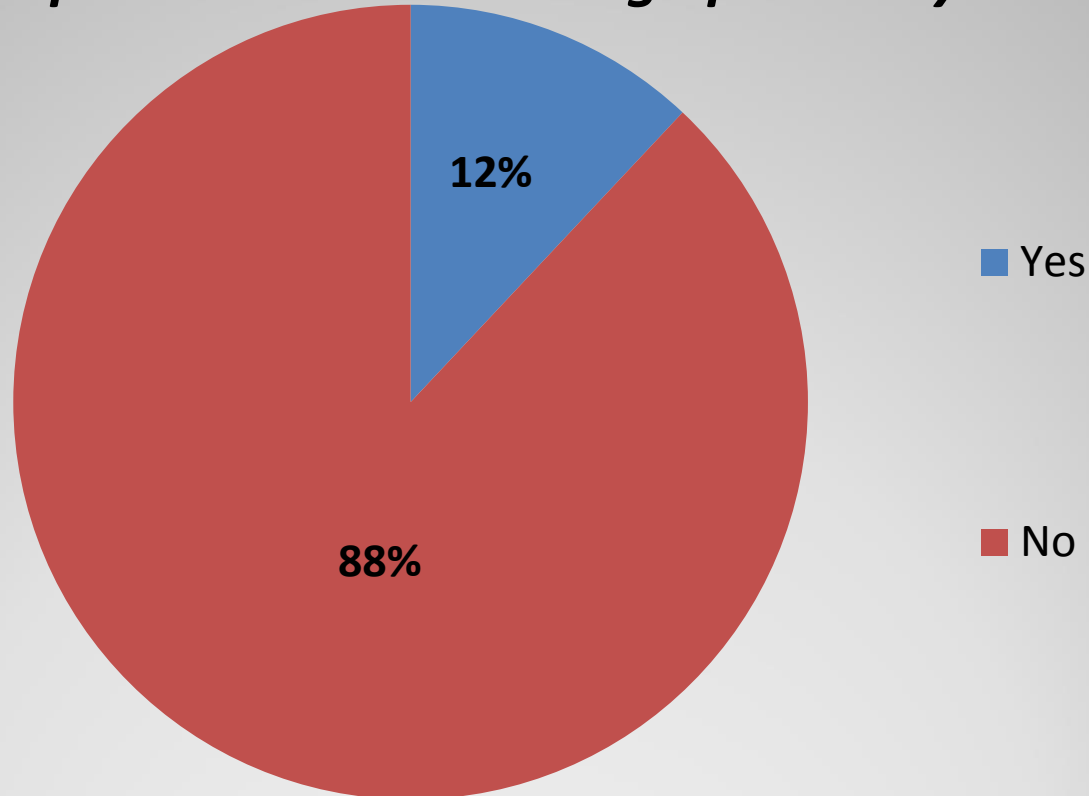
Parent Survey Results

If school opens in a Hybrid model, to enforce social distancing, what is your preference?



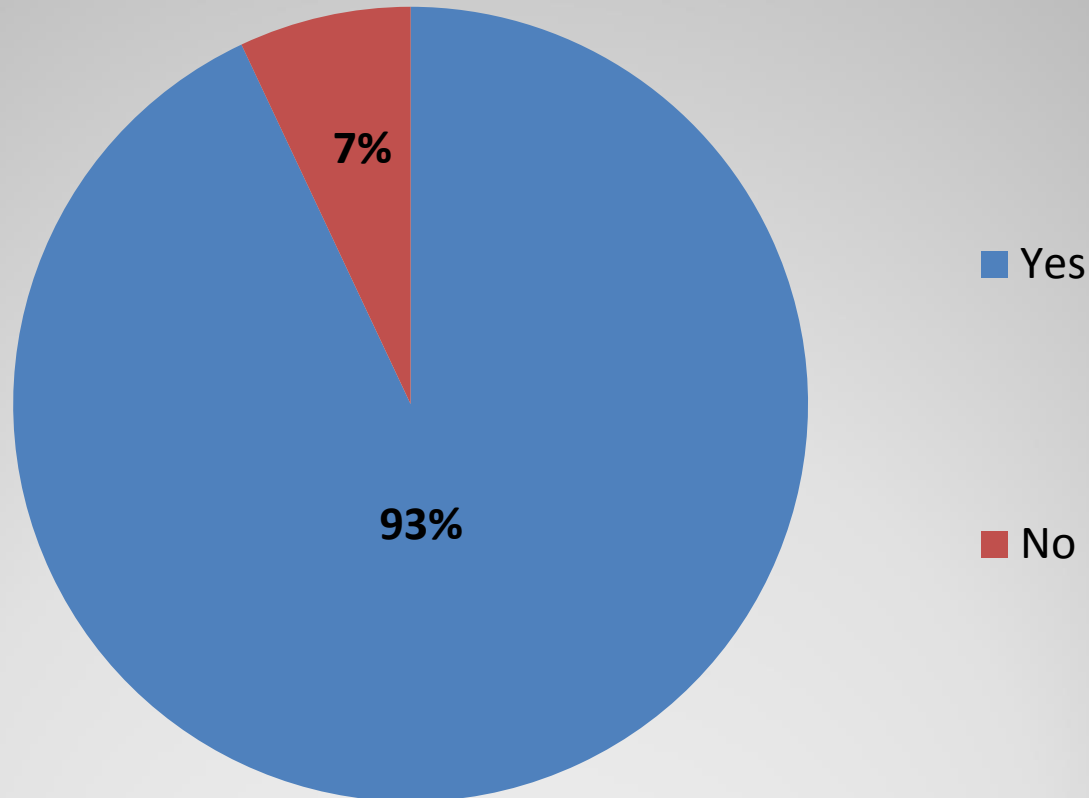
Parent Survey Results

Would you be concerned with having a school staff member take your child's temperature each morning upon entry?



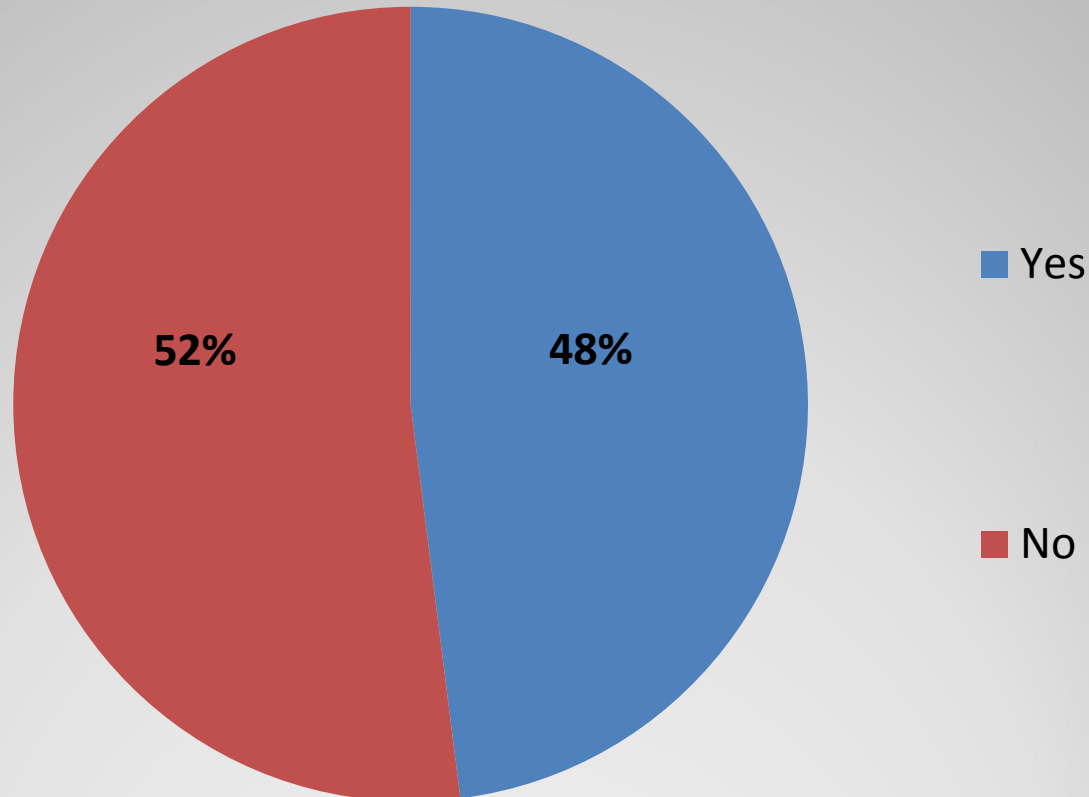
Parent Survey Results

Does your child have a cloth or some type of face mask?



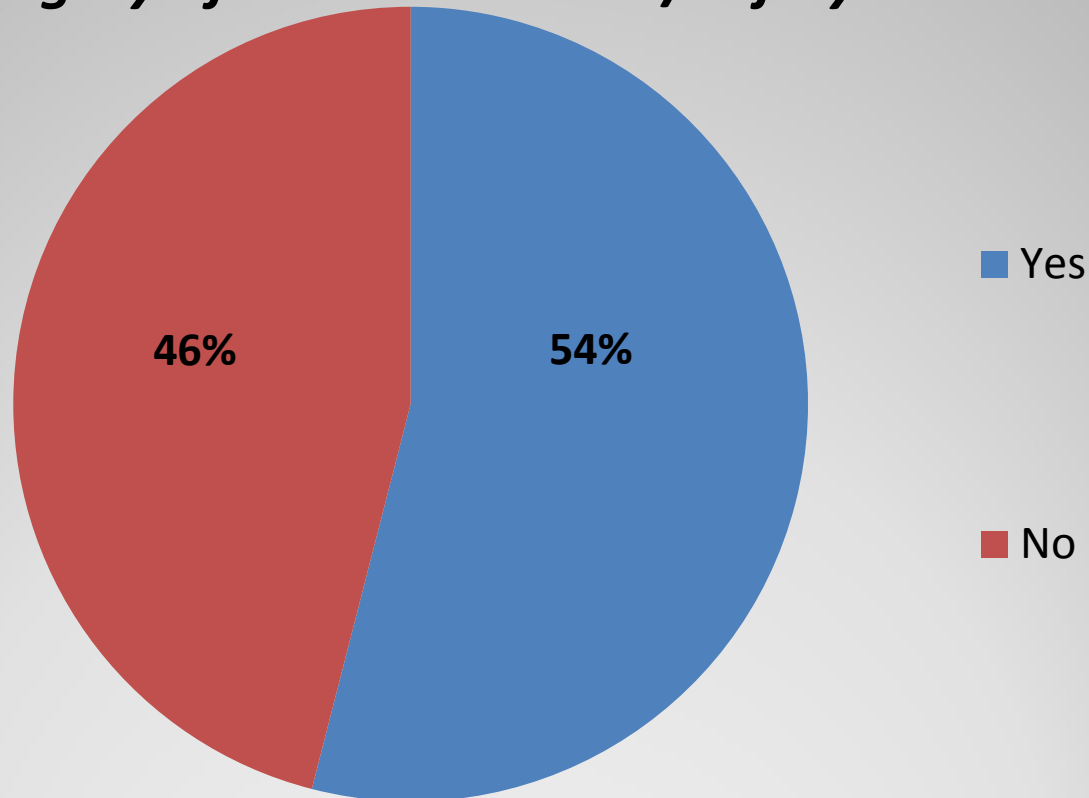
Parent Survey Results

Would you have concerns about your child being required to wear a face mask at school?



Parent Survey Results

Are you, your child (or any member of your household) in a higher risk category of Covid-19 illness / injury?



Recommended Models of Instruction

Hybrid Model

A combination of in person instruction and remote learning. Alternate days of in person instruction and remote instruction within the same week.

HYBRID MODEL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Full Day In School	Group A In person	Group A In person	All Remote synchronous and/or asynchronous	Group B In person	Group B In person
Full Day at Home	Group B Remote	Group B Remote		Group A Remote	Group A Remote

Hybrid Model

A combination of in person instruction and remote learning. Alternate days of in person instruction and remote instruction within the same week.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<i>Face to face interaction</i>	<i>How do teachers plan for both sessions?</i>
<i>Group students and schedule them together</i>	<i>Older students providing daycare for siblings</i>
<i>Schedule and planning</i>	<i>Lack of engagement</i>
<i>Better able to track students</i>	<i>Teacher preparation and planning</i>
<i>Live instruction</i>	<i>Difficult for students that need routines</i>
<i>Increased level of communication</i>	<i>How do you fit in annual requirements of instruction?</i>
<i>Pair teachers to support students</i>	<i>Difficult to build relationships with students</i>

100% Remote- Virtual Instruction

All instruction would take place on-line 5 days a week.

REMOTE – 100% VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION MODEL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Group A	Remote	Remote	Remote	Remote	Remote
Group B	Remote	Remote	Remote	Remote	Remote

100% Remote- Virtual Instruction

All instruction would take place on-line 5 days a week.

Advantages	Disadvantages
<i>Consistency- student experience would not be interrupted should there be a school closure due to a Covid-19 outbreak.</i>	<i>Difficult to transition new students to the District. Pre-K, Kindergarten and new teachers</i>
<i>Most flexible model</i>	<i>All students need face to face interaction</i>
<i>Eliminates classroom exposure</i>	<i>Social isolation</i>
<i>Students can accelerate their own learning</i>	<i>High need for parent involvement</i>
<i>Building digital capacity</i>	<i>Difficult for students many students with special needs or English Language Learners</i>

Professional Development for Staff

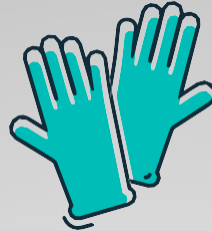
***District's Preparedness
for
Health and Safety***

Personal Protective Equipment

Current supply of Personal Protective Equipment in stock across the district.



16,600 masks in stock
(52,400 on order)



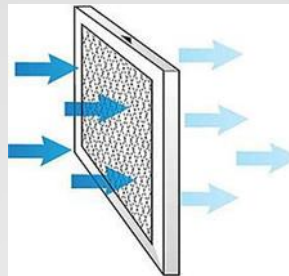
16,000 pairs of gloves in stock
(more on order)



150 gallons of hand sanitizer
800 containers of wipes
(more on order)



6 - GenEon Mist
Fogger/Blower



Merv 8 Filters
for classroom and rooftop ventilators-
changed every 3 months



1,000 tissue boxes
(more on order)

***Dr. Cook's
Recommendations***

Dr. Cook's Recommendations

- *Modify the 2020-2010 District Calendar.*
- *Move the September 3, 2020, Professional Development Day to September 8, 2020.*
- *Add 3 additional days of Professional Development for staff; September 9, 2020, September 10, 2020 and September 11, 2020 to the calendar.*
- *September 14, 2020 will be the first day of instruction for students.*
- *Approve an emergency resolution to purchase additional Personal Protective Equipment.*

Dr. Cook's Recommendations

- *Await the Governor's decision regarding the reopening of schools. A decision should be made no later than August 7, 2020.*
- *A phased approach to reopen of schools.*

Phase I - September 8, 2020 - October 9, 2020

- 1.All staff will return to campus- September 8*
- 2.All students begin instruction remotely- September 14*
- 3.Professional Development – close gaps from the initial closure.
School / Grade level Meet and Greet opportunities for parents,
students and staff.- September 8-11*
- 4.Chromebook and material distribution - September 8-11*
- 5.Create a re-entry video to showcase new procedures*
- 6.Provide parents with an option for either Hybrid or 100% Remote Instruction*

Dr. Cook's Recommendations

- ***Phase II - October 13, 2020- January 29, 2021***

- 1. Reentry of students to campus operating on a Hybrid model.*
- 2. Remote instruction will continue for children, whose parents who want to continue their learning virtually.*
- 3. Choices are “locked in” until the end of the 1st Semester.*

- ***Phase III – February 1, 2021 – June 25, 2021***

- 1. Reentry of all students to campus – Traditional Bricks and Mortar Model*
- 2. Remote instruction will continue for children whose parents who want to continue their learning virtually.*

Next Steps

QUESTIONS

COMMENTS

CONCERNS

