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Family, Student and Staff
Survey Results

July 2020



Stakeholder Engagement

In May and June, DCPS conducted stakeholder engagement to help inform SY20-21.

DCPS is working to ensure that we have a safe and successful start to the next school year for our students and staff.

DCPS gathered feedback from our students, families, and staff through surveys and virtual engagements around the preferences and supports needed to safely reopen in the fall.

We heard from approximately 3,400 students, 8,600 families, and 5,200 staff over the past few weeks.

The survey results show most of our community would like to see:

- A hybrid schedule that is consistent and predictable.
- School operations that meet public health requirements around social distancing.
- The ability to choose whether in-person or virtual learning is best for your family.
- Virtual learning for students that offers more structure, a variety of ways to learn, and greater interaction with peers.

Family Survey – Preliminary Summary

The family survey was open from June 3 – June 10.

11,043
Total # of Family Survey Responses
from **8,612** Families

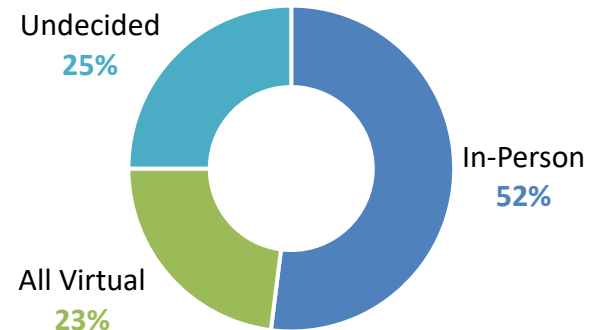
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Ward 2	4%
Ward 3	22%
Ward 4	17%
Ward 5	8%
Ward 6	17%
Ward 7	10%
Ward 8	10%

Who did we hear from?



What did we hear?

Learning Model Preferences



In all wards, there was a preference for weekly in-person touchpoints.

Scheduling Preferences

1. 2 days in-person / 3 days virtual
2. Alternating in-person / virtual days
3. 1 week in-person / 1 week virtual

Grades 3-12 Student Survey – Preliminary Summary



The student survey was open from June 3 – June 15.

3,403

Total # of Student Survey Responses

Majority DCPS, <250 were PCS, private/parochial or other non-DCPS students

39% Elementary (3-5)

27% Middle

34% High

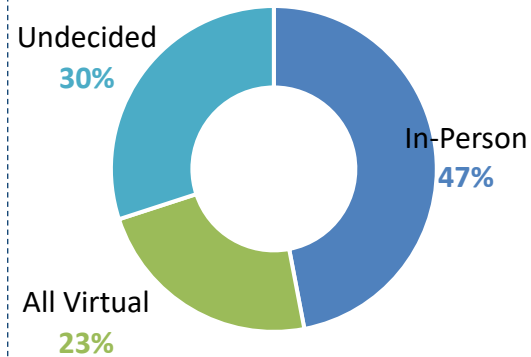
Ward 1	8%
Ward 2	4%
Ward 3	20%
Ward 4	17%
Ward 5	9%
Ward 6	11%
Ward 7	12%
Ward 8	11%



Who did we hear from?

What did we hear?

Learning Model Preferences



Top Priorities for In-Person School

core classes, special classes, community activities, intervention classes

Top Priorities for Learning at Home

more structure, variety of ways to learn, interaction with peers, interaction with teachers

Scheduling Preferences

1. 2 days in-person / 3 days virtual
2. Alternating in-person / virtual days
3. 1 week in-person / 1 week virtual

Staff Survey – Preliminary Summary



The staff survey was open from June 15 – June 22.

5,263

Total # of Staff Survey Responses

3,000+ Teachers

1,800+ Other School-Based Staff

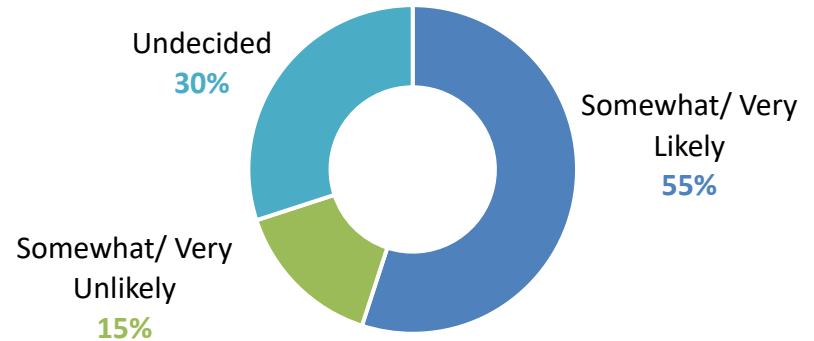
330+ Central Office Staff



Who did we hear from?

What did we hear?

School-Based Staff Likelihood of Returning In-Person



Top Priorities for Reopening Schools

preparing the building and space to meet social distancing and safety requirements, regular deep cleaning, social emotional learning or community mental health

Scheduling Preferences

1. 2 days in-person / 3 days virtual
2. 1 week in-person / 1 week virtual
3. Alternating in-person / virtual days

What's Next

We are using this input to plan for a safe and successful start to next school year for our students and staff, and we will continue to adapt our strategy guided by public health conditions.

Decisions we make for the 2020-2021 school year are guided by three principles:

- **Prioritizing Safety** by putting in place robust health and safety protocols for staff and students.
- **Maximizing Learning** by providing rigorous and joyful learning experiences every day — in school or at home.
- **Promoting Equity** by ensuring every student has access to the supplies and supports they need for a safe return to learning.