2020-2021
SCHOOL YEAR PLANNING SURVEY
Thank you to everyone who participated in this survey. It is important and helpful for the district to hear feedback from parents / caregivers and employees as we finalize plans for the 2020-2021 school year with the top priority being the health and safety of students and employees. These results allow us to evaluate how to best serve our students and employees.

This survey was distributed July 6-10, 2020, via email, robocall, District social media, and the District mobile app to parents / caregivers of our 39,000+ STPPS students and our 6,000+ employees. Results were published July 14, 2020.

29,234
NUMBER OF RESPONSES
TO PARENT/CAREGIVER SURVEY

5,566
NUMBER OF RESPONSES
TO EMPLOYEE SURVEY
KEY TAKEAWAYS: PARENT AND CAREGIVER SURVEY RESULTS

Data based on responses from 29,234 parents and caregivers who completed the survey.

TRANSPORTATION

51.4% said they'd be willing to transport their child if there are restrictions on bus operations due to group sizes or social distancing.

65.6% said their child normally rides a school bus on a regular basis or would ride a school bus during the 2020-2021 school year.

75.9% said their child would still ride a bus if children were required to wear a mask on the school bus.

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

65.6% said they would feel comfortable sending their child to school in person with the currently recommended safety protocols in place (health screening, social distancing, cleaning and disinfecting, etc.).

PARENTS/GUARDIANS said online, virtual or remote learning opportunities would make them feel more comfortable as an alternative to sending their child to school in person.

6,502 parents/guardians said online, virtual or remote learning opportunities would make them feel more comfortable as an alternative to sending their child to school in person.

WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE?

(COMMON RESPONSES)

- Online, virtual or remote learning
- Face mask or shield
- Reduced capacity or class sizes
- Vaccine/cure
- Hybrid/rotating or staggering schedules
WHAT SCHOOL WILL YOUR CHILD ATTEND DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR?  
29,234 RESPONSES

ALL 55 STPPS SCHOOLS WERE REPRESENTED IN THE SURVEY RESPONSES

WHAT GRADE WILL YOUR CHILD BE IN DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR?  
29,234 RESPONSES

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DOES YOUR CHILD NORMALLY RIDE A SCHOOL BUS ON A REGULAR BASIS OR WOULD YOUR CHILD RIDE A SCHOOL BUS DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR?
29,234 RESPONSES

- YES: 65.6% (19,177)
- NO: 34.4% (10,057)

IF YES, WHEN DOES YOUR CHILD RIDE THE BUS?
19,177 RESPONSES

- MORNING: 3.9% (755)
- AFTERNOON: 11.3% (2,165)
- BOTH: 84.8% (16,259)

DOES YOUR CHILD REQUIRE SPECIAL EDUCATION BUS TRANSPORTATION?
19,177 RESPONSES

- YES: 3.2% (611)
- NO: 96.8% (18,566)
IF THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS ON BUS OPERATIONS DUE TO GROUP SIZES OR SOCIAL DISTANCING, WOULD YOU BE ABLE AND WILLING TO TRANSPORT YOUR CHILD OR FIND ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD OF RIDING A SCHOOL BUS?

19,177 RESPONSES

- YES: 51.4% (9,866)
- NO: 48.6% (9,311)

IF YES, WHEN WOULD YOU PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM SCHOOL?

10,393 RESPONSES

- MORNING: 29.0% (3,012)
- AFTERNOON: 7.8% (811)
- BOTH: 63.2% (6,570)

IF YOUR CHILD IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK ON THE SCHOOL BUS, WILL YOU STILL HAVE YOUR CHILD RIDE A BUS?

19,177 RESPONSES

- YES: 75.9% (14,552)
- NO: 24.1% (4,625)
WITH THE CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE, INCLUDING HEALTH SCREENING, SOCIAL DISTANCING, CLEANING AND DISINFECTING, ETC., DO YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE SENDING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IN PERSON?

29,234 RESPONSES

IF NO, WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU MORE COMFORTABLE?

9,022 RESPONSES

(A sample of shared responses below)

- ONLINE, VIRTUAL OR REMOTE LEARNING
- FACE MASK OR SHIELD
- REDUCED CAPACITY OR CLASS SIZES
- VACCINE/CURE
- HYBRID/ROTATING OR STAGGERING SCHEDULE
- CLEAN OR DISINFECT
- DECLINING OR NO COVID CASES
- UNSURE OR DO NOT KNOW
- SOCIAL DISTANCING
- HOMESCHOOL
- NEED MORE DETAILS OR A FINAL PLAN
- SCREENING/TEMPERATURE AND TESTING
- WAIT OR DELAY THE START OF SCHOOL
- FOLLOW OR COMPLY WITH PROTOCOLS
- NORMAL PROCEDURES
WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BEST REFLECTS YOUR PLANS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR?
29,234 RESPONSES

- My child will attend their regular STPPS school (depending on the phase instruction could include in person, distance learning or a hybrid of both): 75.9% (22,199 responses)
- I would enroll my child in the STPPS Virtual School: 22.2% (6,502 responses)
- I plan to withdraw my child from STPPS: 1.8% (533 responses)

IF STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, WOULD YOU CHANGE YOUR PLANS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR?
29,234 RESPONSES

- YES: 27.1% (7,924 responses)
- NO: 72.9% (21,310 responses)

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING WOULD YOU SELECT?
9,617 RESPONSES

- My child will attend their regular STPPS school (depending on the phase instruction could include in person, distance learning or a hybrid of both): 22.2% (2,134 responses)
- I would enroll my child in the STPPS Virtual School: 59.4% (5,708 responses)
- I plan to withdraw my child from STPPS: 18.5% (1,775 responses)
IF REGULATIONS REQUIRE US TO USE DISTANCE OR HYBRID LEARNING, WOULD YOUR CHILD NEED GRAB AND GO MEALS FOR THE DAYS NOT AT SCHOOL?

29,234 RESPONSES

- YES 27.7% 8,090
- NO 72.3% 21,144

RANK IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS METHODS FOR STPPS UPDATES.

28,434 RESPONSES

Ranked by respondents' No. 1 choice

1. DISTRICT TEXT MESSAGE 14,280
2. DISTRICT ROBOCALL 13,279
3. DISTRICT EMAIL 4,334
4. DISTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA 2,023
5. DISTRICT WEBSITE 1,909
PLEASE SHARE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WILL ALLOW US TO UNDERSTAND YOUR NEEDS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

8,546 RESPONSES

(A sample of shared responses below)

"These are unprecedented times. I don’t think there is one right answer. I think a hybrid or combination of schooling and virtual schooling may be best."

"I have four school age children and can in no way provide them with everything they need to have a successful school year if they can’t return to their classes."

"I’m mainly concerned about the children’s inability to be hygienic and to follow safely protocols. Generally, they are not vigilant about cleanliness and personal space as it is. I’m concerned that all may not be aware of the true risks of COVID-19 and will inadvertently expose their families to the virus through contact with their peers."

"Making sure that school has proper PPE for students and for teachers, hand sanitizers, social distancing following CDC guidelines."

"I think schools should be online. The virus isn’t close to over it'll just spread more."

"I would prefer my children participate in distant learning due to the spread of COVID-19."

"I think that a hybrid situation would be beneficial for the students and parents. Decreased class size and decreased overall numbers at school by alternating school days would be the best attempt at achieving social distancing while maintaining a constructive learning environment."

"Grouping kids by learning ability would ease the teachers off day virtual learning demands so those teachers can focus on in the kids in class and vice versa. I do feel that kids within an individual family all need to attend on the same days so working parents can plan accordingly for child care."

"Start the school year with virtual teaching and monitor the decrease or increase in cases in our area. If COVID-19 numbers continue to decline and level off, we would have no problem with schools opening and following CDC guidelines in keeping employees - teachers - all other staff members and especially our young children safe. This is a very scary time for all of us to delve into so quickly. I’m concerned the most for the younger children adjusting to the change."

"We have 1 computer desktop in our house for 3 high school students and 1 junior high student. Additional laptops will be needed if the state does not allow us to come back to school."
KEY TAKEAWAYS: EMPLOYEE SURVEY RESULTS

Data based on responses from 5,566 employees who completed the survey.

RETURNING TO WORK

78.9% said they would be comfortable reporting to work in person if health officials believe it is safe to allow students to return to school in-person in August and recommended safety protocols are in place.

HIGH-RISK EMPLOYEES

28.2% said they have an underlying health conditions or meet the criteria for being considered at high risk for severe illness for COVID-19.

WORKING REMOTELY

91.8% said they have access to a computer or device at home that would allow them to temporarily work remotely if needed.

NEEDS AND SUPPORT

Common open-ended responses include:
• the need for more information about the plan,
• high-risk employees need safety modifications,
• what is expected of them, and
• they need further training on remote teaching and new protocols
ALL 55 STPPS SCHOOLS AND SUPPORT SITES WERE REPRESENTED IN THE SURVEY RESPONSES

**2020-2021 WORK LOCATION**

5,566 RESPONSES

**POSITION OR JOB TITLE**

5,566 RESPONSES

- ADMINISTRATOR: 3.4% (192)
- TEACHER: 53.4% (2,971)
- CLERICAL: 4.3% (237)
- CUSTODIAN: 2.4% (131)
- CAFETERIA: 5.1% (283)
- BUS DRIVER OR AIDE: 6.9% (383)
- PARAPROFESSIONAL: 11.2% (626)
- OTHER: 13.3% (743)
WHAT GRADE LEVEL DO YOU SERVE? PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

5,566 RESPONSES

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ARE YOU CONSIDERED HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE ILLNESS FROM COVID-19?

DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE LISTED UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS OR MEET THE CRITERIA FOR BEING CONSIDERED AT HIGH RISK?

5,566 RESPONSES

- **YES**: 28.2% (1,569)
- **NO**: 71.8% (3,997)

WHY ARE YOU CONSIDERED AT HIGHER RISK? PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

1,555 RESPONSES

- **I AM 65 OR OLDER**: 14.0%
- **I HAVE AN UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION**: 89.9%
WILL YOUR HIGHER RISK STATUS LIMIT YOUR ABILITY TO PERFORM THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF YOUR JOB?
1,569 RESPONSES

![Pie chart showing 17.5% yes and 82.5% no]

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.
323 RESPONSES

(A sample of shared responses below)

"I would need to take precautions and would expect others coming in contact to take precautions as well."

"I am a pregnant mom."

"I have a weak immune system."

"I have severe asthma."

"That’s an impossible question to answer without knowing STPPS’s plan for school. I can certainly do my job if STPPS does its job by implementing procedures to ensure faculty/staff/student safety in the school environment. Social distancing must be included in the plan, which has to mean smaller class sizes. Face coverings and all other CDC recommendations must be adhered to, as well."

"I can perform all essential functions of my job if CDC health guidelines for COVID-19 are followed. In particular the wearing of masks is important for those with health conditions."

"I will not be able to attend school if the rules are not strictly adhered to by the students."

"I would need to take precautions and would expect others coming in contact to take precautions as well."

"It would be helpful for there to be for me and others who work close up with students some type of barrier, be it plexiglass and/or students wearing face shields. Will still be able to perform my job but this would decrease risk."
RETURNING TO WORK

IF HEALTH OFFICIALS BELIEVE IT IS SAFE TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL IN-PERSON IN AUGUST AND RECOMMENDED SAFETY PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE, WOULD YOU BE COMFORTABLE REPORTING TO WORK IN PERSON?

5,566 RESPONSES

**Yes**: 78.9% 4,389
**No**: 21.1% 1,177

DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT CHILDCARE OR OTHER PERSONAL SITUATIONS THAT WOULD MAKE REPORTING TO WORK A CHALLENGE?

5,566 RESPONSES

**Yes**: 27.7% 1,540
**No**: 72.3% 4,026
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.
1,457 RESPONSES

(A sample of shared responses below)

"I have 2 children attending 2 different schools. No childcare is available."

"If my children need to be home and/or quarantined while I’m supposed to be at work, it would be challenging they are completing their schoolwork."

"My daughter is 2 and has to return to school. My younger brother has cancer and I have to pick up my daughter from his house."

"I am concerned that my child will be exposed to COVID-19 at his daycare. If he has to stay home from daycare due to illness or quarantine I have no family in the area and would have to take off work to stay home with him."

"Sick leave would be a concern if I needed to quarantine. I would end up having to pay for missed days."

"I have to hold the hands of the students I will be working with and I would not feel comfortable doing that then coming home to my own children. It would be physically impossible to stay 6 ft apart from my students. I think that would be very unsafe."

"If my kids (Pre K and kindergarten) are put on a hybrid model schedule, I don’t have anyone to watch them at home."

"I have a 3-year-old who enrolled in school five days a week this upcoming year. She will have no one to watch her if in-person school is cancelled. Both sets of grandparents have not been around her in a normal circumstances due to covid. We have been very precautious since March because they are all in their 70s."

"I have a 1st grader that if he doesn’t go back full time and I do I won’t have childcare for him in his off days."

"If my own children get COVID, and have to be quarantined for 14 days, how does this effect my days? Same concern for teachers, what happens if teachers get COVID? Are there enough subs to cover this? Will students be crammed into other teachers rooms as in the past previous years when no subs are available?"

"If students are not in school then how will I report everyday if I do not have adequate and consistent child care?"

"I have my own children in the school system. If we are on a hybrid schedule, how do I ensure that my children are on the same schedule as me? Otherwise I won’t have childcare for them."

"I’m concerned if students report to school full time. I have a first grader who will is high risk and special needs. I will have no one to care for her while I will be at school."

"If my own children are at home learning remotely and I’m at school, we will have issues."

"If my child is able to go to school full time this would not affect me, however if I’m required to be at work and students are not then I have no child care for my personal child."
IF MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN BY EMPLOYEES DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, DO YOU PLAN TO RETURN TO WORK?

5,566 RESPONSES

- YES: 93.1% (5,183)
- NO: 6.9% (383)

DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER OR DEVICE AT YOUR HOME THAT WOULD ALLOW YOU TO TEMPORARILY WORK REMOTELY IF NEEDED?

5,566 RESPONSES

- YES: 91.8% (5,109)
- NO: 8.2% (457)

IF YES, DOES YOUR COMPUTER OR DEVICE HAVE A CAMERA?

5,324 RESPONSES

- YES: 85.3% (4,540)
- NO: 14.7% (784)
DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET AT YOUR HOME THAT WOULD ALLOW YOU TO TEMPORARILY WORK REMOTELY IF NEEDED?

5,566 RESPONSES

![Pie chart showing 95.4% YES and 4.6% NO]

IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

304 RESPONSES

(A sample of shared responses below)

"All I have for Wi-Fi is my cell phone hot spot. Service is weak and so video feeds are very difficult. Additionally, once I reach a particular usage point (GB used), the speed slows. It could be done, but with great limitation (and aggravation). If remote learning is necessary, I would prefer to be able to work from my classroom (if at all possible) to reach my students more effectively in a remote learning situation."

"Yes and no, it’s the best option there is where I live but it’s not always reliable"

"I live in a rural area and my internet is basic and does not work very well at all."

"I would need a computer but I have internet."

"I live in an area with no internet service providers other than satellite and mobile hotspot. No cable/fiber/DSL is provided in my area. Satellite internet is not conducive to video conferencing. Mobile hotspot is throttled after 15GB to below acceptable speeds for video conferencing."

"We cannot get broadband or fiber internet where I live. Satellite is the only option and it is too expensive and is not reliable."

"I have no WiFi at my home."

"I have internet; however, if/when my family of five uses the service at the same time it can be slow."

"Where we live, only satellite Internet is available. Being able to check email and use the Internet is possible (with patience) but video streaming is not reliable. I’ve tried multiple times to use Zoom from home without success. The satellite Internet service is not dependable especially while multiple people are trying to work."
PLEASE SHARE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WILL ALLOW US TO UNDERSTAND YOUR NEEDS AND SUPPORT YOU DURING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

1,857 RESPONSES

(A sample of shared responses below)

"I would prefer a shield over a mask, or no masks at all because I think it’s important for students to see our facial expressions and our mouths."

"Cleaning supplies and extra janitors will be needed for facility cleaning"

"If it is deemed safer to have remote learning, I would like the option to be able to come to campus (with proper safety measures) and access all my work needs/resources from my classroom."

"My fear for reporting to work during this pandemic is that the guidelines established by the Dept of Health and the Dept of Education will not be appropriately followed/enforced. I recognize that our district cannot go out and hire new teachers to accommodate the reduced number of students (deemed safe for social distancing and state dept protocols) nor do we have the means to build additional classrooms to allow for those protocols."

"I use my phone to use the internet. My phone is small and it is very hard to read and complete task on it. As stated above I do have internet at home; however I am constantly losing connection and my connection buffers a lot while I’m online."

"If my children(10th & 7th) do not return to school and do virtual learning, I could not return to work, I need to make sure they are doing the work necessary for them to pass. We only have 1 computer in this household."

"I am concerned about the stability of the schedule. If we return to work and at some point someone gets COVID and potentially the whole school closes for a period of time, this will be very difficult to have a continuous learning environment."

"I have small children who will have a difficult time wearing masks all day and would prefer to keep them home but am unable to due to lack of childcare if I am to return to work."

"I honestly don’t see how I can run an effective class in person with all the restrictions we will have on us. I think the risks are too great to return to in person classes."

"I’m concerned about the high concentration of people in the spreading of Covid in the school setting which would in turn put everyone at risk."

"We need to get back to work. The kids need to be at school!"

"Lots of communication early and often"

"Formal teacher training for new technology required (Google Classroom) during working hours would be nice."

"My needs would be to receive proper cleaning and sanitizing equipment. Able to protect myself, coworkers, and students by social distancing and proper mask usage policies set in place."

"I just want children to be safe- and I will do whatever I can to ensure that everything can be done to keep myself, my workers and my students safe!"