Dobbs Ferry School District

School Reopening Family Survey Data collected July 17-23, 2020

RESULTS SUMMARY

In July, as the district's administration and a number of committees worked to plan for the 2020-21 school year, input was gathered via a district-wide survey for families.

A few important notes:

- •Key demographics, including students receiving free and reduced-price lunch and students with IEPs/504s, are represented in these findings. This is in no small part due to the outreach efforts of organizations that support families in the District, including SPRING and Trail Guides.
- Preferences were similar across all three schools and data here is shown in aggregate.
- •Total response rate was greater than 100% across grade levels. We know that some fraction of students were covered by multiple responses from their families.
- •We acknowledge and expect that family preferences may change as the pandemic situation evolves, and as more details are shared about the details of reopening.

To plan for the start of the 2020-21 school year, families were surveyed about fall enrollment preferences:

~20%

of students

~80%

of students

DFSD is exploring whether to offer two parallel options for student education this school year:

Preferred for:

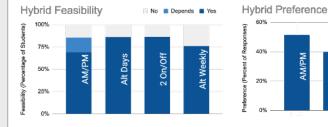
- A **remote-only** option (schooling only over the internet), or
- A **hybrid** option offering some **in-person** learning at school and some **remote** learning.

There are fewer than 10 students in families who have decided to school outside of the district (homeschool, private, etc.).

Hybrid (partial in-person and remote) learning could take many forms:

Given only broad-strokes descriptions of various models, most models are feasible for the vast majority of families.

The Alternating Weeks model was most logistically challenging.



Family preference varied, with AM/PM being most favored. One third of families indicated preference for multiple models.

The survey was also informative for district planning on many logistical considerations:

- Access to computers and the internet at home remains a challenge, especially among a segment of Springhurst families.
- There is a core group of around 64 Springhurst students *requiring* bus transportation and close to half the school *desiring* bus transportation.
 More information on busing to follow.
- 40% of K-6 students need childcare during and after the regular school day. A core group of elementary students also requires before- and after-care. Responses to a question on the MS/HS survey indicate older students may be interested in providing childcare for younger students. As more details of reopening evolve, this could be a follow-up item.