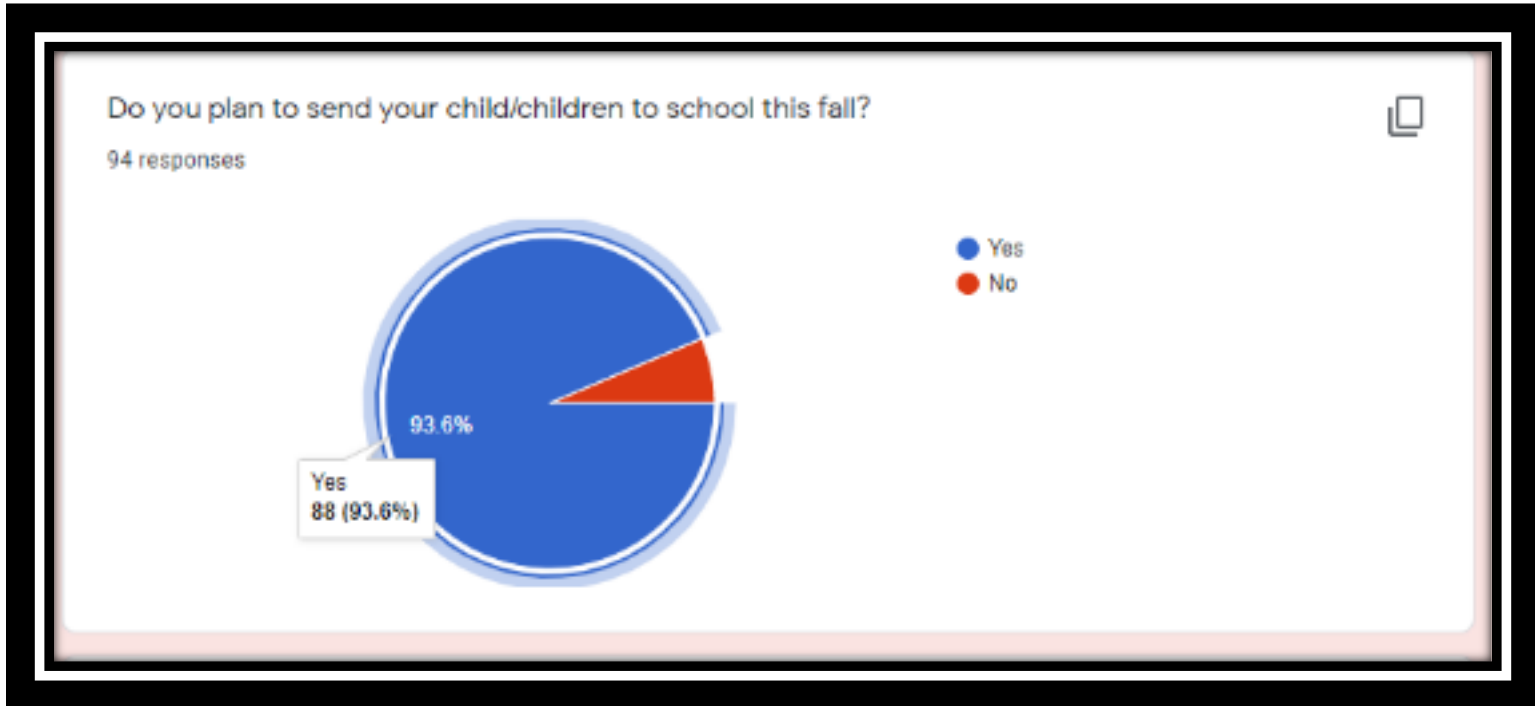


Update on Reopening School Plans



Quick Review of Parent Survey Preliminary Results

- ❖ 94 parents have responded so far!



1. Please list any questions, comments, or concerns that you have in regards to your child(ren) returning to school this fall:

62 responses received so far...here is a sampling of responses:

- ❖ Thanks for all you have been doing. We appreciate it.
- ❖ Let's get these kids back in the classroom and get back to academic structure.
- ❖ I marked yes in the above but not knowing for sure. We are looking for guidance as the bus rules and the masks rules are pretty hard to accept. I wish they would split the school day in half with half students getting instruction and sent home while the second half gets instruction in afternoon.
- ❖ How will you be enforcing mask wearing and will kids get into trouble for taking it off? How will recess, lunch, and PE work if they have to all stay 6ft apart? If we decided to homeschool do we need to outsource or will the school be providing distance learning?

- ❖ A whole day is too long to wear a mask. What about lunch time and PE? Will the mask rule lift if the phases open up?
- ❖ If I become uncomfortable with my children attending in person learning will there be an option of online schooling as we did when the pandemic took place? Also, is it possible to have a combination of in person and online learning?
- ❖ 4 day school week would be great! Mon-Thurs. This could save the district money in quite a few areas.
- ❖ If my children must wear face masks and stay 6 feet apart I will be looking into homeschooling my children.
- ❖ My child needs a classroom environment to learn
- ❖ Motivation (or lack thereof) for doing online school and what our rigorous curriculum will look like
- ❖ I am not ok with muzzling my child and restricting free air flow to his developing brain because some politicians want to drag out a Chinese cold for all time. I am not ok with my child being forced to distance himself from his friends and classmates to appease some public health expert's (who has been wrong on every point throughout this whole scam) fear mongering. I know it's not the school district's fault, but it's just the way it is. We will be homeschooling until society returns to sanity (well, at least its previous level of insanity).
- ❖ Since there are still so many things up in the air, we have many questions. If there are not areas for our students to be social with others or if our children don't get to take some sort of band, PE, or specials, we may be a "maybe" above, which there isn't a selection. I 100% want my children back in the best district in the world, but if they are just going to sit in one classroom all day (which I know isn't your intent) we will have to make our tough decisions when that time comes. We are looking forward to seeing the final plan, and worry that it's going to turn political with a Trump vs. Inslee battle, and may just decide to wait until 2021 to get back to "normal."
- ❖ I think in Davenport we are very lucky that we have smaller class sizes. However, 15 kids in one classroom space 6' of part will be a severe challenge. I question if all kids can be in the class at the same time and if we should be doing smaller divided up classes or rotation of days. The plan currently is for all 25 4th graders to be in the same class. Social distancing will not be possible. With my older son who will be in the middle school I worry about rotating classrooms and dirty lockers. I realize that the challenges that are being presented to the school go above and beyond what a normal teaching situation would entail. I know that there are a lot of parents pushing for you just to take their child back because it is their child care for them to attend work. I want as much in classroom teaching as possible. However, I am very much aware of the fact that it would probably be safer for my child to be there on a part time basis. I wish I had the answers for all of this.
- ❖ I do not wish to have my children wear a mask constantly. Will there be time allotted for them to get fresh air breaks? I wear a mask consistently at work and it

is not as easy as you might think. Every day, all day use takes a toll. That being said, I do understand the rules and want to know the plan. Thank you.

- ❖ No concerns
- ❖ Completely unrelated ... but wondering if anyone has considered “DHS Gorilla” masks. Maybe offer a few styles/colors so they can wear a different one every day? I’d do it through booster club (not for profit) if no one is doing it already. And any updates on fall sports would be appreciate :-)
- ❖ My children would do best going to school every day, their well-being depends on them going to school regularly.
- ❖ We are going to support whatever the school decides! We are behind you and we will follow the guidelines whatever they may be and just go with the flow. Kids are so adaptable:)
- ❖ A concern I have is this: Will kids go to school Monday - Friday 8:00-2:40? If not, what about child care? What will parents do that work full time and have no child care?
- ❖ rumor has been that the kids will only go to school building 50% of the week. i feel like for my children, that this is not beneficial to get full course learning. I fear that one of my children will fall very behind, for lack of self motivation:(
- ❖ We'll be interested in a hybrid model that allows home instruction based on safety information.
- ❖ I am hoping for as much in person learning as possible. I am sad that sports may be pretty limited. Ryan struggles enough with school and his grades with the "carrot" of being allowed to play the sports he loves. I worry that without sports and need for eligibility that his grades will suffer.
- ❖ I am hoping that face shields will be considered for entire classes, especially for the younger grades and in classes where students or teachers rely on lip reading. Masks degrade speech and hide facial cues, which are very important in communication for everyone (not just those with hearing impairments). My kindergartner will be learning sounds corresponding to letters and learning how to read. Being able to see the teacher's mouth formation is important when learning how to properly say sounds/words, as well as the teacher being able to see the students' mouths to make sure they are saying sounds correctly. Socially, facial expressions are so important in reading emotions. Being able to see each other's smiles would help kids and teachers adjust to this new and very different school year.

Survey is Open Until Next Monday

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is one of several that we will be sending you in the next few weeks regarding reopening school planning for the upcoming school year. We have been busy working on how to reopen our schools with a high priority on student and staff safety. Our reopening school committee has already met five times and we continue to meet on a weekly basis. We hope to have our reopening plan finalized around the first week of August. We plan to send you more updates on reopening details in the next few weeks.

Please know that we are required by law to follow the rules that have been set by the Department of Health (DOH), the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and by the Governor's Office. While we may not agree with all of the rules, it is important that we do our best to follow these rules in order to protect students and staff and to ensure that we will receive our full state funding.

The rules that we are required to follow are listed below:

- All students and staff must wear a face mask or face shield. (We can do this!)
- Classroom instructional space must be set up so students are 6 feet apart. (We can do this!)
- A daily screening for possible symptoms (temperature check, etc.) must take place. This can be done at home by parents and can be recorded on a simple form sent daily to school with each child or via phone or computer APP. (We will provide you with more information on this as we get closer to the start of school.)
- Students riding school buses must wear masks or face shields.

The first day of school is scheduled for August 26, 2020. Our staff has been very busy preparing for our reopening and **we miss our students!** We do need to hear from you and we ask that you take a few moments to complete a very short on-line survey. We want to hear from you and need to know if you plan to send your children back to school this fall and what questions and/or concerns you have. Please respond no later than Monday, July 20, 2020 to this initial survey. To access this survey, please go to the following link to complete online:

[Davenport School District Reopening Schools Parent Survey #1](#)

Note: If you prefer, you may fill out the survey attached and return to the district office, or mail back to the school district at: 801 7th Street, Davenport, WA 99122

Stay tuned for more updates and please reach out if you have questions. You can call the district office at 725-1481 and leave a message. We do need you to complete the simple survey so we can continue planning for an exciting (and safe) start to the 2020-21 school year. If you have not completed the registration forms for Pre-K, Kindergarten, or if you have a new student to enroll please go to www.davenportsd.org to do online, or you can print and return forms to the district office.

Thank you for your continued support and stay tuned for more updates!

Jim Kowalkowski
Superintendent

Chad Prewitt
6-12 Principal

Noelle Carstens
Elementary Principal

Davenport School District Reopening Schools Parent Survey #1

Note: If you complete this survey online, you do not need to complete the paper version.

1. Parent/Guardian first & last name: _____

2. Please list the first & last names of your child(ren) and their grade level(s) for this coming school year.

3. Do you plan to send your child/children to school this fall? (circle one)

YES

NO

4. Please list any questions, comments or concerns that you may have in regards to your child(ren) returning to school next fall.

We can do this!

- ❖ We have space in most of our classrooms to accommodate our students!



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- Brief Summary of All-Day Committee Meeting Held on July 7
- Reopening Schools Committee Meets this Tuesday – 9AM – Noon
- OSPI Q & A Document:
<https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/communications/Reopening%20Washington%20Schools%20FAQ%20for%20School%20Districts.pdf>
- Davenport School District Q & A / Other Items
- Note: School districts are required to adopt reopening plans through local board resolution. Those plans need to be on file with OSPI and the State Board of Education within two weeks of a district's fall starting date.
- Possible Changes to 2020-21 School District Calendar