



School Reopening Update

July 15, 2020



Key Messages

- 1) The health & well-being of students, families, & staff is priority #1.
- 2) Our focus for the coming year is to develop a safe school environment for our students and staff that prioritizes everyone's well-being and enables high levels of learning for all.
- 3) We are planning based on guidance from the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education while closely monitoring the latest information from medical experts and the evolving data regarding the pandemic both in Massachusetts and in Shrewsbury.



Going Back to School

Summer 2020

Student Services Update:

Extended School Year (ESY) Services

- June 7th and July 1st Guidance from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Health and well-being remain our top priorities
- Consideration for nature and severity of a student's needs and barriers posed on a student's ability to access remote learning
- In-person services, based on providing services to our most vulnerable learners



My teacher will be at
Sherwood Middle
School.
I know her but she will
look different.
She will have a mask
on and maybe even a
face shield.





Ms.Nichols



Ms. O'Donnell

I can ask my parents or my teacher if I have any questions. My teachers are excited to see me again!



Extended School Year Programs

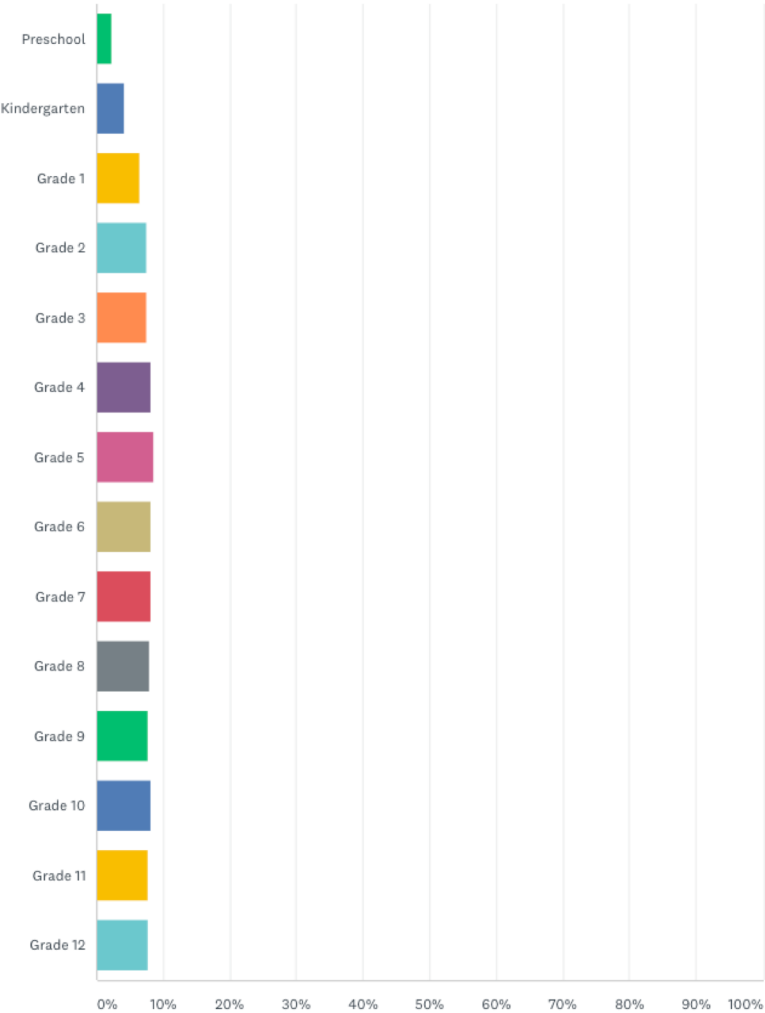
- Half day programming for in person services
- In person or remote, 6 weeks, July 6th-August 13th, Monday-Thursday
- All services began remote on July 6th.
- SPS July 20th Reopening Guidelines for Staff and Families shared this week.
- SPS staff training in protocols and procedures will be completed by July 16th.
- Signs, visuals and furniture will be completed by opening on Monday.

Family Survey Data

- Survey sent yesterday afternoon, July 14
- **3,669** responses for separate students so far
- Responses evenly divided across grade levels

Please check the grade level your child will be in the fall:

Answered: 3,669 Skipped: 0

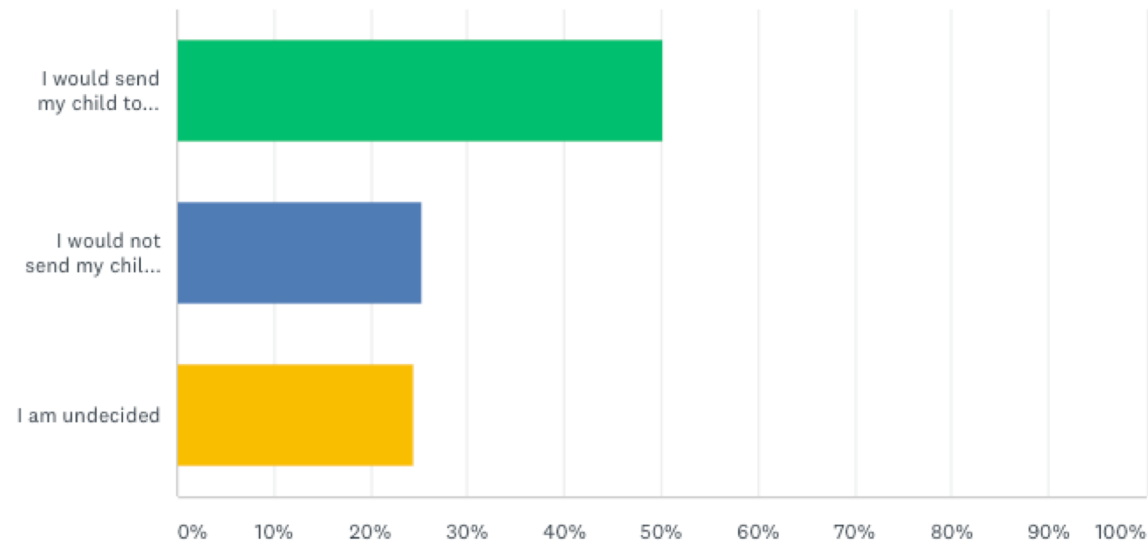


Key Data Points: Willingness To Return to School

- 50% of students would return for in-person learning with all students, with 25% not comfortable returning and 25% undecided
- Slightly higher for high school (55% return) and slightly lower for elementary (45% return)

If our school district implements an in-person learning model for all students based upon the state guidance (3 foot physical distancing):

Answered: 3,669 Skipped: 0



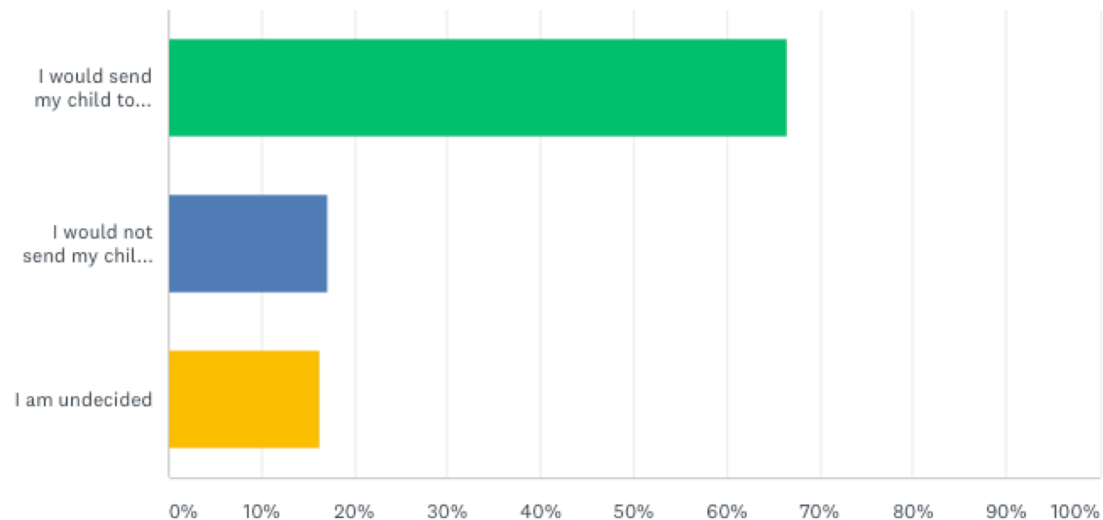
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I would send my child to school for in-person learning with all students	50.31%	1,846
I would not send my child to school for in-person learning with all students	25.29%	928
I am undecided	24.39%	895
TOTAL		3,669

Key Data Points: Willingness To Return to School

- 67% of students would return for an alternating hybrid schedule with fewer students, with 17% not returning and 16% undecided
- Slightly higher for high school (74%), slightly lower for elementary (59%)

If our school district implements a hybrid learning model, where students switch between in-person and remote learning on an alternating schedule and about 50% of the students are present in school each day:

Answered: 3,669 Skipped: 0



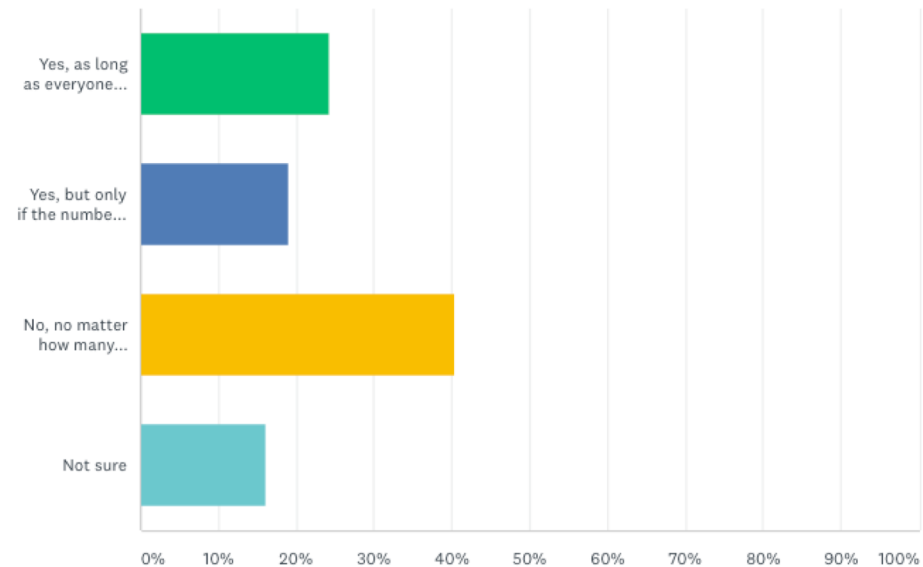
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I would send my child to school on an alternating hybrid schedule	66.48%	2,439
I would not send my child to school on an alternating hybrid schedule	17.17%	630
I am undecided	16.35%	600
TOTAL		3,669

Hybrid Schedule Preference

	STRONGLY DO NOT PREFER	DO NOT PREFER	NEUTRAL	PREFER	STRONGLY PREFER	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
▼ Alternating in-person learning by WEEK (e.g., one week at school, next week at home, repeat)	20.12% 712	18.59% 658	21.98% 778	21.64% 766	17.66% 625	3,539	2.98
▼ Alternating in-person learning by DAYS (e.g., 3 consecutive school days in-school, next 3 school days at home, repeat)	23.28% 833	18.59% 665	23.03% 824	19.87% 711	15.23% 545	3,578	2.85

(Please answer this question if you plan to send your child to school for either the full in-person or hybrid learning models) Will you register for the bus for this fall if students are returning to school in-person?

Answered: 3,527 Skipped: 142



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, as long as everyone wears masks and health protocols are in place	24.27%	856
Yes, but only if the number of the students on the bus is reduced to provide physical distancing between students along with other health protocols	19.14%	675
No, no matter how many students are on the bus	40.40%	1,425
Not sure	16.19%	571
TOTAL	3,527	

Key Data Points: Transportation

- 43% of responses indicate that students might ride the bus (24% if masks and another 19% if also fewer riders), with 40% not intending to ride and 17% undecided
- 62% of students who would stop riding the bus would be driven to school instead (note: may include some who drove last year)

Key Data Points: Cafeteria

- 14% of students would get meals at school most days
- 26% would get meals occasionally at school
- 55% would bring lunch from home

More Specific Data Needed: Extended School Care & Athletics

- Many more respondents chose to answer compared to students who would participate
- We will survey those populations more specifically

Continued Planning for Reopening

- Plans due to MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education by July 31; decision for SPS in early August
- Specific family preferences by student will be requested through PowerSchool Parent Portal in the near future
- Email questions or feedback to 2020reopen@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us