



# North Caldwell Parent Survey

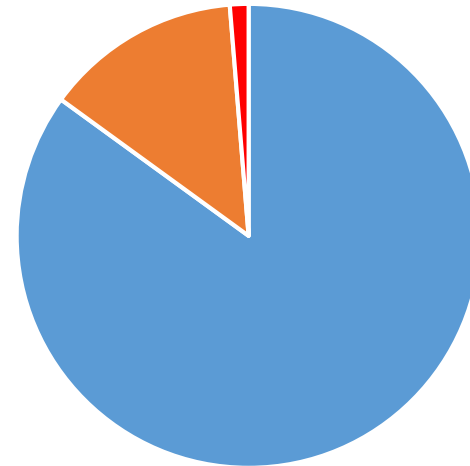
Survey Findings and Next Steps

# Summary of Findings

- 465 survey participants
  - (676 students in our school system)
  - Response rate was tremendous
  - Gives the District a good sense of the community's sentiments
- Responses indicate a **spectrum of views**
- 400 respondents provided written comments, concerns expressed:
  - Face coverings: ability of kids to wear all day
  - Ability to actually keep children socially distanced
  - Virtual/remote instruction: improvement from the end of last school year
  - Quality of air in classrooms
  - Keeping schools cleaned and sanitized
  - Children in same family, different schools having the same schedules

Do you intend to send your child(ren) to school this fall?

- Yes: 85%
- Uncertain: 13.7%
- No: 1.3%



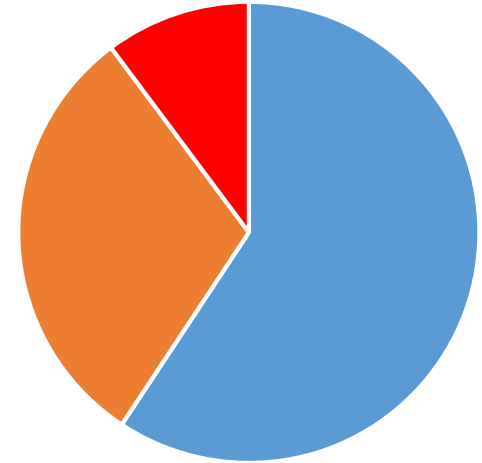
### Takeaways

- Vast majority intend to send their children to school in the Fall
- School will therefore likely be operating near capacity
- Across the state, districts are finding that 10%-20% of students will not return for in-person instruction in the fall

If you answered “No” or “Uncertain”, please indicate which delivery option you most support for your child(ren)

*68 responses*

- Virtual learning due to a medical issue: 59.3%
- Homeschool: 30.5%
- Private School: 10.2%

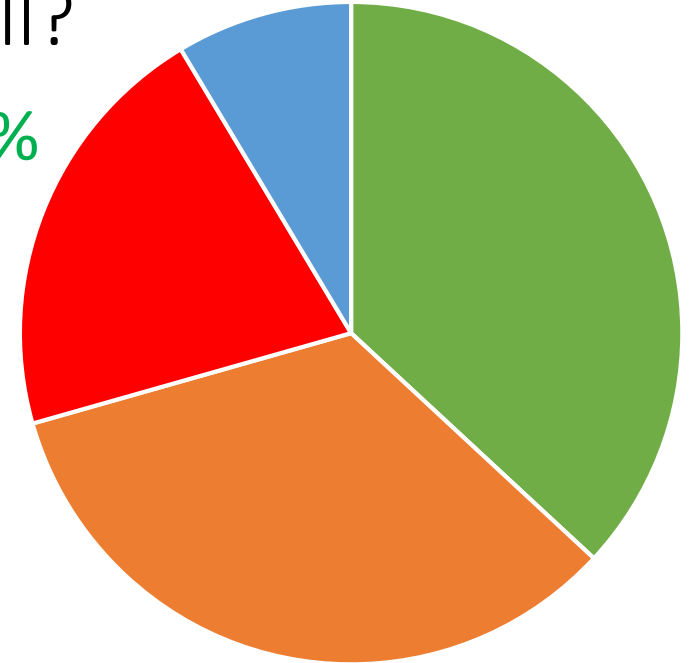


### Takeaways

- Approximately 25-30 families do not plan to be in District schools this Fall
- Medical issues will require virtual/remote learning for at least 30-40 families

With social distancing in place inside the classroom and class sizes reduced to 10-14 children, would you feel comfortable having your student return to school this Fall?

- Comfortable with minimal or no concerns: 36.9%
- Comfortable with concerns: 33.7%
- Somewhat comfortable: 20.8%
- Not at all comfortable: 8.6%

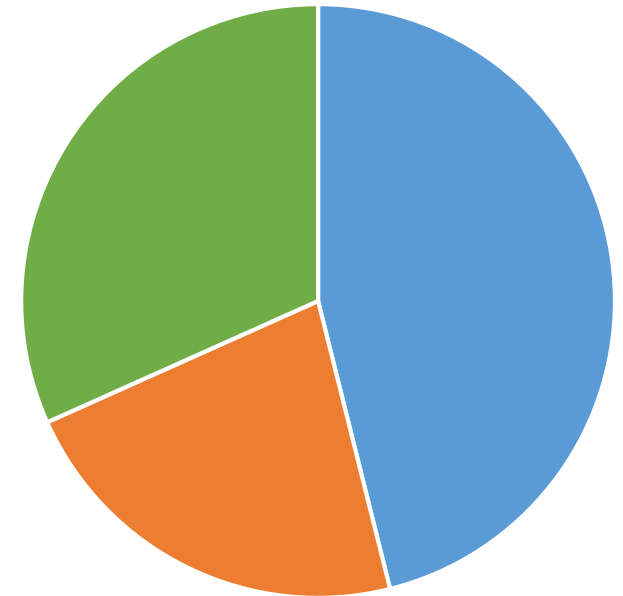


### Takeaways

- Comfort level of returning to school spans the spectrum
- Overall, most respondents are relatively comfortable with a return to school with reduced class sizes

My preferred option for the Fall would be:

- Option 1: AM/PM Schedule: 46.1%
- Option 2 – Split Schedule: 31.7%
- Option 3 – Split Schedule/Early Dismissal: 22.2%

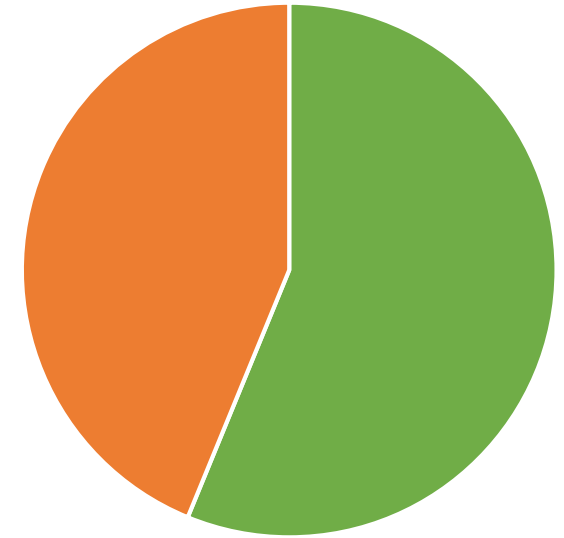


### Takeaways

- Opinion again appears fairly divided on preferred return option
- Evenly divided been those who favor an alternating day schedule (55.9%) and those who favor everyday return (46.1%)

If we are unable to do option 1, which schedule would you prefer out of option 2 or 3?:

- Option 2 – Split Schedule: 56.2%
- Option 3 – Split Schedule/Early Dismissal: 43.6%



### Takeaways

- If we have an alternating day schedule, the community is fairly split on these options, with a slight majority favoring all day

Would you enroll your child in Tiny Treasures?

*121 responses; check all that apply*

- After care at Grandview: 93
- Before care at Grandview: 47
- After Care at Gould: 43
- Before care at Gould: 27



If Tiny Treasures was able to offer child care in non-instructional spaces during the school day when your child is engaged in remote instruction, would you enroll them

- No: 80.9%
- Yes: 19.1%

### Takeaways

- There appears to be a desire/need for Tiny Treasures, especially after school care at Grandview
- Applications for Tiny Treasures have already increased

# Community Comments and Concerns

- Concern with students contracting COVID-19
  - Asymptomatic children being sent to school
  - Student contracting coronavirus and bringing it home to infect family members
  - Classes and/or school shut down/quarantine if there is a positive case
- Mandatory use of face coverings
  - Will mask breaks be provided
  - Will use of masks be enforced when social distancing cannot be maintained
  - Difficulty of child wearing mask for long periods of time
- Social Distancing:
  - How likely is this in practice given the age of students?
  - How will rules be reinforced?
- Quality of air in classrooms:
  - Will classrooms have adequate ventilation?
  - Will windows be open during the school day?
- Virtual/remote days with no live instruction
- Keeping schools clean and sanitized:
  - Will there be a schedule for frequent cleaning of bathrooms?
  - Will classrooms be cleaned and disinfected nightly?
  - Will classroom materials be disinfected after student use?
- Kids in same family, different schools having different schedules
- Food allergies in classrooms if kids are now eating lunch in school
- Social/Emotional impact on students

# Staff Survey Results

- Almost all teachers have said that they expect to return to school in the Fall
- Staff favors a split schedule with an early dismissal to allow for:
  - Planning of independent learning plans and individualized instruction
  - Effective cleaning and sanitizing of classrooms/buildings
  - Procedures to ensure that all who enter buildings do not have a fever or symptom of illness
  - Adequate social distancing

# Remote Instruction Option

- Yesterday, the Governor announced that the NJ Department of Education will be releasing guidance allowing for parents to choose all-remote learning for their children.
- This guidance will be released later this week.
- The District will incorporate this as an instructional option.
- In light of this new development, following the release of the guidance, the District will be sending another questionnaire asking parents which option they will select for their children for the fall: (1) in-person instruction, (2) all-remote instruction, or (3) instruction outside of the District (private school or home school).