

MPS Listening Sessions *on reopening our schools*

July 28, 30 and 31, 2020

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What we have been given:

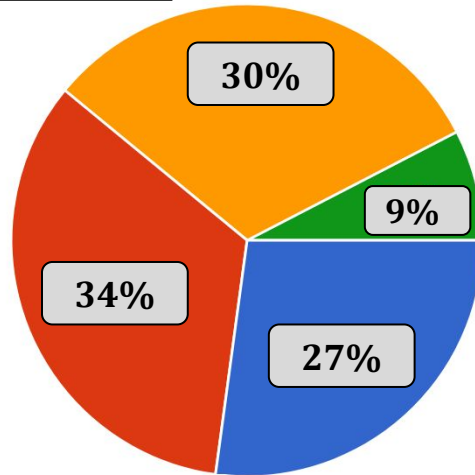
- Guidelines by DESE to create three plans, regardless of feasibility:
 - One for fully in-person return to instruction, with safety requirements
 - One for full remote learning
 - One for hybrid learning that combines in-person and remote learning
- Updated safety requirements:
 - Self-quarantine requirements for possible cases
 - 6 feet for 10 minutes barometer for “close contact”
 - COVID testing not slated to be provided by state or city
 - COVID situation guidelines from DESE posted on our website

Where Malden Families are leaning:

- Parent/Family survey was live from July 9 - July 20
- 3,615 responses from the community
- Average response of 400 per grade level PreK-11
- Good sampling size from each of the 7 schools
- Full results are posted on maldenps.org/reopening

Q3: What is your preference for the upcoming school year that starts in September?

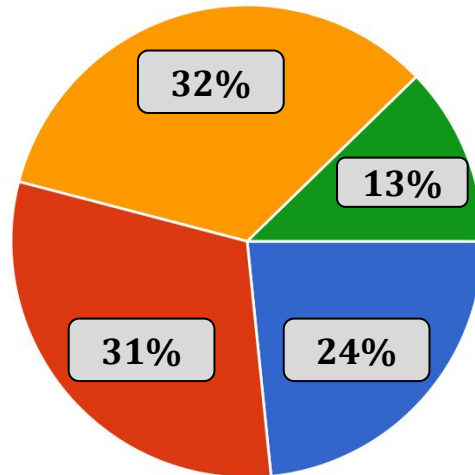
**For grades K-8
MPS student:
(3061 responses)**



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- All remote learning at home
- A hybrid mix of in-person and remote learning
- I'm not sure

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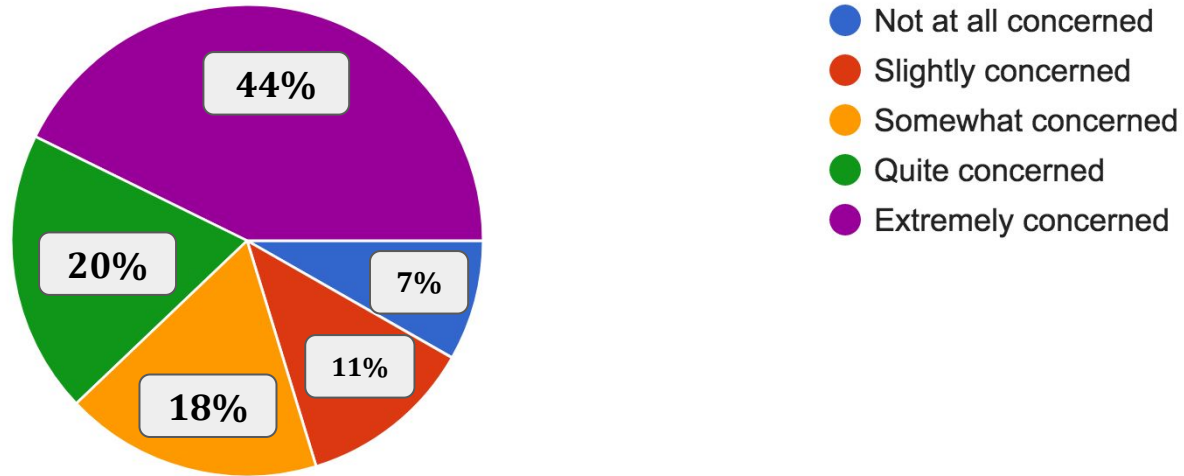
For grades 9-12
MPS student:
(2450 responses)



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- All remote learning at home
- A hybrid mix of in-person and remote learning
- I'm not sure

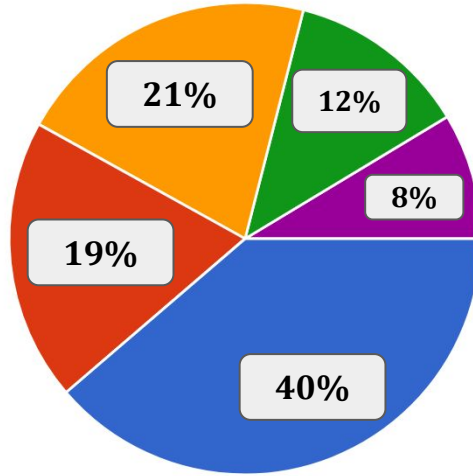
Q5: If in-person learning resumes in September, how concerned are you about your child's physical health?

(3615 responses)



Q6: If in-person learning resumes in September, how comfortable are you having your child return to the school building?

(3615 responses)



- Not at all comfortable
- Slightly comfortable
- Somewhat comfortable
- Quite comfortable
- Extremely comfortable

What we know so far:

- Safety walkthroughs are being completed in each building to determine feasibility of social distancing and safety requirements for reopening
- MPS will strengthen the DESE requirements for health and safety by:
 - Maintaining 6 feet of social distance in classrooms (as opposed to 3 feet)
 - Consideration of masks for all students Grades K-12 (state mandate Grades 2-12 currently)
- Pre-ordering of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and necessary barriers for buildings
- Pursing 1-1 Chromebooks to begin the school year so each individual student will have access to technology
- Food service will still be provided for students (breakfast and lunch) regardless of what model is chosen by the district, and by individual families

Behind the scenes....

Curriculum Work

- ❑ 100 teachers working on revising / aligning scopes and sequences; developing units to ensure better level of consistency across the district and grade level. Funded in large part by grant.
- ❑ Dr. Darnisa Amante-Jackson serving as an advisor to this work to ensure an equity lens; has already met with teachers once.
- ❑ Directors are identify ways to assess students upon their return so that teachers can meet students where they are and address any individual needs.

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Professional Learning to Support Educators

- ❑ Eureka training (grades 3-5) has robust online component with virtual lessons and complete textbooks online; teachers participated in training in June. More to come as we move into the new year...
- ❑ Technology Training - mid-August; four sessions with unlimited seats
- ❑ Better Lesson will be providing 180 “seats” for virtual professional learning in August. Nine topics include sessions on synchronous and asynchronous learning, *Meaningful Tasks: Engaging Students in Learning Experiences*, and *Communication and Feedback: Build a Two-Way Street between Students and Teachers*.

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Special Education and Social-Emotional Well Being

- ❑ Special Education administration will be contacting all students with IEPs directly, and individualized planning will take place for each special education student and their family.
- ❑ The district is identifying ways to support the social and emotional needs of all students to ensure everyone feels connected, supported, included, and safe.

Potential models:

- Fully In-Person:
 - Not feasible given safety requirements for students who do not fall into a “high needs” category - (High needs special education, ELL students (level 1), Homeless, Children of public school educators)
- Fully Remote:
 - A virtual learning experience that will be available for any/all families to opt-into
 - Planning to incorporate synchronous and asynchronous learning for families
- Hybrid:
 - The probable option for families who elect for some in-person learning. Students will be in cohorts (smaller groups) and have a mix of in-person and online learning activities
 - Currently planning for alternating week of in-person/week of remote learning model with a Friday at 11am dismissal for deep cleaning and educator collaboration

Timeline moving forward:

- Three parent/family/community forums: 7/28, 7/30, 7/31
- Draft plans released: Tomorrow (Wednesday 7/29) on maldenps.org/reopening
- School Committee Meeting to approve plans:
 - Tentatively 8/6, 6pm

Now, we'd love to hear from you!

- To participate, please click “raise hand” (if you're on a phone dial *9)
- In order to accommodate as many members of the community as we can, please attempt to keep comments to 2-3 minutes
- Participants are listed alphabetically, so please be patient we will bounce around as hands are raised
- Q/A session is live, but not being monitored – FAQ's will be posted tomorrow