

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29  
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD  
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093  
RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2020  
3:30 P.M.**

Please join the live open session virtual meeting at 3:30 p.m. by using the following link:

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**AGENDA**

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a. Minutes from September 15, 2020 meeting
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE DISCUSSION
  - 4.1 Discussion District COVID-19 Metrics (5 min)
  - 4.2 Discussion: Parent Feedback Survey Results (10 min)
  - 4.3 Discussion: Winter Travel Plans Survey Results (10 min)
  - 4.4 Discussion: Length of School Day & Plan Staging (30 min)
  - 4.5 Discussion: Winter Holiday Schedule (30 min)
  - 4.6 Discussion: Trimester Commitment Dates
5. UPCOMING MEETINGS:
  - a. November 9, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.
6. ADJOURNMENT

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2020  
3:45 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL: (3:45 p.m.)**

Mrs. Detlefsen called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present via video-conferencing:

Present: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mrs. Peterson,  
Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Dr. Greene, Mrs. Styczen, Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Meziere, Mrs. Berkhof, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Zogby, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Mertes, Mrs. Bauer, Mrs. Toofan, Mrs. Malan, Mrs. Dold, Mrs. McGarry, Dr. Friedman, Mr. Whittaker, Mr. Spaan

**DISCUSSION:**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Peterson motioned to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Yea: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mrs. Peterson, Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Subeck

Nay: None

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

**3.1 Public Comment**

Mr. Whittaker shared a public comment articulating his praise for the District staff in the implementation of the Return to School Plan. He also noted concerns regarding the safety of adding lunch service.

**4.1 Discussion: 2020-2021 Return to School Planning**

The committee reviewed the COVID-19 Metrics Dashboard data system, data sources, and the actual current data under each metric.

The committee discussed updates to the Return to School Plan based on new ISBE and CCDPH guidance. These included the removal of face coverings by staff when alone in an office or classroom with the door closed, the removal of face coverings by students when eating/drinking or

outdoors when socially distanced, and the ability to utilize some professional judgment by school nurses in differentiating between COVID-19 symptom presence and other conditions.

The committee discussed challenges related to some families switching between in-person and remote learning environments as a result of voluntary travel to high risk areas. The committee recommended that a student that must quarantine due to voluntary travel to a high risk area be

treated as voluntarily changing to the remote learning programs, which requires a trimester-long commitment.

Each Task Force member was provided an opportunity to articulate their thoughts regarding the previous recommendations. No dissention by Task Force members was noted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 5:32 p.m., Mr. Subeck moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mrs. Detlefsen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

\_\_\_\_\_ Board Vice President

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary, Board of Education

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

## Task Force Discussion Items

### 1. COVID-19 Metrics:

**\*75% of regional metrics are in “caution” level but 80% of local metrics are in “low risk” level**

- a. Suburban Cook County
  - i. Test positivity up slightly (5.1%)
  - ii. Daily cases per 100,000 up slightly (13.9)
- b. New Trier Region
  - i. Stable and low test positivity (<3%) and cases per 100,000 (<7)
- c. D29
  - i. Stable and low test positivity (3.3%)
  - ii. Slight increase in cases per 100,000 (9)
- d. Operational Metrics
  - i. Continued tenuous staffing, although hired X3 new TA's + 2 new subs
  - ii. Student behavior is stable
  - iii. Supply chain is strong

### 2. Parent Feedback Survey

- a. Strong level of comfort with in-person environment (face coverings, hygiene, distancing, support, communication)
- b. Challenges with remote learning.
- c. General desire to increase in-person learning opportunities
- d. Remote learning challenges with technical issues, feedback, support, interpersonal connections, & communications

### 3. Winter Travel Survey

- a. Parents (14%) and staff (25%) reporting college kids coming home
- b. Parents (22%) and staff (81%) reporting Thanksgiving travel
- c. Parents (41%) and staff (86%) reporting Thanksgiving socialization
- d. *Parents (31%) and staff (82%) reporting Winter travel***
- e. Parents (46%) and staff (91%) reporting Winter socialization



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### DISTRICT 29 COVID DATA DASHBOARD OCTOBER 5, 2020

#### Level of Resurgence Risk

METRICS		MINIMAL	MODERATE	SUBSTANTIAL
RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN		PHASE 5	PHASE 4	PHASE 3
REGIONAL POSITIVITY RATE	REGION 9	<=5%	5.1% TO 8%	>8%
	REGION 11	<=5%	5.1% TO 8%	>8%
SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=5%	5.1% TO 8%	>8%
	AVG DAILY CASES PER 100,000	<7	7 TO 14	>14
NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=5%	5.1% TO 8%	>8%
	AVG DAILY CASES PER 100,000	<7	7 TO 14	>14
DISTRICT 29 LOCAL AREA DATA	TEST POSITIVITY RATE	<=5%	5.1% TO 8%	>8%
	AVG DAILY CASES PER 100,000	<7	7 TO 14	>14
	D29 POSITIVE CASES	<=2.75	2.8 TO 5.4	>=5.5
D29 STAFFING DATA	AVG DAILY ABSENCES	<=3	4 TO 9	>=10
	AVG DAILY QUARANTINED	<=5	6 TO 19	>=11
	UNFILLED ABSENCES	<=2	3 TO 4	>=5
D29 STUDENT DATA	MASK COMPLIANCE	<=4.5	4.4 TO 3.0	<3
	SOCIAL DISTANCING	<=4.5	4.4 TO 3.0	<3
	AVG DAILY ABSENCES	<25	26 TO 50	>50
	AVG DAILY QUARANTINED	<=5	6 TO 19	>=11
D29 PPE SUPPLY	MASKS	>=30 DAYS	29 TO 15 DAYS	<15 DAYS
	SANITIZER	>=30 DAYS	29 TO 15 DAYS	<15 DAYS
	CLEANING SUPPLIES	>=30 DAYS	29 TO 15 DAYS	<15 DAYS
SECONDARY METRICS REGION 10	TEST POSITIVITY INC.	<=3 DAYS	4 TO 6 DAYS	>=7 DAYS
	HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS	<=3 DAYS	4 TO 6 DAYS	>=7 DAYS

IDPH data (e.g., Test Positivity Rate, New Cases/100,000, Hospital Admissions) is based on a 7-day cycle (Sunday-Saturday). District/School data (Absences, Behavior, Positive Cases) is based on the most recent 2-weeks.



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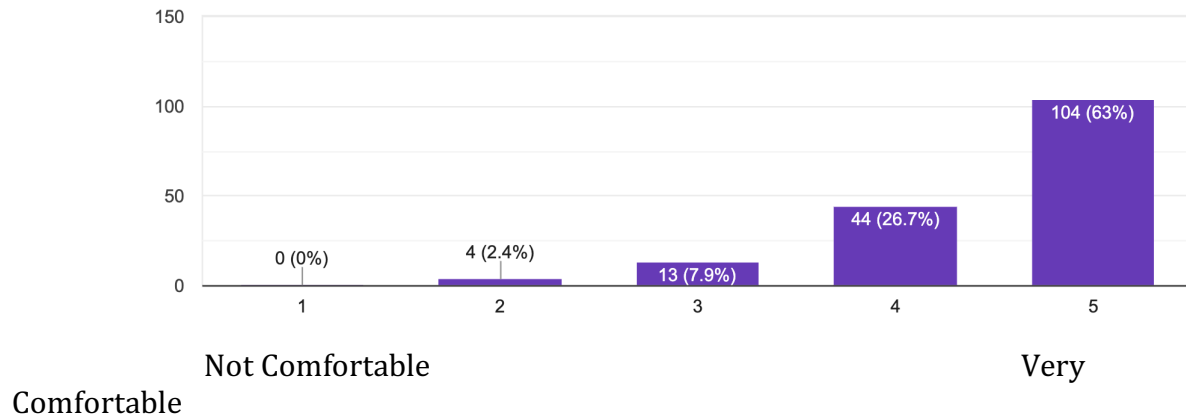
# Reopening District 29 Parent Feedback Survey Results September 25, 2020

## HYBRID IN-PERSON STUDENTS

### Hybrid In-Person Learning Students

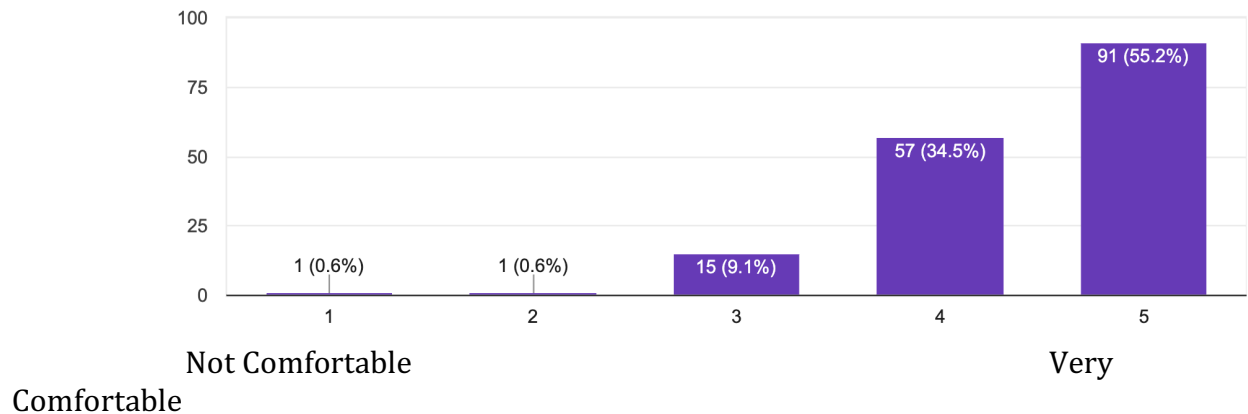
Please rate your child's comfort with the school's face covering requirements.

165 responses



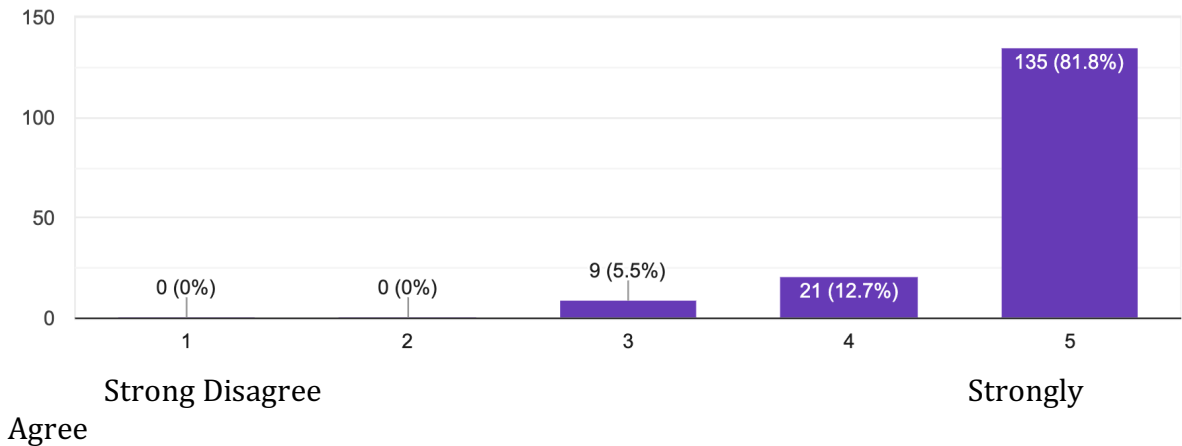
Please rate your child's comfort with the school's social distancing requirements.

165 responses



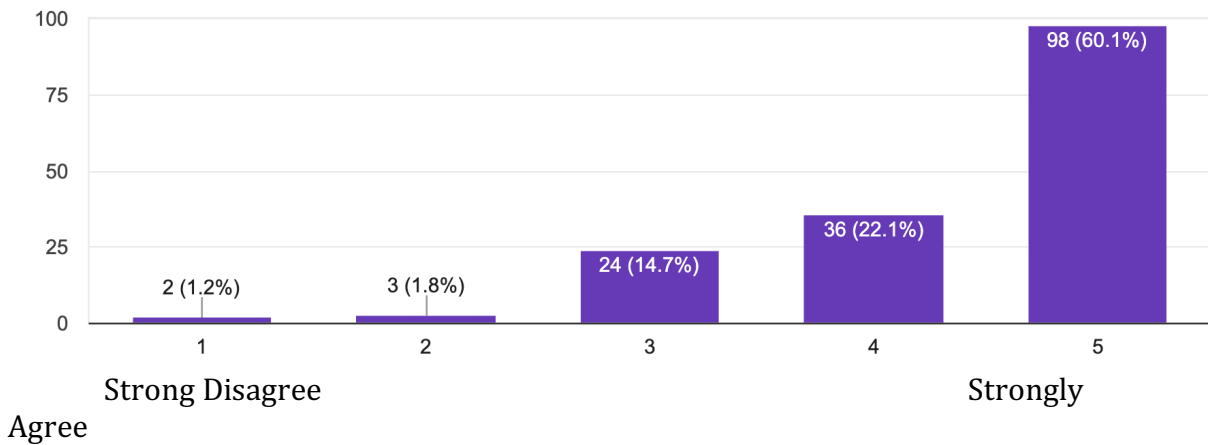
My child is comfortable attending school in the Hybrid In-Person learning environment.

165 responses



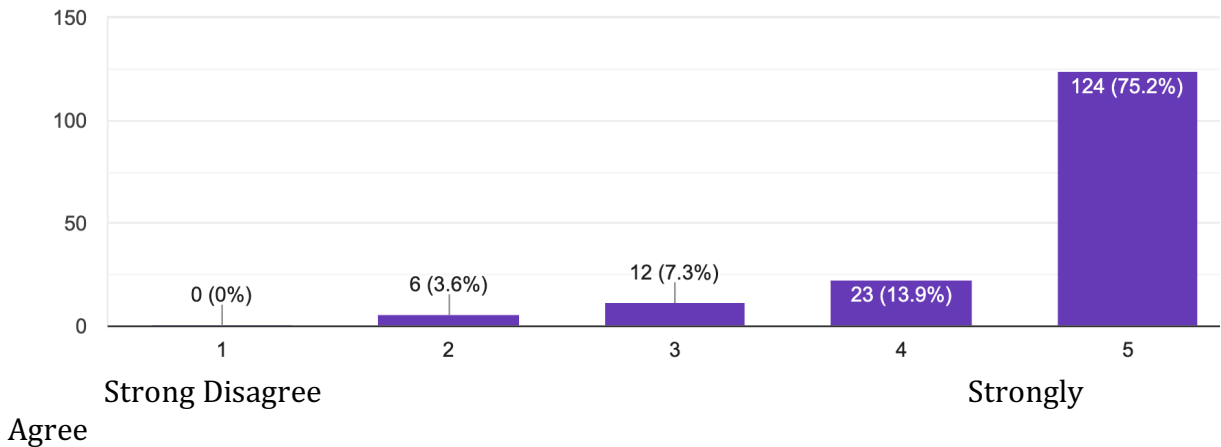
My child is able to access support when needed.

163 responses



I am able to communicate with my child's teacher when needed.

165 responses



## Hybrid Comments

### **General Thanks & Appreciation**

- Many families expressed appreciation and gratitude for the effort by all the staff to provide a meaningful and engaging environment for students. Parents report that “students are happy to be back in school” and describe the experience thus far as “incredible” and “fantastic”

### **eLearning Issues**

- Families reported on the continued challenges related to eLearning, including technical challenges, concerns over the amount of screen time, difficulties with sustained attention and engagement, and limited support

### **Specials/Electives**

- Families reported challenges with self-guided activities and a desire for more live instruction and teacher support.\

### **Mitigation Strategies**

- Families reported a desire to maximize opportunities for students to socialize, play and interact, remove masks, and have access to snacks (food/drink).

### **More In-Person Learning**

- Families reported a desire to increase opportunities for in-person learning in the afternoon.

### **Communications**

- Families reported a desire for clear, concise information and student performance feedback.

### **Homework**

- Families reported a desire for increased rigor.

### **Special Education**

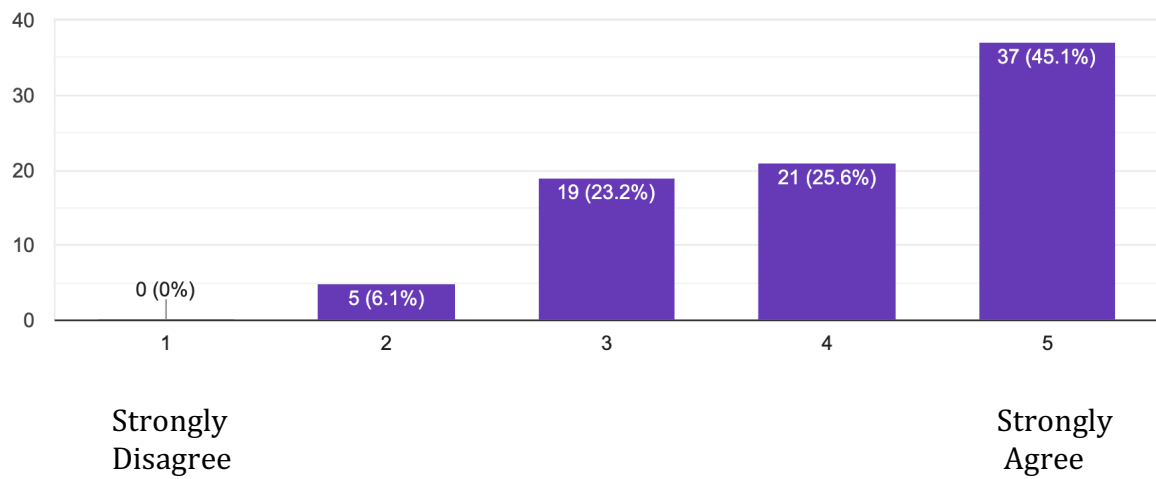
- Families reported a desire to reduce barriers to accessing support services.



## **REMOTE STUDENTS**

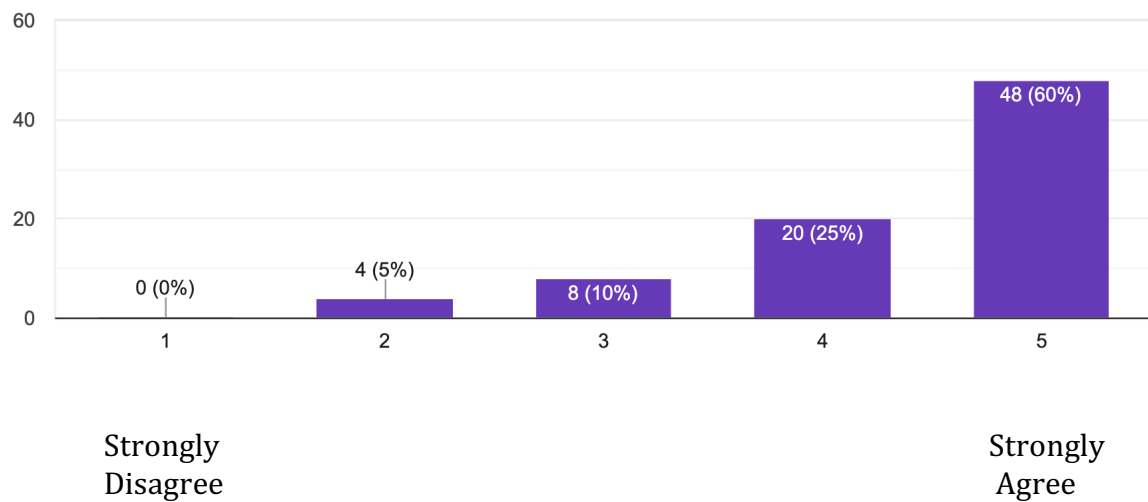
My child is able to access support when needed.

82 responses



I am able to communicate with my child's teacher(s) when needed.

80 responses



### **Comments**

- Families reported challenges relative to:
  - Technical difficulties
  - Frequency of teacher feedback
  - Availability of support at home
  - Access to support from school
  - Availability of peer connections
  - Schedule communication



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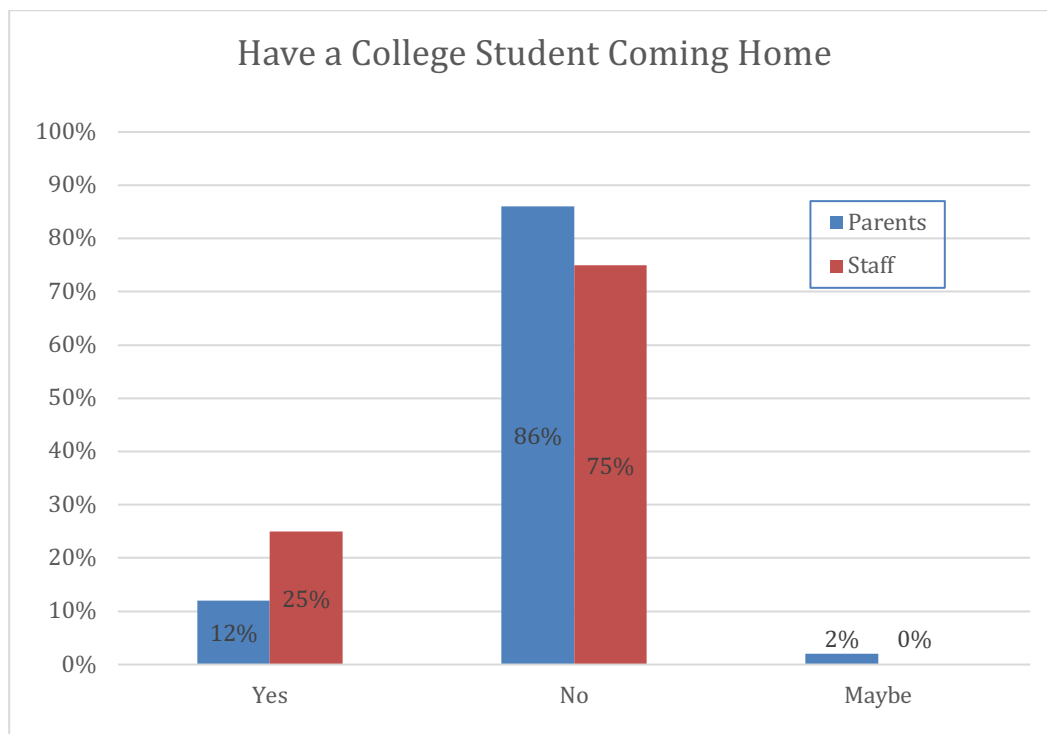
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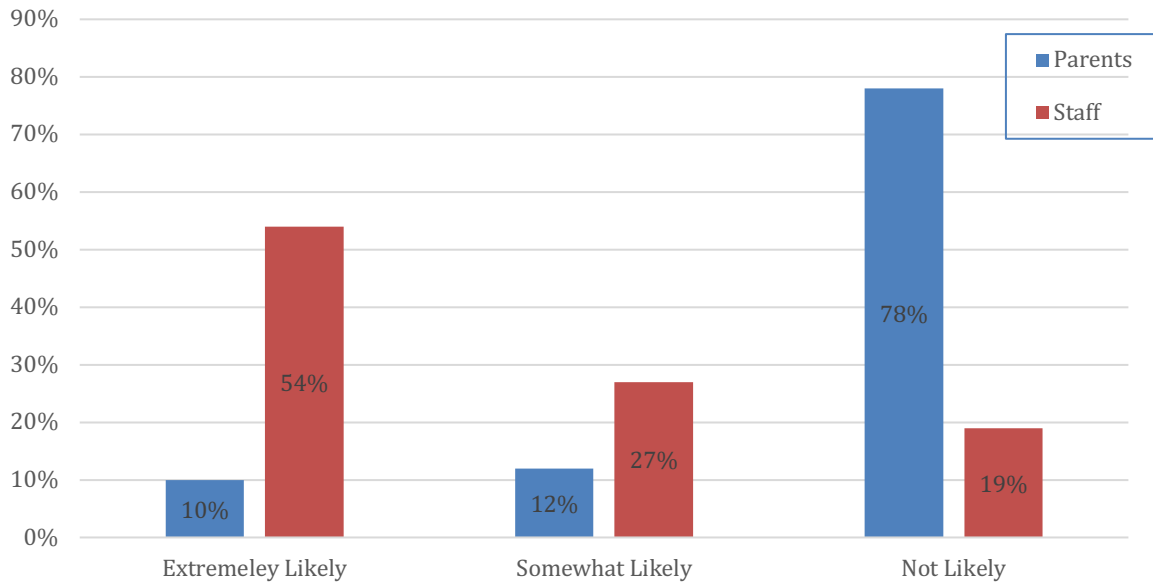
### Winter Holiday Survey Results

The following is a summary of the results from the recent survey of parents and staff regarding plans for the upcoming holidays.

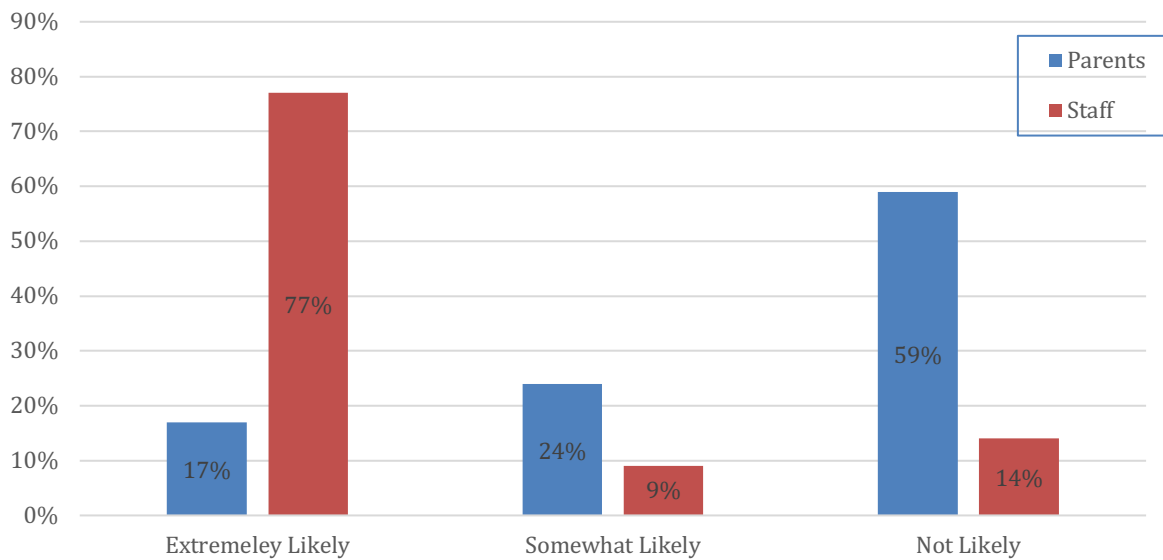
One hundred and forty-four (144) parents and fifty-seven (57) staff members responded to the survey.



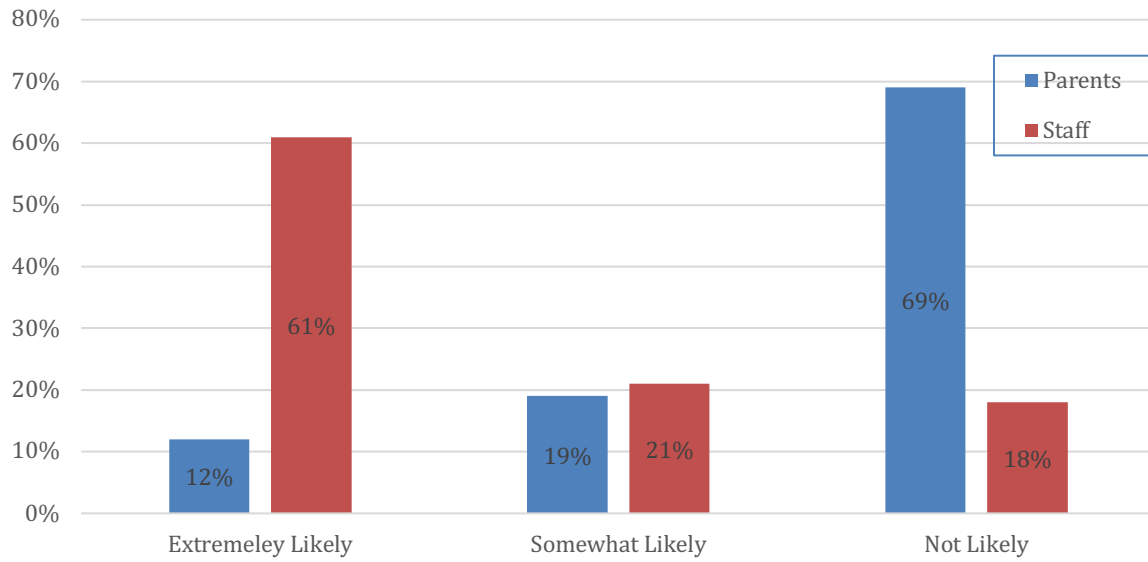
### Travelling Thanksgiving



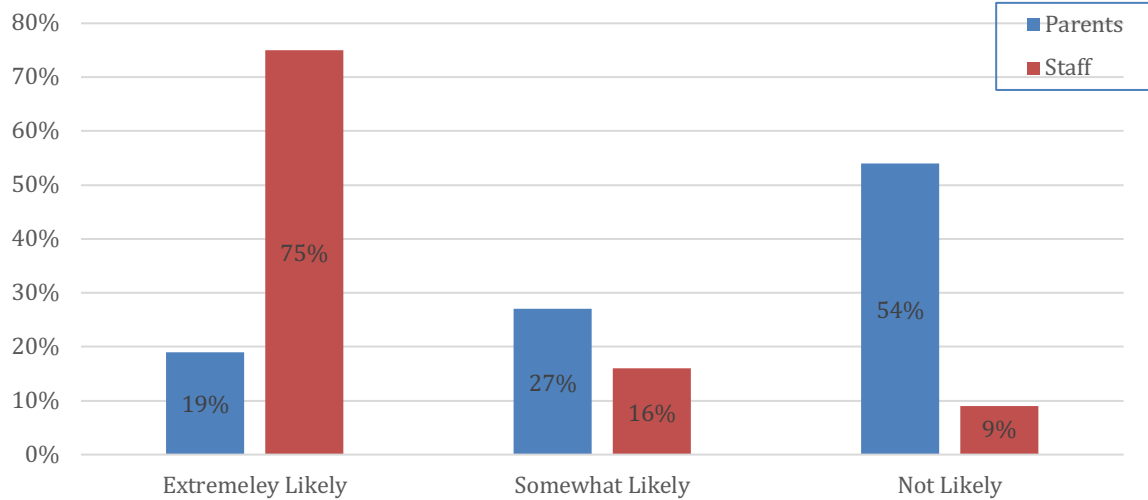
### Socializing Thanksgiving



### Travelling Winter Holidays



### Socializing During Winter Holidays



### Options for Daily Schedule

<u>Option</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Challenges</u>
<b>Continue current hybrid plan</b>		
<b>Add lunch and “elective/special” class extending day</b>		
<b>Lunch at home with afternoon in-person</b>		

\*If change is made, select date of implementation

### Options for Winter Calendar

<u>Option</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Challenges</u>

\*Select date for Trimester II commitment to in-person or remote