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To: School District of New Berlin Board of Education
Date: 7/20/20
RE: Family Survey Report
CC: Joe Garza, All District Leadership

Overview

On Sunday, July 5, the SDNB emailed fall planning surveys - one for elementary and one for secondary - to all district families. The intent of the survey was to collect feedback related to the level of importance of instructional options and several different potential safety measures regarding school in the fall. The surveys were similar to other surveys disseminated by school districts throughout the region. The survey was open through Sunday, July 12; we collected approximately 3,055 responses from parents.

Additionally, as part of an annual spring family survey the SDNB collected data related to the emergency distance learning implemented from March through June 2020.

Survey Design

Parents / guardians were asked to rate the level of importance of a number of different potential safety measures and instructional options. An open and unlimited comments section was included to capture additional detail from parents.

It is important to note the survey was a simple survey created using Google Forms. While it may be non-scientific, we feel confident with the reliability of the results as we use them to drive our decision making.

May 2020 End of Year Parent Survey

- 669 parents responded to these questions related to emergency distance learning out of a survey with 1,165 total survey respondents

I feel the distance learning environment worked for my child during the final months of the 2019-20 school year?

| Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|
| 16% | 18% | 48% | 19% |

I feel my child received the same level of education through distance learning as they would have with face-to-face instruction?

| Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|
| 27% | 43% | 25% | 6% |

Assuming the state allows school buildings to reopen and resume traditional instruction, would you be interested in enrolling your child(ren) in a virtual/online only program for the 2020-21 school year, in lieu of a face-to-face, traditional learning experience, should the SDNB start a virtual/online school?

| Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree |
|-------------------|----------|-------|----------------|
| 49% | 26% | 16% | 9% |

July 2020 Re-Entry Survey

Respondents by Building

| School | # of Respondents |
|---------------|------------------|
| Eisenhower | 769 |
| West | 656 |
| Elmwood | 461 |
| Orchard Lane | 346 |
| Poplar Creek | 327 |
| Ronald Reagan | 496 |
| Total | 3,055 |

Respondents by Grade Level

| Grade | # of Respondents | Grade | # of Respondents |
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| Early Learning / Early Childhood | 64 | Sixth Grade | 347 |
| Kindergarten | 308 | Seventh Grade | 278 |
| First Grade | 332 | Eighth Grade | 325 |
| Second Grade | 325 | Ninth Grade | 310 |
| Third Grade | 338 | 10th Grade | 340 |
| Fourth Grade | 350 | 11th Grade | 316 |
| Fifth Grade | 290 | 12th Grade | 317 |

Many factors are important to consider when we reopen schools. Please select your top three priorities regarding health and safety practices if school buildings are to open for in-person classes in the fall.

| Statement | % of elementary respondents | % of secondary respondents |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Temperature screening for staff every day | 8.4 | 6.3 |
| Temperature screening for students every day | 5.9 | 4.2 |
| COVID-19 vaccine availability | 12.6 | 13.8 |
| Availability of masks/face coverings for all students | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| Availability of masks/face coverings for all staff members | 7.5 | 4.9 |
| Availability of masks/face-coverings for everyone | 36 | 51.2 |
| Regularly scheduled and supervised hand washing / sanitizing | 68.7 | 44.5 |
| Staff are trained on CDC guidance to reduce likelihood of COVID-19 transmission | 36.3 | 33.6 |
| Visitors and volunteers are limited on campus | 37.1 | 34.8 |
| Temperature screening for students and staff everyday | 47.4 | 51.2 |
| Staff have the right to screen students and staff suspected of having COVID-19 | 26.5 | 28 |
| None of the above | 7 | 8.8 |

Many factors are important to consider when/if we reopen schools. Please select your top three priorities for cleaning/distancing safety practices if schools were to open for in-person classes in the fall.

| Statement | % of elementary respondents | % of secondary respondents |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hand sanitizer is provided in each classroom and is frequently used | 54.2 | 61 |
| Enhanced cleaning occurring in school | 58.7 | 62.9 |
| Limiting classroom seating to maintain social distancing | 24.1 | 34.1 |
| Staggering schedules to reduce crowding | 20.5 | 33.1 |
| Strict social distancing in hallways and common areas | 14 | 21.3 |
| Lunches served in classrooms and students can purchase a predetermined bag lunch | 23.1 | 10.8 |
| Cafeteria seating spread out as much as feasible and students can purchase a predetermined bag lunch | 14.5 | 24 |
| Students do not share supplies with anyone else | 36.4 | 21.3 |
| None of the above | 6.1 | 5.5 |

If schools are allowed to reopen in the Fall of 2020, how would you rank these three options with “1” being your first choice?

Elementary

| Statement | First Choice | Second Choice | Third Choice |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| All students return to school full time with a regular schedule | 1,087 | 246 | 300 |
| Distance learning using a plan that is combination of in-person and virtual learning | 394 | 1,087 | 152 |
| Full-time distance learning for all students | 154 | 198 | 1,281 |

Secondary

| Statement | First Choice | Second Choice | Third Choice |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| All students return to school | 836 | 256 | 335 |

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| full time with a regular schedule | | | |
| Distance learning using a plan that is combination of in-person and virtual learning | 434 | 901 | 92 |
| Full-time distance learning for all students | 159 | 201 | 1,067 |

Which of the following statements are true when thinking of the 2020-2021 school year? (Check all that apply)

| Statement | % of Elementary respondents | % of Secondary respondents |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| My child will rely on school district transportation (school bus). | 57.4 | 47.9 |
| My child will require supervision at school before the day begins. | 13.8 | 0.3 |
| My child will require supervision at school after the school day lets out. | 12.8 | 0.4 |
| Carrying out distance learning from home will place a considerable burden on my family. | 48.7 | 23.1 |
| My child cannot carry out distance learning at home due to lack of childcare or our employment requirements. | 31.9 | 8.9 |
| My child will rely on the school district for meals and receiving enough food. | 3.2 | 2.1 |
| My child will participate in activities / athletics for the 2020-21 school year if they are allowed to be offered | N/A | 64.6 |
| None of the above | 20 | 14.3 |

As it relates to bussing of students for the 2020-2021 school year, which of the following is your selection for transportation. Please know that we are planning for safety precautions such as loading from the back to the front to minimize interacting and we will encourage households to sit together.

| Statement | % of Elementary respondents | % of Secondary respondents |
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| I have opted out of bussing in the past and will do so again this year | 16.9 | 22.1 |
| I have opted out of bussing in the past but my child(ren) will be riding the bus this year | 1.7 | 1.2 |

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| We will be opting out of bus riding this year. | 9.6 | 13.9 |
| We will be opting out of bus riding for at least the first semester based on COVID-19 | 12.6 | 9.3 |
| My child(ren) will be riding the bus to and from school only if masks / face coverings are required. | 22.8 | 26.2 |
| My child(ren) will be riding the bus to and from school no matter what the safety guidelines are. | 42.7 | 32.5 |

Based on your answers to the questions above which of the recommended models for reopening schools do you prefer?

| Model | % of Elementary respondents | % of Secondary respondents |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| In-Person Learning: The vast majority of students attend school in-person, five days per week, with limited social distancing available. Some students (those with documented health concerns or for families that are uncomfortable returning) may participate virtually on an as-needed basis. | 63.5 | 56.0 |
| Physically Distanced Learning: To support physical distancing, students attend school using a plan that is a combination of in-person and virtual learning. Students attend on an alternating schedule so not all students are in the building at one time. | 26.6 | 32.7 |
| Virtual Learning: All students attend school virtually using computer devices and digital instructional models from home. | 4.5 | 5.9 |
| Family Choice to participate in Virtual Learning: We want our child(ren) to participate in virtual learning for at least the first semester due to Covid-19 | 4.5 | 4.1 |
| Family Choice to participate in Virtual Learning: We want our child to participate in virtual learning for at least the first semester due to this opportunity being the best learning option for our child(ren). | 0.9 | 1.3 |

If allowable this/these child(ren) would be interested in participating in after school co-curricular and/or athletics? (Secondary only)

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| Yes | No | Maybe |
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| 66% | 12.7% | 21.3% |
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Comment Themes:

- Many said it was difficult to make decisions because they don't know all of the information yet.
- Several commented about not knowing what numbers of new cases will look like when school starts.
- Strong desire to have more teacher interaction and instruction in a virtual/distance scenario.
- Strong opinions related to face masks and social distancing topics (both for and against).
- Many suggested students need to be back in school for social emotional and family financial/childcare options.