

The following are answers to the open-ended question on the Fall 2020 School Reopening Family Feedback Survey. These results provide answers to the optional question: "Please share any other information that is important for the OSD to consider as plans for the 2020-21 school year are developed." The comments have not been edited for spelling nor punctuation. For publication on our website, comments that identify, or by the nature of the reference could lead to the identification of the respondent or OSD personnel or students, comments that contain accusations/sensitive information, and/or profanity have been removed and noted in brackets.

Ability for children to have access to before/after care that is also socially distanced
Roosevelt ES

Distance learning is a joke.
McLane ES

Please provide in school daycare.
Pioneer ES

Please find a way to have as much in-person education as possible. The experience with distance learning this spring was not good.
Olympia HS

The main consideration is to be guided at all times by information from public health officials.
Olympia HS

Please tap into the district schools already doing online education to garner insight and learn about tools that work for how to better implement any distance learning portion of the instruction - this first foray was a hot mess.
Pioneer ES

My child has an IEP and I am a single mom who works out of the home full time. He cannot do distance learning at all.
McLane ES

Hand washing, wearing mask would be the best way to go forward. Good luck with all the planning for the fall.
Washington MS

Kids need to be in school for social and educational development. If my kids are not in school I do not have a job that allows me to take alternating days off to accept a blended schedule.
McKenny ES

My fifth grader did not do well at all with distance learning. She was at the top of all charts before and completely melted down when she lost the structure and routine of the school day.

Washington MS

If distance learning is in place... there needs to be small math learning groups on zoom just like for reading.

Hansen ES

We need free child care.

Lincoln ES

Please do not have the children go back to school. It will make it harder for those of us who want to stay home and stay safe. The kids don't understand.

Olympia HS

My daughter is in elementary and online learning is not working for us

Madison ES

Losing the SRO is a bigger health concern than COVID for school aged kids. Shame on the school board.

Olympia HS

I appreciate how hard this work is and understand how much work you are putting into this effort. Thank you!!

Avanti HS

I will only support schools opening entirely and completely. Smaller classes, more distancing, masks, alternate schedules are all options that will substantially worsen educational outcomes and I will not support these in any way, shape, or form.

Centennial ES

I would also like OSD to consider livestreaming classroom content so my child can stay at home yet still participate in classroom activities. Thank you!

Reeves MS

The majority of parents are back to work. When considering a schedule for the fall please keep that in mind. Distance learning did not work for OSD and it was not beneficial to the growth of my students academically or socially. Finding childcare with your proposed blended models is going to be a huge financial burden which could cripple families. Not to mention finding child care that will pick up the children and do online learning with them. Continue to brainstorm please. You have a huge demographic of middle class working families.

Madison ES

The distance learning my son received from Washington Middle School was subpar at best with little/no communication with parents and a concerning lack of video support via Zoom.

Washington MS

Please Use Schoology For Distance Learning! Google classroom is a mess and no one likes it
Garfield ES

If there is a return to physical school plan, I think it is really important that families be allowed to opt out of it without legal problems (Becca Bill). It is a very personal decision. Thank you for asking for input!

Avanti HS

Distance learning is difficult for my child

Roosevelt ES

I fully support the school district and know the immense decisions that lay before you are hotly debated. I know you have the children's best interests at heart and will make the correct call when the time comes. Thank you!!

Olympia HS

Stop scaring people in to thinking kids need to stay home and let them learn. You guys are failing our children by not providing adequate education opportunities.

LP Brown ES

Protect the vulnerable but get the kids back in school.

Olympia HS

We would love more interactive Zoom meetings included and individual times with Teacher for independent learning as well.

Garfield ES

It is irresponsible to think that students can properly social distance.

McLane ES

For those of us as single parents working full time, any blended program is going to create hardship. The last 3 months have shown this and summer will be a nightmare. Unless people have jobs that will allow telework options

Roosevelt ES

Please keep health and safety of students and staff at the forefront of decisions. And, please make a decision sooner than later so everyone can start making plans.

Olympia HS

Two elementary kids need full time school or childcare!! Middle schooler could do some but not all distance learning.

Roosevelt ES

My biggest concern is childcare. I would hope my employer (state agency) would be accommodating if I had to work from home still.

Centennial ES

It is critical there is in person learning. Distance learning needs to be more interactive and attendance taken.

Olympia HS

Classroom setting is so important for all the kids.

Olympia HS

Two elementary kids need full time school or childcare!! Middle schooler could do some but not all distance learning.

Roosevelt ES

I'd like homeschool options with some sort of elective classes for social/emotional connections.

Reeves MS

Thinking of the younger kids; extra face masks should be provided as well as education. Ex. I dropped mine, sneezed in mine, etc. Also, comfort classes or something on that line.

ORLA hConnect

Why isn't full time an option? Questions 13 and 14 force the same answer.

Lincoln ES

I also support a staggered start and end time if the rooms can be cleaned enough somehow between, just seems challenging.

Hansen ES

Children need to be in school full time, 5 days a week. The distanced learning does not work and they suffer for it

McLane ES

My child has a 504 health plan. We do not see how he would be able to attend school in any format other than online.

Washington MS

My son will be in first grade. If he needs a mask all day, 6 feet apart all day, no recess or lunch- I would rather home school BC he will be able to interact with his siblings. I don't want to send him to a prison at this age. Social interaction, play, sharing, etc are vital at this age. Kids are low risk and his mental health is more concerning to me than his risk of Covid.

Pioneer ES

We will not do distance learning again. My kids didn't learn much and it was very stressful. We will definitely homeschool if distance learning is the only option.

Centennial ES

I am concerned about the social and emotional impact that the guidelines of facemasks and distance will have. I am not comfortable sending my children full time with these guidelines.

McLane ES

When school restarts & I have to go back to the classroom full time, and dad works full time out of the home, we will have no childcare and I don't know how we can handle a split schedule for our going into 4th grader while we are both at work, we don't have family to support and we WILL need bus transportation.

Boston Harbor ES

I can't afford childcare for my 2 young children all school year.

Hansen ES

As a [employment] that works 40+ hours and has a special needs child, the lack of school has been very hard and an emotional burden for my son. He does currently participate in distance learning but the social aspect which is sometimes the most important is missing. We need the resources the school district provides especially since my husband is a school bus driver.

Hansen ES

Actual instruction with actual feedback from teacher is essential. Otherwise we will likely not attend.

Roosevelt ES

If morning/ afternoon or alternate days/weeks were to happen what would it do to those playing sports? Morning student comes in, leaves and has to return for sport? If sports even happen...

Capital HS

School should be open like normal this fall because if we do anything different you might as well plan on doing that forever since this "covid" will be here forever Apparently just like the flu is but we don't do all this nonsense for the flu.

Centennial ES

The health and safety of the kids is of the utmost importance!

Olympia HS

I'm a high risk parent and am concerned about how well groups of children will maintain cdc guidelines.

Marshall MS

We rely on school and YCARE for full time care and supervision of children
ORLA Montessori

2 groups per class. Attend school on Monday and Wednesday. The other group attends on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday all have class online. Do your homework while you are at home
Olympia HS

I believe kids need to be physically present at school to thrive with social distancing and disinfecting constantly.
Olympia HS

I will not enroll my kindergartner if school is distance learning in the fall. My 8yo only minimally participated in distance learning because I'm a single parent working fulltime from home. I could not afford to pay the rates for childcare during the closure, but I also do not qualify for assistance. In person learning with strict guidelines for health should be the priority of the school district.

Boston Harbor ES

Have a flexible plan that is able to adapt if disease risk changes
Avanti HS

Transportation for after school an issue
Hansen ES

Masks. Not happening. I will not hav my children wearing masks all day. I do not want my kids being forced to eat school meals that do not fill them up or that they don't like so they don't eat, therefore going hungry all day. I do not want my children alternating days or hours/shifts with other children further affecting their social learning. One of my children struggles enough with making friends. This would only further hinder her social struggles. Took this for my child going into 2nd grade at Madison. I also have a child going into 6th at Reeves MS and a child going into 10th at Olympia HS. However, my answers to the his survey are the same across the board for all 3 of my children.

Madison ES

I will not be letting my children attend school in the fall if they do not attend full time. I will not do distance learning again period! My 4 kids will be homeschooled so that your district is not able to collect funds for their attendance at all. I do not care about covid and in no way concerned considering that there is no known cases of children passing this to adults or eachother. They are the least likely to be affected. CDC guidelines are just a recommendation and not mandatory. I will get an exception for my children so they will not be wearing masks either. So stupid!

Centennial ES

My son has a sensory Processing Disorder and would not be able to wear a mask all day.

Reeves MS

I have two children in the district, 4th and 9th. I would be comfortable having my 4th grader at home full time and help her with teacher provided materials online and can pick up materials from school. She is at the higher end of the spectrum for her grade so I do not have concerns keeping her at home. My 9th grader would do best with some limited in-person teacher learning but I fear sending him back to school during the pandemic as I do not wish to risk anyone in my family of the disease. I am home full time and am motivated to keep my children up to speed with work from their teachers.

Pioneer ES

While I know that our teenagers NEED the social aspect of school for brain development; I worry about their blasé attitude about the rules. As we ALL know, teenagers are sometimes rebels and I'd hate for anyone to get sick. I manage the [employment]for Mason and Thurston counties. If I got sick, not only would my staff suffer, but we wouldn't be able to provide adequate support to our most vulnerable population, homebound seniors.

Olympia HS

I answer of child cannot get to school without a bus is only partly true, I can drive them, but it's about 10 miles and it's a matter of coordinating that time daily when they need the rides, alternating weeks seems like a much easier flip to do giving time between groups for sanitation etc.

Capital HS

If my children have to wear masks, we will home school our kids. The science is clear that Covid-19 does not affect young children, with less than 1 in a million deaths for people 24 years or younger. I understand that there are older teachers, but just like older Americans in every profession, each teacher would have to make their own decision, but this should not affect the children, which is what I'm told is the most important things to teachers and the school districts.

Pioneer ES

The main thing with the different days on and off would be if my kids could all attend the same days, they will be at the same school but different grades so I'm curious as to how this will be scheduled

Capital HS

Reduce the school curriculum and find a way for the teachers to have more online presentations.

Olympia HS

Safety is paramount, and distance learning almost certainly must play a role in the next school year. It must be more creative and better organized than what we just experienced. There are

opportunities for enriched distance learning that need to be implemented better. I hope the summer allows better planning for online delivery.

Olympia HS

Make the classes more challenging. Seems like kids put minimal effort and get A's and B's while playing video games all day at home. Include more USA history, geography... you'd be

surprised how many don't know the names of states or their capitals. Have the pledge of Allegiance sung loud and proud before school. Liberty and justice for ALL. Amen

Capital HS

My child has an underlying condition and it would be harder for him to stay home if all his friends were going to school. When we all go through this part but together it's better for the kids.

Olympia HS

I am also an educator, and the kids' father is a soldier. I am very concerned about childcare- in the event that the kids aren't at school all day every day.

Centennial ES

[school] administration has made it difficult to trust the process of getting our children back to school feeling safe and clear in the guidelines. We have been impressed with how the teachers have been very clear in their communication. We sadly find that the principal has been distant and confusing to the needs of our students attending. We hope this changes with the new school year. Thank you for your hard work in making school feel safe once again!

[school]

My child is not learning at all by distance learning. I cannot work and homeschool my child.

Centennial ES

I have a kindergartener and 4th grader

ORLA Montessori

Can you set up large covered areas outside? Can kids have free time outside at school when not in class if class sizes need to be smaller? This would equate to full time school so parents can work.

Roosevelt ES

My child doesn't do well with online learning, so he would need in person class time to support that.

Madison ES

We would like to see a study from home option. We care for elderly grandparents and are prioritizing their safety. If our children can't learn from home until there is a vaccine we will homeschool.

Centennial ES

If there is a blended learning plan, will siblings be placed on the same schedule?

McKenny ES

If classes are held outside with masks/physical distancing then I would take blended classes into consideration. Otherwise, distance learning is the only responsible option. Cases are only increasing with the slight amount of socialization that is occurring. Having students in classrooms together is only going to make this situation worse.

Avanti HS

Safety is our main concern.

Hansen ES

Two elementary kids need full time school or childcare!! Middle schooler could do some but not all distance learning.

Reeves MS

If distant learning is an option, there needs to be virtual class meetings to discuss work and answer questions

Capital HS

The district is ruining our children's education

LP Brown ES

In classroom setting is best scenario for learning

Capital HS

Other states are giving parents the choice to do full time at school, full time virtual or part time of each. Which seems to be giving the school districts a better response, less frustration from parents that don't have the means to be home and teach their kids like I and many others can't do.

Hansen ES

I wish you all the best in this extremely tough decision. Thank you for doing the hard work in making a universal decision that is so tough to make for perfect for the whole. We appreciate you. All you do, all you continue to do. We will get through this ❤️

Olympia HS

If students physically attend class a few days a week, it would be great if they could virtually participate via Zoom the other days. I realize this would take extra equipment but the kids really need regular learning everyday.

Centennial ES

Go back to normal and have the kids attend school full time. Distance learning is a joke unless the time is taken to structure it better

Olympia HS

I am concerned about the social and emotional impact that the guidelines of facemasks and distance will have. I am not comfortable sending my children full time with these guidelines.

McLane ES

I strongly urge the board to adopt an option that has at a minimum part time in school learning for elementary students, if not all students.

LP Brown ES

I am very concerned that in attempting to maintain equity in learning opportunities those persons who made great sacrifices to remain home during the last three months of school would be marginalized and disenfranchised for to that sacrifice by those students bring offered, "less than" in the Fall because they will test at grade level and above. I think we need to consider a blended grades model to allow for differentiated instruction on a much more accommodating way for all students.

Centennial ES

All for full time in the classroom learning.

Lincoln ES

I have a [student] with [educational challenge] who requires a [educational accommodation]. I do not support distance learning of any kind for him as he needs the support for all classes.

Olympia HS

I don't think most parent are capable of evaluating data well enough to answer 13/14. I hope this decision is based on science and equity. My child is in CSI currently if a child leaves the program they can't come back. I think there should be an option to come back if students are homeschooled for a year.

Marshall MS

Children do not socially distance well, so a great deal of thought needs to be put into how they can manage it.

ORLA Montessori

I don't feel it's safe without a vaccine I have asthma I do have care my client is highly susceptible And [student] was a [health challenge] and [student] was a [health challenge] making both of them Higher risk to catch the virus

McLane ES

My sophomore daughter may be able to help with childcare or tutoring for younger students.

Olympia HS

My son needs some in class direction and in-person speech therapy.

Pioneer ES

Without testing and a vaccine there will be substantial risk.

Capital HS

I get that safety is a high priority, use hand sanitizer in classrooms if students can't wash hands. Let them apply lotion to their hands as they need it, after using hand sanitizer washing hands. Students need to be in school at least part-time, socially and academically. My student did not do well learning at home, it was way too difficult for her to focus, especially because I was also teaching my own students.

Centennial ES

We are home schooling as long as we live in OSD. The response to COVID-19 was the final straw.

Roosevelt ES

Please consider aligning with Tumwater and North Thurston school district for ease with scheduling and parent work schedules

McLane ES

These are challenging, strange times we are in. My daughter just completed her 1st year in the public school system as a kindergartener. She is a very intelligent child, but is also very social. Her favorite parts of the day are lunch and recess. If those are not available to her at school, I may as well home school her, which is not my first choice. I really hope that the social aspects of school are considered and how vital they are to a child's development. OSD has done a great job thus far. I really appreciate all of you and your efforts. It has not gone unnoticed.

Madison ES

I think that it's important that the distance learning be engaged between teachers and the students. As a working parent that also needs to be dedicated to fulfilling my work duties, it makes it difficult to be constantly be the teacher to monitor my child as a student when I have time constraints.

Washington MS

I will NOT have my child wear a mask all day! It is not healthy! I get phlegm, a cough, and tightness in my chest from wearing a mask for more than a couple hours. I would rather my son be at home full time distance learning then wear a mask.

Olympia HS

All kids need to be back at school as much as possible for in person instruction. Their mental, physical and social well being depends on it!

Capital HS

Hoping my state agency will accommodate working from home on distance learning days. Biggest worry is childcare.

Centennial ES

Safety is our main concern.

Marshall MS

Distance learning, as done this spring, was totally ineffective. Teachers meeting with students once per week to answer question—NO instruction to speak of. Can't believe staff received full pay for this effort.

Capital HS

We struggled to see how we could help our children with significant ADD to learn in an online format. Our children are engaged and curious and they have been desperate for learning.

Washington MS

I would prefer shorter school weeks rather than shorter days

Lincoln ES

We are most concerned with the continuation of fall and winter sports.

Capital HS

Please allow full distance for those who want it even if you are opening for in class.

Washington MS

If we have to do a distance learning curriculum, I will work with other parents to hire a tutor to home school our children and we will not re-enter public schools. March - June was a complete waste of time. I won't do it again.

Washington MS

155 kids have died from the flu last year, so far there has been 3 from the Coronavirus..... SERIOUSLY. As a single parent you are hurting my kids so much. Please look at deaths from cars and or bikes... If you want to protect kids.... This has to stop!!

Olympia HS

The end of the school year was honestly more harmful than helpful to family health and the education of our kids, by attempting to Immediately transition to learning online. Families are struggling to regain balance now that summer break is here, and trying to start online school again in the Fall would be very difficult and discouraging.

Washington MS

If a blended learning schedule is implemented, Will siblings be on the same schedule?

McKenny ES

This is all stupid. Just open school.

Capital HS

Thank you for all the efforts the school district is putting into keeping our kids safe!

Capital HS

I feel priority for in person learning should go to classes where group learning is critical such as band, orchestra, metal shop...I also feel that regardless of in person vs distance learning, lectures should occur just as they would in classroom setting whether in real time or recorded to optimize learning and instruction. I did not feel that this past experience was optimal nor beneficial to my student without the lectures or interaction.

Capital HS

It's not safe to stick kids in an enclosed space like a classroom. Even with social distancing (which is hard for kids to remember) and masks. I don't want to be pressured to send my children to an unsafe situation.

Hansen ES

We have two students with special needs in our household and while distance learning creates a lot of challenges, safety will always come before convenience as a priority. We will not be sending them to school in person if the risk stays as high as it is.

Marshall MS

Grades. We can not have the same grading criteria you had from March through June! It is unfair to students that work 110%!

Capital HS

I can't pay for any childcare. If there is distance learning my children will suffer academically.

Hansen ES

Some children require face to face learning. It is very hard to learn remotely from home. I am an educated parent with a Bachelors degree in [education] which make me capable of teaching to all my children but with that being said, my job limits my time to spend on making my kids do

school time. I have hardly time on myself between two jobs. I believe that my kids could have benefited more learning have they been in school physically.

McLane ES

Adapting for students who are not comfortable attend school at all. In person attendance based on science of transmission-2 weeks on//2 weeks off? Be prepared for every possibility!!

Thank you for closing when you did.

Avanti HS

In person instructor lead training is best and my child needs this with social distancing

Washington MS

My children more direct contact with their teachers to be able to ask questions and to get more personal involvement and coaching. They need to be able to have connections with teachers to go over instructions and make sure they understand assignments. They need social interactions with teachers, other students, and others to thrive. The distance learning over the last three months seems to have been more focused on maintaining and not learning which has been very disappointing. I think my children maintained but didn't really learn. One possibility would be to have teachers do videos and then hold virtual classes to supplement. And if there is an in school/at home option, the days at home should still have interactions with the teachers. This would also be good in case a child is sick but could participate from home. I will have two students at WMS and would like to make sure they attend on the same day/time to limit disruption to my work schedule.

Washington MS

You could offer both: full time online learning for those who choose it, and part time in person for others. Some teachers would be dedicated to working with online students, while others are teaching at school.

Olympia HS

Decenter white dominant curriculum. Hire teachers of color. Stop standardized tests. Use project based learning not outdated curriculum.

Olympia HS

There seemed to be a lack of PE class available during the shut down. Also, this may have been b/c of the grade. but it seemed like kindergarten did not get any live lessons online. the workbooks provided did not seem to have any type of support system. it was disappointing to see how other school districts responded to the stay home and experience what osd did. i expected more from osd/centennial.

Centennial ES

Please Do Not do alternating weeks. Thank you for all your hard work

Pioneer ES

I do not feel that attending school part time, distance learning, or wearing masks at school are effective for my child, or any children to learn effectively

Marshall MS

We all need people! My children's social/emotional needs are valued along with their physical health. Being in the school learning environment provides so much for the whole family! The distance learning had my children using technology way more than is healthy for my family. Distance learning should include options that are NOT on a screen! Thank you for trying to create the best balance for all!

Lincoln ES

I hope you are considering that it doesn't seem feasible (in my experience so far) for young children to social distance effectively.

Hansen ES

My wife and I both work, so if our kids can't be at school full-time, we will need childcare or a place for them to go to do distance learning.

Centennial ES

A full time distance learning option should be offered, for those of us with immuno compromised kids. And any distance learning needs a BIG improvement over this spring. One subject per day, one-click entry into integrated lessons makes it much easier for working parents/allows for more self-directed learning. Please no more learning boards with 15 different web pages to visit and log into. Needs to be much better integrated.

Pioneer ES

Children need to be in the classroom fulltime learning. Parents as educated as they may or may not be are NOT teachers.....unfortunately.

Olympia HS

If there is an at-home learning component teachers must participate in Zoom sessions (or a similar platform). Students need to be taught material and they also need some social interaction with classmates - even if it's online. Teachers must be held accountable.

Washington MS

I really appreciate the care you are taking in planning for this difficult time. I thank you for your efforts.

Jefferson MS

The online learning model was horrible this year. There was a complete lack of communication between student and teacher as well as parent and teacher. Online learning also fails to develop student social skills which are just as important.

Jefferson MS

I do not feel that attending school part time, distance learning, or wearing masks at school are effective for my child, or any children to learn effectively

Marshall MS

I think the blended model is the best, on site for families that need it, onsite and online for families that fans do that or all online. Providing childcare for families that need it so that the parents can work. You may need to get creative and have more healthcare providers or school nurses to help . It is just going to look different and I think if the schools have to switch to all distance learning again, the district will be ready and better prepared.

ORLA iConnect

100% distance learning does not work well at all for my child, who has an IEP. She needs the some in person learning and the extra services that an IEP provides.


Capital HS

My 5 year old has sensory issues and will NOT tolerate wearing a mask all day.

McKenny ES

My choices that include distance learning are ALL dependent on vastly improved distance learning; this spring's distance learning was 100% unacceptable and not sustainable.

Capital HS

We wish you all the best in this difficult decision. Thank you for all you do. We appreciate you. We will get through this 

Washington MS

The blended learning schedule presents a tremendous difficulty in finding childcare. My child attended before and after school YCare. I can't teach my child on distance learning days as I'm working myself and it's not an appropriate burden to place on a childcare provider. Distance learning does not work for my family.

McLane ES

My daughter is the only one of my 3 kids that didn't suffer so much academically but is suffering emotionally.

Pioneer ES

I don't agree with my daughter having to wear a mask all day. That's not good for her, she has too hard of a time breathing. I just want this learning experience to go as smooth and distraction free as possible for our kids.

LP Brown ES

No Distance/Online learning for K-5!!! I work and I am a parent of 3 elementary school children. The burden on families is not sustainable.

Roosevelt ES

Distance learning is not learning. We are unlikely to participate if distance learning is included.

ORLA Montessori

We would like to see schools open fully in the fall. Montessori is based on hands on learning and interactions, this doesn't align with "distance learning". If families are concerned they should choose an online program.

ORLA Montessori

If C19 numbers continue to rise, please do just remote. If school starts and then numbers start to spike please shut down quickly. Best to be prepared for 100% remote. Please provide instruction with remote learning. From March - June the 19-20 shut down, my kids received zero instructional time- just 2 thirty minute 'check ins' a week. I don't want them to fall behind academically going forward. Thank you!

Jefferson MS

Equity is paramount.

Hansen ES

My kids health is much more important than a crowded high school learning together. If online learning is an option why not continue to utilize this with better hopes of lessening the spread of this awful disease nothing like the flu. It's shown all over the world to kill all different age groups all in different health conditions. Some perfectly healthy will never be the same as after effects of COVID. Let's not talk about high school children breaking rules and not distancing despite what being told. Therefore spreading covid more to the community and our at risk population

Olympia HS

I understand there is risk. But there is a Negative mental toll that the distance "learning" has taken. Also, very little learning happens in distance "learning", and that is for (My) children who are good students who have support.

Centennial ES

Parents should be able to choose.... If there are risk at home and your worry is to protect parents / grandparents... Allow those kids to stay home and district learn. Truly look at mortality risk for our kids. Hurting kids so much!!

Washington MS

It is critically important to us that social distancing, cleaning, mask use, and more is in place before we would feel comfortable sending our child to school. We are looking into online schools and homeschooling as we don't feel hybrid models will be safe for our family. (We have increased health risks.) We're worried about taking funding away from the district by opting out, but we don't think things like wedding tents and ignoring social distancing on buses, at recess, and during lunch take the safety risks seriously. We worry about staff, but mostly we worry about our family and we are sad to consider leaving the district.

Roosevelt ES

I'm very concerned that there will be inequity in decision making regarding the Fall in an effort to maintain equity. Intent versus impact. We have made huge sacrifices to remain home with our children ensuring that their education continued and that they advanced. I fear that my sacrifice would place our family in the "privileged" category because of the great sacrifices we made reassuring in our children receiving "less than" in the Fall. Please consider this thoughtfully. Also consider blended grades levels for the Fall to allow for better differentiated learning.

Centennial ES

Ideas specifically for ORLA hconnect setup. Limit classroom exposure: kids go to one classroom and teacher comes to them. Keep same group of kids together if possible or on same side of the building. Separate building in areas and allow only assigned group to assigned area to limit traveling. Limit parents only to area that child is assigned to. If multiple children with different ages, ask to limit traveling and avoid congregating with many different groups of parents. Cleaning of crc rooms in between uses. Outdoor classrooms when feasible and weather permits. Avoid recess at same time of hconnect and Montessori. Cleaning of preschool and infant rooms during lunchtime to allow different shifts of siblings to access rooms. Its important to keep rooms available so families with young non-school age children can use ORLA learning for older kids.

ORLA hConnect

I do not feel that attending school part time, distance learning, or wearing masks at school are effective for my child, or any children to learn effectively

Hansen ES

Kids need to get back in school. They are socially depressed and not learning what is necessary. Put the kids back into school.

LP Brown ES

Thank you for your efforts in keeping our kids safe.

Capital HS

My kindergarteners zoom time was mostly focused on lessons and learning, and I think at that age they really would have benefited from some more "free time" type interaction with their peers. My kindergarten was shy on zoom and not eager to participate. On the final few days of school, the teacher relaxed the structure and allowed more talking and interaction, and it made a huge difference to her feeling comfortable and connecting with her friends again. So I would like to see more of that included if Zoom is used for younger kids. My middle schooler on the other hand had very little lecture style classes. My middle schooler did a good job of being responsible for doing assigned work but I would have liked them to have had more consistent contact.

ORLA Montessori

For my children it is important to get in person lessons and feedback on their work so alternating days would work best for that cycle. Also, I feel like my student who is reading below grade level but does not have an iep was really at disadvantage last spring with distance learning. There needs to be a way students like them don't get left behind and fall through the cracks.

Boston Harbor ES

Prefer online program be offered

McKenny ES

Thanks for keeping the kids safety as a priority I support what ever decision needs to be made for optimal learning and safety combined

Roosevelt ES

Please remember the facts. 1) Influenza kills more of the population each year 2)Children ages 10-18 are nearly 0% of the deaths related to COVID 3) Democracy is epitomized by choice. If anyone is part of an "at risk" population, they have the choice to stay home or wear a mask... anything else epitomizes socialism and a dictatorship. 4) Good leadership does not acquiesce to political pressure, alternately, it rises up in the face of injustice and behaving as "sheep" being led to the slaughter. Our board, and our superintendent need to be stronger than the current government and be sensible about the ongoing development of our next leaders.... our children, who need more face time and less screen time.Sincerely,

[name],

Local Business Owner

Former [employment]

Former [employment],

Former [employment]

Capital HS

Please stop judging kids on their "needs". Just because a kid is more capable doesn't mean they don't "need" the same resources.

Centennial ES

None of this will work for me I'm a single parent if I quit to stay home we will be homeless and if I'm still able to work I won't be able to transport them

Hansen ES

If the school does a split day schedule my child would best perform in the morning session.

Garfield ES

If masks are required all day, we will choose to homeschool. Also, whether or not our students will be able to socialize with other kids will be considered. It is an extremely important piece for

their development and emotional well being. If things such as recess, group learning and play will not be cut, we will not be returning this year.

Madison ES

High school students should be the priority for returning to the classroom as they have the most to lose and have lost the most. All classes for high school should be graded. Pass/fail systems are not a viable option for high school. This could seriously harm these students' opportunities and acceptance for colleges.

Olympia HS

Thank you for looking into options and giving priority to kiddos on IEP's who need physical interaction with teachers while following CDC guidelines and keeping everyone safe!

Marshall MS

My son is considered at risk due to asthma. Not knowing if daycare will be available we may have no child care. For the health and safety of our family I would prefer 100% distance learning until more is known about COVID as it appears it's not going away anytime soon. Alternating some school days or all school days has many unknowns as my spouse and I are unsure of our jobs as well. We may not have the ability to get transportation to and from on a schedule like that.

Madison ES

I would like school to be full time, normal schedule, no masks. I do not believe that coronavirus is a serious health concern for children and families that are worried about it can keep their children home to do online school. I believe you're doing more harm than good by keeping children this young out of school. Let us make our own risk decisions for our kids.

Centennial ES

Teacher and staff safety is very important to me in this decision

Roosevelt ES

You should give parents the option of which model of learning their child does. With how many families are suffering emotionally and financially in these times with their kids being home and not being able to work, our children should have the opportunity to excel in the manner that suits them and their families best.

Marshall MS

I would like packets or material in addition to any online material

LP Brown ES

Please Do Not do alternating weeks

Pioneer ES

If wearing a useless mask for any part of the school day is required, then you are putting the respiratory health of my child at risk. And this whole thing is ridiculously stupid.

Reeves MS

My son does running start. SPSCC has already said that fall will be distance learning. I would have him go back to campus as long as masks are not required all day. I do not think they are safe for the person wearing them for long periods of time. Even nurses and doctors take them off between patients and on top of that they throw them away after one use.

Olympia HS

I believe our school district does some of the toughest work out there. Thank you for helping our family learn and have equitable access to learning.

Olympia HS

My children will NOT be participating in school if any kind of you are going to force them to wear a face covering, we will not comply with that and we are not ok with that at all. The health department has already admitted to lying about the covid count and other states have already gone back to completely NORMAL school with no problems, not to mention there are countries that changed nothing and they are also fine. It's time for this nonsense to stop and the fear mongering, over exaggerating and lying about this virus to STOP. School should resume as it normally would in September, I really don't support anything else. Look at Idaho.

Lincoln ES

I feel, until a vaccine or other mitigating factor is assured, that distance learning is the safest option.

Capital HS

If masks are required all day, we will choose to homeschool. Also, whether or not our students will be able to socialize with other kids will be considered. It is an extremely important piece for their development and emotional well being. If things such as recess, group learning and play will not be cut, we will not be returning this year.

Madison ES

My main concern is access to occupational and speech therapy, which I don't think I can provide myself. Also, giving my child the chance to interact with classmates.

Centennial ES

We could get our student to school to school for a morning start but not from school, and even more of a transportation problem if doing half days.

Washington MS

I would love to see core classes (math, science, English) be in person as much as possible. The electives could easily be hybrid or maybe elective requirements be adjusted into less required time to Achieve Credit fulfillment. Online learning for my high schooler was not effective at all.

Olympia HS

Go back to regular classroom instruction

Capital HS

My primary concerns about the 2020-2021 school year are mainly around those parents/families who do not believe that this current pandemic situation is serious....those who do not wear, have not been wearing, or who will refuse to wear face masks, engage in social distancing, etc. I believe that asymptomatic and presymptomatic transmission of this virus is real, and I do not want my children unnecessarily exposed to those families who think this pandemic is a hoax, being blown out of proportion, etc. I believe there will be parent/families/students who will refuse to follow safety guidelines, and I question how much authority the district will have to enforce safety precautions while children are on school property. Additionally, will children who have breathing difficulties, social/emotional challenges and who are unable or unwilling to wear masks and/or social-distance still be permitted to attend in-person classes? Thank you.

McKenny ES

Must have vaccine to return to school.

Reeves MS

There needs to be a way for students to interact with each other through distant learning. Where they can talk and discuss their learning curriculum. Even the iConnect students need this.

ORLA iConnect

Just thanks for this survey and your thoughtful approach to this bizarre disease

Lincoln ES

Activities? Sports?

Capital HS

My child has [educational challenge], not being in the class room has greatly affected her. She refuses to sit in front of the computer.

Garfield ES

My child is in special education and struggles being taught remotely. In addition every student in his class is at a different level so group instruction is impossible. To teach each student individually they get 30 minutes a day of teaching while gen ed Peers who can be taught as a group would get far more time. I know full time is hard so I am willing to take 1/2 time or a couple days a week. Something for him to learn and then work on at home.

Marshall MS

Would like to see more packets vs online content

LP Brown ES

If there's a need to move to full-time distance learning, there need to be more hours of actual instruction/lectures than there were in the spring as well as more accountability and incentives for students to complete assignments.

Olympia HS

Open as normal. This is silly. All kids go all day every day. Practice as much social distancing as possible. At some point quality of life should be considered.

LP Brown ES

If you are doing a blended schedule or alternating weeks please go by last name so all students in a family at different schools go on the same day! This will help greatly with childcare for my family

Centennial ES

No Distance/Online learning for K-5!!! I work and I am a parent of 3 elementary school children. The burden on families is not sustainable.

Roosevelt ES

Would favor Offsite (distance learning and online) for older students with possible "pod" groups for onsite or outdoor learning once a week to reduce mixing groups between classes.. teachers would share/collaborate teaching ELA/history or steam-1 or 2 hour block per subject- an idea to limit exposure?

ORLA hConnect

We are teachers also so we would need a model that considered our work schedules as well

Pioneer ES

This is very hard work. I appreciate the thoughtfulness you are putting into the planing for next fall. Good luck!

Pioneer ES

I sincerely hope we do not choose to return with a blended model. Distanced learning has not been effective for many students, including a Highly Capable ones. I hope the board is STRONGLY considering a model that looks as close to normal as possible, with as much social distancing as is reasonable, enhanced cleaning measures, and masks in common areas. Teachers should be able to go mask-free while in class lecturing at the board, as long as they are exercising proper distance from the students, which should be easy (plexiglass around podium?). Maybe an air filtration system would be a good investment. Parents at home could implement enhanced safety measures as well. The minute kids walk out of the school doors, most will not be maintaining social distancing. Masks and cleaning, distancing where feasible, are enough due diligence for school systems. The education of our children has got to be as big of a priority as wellness and equity, and I feel like it's the piece of the puzzle falling through the cracks- which will result in more inequity in the long run. I also support the presence of an SRO.

My children have had good experiences and feel much safer with her presence. I understand this may not be the experience of everyone, and that alternate experience deserves full consideration. I'd just like to cast my vote as a "yes". As a parent, having an SRO does make me feel better.

Capital HS

The sooner you can make a decision and communicate it, the better. It's really tough to be given information at the last minute when there are several other factors that need to be adjusted. Also, if distance learning is selected, it should be a more robust program than was offered this spring. The school district's distance learning approach was quite disappointing and inadequate.

Pioneer ES

Need a better program for online classes.. something like the college uses.. to many different log ins and emails from teachers .. and my daughter should be able to talk to my sons teachers with no rift.. when she is tutoring him

Capital HS

If wearing a mask for class time is a requirement then my son will not be attending

ORLA hConnect

Our family has members in the high risk category and we are very worried about sending our kids to school in the OSD in fall. We worry about the district losing funding if we remove our kids and homeschool or do online programs, but board discussions about relaxing social distancing on buses and things like wedding tents makes us doubt the district will keep our children safe. We worry about staff too. We would like a distance learning program for next year, at least through winter.

Olympia HS

As an only child, my daughter has suffered severely without the ability to go to school. My greatest hope is that schools can safely open full-time in the fall.

Roosevelt ES

Pairing siblings on the same day schedule for attending in person schooling.

Hansen ES

Please make all schoolwork (including on-line school, meetings, assignments, etc) mandatory and not optional. Kids are not as motivated to complete optional work. 9 am would be a better start time (the 11am-1 pm break) was too long. We love our daughter is getting adequate sleep for learning. It would be better to get three classes completed by 12 pm. Lack of social time at school had a negative impact on our child's mental well-being. The more we can accomplish at school, the better it is for everyone. It is difficult for full-time working parents to help with on-line work. Our daughter is able to do most of her work independently but required some assistance and guidance. Even with this, it was difficult at times. My spouse works from home

so was able to help out more, but I was not able to working outside of the home. Have one platform where all assignments, meetings, etc can be found. If teachers could use the same software or apps as much as possible that would be helpful. Multiple e-mails from multiple teachers is not helpful...one place for all info needed to successfully complete on-line work. Everything needs to be condensed as much as possible (understanding that different subjects require different tools). All students deserve the same amount of physical time at school regardless of their abilities.

Washington MS

The health and safe of our children (and teachers/ staff) must be our first priority. We can make up a year of missed or less than ideal learning but cannot make up for loss of life or severe ongoing physical impairments related to opening up too soon.

Lincoln ES

I like the idea of having the kids go to school for half days with lunch being sent home so they don't have to eat at school and continued video conferencing lessons for the other half of the day so they're still getting instructions from the teacher all day long whether they are in the classroom or at home. I do not agree with all the talk about outdoor learning especially with the cold and wet weather we have in the fall and winter months. That would just weaken their immune system and make them more susceptible to illnesses like the flu or covid. If the weather is warm I don't have a problem with outdoor learning but if it's in the 40's expect my child to be home on outdoor learning days. It doesn't matter how bundled up they are it's still not wise to spend hours outdoors. I understand not everyone has a flexible schedule like we do with one parent working and one able to stay at home and do what is needed for their child like our family situation but I really do hope OSD will adopt the am/pm schedule for classes to reduce class sizes. Have students all wear face masks. Give teachers the clear face shields so they can still teach and the kids can still see their faces. Those are all the important items I need to make me feel more comfortable sending my child back to school in fall. Thank you.

Centennial ES

No Distance/Online learning for K-5!!! I work and I am a parent of 3 elementary school children. The burden on families is not sustainable.

Roosevelt ES

I'm concerned about asthma and have to wear a mask all day long. I'd prefer they not have to wear them outside.

LP Brown ES

Distance learning was not done successfully this last spring at all. In addition, it required a full-time parent to help, which is not possible with parents back to work. None of these "blended learning" options would work effectively.

Washington MS

Please come up with a concrete plan of how effective full time distance learning/teaching would be accomplished. Just in case schools get closed down again

Capital HS

Hand washing- agreed Smaller groups- maybe Distancing children while learning or eating- impractical and possibly detrimental to their social development and our future

ORLA Montessori

It was appalling, and I say this as a former Middle and High School science teacher, how poorly, inadequately and unprofessionally the OHS classes for freshman were conducted this Spring. Not even weekly meetings? No assignments? No suggested reading, videos? My son's science class literally did nothing. A wasted year academically, and so much more could have been done. Thoroughly disappointed.

Olympia HS

I do not support any option of part time, distance learning, alternative schedules. The kids need to go back to school full time!

Olympia HS

I'm sure there are many other families like mine, which is a single parent house hold that works full time. I am nervous her going to school some days or for only half a day will be a disservice to her early education.

McLane ES

My children both have IEPs but I will not allow them onsite until NCOVID is proven controlled for several months. We also live with high risk senior. My kids have sensory concerns and I request that their IEP and classes are distance only because our home will be greater at risk if they are at school. My daughter spends probably half an hour to 45 minutes in the bathroom and I cannot imagine her not touching her face and her friends. I have another child who is really struggling to wear masks. Our goal is to keep our immediate family at low risk right now. I am letting the schools know that their IEP's must be met with distance-learning and I want to continue with the Olympia school district but I will not if we are forced to send them to school. I am able to provide support at home. And they have a counselor who's great. What we do need for the distance learners are social group classes once or a couple times a week I think that is so crucial. I follow news by John Hopkins and also Dr. Osterholm with CIDRAP because OSHA, FDA, CDC, are not able to provide appropriate guidelines sadly due to politics etc. There is still too much we don't know right now. If we have validated treatments as well as a vaccine I would seriously consider sending my kids to school but until we know how to treat this and or have a safe vaccine it's not gonna happen. But I also know our family is fortunate with that because I can stay home and not work. We have also sectioned off my sister who's a primary care and urgent care provider and my husband who works as lawn Forssman and with the National Guard in a hospital. So we are trying to stay low risk but we have high risk family members and I think kids attending school would be a nightmare because if someone came down with anything they would be out for weeks. I would rather have continuity and consistency with just knowing we are distance-learning.

Avanti HS

Not sending my child back until there is a vaccine. Not worth the risk to our family, or to our community. What's the number one rule for attending school? Vaccines required. Why would this be any different? Why would we excuse not having a vaccine, especially during a pandemic? This is NOT the flu!

ORLA Montessori

I do not agree with kids having to wear face shields or face masks

Madison ES

As the parent of a senior, my concern is that he will need both teacher and guidance counselor recommendations for his college applications. I am not too worried about the teacher recommendations because he has built up good relationships with his teachers (probably actually boosted by remote learning as on several occasions he was one of few or the only student participating in class). I am concerned with him being able to get a fair guidance counselor recommendation, particularly as his former guidance counselor has left the district. With remote learning, how is he supposed to meet the new counselor and have her comfortable enough to write a fair recommendation? Will she do more than just read his resume and actually try to get to know the student or will this recommendation be obviously written by someone who does not know who she is writing about? Will she learn about his work ethic, progress in school, extra-curricular efforts, more than is just written down on paper? With SAT's not being a part of the college admission process, extra emphasis will be on more challenging classes and recommendations. I'd hate to see the students in this district short changed on the recommendations.

Capital HS

In regards to [number of children] for example my [students], I would recommends not splitting the kids in separate classes to alleviate conflicting schedules and lesson plans.

Hansen ES

My child is in need of in classroom learning. He does not focus well online and I am in the Army so I do not get the time to help him with his online school work.

Hansen ES

DLC students need priority re: in person

Washington MS

I have not been able to keep up on distance learning for my children and neither has my partner. We both work full time (my partner works in Seattle,) and we just do not have the time to help teach. It does not work for us.

Garfield ES

This cannot be easy to figure out. We support whatever is best for the whole community, and will adapt accordingly. Good luck with what must be a career defining challenge. –[name]

Olympia HS

Remote learning was not affective for my son. He is not successful learning in this manner.

Olympia HS

With blended or distance learning my child needs structured learning opportunities. This spring she had a smattering of links where she could go learn about coding or watch a video. None of it was connected to anything else and she never knew what she was supposed to be learning. Please ask teachers to make actual lesson plans and learning modules for kids in the fall. Have clear learning goals that are shared with kids so they know where you want them to go with their online learning. Thank you.

Washington MS

We need known and available medication that successfully treats COVID and/or vaccine for it to be safe to put kids (and teachers) of any age in confined spaces with large numbers. Kids will not maintain social distancing. Until treatment, it is going to make the virus spread

Olympia HS

I have a strong preference for distance learning. The issue isn't washing hands or cleaning. All the research at this time indicates people indoors is dangerous and social distance doesn't matter with an hvac system. My elderly mother lives with us and has a heart condition. I will be very upset if I have to make a choice between my child's education and my mother's life.

Avanti HS

These questions were challenging to answer because my student will be a full time Running Start senior in the fall. Therefore I wouldn't have been sending him to school anyway.

Capital HS

Considering that anyone with a fever or illness during the school year would have to wait 14 days to return to school, having a plan in place to continue online learning will be extremely important. Please consider daily classes in some format for band/orchestra to allow students to progress in their instrument. (My child had NO band classes of any kind during 2019-20 closure and distance learning.) Please consider how to best allow one-on-one student-teacher time for questions or concerns, as students have been found unwilling to talk in zoom classes unless directly requested. Any questions they have are difficult for them to address in front of the whole zoom class, so they remain silent instead of seeking the help they need. If distance learning is found necessary, perhaps some discussion/social time can be worked into the class, so students don't miss out on valuable discourse that has happened as a result of teachers teaching (monologue-ing) the whole time in zoom classes. While the teaching is important, the classroom discussions are what is really missing from distance learning.

Marshall MS

Small group class sizes are most important factor to me, and kids to remain with same cohort each time they are at school. Much time needs to be spent on educating and enforcing social distancing and hygiene with younger students.

Boston Harbor ES

Questions 13 and 14 forces you to answer or leave blank in regards to your child having to attend school with all 4 answers. Even though my answer is that my child will not attend regardless of half school half bleened

Marshall MS

The first 2-3 weeks of school need to focus on learning new routines, learning technology, building relationships - social emotional. The district needs to give permission for teachers to do this. There needs to be NO testing the first 2 months - only formative - we know students have gaps but testing to "find out the gaps" is not a great way to start out the school year - create engaging and relationship building activities for students. Testing would be a guaranteed way to disengage students. Please consider a trimester structure for our comprehensive high schools. I know it would be a lot of work, but I feel it would give the most flexibility to providing targeted supports and flexibility for students.

Olympia HS

Thanks for your consideration.

Pioneer ES

Frankly, any blended learning schedule is not a good fit for our family. Our children need to be present in school with their teachers, face-to-face. I dislike the limitations of this survey on answering questions. Also, the question on CDC guidelines was vague. Does the "etc" include wearing masks? I can get fully behind more hand washing (soap and water, not hand sanitizer) and increased cleaning in buildings, but I do not agree with children wearing masks. Social distancing is not healthy for them either.

Centennial ES

As a family with multiple band students, we are most concerned about how band classes, performances, and marching band will take place and be affected.

Capital HS

Distance/ online learning is the best in my opinion until we can be sure our children, families, and school personnel are safe.

Capital HS

i do not agree with kids having to wear face shields or masks

Roosevelt ES

If cases are increasing, I would not be willing to send my child to school in person. We found the distance learning this spring to be fairly good, it wasn't perfect, but we were able to be much more involved in our child's learning than we normally are. I fully support full time distance learning.

Olympia HS

My youngest child just graduated from OHS, so we will not have a student in the school district next year. I filled out the survey as if we had another year of high school to go. Thanks and good luck with these difficult decisions!

Olympia HS

If blended learning siblings must be on the same schedule

Washington MS

I firmly refuse to reenroll my kids in school, if masks are required. I think education and children should not be compromised and I also refuse to vaccinate my children with any coronavirus vaccine. I fully understand and will adhere to enhanced cleaning as long as it is safe. Children should have continued recess and electives such as P.E. And music class.

Hansen ES

I'm concerned about the chemical overload because of enhanced cleaning efforts and if the classrooms will be able to air out enough.

LP Brown ES

I have child in 4th grade and starting kindergarten

Hansen ES

I would like you to consider those with special needs and on an IEP to be a priority for in person teaching as they will not thrive virtually.

Centennial ES

it would be great if stay at home moms interested in offering support in classroom could be helpful. Also the idea of wearing a mask for little kids is so hard...3 and 5 is so young. They have a hard time breathing ok...this is one of my top concerns as well as everyone's well being. I have a soon to be preschooler and kindergartener. I stay at home currently, thought I would work more in the near future but the changes have made me reconsider and I am available to help.

Garfield ES

Better teaching by teachers more consistent daily instruction requiring students att on line instruction by teacher. None of giving assignments by email and no instructions

Olympia HS

When will temp checks be done? At the bus stop? At the front door of school? And what happens when a student has a temp attorney bus stop? With no parent waiting. How long do they stay out of school? And then do all the students that came in contact get notified?

McKenny ES

If the COVID 19 confirmed cases and death rates remain at the current level in the fall, I would support opening the school as normal with enhanced social distancing and cleaning measures.

It is really hard to help kids learn at home even when parents work from home, let alone that many parents can't work from home.

Roosevelt ES

I do not think it's reasonable to send my 1st grader into a classroom and expect she will wear a mask properly or socially distance. The idea that some children won't be required to mask is unacceptable as my child assumes that risk. If it was mandatory for everyone in the space to mask that would impact my decision to send my child. No mask mandate = we definitely don't go. I cannot do all of the teaching at home. I can support teaching efforts. I can't facilitate with a full time job. We were in the process of buying and selling a home when covid hit. It's enough to add teaching to my workday but when you add ANY other life event it's impossible. Must have online actual teaching.

McKenny ES

My child is struggling with out in person school. Socially, emotionally, and academically. I am not a teacher for a good reason and they all deserve raises.

Lincoln ES

- Constant temperature checks providing each teacher to take each students temperature a couple of times a day (morning/afternoon) before a student is allowed into the classroom.
- Mandatory face masks properly worn for all who enter the school. Making it each school employee at the school to make sure the children and visitors are wearing the masks properly to lower risk of spread.

ORLA hConnect

Four things: 1) Consider prioritizing classes that need in-person instruction, like pottery, for on-site time and have all others class on-line. 2) The ventilation system is relevant to the discussion - is air recycled or pull fresh from outside? 3) Alternating one or two weeks of in-person schooling would help with contact tracing. 4) This could be a good time to implement the later start times.

Olympia HS

All students must wear mask to classes.

Capital HS

Having school sports is also extremely important to my daughter's mental and physical well-being

Olympia HS

It is important that my child have access to at-home learning as much as possible to help reduce the likelihood of spreading the virus. We do have an immune-compromised person in our home. I'm more worried about kids whose families are not adhering to the CDC guidelines in their every day lives. The kids of those adults will be vectors at school and in the community. This is a potential risk in our home. I would like to have the option of at- home only learning for

our family. If attendance in- person is REQUIRED then we would consider having her go in, but would prefer it to be very minimal contact with other kids/adults. This spreads through the air, so no amount of cleaning will be a preventative - it may help somewhat, but masks and distancing are our best methods for prevention. Masks and or face shields must be used properly inside and outside the school. We should ask any families who are not adhering to the guidelines to self quarantine for 14 days before returning to school. So, any kids who's parent or sibling doesn't wear a mask or maintain social distancing should not be allowed to be inside the school or near other children. Please build in an alternate for families who do not want their kids to physically return to school. We need this as an option for those of us who would be severely risking our health by sending our kids in. Those of us who have the ability to be home full time would also help reduce the number of students in the schools.

Lincoln ES

My son is immuno-compromised, and school was a risk for him pre-Corona, which is why we do hconnect. We will not be attending for further notice (until Coronavirus numbers are down completely). However, we will participate in online schooling as my children both very much enjoyed that and it gave them a sense of togetherness with their fellow classmates and teachers.

ORLA hConnect

My kids aren't coming back to school until this virus is gone. Period.

Hansen ES

I have two students attending Olympia High School; one will be a sophomore and the other a senior. Each has different learning styles, virtual instruction doesn't work for both. And each student has different social needs, one is involved in sports and the other is involved in clubs [club name]. These experiences are so important.

Olympia HS

Please at least offer some face-to-face components if though they may be limited

McKenny ES

Olympia High School was completely unsuccessful with distance learning this past spring. It was not emotionally or socially beneficial to my son. It also required an adult at home to help him navigate the randomness that was zoom sessions, posted assignments, and more. Since both parents will be back at work during the school year, that will make distance learning difficult and a waste of time for all involved.

Olympia HS

It's very important for my daughter to be in school, she thrives in that environment. Since been home and doing online it has affected her emotionally and her love for learning has decreased. Please let our children back in the environment where they can reach their potential.

ORLA Montessori

We will not be sending our children to school physically until there is a vaccine. Americans have shown that they are unable to act in the collective best interest - this includes government prioritizing profits over people. There is no way I can rely on the hygiene practices of an entire school's-worth of parents/caregivers to make choices when their child is not at school that will be good for the whole community. The federal guidelines have been negligent at BEST and the CDC has been bullied into dialing back aggressive approaches to public health preservation. So frankly when you say in this survey that you will adhere to CDC guidelines, that means very little any more.

Washington MS

It is EXTREMELY difficult to predict these preferences because it is so difficult to predict the state of community health and the pandemic in September. All indications now are that things are getting worse, not better in Washington State and the rest of the country.

Washington MS

Please consider parents who work for the district and have children in district.

Centennial ES

Since i only have a high schooler, we are actively pursuing Running Start based on how this shakes out with Oly. If a significant amount of learning is virtual, we'd rather he do virtual learning through SPSCC and gain College Credit. Plus SPSCC is WAY more organized in how to do virtual learning than we experienced with Oly. Too much chaos. Too many systems and rules and platforms to manage while SPSCC just has one. canvas. Eliminating points of confusion is critical at times like this.

Olympia HS

My main concern is for under privileged kids and how distance learning may create an even bigger learning deficit than they already may face. I think their group should be prioritized to make sure they are taken care of.

Boston Harbor ES

Distance learning is a disaster. I have zero education to help my 11th grade student with school work. It's too hard to access teachers and information to be successful. Get the kids back in school. If a parent is afraid, child is sick, or some other reason they can choose to stay home and learn from there. Let kids get back to school! Covid-19 is here to stay, we cannot hide from it forever and a vaccine is not the answer at this time. Who on earth gets a vaccine that's this new!!??

Capital HS

The more at school time the better please!!!

McKenny ES

As a tax payer, the cost of cleaning the school and running buses for half day/part-time shift in classrooms doesn't seem to make sense. Alternating weeks doesn't seem to work either. To ask a student to learn material and then retain it for a week and then return to finish or test on

that material seems unrealistic. Too much learning loss with a week away from school. What about longer days with an A/B schedule: Monday & Tuesday (A) and then Wednesday & Thursday (B) with Friday as a planning day for teachers or office hours for students to contact/get extra help. What about sports? From what I have seen, kids/teens aren't social distancing very well so I would still expect them to hang all over each other at recess, breaks, lunch and after school. How would this be controlled?

Capital HS

Please consider those with special needs and on an IEP for in person learning. Virtual learning is NOT a long term option with major deficits.

Washington MS

I don't intend to send my kids back until the virus is gone.

Marshall MS

I would like a say on the days my child attends. I am a nurse and my schedule alters, so I would like some day if they go for example m/w or t/th.

Centennial ES

Fist, extra cleaning isn't a factor for me because I don't believe it's possible for anyone to keep a school clean enough to combat the spread of COVID. A link to the state's proposed standards would have been helpful for this survey, since it's difficult for me to know if I'm comfortable with allowing my children to return based on state standards when I don't know what the state's standards are. Further, question 20 should have been a multiple choice, since I have multiple children, but somehow you forgot that.

ORLA Montessori

We want to communicate the importance of having a distance learning mitigation plan should COVID negatively impact our county this upcoming Fall and do not want a repeat of simply closing our school for the remainder of the year. We are relying on the school district to have a plan in place for returning to education, in some combination of in-person and distance learning, whilst maintaining reasonable precautions.

Roosevelt ES

My straight-A student struggled with online learning. Communications and teaching methods varied wildly between teachers, to which she had difficulty adapting. She went from straight A's to C's and D's.

Olympia HS

You are all doing a good job. I appreciate all the work you are doing in a strange time! Thank you Thank you

Olympia HS

Please don't listen to parents that are upset. I think you guys did a good job with social distancing. Parents that complain that their students didn't get enough help are parents who didn't push their child to do their work hard enough. That's on them. I have 2 special needs boys and they did ALL required school work while social distancing. The parents...they need to act like parents. They need to know that school is not free babysitting. Granted some people earn paycheck to paycheck but they can push their kids when they come home from their jobs.

Olympia HS

Four things: 1) consider prioritizing classes that need in-person instruction, like pottery, for on-site time and have all others class on-line. 2) The ventilation system is relevant to the discussion - is air recycled or pull fresh from outside? 3) Alternating one or two weeks of in-person schooling would help with contact tracing. 4) This could be a good time to implement the later start times.

Olympia HS

I have a child at Centennial and another at OHS. Their schedules need to coordinate in order to make any kind of distance learning model work. However I do not have time to get my kids on any kind of Zoom or distance learning requirements. At a minimum I need them to attend school daily for accountability to their learning. Distance learning was awful and stressful for me and my kids.

Centennial ES

My child is planning on attending Orla for each connect only if it's 100% distance-learning and their IEP is delivered by Reeves with 100% distance learning. If this does not happen I will pull my kids from the school district and provide the IEP needs myself for the ADHD. My child does not want to go to school and is struggling wearing a mask as well. He would greatly benefit from weekly or classes that occurred several times a week about NCovid and socializing. He would benefit from classes or socializing using gaming servers like Minecraft and others. Or other games like magic the gathering etc. I think Orla can offer some amazing opportunities to families who will choose to not have their kids on site. I think Orla should be accessible to any family that chooses not to have children on site. At least for the H Connect or I connect. This is an airborne pathogen and I do not think there's enough research on it to safely place kids and staff in schools. Once we have the research, it is controlled through evidence and multiple studies, and there is treatment that works or a vaccine I will bring my kids back to the schools. Some other things to consider would be how it can be aerosolized through stools. How inDoor classes are riskier than outdoors. That masking/distancing outdoors with automatic toilet lids closers in open air bathrooms might be the safest way to have school onsite. I also think that for consistency and continuity that distance-learning will be the best for our family so that if a child does get sick we can keep learning unlike losing time at physical school

ORLA hConnect

I believe there are too many factors that you cannot control or deem safe to reopen schools in the fall, such as having kids wear masks for such a long period of time and expecting them to be able to learn. There are kids who can't wear masks due to asthma and other health reasons

and they are just plain uncomfortable, especially when needing to focus and learn. Another problem is eating and using the bathroom. I do not believe either of these could be safely done at school, especially since you need to remove your mask to eat. It is also impossible to control who is sick and making them stay home. School is always filled with many germs and I don't see how you can control that. My child would be so worried about the virus that he wouldn't thrive. I believe that in order to meet the needs of all the kids you should offer choices. Those who are thriving with full time online school, or those who don't feel safe at school, can continue online instruction. Then make groups of the other needs and find a way to offer those as well. We have people in our family who are older and others who have serious health conditions. It is not an option for us to get sick. The results would be devastating for our family. But my son is in HS and I don't want to hurt his chances at getting into a good college to be affected by this pandemic either. He will feel safe and will thrive if he continues his learning online at home and it won't affect college. If you try to force an in person model, even partially, it would put us in a very bad situation.

Capital HS

Remote learning and all A's has not been effective.

Capital HS

I think it is imperative to make a decision before August 1st. This allows families time to make arrangements for the fall.

Hansen ES

It would be wonderful if classes like science could use the outdoors for classrooms. Let's get creative and team up with parks that are in walking distance. Kids could get exercise and fresh air. Perhaps a company like REI would contribute rain gear for when the weather turns. Seems like these times require some serious creative thinking!

Jefferson MS

There is no good reason for the kids, who are most likely to be asymptomatic carriers, back to school when there are no reliable therapies and no vaccine. This is horrifyingly irresponsible. My kids will not return to school in the fall.

Olympia HS

If we are distance learning, there has to be better and more up-to-date information on student progress. Parents need to see information ironwork submittal and grading much more timely in order to intervene, give help, seek help, when needed. In this 4th session it was difficult to track on line work - both in quality and timeliness for my student - which was expected under the exceptional circumstances. But it needs to be a very efficient tool if we are distance learning in the future.

Avanti HS

I will switch my students to a homeschooling program if distance learning is required. I also have concerns about young children wearing masks for prolonged periods of time.

McKenny ES

My child performs better/learns better in the classroom setting. I was disappointed with the distance learning that happened at the end of the school year. There was minimal teaching by the actual teachers.

Capital HS

Please maintain the school resource officers!

Capital HS

Please consider adding class discussion time to all online learning; kids miss interaction with peers and lose out on valuable class discussion. Please have band and orchestra daily, whether online or in person, so kids make progress with their instruments. (We pay for rental of instrument, and it was very disheartening to have NO band class During distance learning with [staff]. There was nothing from band until the "concert" at the end of 5th grade at [school]. If kids get sick next school year, they'll have to wait 14 days to return to school. Maybe have a plan in place to accommodate the long return times so kids don't get behind. Chances are, they'll be feeling better quickly, as it will still be cold and flu season, and not all illness is Covid-related, even though we need to treat return times as if it is.

[school] MS

If the school goes to time shifts my child would need to go in the morning due to ADHD.

Capital HS

Research and consider the 4/10 shifts method. Mon-Thur. in school (half of the kids); Then the second shift in school the next Mon-Thur.; everyone distance learning on Fridays. That is more distance learning than ideal but allows more space on the bus, more space in the common areas of the school, allows teachers to arrange similar shifts more easily to minimize their exposure.

Jefferson MS

Open school as normal. Think massive lawsuit if that isn't happening.

Olympia HS

I feel that my children have suffered greatly in only having distance learning as an option these last 3 months. I am not a teacher. It has been a real struggle to keep my kids engaged in learning while sitting and watching a screen. I really hope that at the very least they can go to school part time next fall to ensure they do not fall behind.

Roosevelt ES

When the vaccine does become readily accessible - will the school district require students to have vaccine? Please require this.

Olympia HS

Just open the [expletive] schools you [expletive]. This is [expletive][expletive] Quit rolling over, letting the Gov [expletive] us.

Boston Harbor ES

This is a difficult situation, and I do not envy your decision. However, this is also challenging for parents who work full time. Our work requires us to be there, and they say our childcare responsibilities aren't their concern. At the same time, the OSD is saying our kids can't be in school full time, and that childcare isn't their priority, education is. That's a tough place to make a decision from for a parent. Additionally, not everyone has equitable access to the internet. There was no mention in this questionnaire about parents who would need hot spots (I do). Also, are you seriously thinking that you're going to enforce physical distancing on younger elementary students without that having long term effects on their mental well-being? I hope the OSD will be addressing these concerns, because I have not seen anything suggesting that they are. It seems like the only priority is staying within the CDC guidelines.

Lincoln ES

School should open by all means although some contents can be studied with limited or remote instructions due to limited space or time. But all-distance learning does not work for my child.

Olympia HS

Safety first. I will remove my child from school if I am not satisfied with the district's response to COVID. I was very pleased with my child's CHS teachers and their approach to distance learning. Compassion and understanding A+

Capital HS

I think that all the precautions are unhealthy and stressful for my child

Lincoln ES

I feel a bit of unease about my child returning to FT in-building learning. Please keep us updated as much as possible to ease the transition.

Olympia HS

I highly suggest kids physically come back to school full time!

McKenny ES

Very concerned teens will not seriously adhere to social distancing and masks. Passing time in the hallways is of great concern. Would feel more comfortable having some outside routes with adult supervision.

Capital HS

We are confused about the blended learning options provided. If distance learning is combined with in-person sessions, will class numbers be significantly limited, or will an entire class be in attendance? We prefer distance learning as the primary mode of education until more is known

about this virus and *hopefully* a vaccine is developed. If in-class sessions are part of it, we wouldn't be comfortable unless class sizes were SIGNIFICANTLY reduced. Also we would prefer an outdoor education model (since the virus transmits more readily indoors vs outside)

McKenny ES

My student has an IEP. Distance learning is less than helpful, and I would say actually harmful to learning and emotional health in their case. I cannot support any model that includes distance learning. My child needs to be back at school, full time with face-to-face and hands on instruction. Even a blended model of partial instruction being distance learning is not suitable for us. This is causing irreparable harm and setbacks, that will follow for the rest of their life. The choices for these questions were hard to answer and I don't like how this survey was worded in the slightest.

Centennial ES

Many families cannot work from home and do distance learning successfully for elementary age or work from home at all. For this reason I don't support the distance learning being graded. I know i have to work to keep a roof over our heads over, worrying about following directions to an activity made up by someone else is more hurtful then helpful, the supplemental learning packets were way more helpful for situations like ours- then we worked at our own pace and at our own times of the day.

Centennial ES

I would be relying on my older student to care for my younger student, (middle school/elementary school)so I would want them on the same alternating days.

Pioneer ES

Open school as normal. Think massive lawsuit if that doesn't happen.

Olympia HS

If not have vaccines yet .i think they need stay home learn online better

Washington MS

We prefer to stay with distance learning until there is a safe vaccine.

Hansen ES

work full time, distance learning is not an option with her in daycare all day, no time when we get home

LP Brown ES

Things to consider: Health and safety first, over in person learning. Blended models that alternate every other day will be a nightmare for working parents. So blended options really should be more two days in person, two says at home or alternating weeks. Social distancing isn't crucial, so gotta have less kids in rooms. IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION: This may not effect everyone, but a large number of OSD staff are parents of OSD students and a fair number of

OSD parents are staff members in neighboring districts. Coordinating and matching up as much as is feasible with neighboring districts and matching up schedules with schools within OSD is something to strongly consider.

Centennial ES

Hi- thank you for asking for our input- sending our children to school puts us at risk- maybe they don't suffer from it but if they bring it home we parents do suffer from it- we're old- we'd sure hate to die and leave the kids without parents- sounds harsh but really tht is the issue- why not wait until vaccine is available? Tht is basically my main concern in a nutshell.

Washington MS

We need to focus on improving immune systems, teaching our children about how they can protect their bodies from illness so they don't have to live in fear and WE don't have to turn our worlds upside down because we as a society have become so sick and inflamed. Children need to be together.

Roosevelt ES

Child at OHS and Centennial whose schedules need to coincide if I have to make distance learning work. I am hopeful that distance leaks limited because it was a horrible experience that caused nothing but stress to me and my kids. I do not have the time to work and travel for work while still holding them accountable to 'virtual classes'.

Olympia HS

The health of our children is priority however most children will be placed in a childcare type situation while unable to attend school and exposure seems likely to be the same as it would be at school. I have a child entering kindergarten, 1st grade and 9th. Seems potentially hard to juggle.

McLane ES

I'm a single mom and I have 3 children in school this is impossible I couldn't even help them the 3 months they were out of school I won't be able to help them in the future I can't quit my job or we would be homeless I don't have transportation this is frustrating and gonna put a strain on a lot of single parent household even two parent households that depend on the second income

Marshall MS

I have 3 kids in school it would work best if all 3 were on the same schedule if they did the one week on and then off thing that would not work real well better to have them all on the same schedule

Capital HS

Thanks for the hard work!

Capital HS

Thank you!

Jefferson MS

I have a son in the 5th grade and 10th grade. If they did every other day, I would need them to be on the same days. That way my older son can watch my younger son and I wouldn't need child care.

Capital HS

My child is second year full time running start

Olympia HS

Prioritizing elementary students for in-person learning makes sense. However you might consider including 6th graders in this group. I have confidence that my 9th grader could thrive with 100% distance learning if needed--I think it would just be a lost year for my 6th grader, though.

Reeves MS

Both my husband I and work full time and have found it extremely difficult to keep up with the demands of distance learning school.

Centennial ES

I believe it is important to have direct social interaction for high school students. They are only young once and need to be around friends and make new friends. It is also a good environment to learn how to get along with others and to accept those that may have different paths in life.

Olympia HS

Because I'm a [employment], my schedule isn't know yet. If my 3 kids are on a different schedule than me, I'm not sure how I'd be able to care for them.

Roosevelt ES

Hoping that consideration will be given to families with children In different schools so that schedules can be coordinated

Pioneer ES

It is not possible for us to participate in distance learning while also working. One of our children is on an IEP and is NOT capable of unsupervised work.

McKenny ES

Concern for care for elementary student during part-time in-person school while also working at high school.

Pioneer ES

100% online distance learning for the fall semester.

ORLA Montessori

Distance learning equates very little actual learning.

Pioneer ES

I'm really hoping school will be full time in actual classrooms. Being a full time working parents it's hard for us to be teachers to our child & work.

Centennial ES

Distance learning is not working for my very young, special needs student. We need to have at least partial in classroom time. He has continued therapy throughout this period and they have managed to be illness free (both Covid and any other illness) this whole time. I think its totally doable to bring students back safely.

Pioneer ES

If students participate in-person school, it's better to ask students and staff to wear face masks especially when they are indoors or when it's impossible to keep social distance.

Pioneer ES

Major concerns over the social emotional well being of my child having to adhere to social distancing and mask wearing in the school. Also major concerns about when covid-19 infects anyone in the school district. What happens then? I'm very stressed about needing childcare on days that I work. I cannot afford to pay for it. I'm scared to put my child into childcare in the midst of a global pandemic.

Roosevelt ES

High school students need to have live learning in the classroom. The emotional and mental benefits of in classroom learning is vital for every student for their growth but also to set each WA student to adequately compete for college admissions. Please, look at the consensus of what is best for majority of students. We will lose kids to suicide, anxiety, mental and lack of education with on line learning. It's our job to set our kids up for success

Olympia HS

Please just go back to the way it was, both parents work and of distance learning were to continue one of us would have to quite our job

McLane ES

Social distancing and masking has to be enforced. Passing time is of huge concern. Also, what about air filtration and ventilation?

Capital HS

At home learning is difficult because I have a[age] year (who attends the developmental preschool with OSD) old and 2 year old as well. It makes it difficult to help my elementary age child when doing the online work. It's hard to find a quiet time and my son has a very hard time focusing via the distance learning. I watch him space out most of the zoom meetings and he fights me on doing the learning board activities. My ideal situation would definitely not consist

of mostly distance learning. A small portion, fine, but in class would be best. My elementary age child has special education services as well at the school.

Pioneer ES

Start date of the school year to be moved earlier than Sept. 9.

Olympia HS

If you could have been at home with my children over the past few months, as we participated in a distance learning model, you would have seen the frustrations, the regressions, the meltdowns, the overwhelming challenges of it all. Distance learning continuing is simply not a viable option. Some of my children have IEPs but even for my one who doesn't, this learning system does not work appropriately.

This is setting children back, in a way that will affect some or most of them for the rest of their lives. The question on CDC guidelines is vague. I will not support children having to wear masks or stay 6 feet away from everybody else.

Centennial ES

I am just terrified if Covid is still around will they bring it home. My Mother is very 'High Risk' and I'm not about to lose the matriarch of this family. Because of schooling. I'm NOT!

Olympia HS

I appreciate you trying to do this work and acknowledge that there's still so much that we don't know. Please continue to take lessons from countries that have been successful in slowing the spread (plastic dividers, masks ABSOLUTELY required no exceptions, etc.).

Capital HS

Please consider families that have children attending different schools so that they might be able to be physically at school on the same days and at home on the same days

Roosevelt ES

Special education services need to be provided in person and daily.

Garfield ES

You did not provide any option for the children to attend school full time as normal. Why is that? All of the options provided by osd would require one parent to not work out work part time..... this isn't an option!!

Hansen ES

We know it's a very difficult choice to make. Some time physically in school is important to us. It would be best to have full days at school on days kids are there. It would be hard to kids at school for partial days. I think at school 1 week on 1 week off would be best.

Reeves MS

We greatly appreciated work packets that were provided for our Kindergartener (1st grader for 2020-21). If social distance learning continues we would like more work packets that we can pick up from school. The zoom sessions were a hit with our child too.

Pioneer ES

Thank you for all your work on this!

Capital HS

I think planning wise for parents a week at school and a week at home would help, but I also think that would slow the progress of the class as a whole. My son would definitely improve with some in-person classes. I would hope every class could be split so half are at home and half are at school on alternating days. I think full-time distance learning can only be effective if teachers have class time each assigned day, not on as needed basis but each assigned day. The last few weeks of this past year seems like my son only had a handful of class times when he should of been having 12 per week. I think he had way less than 12 over the last 4 weeks. My son seemed to do OK the first few weeks of distance learning when he had 3 hours of class time each day mon - thur. And while each students progress is posted in Skyward, I still think each teacher needs to follow up with the parents if the student falls behind.

Olympia HS

If kids are allowed back, which we fully support and hope for, it would be great to have a policy that if anyone in the household had a fever or was sick, all of the kids from that household stayed home until COVID-19 was ruled out.

Pioneer ES

It's important that the School's district considers the safety of teachers that might have underlying health conditions

Capital HS

If parents keep their kids home for some time how will they be reintroduced to the classroom with or without the skills? Parents need to be made aware of this as a factor of keeping kids home. Addressing lost revenue of many kids doing online running start.

Washington MS

Thank you for all your work on this!

Capital HS

For any alternating or non full time schedule, siblings schedules should be coordinated together, especially at the elementary age.

Centennial ES

The distance learning was totally lacking. I understand the challenges that comes with access. However, I do not understand why there was not more teacher access. Why were they not

available during regular class time? There was math tutoring 1 x a week for the ENTIRE GRADE. If next school year is like this spring my Child will learn nothing.

Capital HS

Respect the student opinions no matter what they are. Tired of seeing school punishing children for educated political opinions that may not adhere to extreme liberal views. Both side deserve a equal playing field.

Olympia HS

Until there is a vaccine we should only have children of essential workers or kids that need in person instruction because of disabilities. I recognize that my child may not do as well academically, but it's worth it to protect people's lives!

Capital HS

ORLA should endeavor to make plans for the fall semester only, at this point, as opposed to the whole school year.

ORLA hConnect

I'm trying to be understanding and patient. But I am tremendously disappointed in OSD and the approach taken this Spring. My daughter received only one hour per week of instruction during March-June. I had to pay for extended childcare. Yet her teacher received full salary and benefits. The negative academic impacts are being dismissed by the district. Teachers aren't/weren't held accountable for their professional obligations, and families were inexcusably burdened. The YMCA were a lifeline for working parents like me. Their staff provided far more educational support and instruction to my daughter than her certificated teacher provided. OSD failed our community this Spring. You should be ashamed.

Roosevelt ES

Special needs child- if school isn't available in person there's absolutely no point to have my child enrolled.

Madison ES

My daughter is planning to do full time running start.

Capital HS

A. Ideal schedule: 2 days on, 3 days off. (or 1 day on, 4 days off), with consistent days of the week for the year. This allows families to plan. It also provides a 5 day break so that if a child is exposed, there is more time for symptoms to emerge. Teachers will clearly need additional time to lesson plan if doing hybrid.

B. At same time, eating together creates additional exposure that makes me quite nervous. I would be ok with half-day instruction, so my child eats at home. I would be fine for two half days per week at school.

C. Please do videotaped lessons if students need to learn at home. Do not expect a 2nd grader to be online at home following along at school. I cannot supervise and do tech support for that. Neither can a teacher who needs to be engaged with the students at school.

D. With meals, unsure, depends on eligibility. We normally do not qualify, but have participated in the grab and go free meal program this spring due to COVID-19 closure.

E. Knowing what we know, I am unlikely to support full-time in person instruction. I think that is dangerous.

F. What I am unsure about is all online. Ideally, we will have structured, socially distanced in person instruction at least once a week. However, if in-person is too dangerous due to COVID-19 outbreaks, I support all online.

Pioneer ES

I hope that priority in decisions is placed foremost with the safety of both students and staff in mind. If students return for in person learning, I would expect strict adherence to safety guidelines and the removal of any student or staff unable to adhere to the guidelines (remote learning being the only option for those unable to adhere to safety guidelines). I am concerned about follow thru in enforcing any recommended safety guidelines. We feel a priority should be given to maintaining accountability/assessment by sticking to traditional grading formats regardless of model chosen. All students needs should be considered regardless of ability- academically challenged students and academically gifted students equally deserve the benefits of in person instruction. If SRO's are still being considered disposable by the board due to budget restrictions-priority should be given to keeping this position as it provides an opportunity for our young people to have a positive interaction with our law enforcement. It also provides an important opportunity to provide back up to staff when difficult needs arise at our district schools. The increased stress of the non-traditional school format we are likely to face this next year may require many avenues of support to our students and staff-including the SRO role.

Olympia HS

I worry more about the teachers than the students. In all of these scenarios, teachers are in-person with potential silent spreaders every day of the week. Many teachers are in the older age categories and susceptible to Covid-19

Jefferson MS

Reinstate the resource officers that you removed from schools. This decision is short sighted. Exclusive online learning will not work unless you require all teachers to be proficient in technology and online learning models.

Capital HS

Let kids return to school like what was normal. Let them have friends and recess and PE and run around and learn and be children. Distance learning is an inadequate model. It is harmful to children, academically and to their emotional and mental well being. I cannot support a return to distance learning. It has been the opposite of helpful for us. I cannot support children being expected to mask and maintain a 6 foot distance from others. I would not send a child into that environment.

Centennial ES

We both work full time and do not have the ability to support even part-time distance learning with our employers.

Boston Harbor ES

Childcare is critical in whichever option the district chooses. This includes transportation to/from school if care is not offered at the school.

McKenny ES

Understand that most of the teachers and administration have exhibited such tremendous laziness during this distance learning period, that nearly all of the families of top college-bound high school students agree their students have LEARNED NOTHING during distance learning.

Capital HS

I strongly feel that outdoor classes or classes in large spaces are the key for safe in person learning (as well as masks, cleaning, and hygiene.). I do not think that younger children will be as likely to follow social distancing requirements as older ones, so outdoor or non small classroom setting classes would be a major boon for that age group. Also, for families who are attending schools on out of district waivers or are in programs on a lottery system, I strongly feel that a waiver should be put in place for these families to keep their spot in their program, if school returns in a fashion that they feel is unsafe to send their children back to in person. Letting them waive the attendance requirement for one year, and still being able to keep their space in the program for the next year when more is known about the virus and more treatments are available seems like a very important thing so parents aren't forced to send their children to in person school in order to keep their spot in a program they have worked hard to get in to.

ORLA hConnect

Please make a childcare option available for parents who have to work fulltime. We need our child to attend school every day to learn giving his IEP needs.

Roosevelt ES

I do not support any of the blended learning plans. All studies have shown children are unaffected by COVID-19, and many studies show they don't transmit the disease. If my kids don't go back to school, I will write every government person that represents me suggesting teachers receive pay cuts according the amount my child is not in school since that is what they are being paid to do.

Lincoln ES

We have multiple children in different grades. This would make it difficult to have one kid at school and one not.

ORLA Montessori

Having kids back on our campuses is so important to their mental and academic well-being but it must be done in a way that keeps both kids and teachers safe. Is having teachers broadcast live to a socially distanced live classroom and an at-home audience at the same time that alternates in-person days a possibility? Teachers would be on campus everyday. Kids would alternate days but receive the same live learning - reducing the size of in-person classes. Especially important for high school kids. How are other large districts in the country handling the problem? Seems like we are likely all similarly situated. Thanks for your hard work! Thank
Olympia HS

My older child is high risk and I would be unlikely to send her to an in person school next year at this time. I hope a good distance learning option will be available!
ORLA hConnect

Please prioritize our health and safety!
Lincoln ES

It is my understanding that C-19 is very unpredictable in how it spreads, especially with normally healthy families. Some questions forced me to select blended learning models and did not offer me the choice to reject all blended models, therefore I had to choose something I do not support. I'm not in full support of students returning to school buildings due to the almost impossibility of most students, especially the younger ones, to maintain proper social distancing. These kids haven't seen each other in what feels like an eternity for them. They're going to want to hug and talk within close proximity to each other. It is unrealistic to think that students can maintain 6 feet distances from each other and everything they touch will be cleaned between uses including door handles, chairs, desks, and school resources. Many of our students and families have health risks and exposure to C-19 is simply not an option for them. We need to ensure that an educational model is in place that allows all students to receive a quality education at home. On another note, why is it important or even pertinent to C-19 and the children's education to know whether or not we are a Hispanic family? How does that affect education and the spread of C-19?
Olympia HS

Will special programs be offered for children with special needs, 504 plan renewals/ adjustments, counseling support, parent education on teaching etiquette and tools to better understand curriculum. I'd like to know weeks in advance what the learn plan is to prepare for subjects etc.
ORLA Montessori

Es importante que cada padre de familia, hable seriamente con sus hijos para que respeten la distancia y lavarse las manos., cada alumno no dejar de usar su tapabocas [It is important .that each parent talk seriously with their children so that they respect the distance and wash their hands. Each student does not stop wearing his mask].
Reeves MS

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Reeves MS

I like the idea of half days to maximize the amount of consistency for families and students.

McKenny ES

Require masks at all times

Avanti HS

We have multiple children in different grades. This would make it difficult to have one kid at school and one not.

ORLA Montessori

I do not support any of the blended learning plans. All studies have shown children are unaffected by COVID-19, and many studies show they don't transmit the disease. If my kids don't go back to school, I will write every government person that represents me suggesting teachers receive pay cuts according the amount my child is not in school since that is what they are being paid to do.

Lincoln ES

It's still too early to tell. My wife and I keep having to extend isolation by three weeks because of peoples' recklessness and insistence on mingling without wearing masks. We're now pushed out to July for making any decisions to reintegrate.

Roosevelt ES

It is not safe for students and staff to be in a school without being vaccinated. My family will not be getting COVID-19 virus by attending school.

Lincoln ES

Your options are not realistic and do not provide an option to continue only remote learning.

Olympia HS

I am an OSD employee.... bus driver. Our child did NOT do well with the distance learning. If she wouldn't be in school learning physically in some type of alternating schedule I'll need to look at private school. I'll need her to ride the bus too, since I'm a driver. SORRY....

Praying for you guys. I can only imagine the difficulty in planning. We appreciate you greatly.

Capital HS

As a parent of a student entering 9th grade in the fall, I was wondering if regular (maybe twice a month) counseling with psychologists in a school setting(due to social distancing and the lack of socialisation) would benefit the students.

Capital HS

Not being physically in school has impacted my children's mental and emotional wellbeing far beyond the risk of covid

Hansen ES

Please prioritize health and safety!

Jefferson MS

I want us all to be safe and healthy and i'm ok with osd taking the right measures to do that.

Madison ES

Both my husband and I work full time and cannot work from home - because of this, my children's academic performance has greatly suffered during school closure due to limited time at the end of the day to spend helping with homework and to understand unclear assignments/instructions. Also, it is hard to tell what my children have submitted or not submitted in order to ensure they are indeed turning in their work. Unfortunately, an honor system regarding assignments being completed/turned in fails in my household and several weeks of missing assignments went by before teachers emailed to let me know, this making it nearly impossible to catch up on missing work in order to obtain credit. Additionally, a few of my students were receiving special therapies such as speech that they are not receiving now with school closure; some of my students do not learn well outside of classroom structure.

Olympia HS

Biggest concern is transportation to school as I work full time and can't work from home and we live too far for kids to walk.

Centennial ES

My husband and I both work outside the home full-time. Health care workers. It is extremely difficult to fulfill distance learning expectations.

Centennial ES

I think to help adhere to social distancing, offer families who can keep their kids home, the opportunity to do so. And have those kids learn via distance learning entirely, that takes out a certain percentage of students freeing up space for those families that do not have that option. Have workbooks picked up before the school year and have those that can learn from home, stay home.

Hansen ES

It is my understanding that C-19 is very unpredictable in how it spreads, especially with normally healthy families. Some questions forced me to select blended learning models and did not offer me the choice to reject all blended models, therefore I had to choose something I do not support. I'm not in full support of students returning to school buildings due to the almost impossibility of most students, especially the younger ones, to maintain proper social distancing. These kids haven't seen each other in what feels like an eternity for them. They're going to want to hug and talk within close proximity to each other. It is unrealistic to think that

students can maintain 6 feet distances from each other and everything they touch will be cleaned between uses including door handles, chairs, desks, and school resources. Many of our students and families have health risks and exposure to C-19 is simply not an option for them. We need to ensure that an educational model is in place that allows all students to receive a quality education at home. How is being Hispanic applicable to the survey, my child's education, and C-19?

Washington MS

I will not allow my children to attend school if masks are required. They are more harm and a distraction than a help and I would request to do only online learning if they are required. If possible, can we as parents choose to do Distance Learning only, yet still be a part of the school? That way when guidelines and safety protocols end my student can go to school on campus?

Centennial ES

A. Clumping the days and alternating (2 on, 3 off) provides at least 5 days away from school and minimizes the spread. Do that rather than Tues/Thur schedule. B. I would prefer my child not eat at school. C. Teachers will need extra planning time if expected to do a hybrid model. D. Unsure about supporting all online. If school is closed because of COVID-19 outbreak, all online makes sense. E. Have a consistent schedule (set days) published at start of year so families can work with their employers. F. When kids are at home, rely on videotaped lessons. Do not expect the child to log-in and watch teacher instructing at school. I cannot do tech support for my child or monitor. And the teacher needs to be engaged with kids physically present in the classroom. G. My child has a 504 plan so I marked yes for special services. H. Kids will need a place to go for childcare, even though I do not need it. Maybe a special bus? Or maybe reserve a space at the school? Or for Pioneer, partner with Good Shepherd or the other church on Henderson and Eskridge. It is within walking distance so the YCare could be located there, kids could walk in a line, and busses would not be needed.

Pioneer ES

I prefer the consistency to half days with homework.

McKenny ES

Please don't default to having the older kids home full time for distance learning over the younger ones. As a parent of 2 high schoolers, they have MUCH less time to make up gaps in their education than the little ones. I know it's an impossible task you have, but some of these higher level classes are impossible online; not to mention the social impacts on our teens.

Thank you.

Olympia HS

If online learning is the only means, then there must be better structure where the student attends classes online, just like their regular schedule at school. Monday to Friday 7.30am to 2.30pm.

Capital HS

If you choose to open again, have a distance learning option available to all. Or At LEAST to the kids with vulnerable people at home. There needs to be one on one time worked in to the teachers schedule. I'd rather have kids go to class M, W or T, The and then on Fridays teachers have one on one or small group checks in with students to ensure they're learning what they need to.

Olympia HS

I think the first part this survey was worded in a way that made me want to mark everything as an "important factor". Of course, all those things are important. I think we need to have the school available for those students that depend on it for stability and routine in their lives, and for the students that are already behind.

Centennial ES

Being an essential worker it is difficult to keep my children motivated when not at home. They have fallen behind in distance learning.

Reeves MS

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Olympia HS

What about sending teachers to neighborhood groups that have already mixed with one another and can gather in groups of 10-12 at a park or rec room of an apt. complex?

Avanti HS

Let the children go back to school normally. The virus has not been proven deadly or transmittable to/through children.

Marshall MS

Supports for younger students who are new to online learning. Plan for families with two kids in the same school, but different grades.

Lincoln ES

Only kids that have parents that are essential workers, homeless or other special needs should be in school. Until we have a vaccine or have otherwise contained the virus we should not have schools open!

Washington MS

I will have two children at the same school in different grade levels, something I'm sure will be true for others. It would be difficult for our family if they had different shifts "at school." We also need better supports for younger students who aren't used to learning on the computer as well as supports for students with ADHD and/or other issues that make tracking so many tasks online a challenge - especially with working parents who can't sit with them the whole time.

Lincoln ES

Please prioritize IEP students for in class learning.

Olympia HS

I think to help adhere to social distancing, offer families who can keep their kids home, the opportunity to do so. And have those kids learn via distance learning entirely, that takes out a certain percentage of students freeing up space for those families that do not have that option to keep their child at home.

Marshall MS

I'm very concerned about behavioral issues stemming from face coverings (middle school/high school age) as well as wearing face coverings for extended time not being healthy. I'm also very concerned with the 6ft distance between desks and the lack of opportunity for both physical movement and groupwork for students.

ORLA MAST

My husband and I both work full-time outside the home. It has been extremely difficult for us to support distance learning from home

Washington MS

Please prioritize their mental health as much as their physical health. Lack of social interactions and limited peer interactions virtually has severely impacted my child's ability to learn remotely. Plus the instruction has been extremely limited and inconsistent at best, nonexistent at worst.

Olympia HS

Physical safety from Covid-19 is my highest priority. 2nd priority is an excellent education with performance evaluations.

Olympia HS

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assignments/instructions. Also, it is hard to tell what my children have submitted or not submitted in order to ensure they are indeed turning in their work. Unfortunately, an honor system regarding assignments being completed/turned in fails in my household and several weeks of missing assignments went by before teachers emailed to let me know, this making it nearly impossible to catch up on missing work in order to obtain credit. Additionally, a few of my students were receiving special therapies such as speech that they are not receiving now with school closure; some of my students do not learn well outside of classroom structure

Washington MS

I really want full time school . These kids need teaching at school and we can come up with a way to keep the kids safe and learning at the same time.

Pioneer ES

Thank you for your hard work on this

Olympia HS

Distance learning g would need to be much more user friendly with some 1 to teacher availability and hands on work that they could bring back in instead of having to do assignments solely via Chrome book. Parents also need to be able to work outside the home, which means that summer hours should be available after normal school hours for parents who need to work outside the home yet still need to be able to check in with teachers and or be helping children after hours.

Roosevelt ES

I would rather homeschool my child for the year than send him half time and try to support the distance learning the other half. I would rather have control over what we are learning at home than try to figure out what the teacher is trying to have us learn at home. I can arrange for social interactions with friends outside of school. We are falling more and more behind...especially since the focus will be on social and emotional needs in the fall? And this will happen while we're all wearing masks? It's such a hard situation with no great solutions. I'd rather keep him home at this point.

Centennial ES

If distance-learning needs to occur, then it needs to actually happen and there needs to be daily zoom classes with the teachers . Just having a teacher check in once a week is not actively educating my kids.

Olympia HS

Questions 2-8 are very poor items and will not yield much in the way of helpful data for you. It is not clear AT ALL how one should respond to those questions and, because of that, you will not be able to interpret the results for those questions in a very meaningful way. All of the factors are important and relevant to virtually anyone's decision, but they could be "important" in very different ways. For example, our ability to work from home is an important factor because we always work from home full-time and it means our child can do distance learning without a problem. But another family may have two parents who work outside the home and

has dire childcare needs, so it is also a very important factor for them (but in a completely opposite way that means they cannot do distance learning full-time). You could obtain much more useful data, for example, if you asked the respondents to check the measures that **MUST** be in place (or even their degree of importance on a Likert scale) for them to consider sending their children to school physically. I recommend you hire a better consulting firm to put together your next survey.

Garfield ES

I'm very concerned about behavioral issues stemming from face coverings (middle school/high school age) as well as wearing face coverings for extended time not being healthy. I'm also very

concerned with the 6ft distance between desks and the lack of opportunity for both physical movement and groupwork for students.

Olympia HS

It is unsafe for everyone: students and staff to be in the school, until there is a vaccine. My child is not getting COVID-19 from attending school!!!

Lincoln ES

We were in no way satisfied with distance learning. I wish you had a selection for that in your poll. I am only interested in full time school for all my children. Our family will not do anything else like the part time shifts that were mentioned in the survey. I will not send my children to school in masks , I dont care about sanitizing anything or smaller class sizes. Day cares remained open this entire time and we practiced no CDC measures and kids were just fine. We can skip a year of school, I will just lie and say I am homeschooling them and then send them today care. Children dont give covid to adults , its been proven. If there is a vaccine my children will not be getting it. I prefer to let them build their own immunities instead of shutting down the world for another flu 😬

Centennial ES

Thanks for your work on this!

Roosevelt ES

My child has no motivation learning from home. He has a difficult time staying focused and on task. The classroom and teachers keep him focused. We live in mcleary, without a bus my child would not be able to attend. At home learning has set my child up for failure.

Capital HS

My child needs in class help due to his ADD and maybe later start times

Washington MS

Whatever is done moving forward has got to be more robust than what we did for the last part of this school year

Capital HS

Thank you for trying to find something that works for our district

Washington MS

Please prioritize their mental health and social-emotional development along with their physical health. Distance learning has had a detrimental impact on my child's mental/social-emotional health and has hindered any attempts at learning. Zero growth this past semester. And teaching has been inconsistent and limited at best.

Washington MS

It would be here very helpful if teachers took the opportunity this summer to become more familiar with their computers and eLearning.

Olympia HS

No olvidar que sea obligatorio el tapabocas y mantener el distanciamiento [Do not forget that the mask is mandatory and keep the distance].

Olympia HS

I currently do not feel comfortable with any physical in person learning at this time. I would like to see greater emphasis and resources for families choosing to keep their children at home.

Lincoln ES

I am a single, working mother. I would need my child to have access to before/after school care. I can not stay home. I have to work.

Garfield ES

Thank you for your work on this!

Hansen ES

I would like to say this is incredibly complex. I support OSD making the hard decision to serve those children who are in need of in person support. We are a complex socio-economic district and it is important that those families in need are able to be served while those who have more privilege are able to stay at home. I understand it is difficult to set the guidelines of who is privileged or not privileged and there are many families who need IEP's, OT, PT, or are homeless. We have a roof over our heads and food on our table so we have the capacity to be considered in the privileged families. At this time, I would hope the OSD is able to take a stance that supports those children who's needs have to met in person.

Olympia HS

I do not think it is wise to expect students to be responsible for disinfecting surfaces or cleaning anything other than their own hands.

Olympia HS

My husband and I both work outside the home and it's very difficult to meet the demands of distance learning.

Washington MS

Back to school full time for all kids every day...please

Hansen ES

There should be an option other than blended learning if cases and/or hospitalizations are on the rise. There should be an online option for students in situations like this. I am very invested

in my child's education but I am more invested in their physical well-being. I am not in support of in person learning if cases are rising. Distance learning worked out great for us.

Olympia HS

I really am in support of doing school part time and distance learning at home but my only issue is figuring out how to pay the extra money for my daughter to be at daycare the days she wouldn't be at school. If the state could compensate that, it would work for a lot of other people also.

Garfield ES

Worried that making the younger kids wear masks will be challenging. We have two kids that will be in 1st and 2nd grade in the fall and they already have issues wearing masks. I could also see the teachers having a hard time forcing the kids to keep masks on and I could see it taking up much of the day redirecting students. Also worried that it will be hard to keep the kids apart, e.g. lunch and recess and that the kids would be more worried and sad about not being able to play with their friends. I also know our kids are already nervous to be around other people so I don't know how that will go.

Hansen ES

I know you need this information, but you asked me to basically choose between my child's academics or my ability to have child care and their health/life. We are in a pandemic with a deadly disease and we don't even know what all long term effects are. Other than families with special circumstances we should not have children in school buildings until there is a vaccine, period.

Lincoln ES

I would like school to be fully open for the kids to attend this fall. I also do not support making the kids wear masks. Distance learning was a struggle in our house and I anticipate it to be a real struggle in the fall. Kids need to be with their teachers and need the interaction with other kids. They also need recess and time to run around. If the district decides to do all online distance learning we will most likely pull our kids and do homeschool.

McKenny ES

My son needs to see friends. He needs instruction and accountability. He is not getting any of this and his effort and performance have taken a dive since distance learning started. It is not a good fit for my middle-schooler, who is a straight A kid. And I would say for most teenagers.

Washington MS

Very unsafe for students and staff until a vaccine is available for all. My child will not be getting COVID-19 by attending school.

Washington MS

If distance learning is to be provided, it is becoming quite clear to me that at the moment, most public school teachers are woefully unprepared to use this model effectively. The virtual learning models have been utilizing this system for a long time and training in their uses of the internet need to be offered to all current public school teachers.

Boston Harbor ES

A more robust distance learning program needs to be in place moving forward

Marshall MS

Although we would not get childcare, I would be working from home. This scenario has been stressful for both me and the children.

Lincoln ES

If a distance learning model is used at all (part-time or full-time) then ALL schools and teachers need to use the same platform for instruction delivery and assignments.

Washington MS

Child is high risk group. Must maintain social distance

Pioneer ES

I would like school to be fully open this fall. I do not support making the kids wear masks. Distance learning was a struggle in our house and I anticipate it to be a real struggle in the fall. Kids need to be with their teachers and need the interaction with other kids. If the district decides to do all online distance learning we will most likely pull our kids and do homeschool.

McKenny ES

I would need my high school kids to be on the same schedule as my elementary kids to help with child care issues.

Madison ES

Due to the sub shortage it seems untenable to have all students at school at the same time. If school were to resume full time you would need to hire teachers and put them into a specialized sub pool. You also need to consider the developmental impact on kids not coming to school. Especially the youngest grades. make sure you don't set kids up for failure. All kids will not be able to wear masks and we would hate for you to put teachers and admin in an

unwinnable position. Ask OPSP the difficult question, do we want kids back in school for their development and learning, and to help the economy? If so, the health department has to reduce the restrictions for safety. Thank you for your service, we are sorry you are put in such a difficult situation.

Capital HS

I would highly prefer for my child to be in school all day and every day.

Capital HS

I'd like to see all the child restrooms at the schools be fully functioning and stocked with soap at all times. I've used various children's restrooms while on campus and the sinks are either broken or there is no soap.

Pioneer ES

High school students need to be around people. They need instruction and accountability. Distance learning is not providing any of these things. They need interaction with caring adults who aren't their parents and they have gotten very little. Face to face contact is what these kids need. No more screens!

Olympia HS

My 9th grade daughter felt like she was teaching herself all the material for the assignments. If distance learning happens in the fall, I think the teachers need to have mandatory class time, and lessons taught, via zoom.

Capital HS

Can you keep the group of kids the same for primary classes and have teachers rotate?

Washington MS

We moved to this school district specifically for this school. If school is not normal there is no point in us staying here

Olympia HS

I would feel better about having in school learning if everyone at the school wore masks and if anyone is sick with any symptoms of a cold were not permitted to stay at school. I know some kids have allergies and that is ok but so many kids go to school sick because the parents don't want to keep them home. I understand that parents will have different levels of concern about COVID-19 and that concerns me. Some parents will not keep their sick children home since they will think COVID is not a big deal to them personally or they might not realize that their child may just have the common cold. There should be zero tolerance for any sick people present at school at this time so there is less spread of all viruses that cause symptoms that are similar to COVID. Since transmission can occur while non-symptomatic, masks will help slow transmission. I worry about fogging schools with antiseptics. I would rather see wiping down surfaces with a paper towel and bleach solution.

Reeves MS

Question 12 is a bad question. Younger children spread viruses and I do not support them returning until the outbreak is entirely over. At risk youth, homeless youth, special education, and low income students should be prioritized or provided some form of government childcare.

ORLA hConnect

I actually am shocked that this is even up for discussion. Our statewide case numbers and hospitalizations are increasing and our county is just implementing a mandatory mask order. Without a vaccine, we are putting a lot of lives at risk by sending them back to school. As much as I want my daughter to be able to go back to school, I do not support in-class instruction until a safe and effective vaccine is in place. It's not worth it.

Olympia HS

I would like school to be fully open for the kids to attend this fall. I also do not support making the kids wear masks. Distance learning was a struggle in our house and I anticipate it to be a real struggle in the fall. Kids need to be with their teachers and need the interaction with other kids. They also need recess and time to run around. If the district decides to do all online distance learning we will most likely pull our kids and do homeschool.

McKenny ES

I would need my high school kids schedules match my elementary kids to help with my child care issues

Madison ES

People shouldn't have to choose between their family getting a deadly disease and having childcare so their family can survive. Those of us that can keep our kids home (example: parents can work from home) should all be keeping our kids home so the resources are there for those that really need it. We will not have our kids in the building until there is a vaccine for Covid-19.

Lincoln ES

my child will not wear a mask for 6-7 hours a day at school. It is detrimental to their health

Marshall MS

Student transferring to Running Start but not as a result of COVID. Multiple issues pushing us out that administration, including district office people & the school board, continue to ignore or explain away as other issues. Wake up. The mass exodus of students to Running Start isn't because students WANT to go to college and earn credit or have a flexible schedule. It's to get out of OHS and other structures that are detrimental to their mental health. Not one friend of my child's who is going to RS is leaving because of one of the invented excuses you tell yourselves. They are all leaving to avoid the bullying students endure from teachers (particularly in math & science departments) in the form of sarcastic & intimidating comments that create a stressful environment, unfair grading & late work rules, clear preferential treatment of certain students based on who family is... older siblings... sport played... staff

member's child... Ok. Rant over. That was my last involvement with OHS and I appreciate you taking the time to read through this if you made it to the end. I hope some big change comes to that high school. It's stale, needs to be shaken up, and given a breath of fresh air.

Olympia HS

And have 2 kids with disabilities I need for them to be at school. Also we are low income and if they are home I won't be able to work.

Capital HS

Distance learning is difficult for families with multiple children ranging from grade school to high school. Too much emotional strain reducing quality family time for parents who work full time. Not healthy for many other reasons outside of covid. Your next questions don't even let me account for multiple students ;)

Boston Harbor ES

My kids did not do well in the distance learning model at the end of this year. Without the structure, routine and accountability of a classroom and teacher they are lost, unmotivated and distracted. There is no way that my rising senior's electives can be taught "online". He has LOVED and thrived in weight training. That won't be a distance option. And his film class cannot happen at a distance. He would very much have the stance of "what's the point" if he had to participate online with those classes.

Capital HS

Our family does not want any in person classes for the 2020-2021 school year. We do not feel comfortable sending our child to school. We will only utilize distance learning 100%. We want to see an all online distance learning option for students to use zoom, interact with teacher led classes and other students online. Make the distance learning standards the same within the school/district. Create teacher standards for online instruction. We will be forced to homeschool our child if online distance learning is not provided by the district.

Lincoln ES

Allow options for families of full time at home or part time at school.

Centennial ES

Open as normal. Seattle schools will be normal when they reach phase 4. We should too!!!!

Marshall MS

1) Immune suppressed/ secondary condition students. How will the district deal with that? 2) Temperature checks each day before entering the school. 3) Physical distancing between class times in the hallways.

Pioneer ES

I do not support making the kids wear masks. I want school to be a positive experience and as normal as possible for my kids. Kids need to be with their teachers and need the interaction

with other kids as much as possible. If the district decides to do all online distance learning we will homeschool.

McKenny ES

No interest in in-person or blended learning at all, until there is a vaccine.

Capital HS

I would like to make sure that all of my children attend schools on the same schedule if they are not attending everyday so that my younger children would be home at the same time as my middle schooler so I would not need additional childcare

LP Brown ES

We only live in this area for olympia and to stay here if we are on a distance learning plan is pointless for us

Olympia HS

Please let the kids go back full time 5 days a week and leave it up to parents whether or not their child physically attends school or not. I would definitely send my child all day every day.

McKenny ES

My daughter has underlying health conditions that put her at increased risk of severe complications from COVID-19. Please offer a complete distance learning option with no physical attendance required.

Olympia HS

Would there be a Boys and Girls Club after school for those parents who are working 40 hrs a week & cannot accommodate schooling part time?

LP Brown ES

I am a single working parent my daughter did pretty good through the distance learning but the challenge is and was me being able to help her with issues like not being able to join meetings or just every day help with homework. if distance learning is the way maybe have reachable people for students to contact when help is needed!

Marshall MS

My answers to how likely I'd be to support distance learning options would change if I knew what the distance learning options would be. For example, one of my children received almost no video instruction while distance learning this last spring. I would not support that model at all again. If the plan is for a lot more video instruction, I would fully support distance learning. And depending on the state of the pandemic come fall, would likely prefer close to full time distance learning.

Centennial ES

Distance learning is very hard for my child due to his ADHD and ASD.

Pioneer ES

We just moved to this area. We live across the street from [school], my only hope that my Going-into-third-grade son can attend at least some of the time to meet kids (he knows no one and he's grown depressed these last few month). I'm a SAHM/online student so he can be home with me indefinitely. I just want him to meet some kids for his mental/social health.

[School] ES

Thank you for asking Olympia School District parents to share our opinions and feelings!

Olympia HS

My [student] is in the [program] at [school], and he has severe [educational challenge], and he is [educational challenge]. My son learns best at school, when he is taught by professionals who are trained to teach kids with ASD and other special needs. My [student] thrives on a regular schedule and a routine. [They have] not done well with distance learning, and I am very afraid that because of the extended school shut down, [they have] had significant regression in his learning, which could potentially have long term consequences for [them].

[School] MS

Better online tools; a required standard platform for all teachers; actual Zoom instruction for all classes.

Jefferson MS

Many questions did not provide fitting options that I could choose from. Below are responses to certain questions that I would like factored into my survey. 2.) The Covid-19 vaccine availability is important to me, but not in the sense that I believe this question was meant to be. It is important to me in that I refuse to have my child mandated to receive such a vaccines that are not guaranteed to be effective and without additional health risks. 4.) In regards to classroom seating — I do not want my child attending a classroom with these types of seating arrangements. 7.) My child's social-emotional well-being is highly important; and therefore, I am not sending my child to school under social distancing and mask-wearing guidelines. I believe this rigid structure will be harmful to my child psychologically and physically.

*Depending upon the reopening guidelines in regards to social distancing, mask wearing, and mandatory vaccines (without taking exemption forms), my family will either distance learn through the school, or choose to do a separate homeschooling program of our own.

Capital HS

My husband works with COVID patients, as far as we know the measures taken to reduce risk of exposure are working. But we have not chosen to test at this time (for antibodies). What policies/expectations will schools have with regard to first responder families & their children attending school? Has anything been contemplated in terms of educating & mitigating any risk of bullying/ostracizing should other children learn of this and be fearful?

McKenny ES

Quality education with clear instruction if remote learning will be incorporated.

Olympia HS

[Student] wants to go to the beach now.. [Student] wants to be in Mrs. Havens class.. I believe both of my children would have a difficult time actually following cdc guidelines, as I believe most children would.. I think that is setting them up for failure.

ORLA hConnect

I just want to say 'thank you' for trying to figure this out - i know it can't be easy to make these choices. Best of luck!

Olympia HS

The virus is still with us and will be through the regular flu season. I would vote for all students and staff wearing masks

McKenny ES

Family have a susceptible/vulnerable/high-risk member, hence the trepidation on returning to school physically.

LP Brown ES

I am concerned about a repeat of the last few months. The countless number of platforms and log-ins was unmanageable with multiple children. I am also concerned about the need for my children to be autonomously learning and self-motivated for education while we are working at home or out of the home.

Madison ES

Remote learning in the spring was not acceptable for my kindergartener. There was very limited contact with his teacher and he felt completely disconnected from school and friends. If remote learning is going to be partially in the model for next school year, there needs to be expectations for teachers regarding how to do this successfully and how to teach online.

Centennial ES

I'm especially concerned about the schedule for my youngest son, who has an IEP and currently uses school district SpEd transportation. He would need childcare and help with schoolwork at times that he is not at school, since he is unable to do his work independently and we (his parents) are both working. My other (older) children are more independent and can be more flexible. I do think it would be very helpful to have schedules synced for siblings to the extent possible. I have four children, so to manage different schedules for all of them while also trying to work myself is a daunting prospect.

[School] ES

Get them back in school. They need it.

Olympia HS

Please do not be overly conservative in your approach. Healthy people have a 99% plus chance of surviving this virus! Let's get back to living life and not let fear rule our lives!

Olympia HS

If walmart is open, school should be open. I will not do homeschooling as the teacher failed to provide work for my child as she was "new". My daughter isnt thriving with distance learning

and we will not partake in it unless its strictly packet work that can be sent in bulk to my address as I work fulltime and cant leave my work to come pick it up

[School] ES

Distant learning is preferred. Your questions 9-14 are awkward- the directions in blue at the top says "If schools can reopen according to state guidance, how likely would you be to send your child(ren) to school based on the following options?" but then the answer options are worded as "how likely are you to support?" They aren't compatible with the directions.

Olympia HS

Family have high-risk/vulnerable member, hence trepidation about student return physically to school.

Capital HS

You clowns inexplicably and deplorably REFUSED to teach our kids during quarantine. How in the [expletive] do we have any shred of confidence that you can handle distance learning moving forward IN ANY WAY???

Centennial ES

I am concerned that although my child does not receive services (ex. no special ed) she will not receive the kind of support she needs from the school if she is forced to do some sort of distance learning. It was a disaster at the elementary school.

Washington MS

No part days! Save bussing \$, and keep days full

Jefferson MS

Even though both my kids will be in high school, I feel like I would have to adjust my work schedule or quit my job if there is any distance learning. My kids were not self-motivated to participate in online learning. They did so because we were home to make sure it happened. The one time I wasn't home, my younger child forgot to attend his zoom meeting. The older the kids are the more time they have had the traditional school model ingrained into them. The change to online learning is SO different from what used to be second nature to them. I think that is one of the reasons why my kids feel lost and unmotivated. Then there are the teachers who didn't engage very much and their class consisted of the kids "learning" from sources other than their teacher. Like Khan Academy or 100% reading. Khan Academy is great, but when a kid is learning abstract algebra concepts and the only way they can ask a question is via email, it

is very confusing and hard to understand without one on one, voice to voice conversation. It's also hard from a parent's perspective because the communication at CHS for the last 3 months was extremely inconsistent. Information was coming from several different sources. I sincerely hope if there is any level of distance learning, there is a much more uniform process (some teachers use Zoom, some don't, some use Schoology, some use other platforms, some engage and others.. not as much) and communication structure.

Capital HS

Unsure. I trust OSD will do everything to make sure our kids are safe. I think temperatures should be taken every morning by the teacher before kids enter into the classroom.

Boston Harbor ES

I have no issue sending my student to school in the fall. My only concern is if the guidelines make the school turn into a 'prison' with limited contact with others. Elementary students need recess, and to stretch their legs and leave the classroom from time to time. I want my child to be clean (washing hands) but I don't want him sanitized from head to toe every 20 mins. Traditional hand sanitizer is really not healthy for growing kids when used so many times throughout the day. Soap is better to kill the virus and better for the students health. All the extra chemicals in the school is a bigger concern to me than him being around other children.

McKenny ES

School is important for child mental and physical wellbeing

Jefferson MS

The in- person interaction is needed for all students. I don't think either of my children learned well in the distance learning environment.

McKenny ES

These kids need to have relationships with teachers and peers! It's a big problem mentally for a lot of kids . Hand washing stations in each room and masks if necessary . I just know myself that my child needs to have more interaction .

Olympia HS

When taking into account the equity guidance provided by OSPI, my child should be one of the last students to return physically to school. I'm willing to keep my child home so that others who may need in person school can have safer access. My child was successful enough in distance learning and I supplemented as needed. I would like my child to still be counted for the FTE for OSD even if I keep them home. Any blended model still has a lot of contacts for staff especially. How would you manage to clean between each group and screen all the groups if all kids come in on all days? I am skeptical of the ability to maintain CDC guidelines after having observed small group gatherings and adherence to voluntary restrictions.

Pioneer ES

It would be a great help if siblings within a building could have blended schedules that synced with each other, to the extent possible. I have four children in OSD, so the more that schedules can match up, the more manageable this difficult process might be.

Washington MS

please do not make vaccine mandatory for school children. I'm leaning not sending my kid to school full time physically if my child will have to be sent home for school closures. Consistency is better for over all well being of my child. A blended consisten schedule is needed instead of one week on one week remote learning. Make the schedule the same every week even if its mostly remote learning.

Garfield ES

I would need my high school kids on the same scheduled days as my elementary kids to help with child care issues

Madison ES

The only learning model we support is an entirely online format. Until a vaccine is widely available, our children will not physically attend school in either a full-time or blended format. ***Please note: There a flaw in the survey design. There should be a N/A option for questions 13 and 14. Otherwise, data may be skewed that suggests families support a blended learning model in some capacity, when in fact, there is not an option to choose otherwise. Please correct, if possible.***

ORLA hConnect

We're concerned about a likely spike in the fall. My student is vulnerable. If a blended model is used, we must have consistent days of the week to be at school. It will be impossible to find a caregiver for random days of the week. I think the school should adopt a very conservative approach. Look at SPSCC as a model. Whenever possible, instruction is on line. Only classes with hands on component should be face to face. Labs, studio. Classes are hybrid when face to face is necessary.

Olympia HS

We are unlikely to attend classes indoors where masks are required, certainly no more then 2 hrs per week. We are interested in more outdoor learning.

ORLA hConnect

If a blended model is chosen, teachers need to learn how to be effective in connecting with students online. Spring remote learning was extremely difficult for my child.

Centennial ES

I am unsure how everything will work in elementary school. I am concerned kids will not attend to material as well with masks or have increased fear of coronavirus with the constant reminder to stay 6 feet apart. How will recess work with young kids and social distancing? If the blended

distance learning school works out how will teachers be able to switch teaching styles? Will teachers have time to prep in class and distance materials?

McKenny ES

I feel as much in person education as possible is imperative to the emotional, mental, and social well being of children of all ages. those aspects need to be considered equally as much as the physical health.

Olympia HS

Please consider families with multiple children, especially children at different schools, and try not to have them on different schedules, for example, one child goes Mon/Tues and the other Weds/Thurs. This would be very disruptive for many families.

Avanti HS

We would like more online learning options.

ORLA hConnect

Distance learning has proven to be an ineffective model for our family. If children cannot be in school full time we will not be attending public school. Also if children are required to wear a mask 8 hours a day we will not be attending public school.

Boston Harbor ES

I'm still working full time so the distance learning is nearly impossible for me to do. If that was the only option I would definitely need lots of help to accomplish it successfully

Madison ES

I would need my high school kids on the same day schedule as my elementary kids to help with child care issues

Reeves MS

As a teacher in the district, if my child is not in school full time I will not be able to work full time. I have no other options for childcare and can not afford daycare. I also don't know how my child would access his distance learning while in childcare. A blended mode WILL NOT WORK. It needs to be all or nothing as far as return to the building.

[School]ES

please don't make a vaccine mandatory. Im lining towards support distance learning, a blend of distance and on campus learning that is consistent! Consistency will be easier to adhere too especially if they is going to be temporary closures during the school year. Lets help make those kids thrive during a pandemic!

Lincoln ES

If I knew what distance learning might look like next year, the likelihood for me to support it (or not) would change. For example, one of my children received almost zero video instruction this

last spring. If distance learning didn't include a lot more video instruction, I would likely not support it and might homeschool my kids. If there is a lot more video instruction, small class work groups (electronically), clearer distance learning instructions, etc., I'd fully support distance learning models. I feel like I answered these questions somewhat blindly. It isn't clear to me if OSD leadership believes kids learned and had excellent experiences this last spring or if they know the quality of learning suffered substantially. I would feel much better-equipped to answer these questions if OSD leadership would tell us they know major improvements are necessary. If you're asking how likely I am to support distance learning based on our experience of distance learning received this last spring, then I would say I won't support it and it is likely my kids will not attend OSD schools next year.

Washington MS

It has been very challenging to have my son participate in distance learning while working from home. His IEP for social/ emotional needs is not useful for distance learning. He does better with games like prodigy rather than google doc type assignments.

Lincoln ES

Thank you for working to figure this out!

Roosevelt ES

Many teachers need to take online classes serious and not just pile work on kids to the deadline for their numbers to look good. I understand that many are frustrated by at the same time many teachers showed a disconnect in the students learning since COVID 19 .

Olympia HS

I would need my high schools kids scheduled days to match my elementary kids for child care issues

Olympia HS

Two full time working parents we can't afford to take time off work and do not have the luxury to work from home. Financially this will already burden our family if class times change and he is forced to be in daycare longer then previous years.

LP Brown ES

I think it is very important that there is physically in class at least part time... my child did not do well with distance learning and she needs the interaction with her classmates

Washington MS

Schools should be focused on the wellbeing of the majority of our kids, parents and teachers, including mental health and socialization, meaningful work, etc. Teachers and students who are vulnerable should self-identify and be *heaped with assistance, virtual learning, unemployment, meals, whatever it takes to stay out of social contexts until COVID vaccine or herd immunity. Trying to protect everyone, we do many people a disservice. In my opinion.

Olympia HS

When taking into account the equity guidance provided by OSPI, my child should be one of the last students to return physically to school. I'm willing to keep my child home so that others who may need in person school can have safer access. My child was successful enough in distance learning and I supplemented as needed. I would like my child to still be counted for the FTE for WMS even if I keep them home. I fully support compliance with the CDC guidelines; however, I feel that it will be extremely difficult to safely return to school at this time. Any blended model still has a lot of contacts for staff especially, and in turn, for students they have contact with.

Washington MS

Please make a plan to include recess and PE. I would hate to have my son confined to a single classroom all day. At McKenny 5th graders rotate between all the teachers. Could the teachers rotate instead of the students (at least to start the year) so they don't lose out on that experience?

McKenny ES

Distance learning was unsuccessful for our teen. Main issues included: too challenging to stay organized with each day being different, too many platforms for delivery of instruction and IEP plan was not executed.

Olympia HS

I would need my high school kids to have the same scheduled days as my elementary kids to help with child care and to cut back on my taking off work to take them to and from school

Olympia HS

As a teacher myself, I know there is no possible way to socially distance in a school setting. Until we have a vaccine, it will not be safe for the family unit especially with members in the high risk demographic. Consider spending time NOW, while you have it, structuring an excellent distance program that includes some quality recorded lessons (helps parents with several kids), a live QA portion with teachers and tests, projects and assignments that can be taken or completed electronically. All materials should be available on ONE platform. It was incredibly stressful to try to track dozens of emails and figure out what each teacher was doing, if anything. You have time now to make sure all students have access and streamline the attendance and grading policies so it isn't "everyone gets an A". That is the antithesis of quality education with integrity. Thank you.

Capital HS

I do not support any distance learning model whatsoever. Every family should have the say whether their child goes to school or not. Not the school district, not the government, not the CDC, not the department of health, but us parents. If a distance learning plan is adopted we would like to know as soon as possible so we can arrange other learning alternatives to Olympia school district.

Pioneer ES

I think the decision to eliminate school resource officers shows me as a parent you are more worried about a false narrative than the well being of the students safety and way to learn how to respect officers and have a better understanding. you are eliminating this because you are worried about pleasing idiots who feel defunding the police is smart. you are educators, act like it

Olympia HS

My [school] MS child has significant learning, communication, hearing and other disabilities and is unable to effectively participate in distance learning education. [They] require 1:1 in-person instruction in order to learn and grow academically.

[School] MS

We are very lucky to have only 1 to 2 days/week in which childcare is an issue. I love the hybrid in-school and distance model as a working parent. We are also lucky to have resilient kids, as I know many are struggling. This virus is very real, and if it takes a few rough months or even a year of prioritizing public health and enduring a delay in elementary education, we'll find a way to pull these kids through this.

Hansen ES

Just copy China, they did really good job on it, if haven't vaccine Every child is in danger.

Reeves MS

If the district engages in ANY distance learning in this coming school year, it must vastly improve the delivery of such education. What the district provided this year was unorganized, inconsistent, chaotic and inadequate to the learning needs of children. This effort was a tremendous disappointment and requires a wholly different approach in the fall with consistent zoom classes, consistent expectations, consistent access to teachers and consistent grading that recognizes the hard work of students that put in the effort. I cannot overstate my disappointment with the districts response this year.

Olympia HS

Parents cannot work and survive financially if they need to be at home to help teach their elementary aged students. Continuing distance learning would continue to be a great hardship for my family.

McKenny ES

I believe first and foremost special Ed kids should go to school FULLTIME!! No exceptions!!! They have lost so much this year!! I believe that you should do temp checks at the door for all kids, wash hands, require masks and do school all day for all kids!!!! Cancel buses! Get out of class each period 5 minutes early to sanitize desks etc!, stagger periods so passing periods are attainable! But first and foremost we need to GET KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL FULLTIME!!! There was not an option for this in the comments but this is what I would choose! We are going to lose more than we ever hoped with this virus if we can't educate our kids properly!!!!!!

Olympia HS

My biggest concern is what the Covid 19 curve looks like in the fall. If we have a second wave, I'm likely to NOT send my children to school, although it was hard on them NOT to go this last spring.

Jefferson MS

Focus on health and safety and do not politicize the process to rush in the short-term with long-term impacts.

ORLA Montessori

For this particular Corona Virus, Young children seem the most able to deal with the virus, unless they are immune compromised or have some other illness. OSD should conduct school with all healthy students, full time, in class, with no distant learning.

Capital HS

If a blended model is used, I would like less reliance on screen based learning. Providing papers would be better than more screen time. Please collaborate with neighboring district as households can either work or go to school in neighboring districts. It would be a hardship to have two drastically different schedules.

LP Brown ES

I think students need in-person learning. Distance learning is really tough mentally on students. They need the social/discipline that in-person school has to offer. I think you need to alternate days so they can still social distance and have in-person instruction. I do not support keeping high school kids in the same classroom all day with the same small group. That would be hard on students. I think you need to have them move from room to room, maybe not 7 times a day, maybe 3-4. Sanitize desks between students. No sharing of anything. Hand sanitize when they enter the school, come into a classroom, leave a classroom, and at lunch. Just some ideas.

Olympia HS

I need my 6th and 8th grader at school at the same time. And it is VERY important that they aren't going to school on different days than their close friends. Both of my girls NEED a close friend attending school on the same days and times as them.

Washington MS

Please consider exploring space at SPSCC and Evergreen - especially if they are not offering 100% in-person classes. I was extremely disappointed with the delivery of instruction in May and June - I expected within a month of the schools closing that the district/schools/teachers would have mobilized for a more effective and consistent approach for the balance of the year. That was not our experience. My confidence about how instruction will be delivered, if delivered remotely, is very very low. If remote instruction is what may occur in one form or another, I will need to be persuaded that it can be done well.

Olympia HS

I'm very concerned about my high risk student. At the same time, improvements in distance learning are needed. Thanks for what you are doing.

Olympia HS

My child is gifted and will eventually attend the IB program at Capital. I do not accept prioritizing elementary and special needs students over my gifted high schooler. He deserves to get the quality education and do the full IB diploma, nothing less than that. If you don't have space to do the schooling you had better set up large tents and put the kids in those, Army style. This isolation has a tremendous impact on our mental health, and suicide is going to spike in our youth as a result of the forced masks and isolation. This is further traumatizing our youth and will cause them a great deal of grief that they missed out on an education and normal teen experiences. I do not trust the quality of online education provided by OSD. If you can't handle this responsibility, just buy in bulk a subscription to Edgenuity and stop doing a bad job at multi-platform, confusing, very little interaction with teachers type work. Or, use Canvas or Zoom as a platform and teachers will deliver an actual lecture to teach the students. The experience we had with Jefferson with my student showed that teachers had very little motivation to teach or interact with students. I worked my self nearly to death for the state from home, and we almost never heard from any teachers to check in on very lonely, isolated students, and most of the teachers assigned virtually nothing in the way of assignments. You need to do much better! My child deserves a quality education, and this social distancing thing is really unnecessary, since there are almost no fatalities among kids. If they are a high risk group, keep them home and let the rest of the students get their education for which we the taxpayers have paid. If you can't do that, pay for an Edgenuity subscription. It's the half-hearted effort of the past months that leaves a bitter taste of disgust in all the parents' mouths. Patrick bungled this, and we're all paying.

Capital HS

Distance learning did not work at ALL for my children. Not only did their academics suffer but so did their mental well being. If any kind of distance learning is used we will be forced to withdraw from the district and find an alternative. The hardship that this has been on us the last few months has been too much and we cannot do it again. My children can't wear masks and I don't want them punished for it anymore.

Centennial ES

My kids mentioned that their distance learning was much more successful with a live Zoom class vs. assigned work through Schoology. Khan Academy can only teach you so much. Having actual real-time feedback is essential.

Olympia HS

Classes for siblings (grade 9 and 10) need to be on same days, whether the schedule is alternating or consecutive. My husband and I will work our job schedule around theirs.

Olympia HS

I don't believe children should have to wear masks. That particular question wasn't asked specifically but has significantly contributed to our decision about how to educate our student next year.

McKenny ES

I hope that teachers are required actually do something this distant learning continues. We've had almost no contact with my child's teacher and it's very upsetting.

Hansen ES

I think the school should be for family that can't work from home and home school. Going into school should be for students that need more support, in HIGH risk homes, and parents that can't work from home. There will be a lot of steps that need to happen before I will bring my child to school.

Lincoln ES

There's so many Things un-known that it makes these decisions difficult. I have several concerns 1- students that need extra help, as mine does, need to be face to face for best learning style. She is also a creative learner and learns better through group style activities. 2- we are sanitizing to death everything which is going to cause a larger surge of illness from other things 3 - as a single, full time working parent - my child is too old for daycare and too young to stay home alone. And this puts a huge strain on daily life 4 - kids need to be together and be social 5 - masks are not safe to be worn for lengthy periods of time. It will be more harmful long term than a possible illness

Washington MS

I understand the need to plan in advance for the fall, but I don't see how it's possible to settle on an in-person learning model with the uncertainty of things. I am unlikely to support anything until we are closer to the start date and have a better understanding of how the virus is progressing in our state. I hope that if it is determined that students are unable to attend school in person that there will be a much more robust online learning program in place for the upcoming school year. It will be a major set back for our students if the online learning program is not more engaging and rigorous.

Olympia HS

1) Please ensure that there is still physical activity, outside as much as possible e.g. dancing within hula hoops to ensure social distancing. 2) Instruction in the use of social media for safety and appropriateness. 3) Instruction on the importance of social distancing, mask-wearing, vaccination (when it comes), hand washing. 4) It is important to understand that we cannot return to a "normal" education system and that things like assessment need re-invention and not just adaptation to look like the "normal".

Centennial ES

I have children in 4 OSD schools. I plan on all of them returning to school in the Fall. Distance learning was a struggle for 3 of the 4 (only 1 participated) there is no way we can go a whole year of distance learning. They will do wear masks either. 3 of the 4 have medical issues that do not allow them to wear them.

Capital HS

All students should have the same access to in person learning. Offering special groups longer or extended in person creates inequalities.

Capital HS

Families that have teachers as well as students will struggle to plan for any of these options. I have significant concern for my child's social and emotional well being due to lack of connection. We are not able to meet my child's IEP mandates for learning at home.

ORLA Montessori

I fully support school resumes, full time in the fall.

Pioneer ES

High school material is highly complex and we cannot envision how students can truly learn in a distance learning environment. Nothing compares to in class direct learning from the interaction with the teacher and fellow students.

Olympia HS

Just copy China, they did really good job on it, if haven't vaccine Every kid is in danger.

Lincoln ES

I have been beyond thrilled and impressed with Centennial Elementary School and each faculty member I have been in "contact" with since this started.....AMAZING! Mrs. Ritter, Goode, Minor, Draper, and Lagerwey....just to name a small group. No words are enough to express my appreciation.

Centennial ES

Would like to know if all teachers will be required to participate in whichever system is settled on. The last two years, it seems each teacher can pick and chose different communication and teaching platforms...or not to use any. Very challenging when trying to support youth with ADHD.

Capital HS

My child has lost so much of his education and motivation to do school. He went from a 3.9 GPA student to a 3.0 just because he didn't feel like anything was that "required" of him. Lots of things were optional and he chose not to do them. He needs to be in school FULLTIME!!!! Please consider the loss of education for these students! He needs to Be pushed and needs to do well so he can be successful in college!!!! Please consider not allowing out of district

transfers at all this year!!!! Last year we had 200!!!! Not ok when the rest of school suffers!!!

Olympia HS

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Hansen ES

Please prioritize mental health over academics and sports. Please use in person time for students to socially connect with each other. In the long run the social emotional support is going to build better adults than academics.

Pioneer ES

If the consecutive day system is instituted Saturday school would be acceptable.

Olympia HS

I would prefer half day school so student doesn't need to eat lunch at school. It's very hard to keep social distancing when they are eating lunch. They don't have masks on which makes it more dangerous.

ORLA MAST

My biggest concern would be... notified as soon as possible if someone in the school would test positive so we could all take our safety measures and quarantine. To include people and household also.

Boston Harbor ES

My biggest concern is what the Covid 19 curve and cases look like in the fall. If we have a second wave, I'm likely NOT to let my child return in the fall to HConnect, but I would like to have her return for [program]. I know that it was hard for her NOT to attend during the spring, though, She missed the classes and her classmates.

ORLA hConnect

I hope the district will consider accessing space at Evergreen or SPSCC - especially if these institutions are only delivering part of the curriculum in person. I was very disappointed with the remote instruction offered in May and June. After mid-April I expected a substantial improvement - consistent, coherent, meaningful, etc. And that is not what we experienced. My confidence in the district's ability to deliver quality remote instruction is very low. If this is likely, I will need to be successfully persuaded that it can be done well.

Jefferson MS

I have a child with sensory issues and asthma, and masking all day would be an issue - but not masking while others have to could cause a social issue. I am concerned about asking kids to be masked for hours every day.

Pioneer ES

I have concerns that my child will not do well with distance learning. My child had already suffered much emotionally this spring. Families with teacher parents will struggle to accommodate schedules with their own students.

ORLA Montessori

If there is a blended model, put less reliance on screen learning at home. Provide papers for students to work on. Please collaborate with neighboring districts on schedules to prevent hardships for families that work/ go to school in more than one district.

LP Brown ES

Please allow students who are walking distance to continue to walk to their neighborhood school. I'd be upset if you bused my kid across town or made me drive them, when my neighborhood school is a block away.

Washington MS

My hope is the school board considers (and gets advice from experts) the mental, emotional, and social well being of students of all ages as equally as the impacts on physical health.

Olympia HS

Thank you for continuing to ask for parent input as you plan for the fall. Regardless of which schedule we adopt I think we need to Have the flexibility to adopt a powerful distance learning model that can be fully adjusted on case there is a resurgence or change in the families personal situation. Also, curriculum needs to be standardized across the grades and classes with multiple zoom sessions a week. It is unacceptable even for young grades to not have a grading metric or Academic feedback.

McLane ES

I have children in 4 OSD schools. I plan on all of them returning to school in the Fall. Distance learning was a struggle for 3 of the 4 (only 1 participated) there is no way we can go a whole year of distance learning. They will do wear masks either. 3 of the 4 have medical issues that do not allow them to wear them.

ORLA iConnect

The lack of social emotional teaching (connections with peers and teacher) was very difficult on my daughter. I would hope to see and increase in the frequency of live contacts and contacts with smaller groups.

Centennial ES

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Jefferson MS

Not returning for a variety of reasons, including the way I have seen my daughter thrive since being home in ways she has never done before. She did not engage much with her online teachers but did do lots of learning that we provided for her. Didn't realize how stressful attending school was until she was home for an extended period of time. We'll figure something else out for fall.

Olympia HS

I will not send my kids to school until/unless the pandemic is medically over, and I intend to homeschool instead.

Jefferson MS

My son has asthma and masking all day would be an issue, but not masking might make other kids resent him, when they're doing it and he's not.

Olympia HS

the younger grades need classroom time. It has been difficult to manage a kindergartener and 1st grader online

McKenny ES

Please don't bus kids across town to spread them out. Let students continue to walk to their neighborhood school, if they are walking distance.

Olympia HS

What happened to the switched start times proposed for next year and how would these options affect that?

Capital HS

Thank you for the thoughtful Consideration of so many factors. We could live with any of the blended models above.

Olympia HS

our child requires the structure of the in person learning that distance learning did not offer. We can not speak for other parents we believe that our child benefits greatly from classroom instruction. We previously attend school were a year round program was in place can this be considered to reduce class sizes and do a rotating period off

Washington MS

My main concern is that most effort would be spent trying to maintain social distancing and cleanliness and not much learning would be able to take place.

Madison ES

Very important to us that students are back on campus with teachers and other students. Distance learning has had a negative impact on mental health/emotional well being.

Olympia HS

It is hard for my 1st grader to learn online and complete their homework

McKenny ES

I will not send my kids to school while COVID is still spreading. I intend to homeschool this fall.

Garfield ES

Students in running start may be impacted by the part time shifts which hinder their ability to get from one school to the other as well as keeping morning for OHS and afternoon for SPSCC

Olympia HS

Please prioritize the importance on mental health and social and emotional connection over academics

Washington MS

Will there be playground or recess or other creative classes involved such as Art, music, health?

LP Brown ES

We would not be supportive of a full-time in person model for our Children. It seems like there would be no way to safely implement that with elementary aged children, so we were surprised that it was on the table as an option. We could be supportive of a model that includes part time from home and part time at school to limit both student numbers on campus and exposure. However, this would all be dependent on the full plan around implementation.

Centennial ES

I'm a single mom, [grade level] school teacher with two elementary aged children. I'm concerned for how I can afford day care and work with my kiddos while working in a different district and if they have a different model.

Garfield ES

Our children will not attend if masks are required

Garfield ES

please consider the importance of social / emotional connection these students need more than academics

Olympia HS

I think mandatory mask wearing would be difficult for my child to undertake.

Lincoln ES

Teacher training for blended or distance learning is essential. We understand that this is a new environment, but private schools are adapting well with training and practice.

Washington MS

Having a solid iep program for distance learning students. The challenge that our student faces during the day during in school hours are increased in at home learning environment with two siblings and plenty of distractions to detract from his studies. Potentially having a mandatory zoom with the student during regular iep time throughout the week so he can discuss issues he's having

McLane ES

if distant learning is necessary for the next school year I expect a better developed learning plan.

Madison ES

I will not have my child wear a mask for six hours a day. This is not healthy for her general health and it will be a distraction.

Olympia HS

Any of the blended models would be fine. I also have a student at OHS. If you do half days, could the student athletes go in the pm so they're on campus for sports?

Washington MS

I hope we can come back. At least half days. Or a couple of days a week. The kids are missing their friends and it's very important to find a way to try and get back to normal as much as we can while staying safe. Distance learning as an only option is far too difficult.

Hansen ES

Get the kids back in school. Physically.

Roosevelt ES

My son has been highly impacted by the loss of social connection with peers and his depression and anxiety has worsened. He experienced significant struggles with participating in distance learning and seems to require in-person connection with teachers and friends in order to be motivated to participate in school assignments. I believe that a partial in-person connection (partial hours per day or partial days of the week or alternating weeks) would be sufficient to keep him motivated and engaged in learning.

Olympia HS

I don't envy your position. I don't even know what I want next year to look like. Trying to figure this jigsaw puzzle out is incredibly hard. Thank you for your service and for trying to meet the needs of this community.

Lincoln ES

I think you should consider the option of 3 classes per semester or move to trimesters with 2 classes per trimester.

Jefferson MS

Social/emotional development is vital (for all our youth). As someone who works with teens- we need to be aware of suicide prevention/issues that come with full-time remote distance learning. Please do NOT make our older kids fully remote. There will be dire consequences.

Pioneer ES

My oldest son is on an IEP and did NOT do well with distance learning. I think if there is a chance to keep them in full time that would be better for him. My other two kids are fine doing alternate days but my oldest needed the support and could not learn at home comfortably. Please consider this option for the SPED kids.

Olympia HS

Any of the blended models would be fine

Washington MS

All teachers should use same methods to communicate assignments. Eg email or a website. Harder to manage 6 different ways of getting assignments.

Olympia HS

I think you should consider moving to 3 classes per semester or move to trimesters with 3 classes per trimester.

Capital HS

I have children at three different grade levels, it is really important For our family that their schedules are the same.

Roosevelt ES

I am a teacher in another district. How will it work if neighboring districts decide on different plans? How will it be equitable for ALL of our students in the Olympia/Lacey/Tumwater areas. Both parents in our home work full time. We cannot pay for care for 2 kids while we work and they are not at school.

ORLA Montessori

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Washington MS

Some kind of interaction with their teacher (even if only an email) all five days of the week.

Olympia HS

My daughter is in [program] and has devolved in a distance learning environment. She requires all day every day to thrive and meet her IEP goals. Anything less would be a violation of her rights under federal law.

[School] ES

Our student has a sibling with a compromised immune system and many other health problems and we are very worried about him getting sick. I appreciate the chance to give feedback on this.

Olympia HS

hopefully everyone remembers to pray and that the Lords will be done.

Lincoln ES

We would take new market coordination into consideration as that's what our student plans to do

Olympia HS

Everyone please pray

Lincoln ES

The social aspect of actually being present at school is equally as important as the academic aspect.

Boston Harbor ES

Please consider the social/emotional needs of families over academics. Kids are scared and families have been traumatized by the pandemic. That is not an environment that is conducive to learning. We need to help kids and families safely reconnect in this new world. That should be the focus of our school year and every thing else will flow.

Pioneer ES

Our daughter needs to go back to school she still does not know how to read all the way and she misses it a lot. We want her to go back full-time every day

Roosevelt ES

Being taken completely away from social situations and in class learning has been very hard on my child.

Capital HS

As a public policy, if kids are not in school due to social distancing restrictions, they will be just be in large groups for childcare on off days. As a result, the overall goal of social distancing will be undermined. Additionally, I am deeply concerned that if there are alternating days that my children will have different days for schooling leaving me with a need for childcare for all days of the week.

Jefferson MS

I am a parent of a special needs 1st grader (now 2nd grader). My child receives highly supported instruction in the classroom setting in addition to PT, OT, Speech, etc. There is no way for me as a parent to replicate this environment at home. The children in Special Education, and those with IEPs, have been most detrimentally impacted by the lack of a classroom setting. This should be given the utmost consideration when structuring a school reopening.

[school] ES

Health is #1 be flexible I am pleased to see you are looking at so many options

Avanti HS

It blended learning is mandated and children cannot attend school regularly then the state should help pay for child care. Shutting down schools places undue burden on working families. If the state cannot support paying for child care then parents that must quit jobs to stay at home or limit work hours should be compensated by 100% lost wages.

Madison ES

I am open to what works for the greater good. Food security and a stable environment is a priority not just for my family butt everyone's family. A one size all stamp in a diverse community will leave people out. My wife currently stays at home, I hope to continue to telecommute but my wife and daughter butt heads a lot doing homework making it a difficult learning environment. Good luck and thank you for this opportunity.

Roosevelt ES

I will need childcare for my children (two of them) which will be made more complicated and expensive if my two children are not in school on the same days. Also, they will have to be in daycare where they won't likely be socially distanced so it undermines the purpose of keeping kids apart.

Hansen ES

I thinks children need to attend school full time it helps them with structure in preparing for life

Hansen ES

I do not think teachers will to teach and ensure students will adhere to the social guidelines.

Hansen ES

Teachers aren't equipped to teach online. It was very sad.

Olympia HS

I am an essential worker in healthcare. I currently work full time but I'm considering a reduction in hours if the Fall is anything like the Spring. It did not work for either of my 2 kids. Specifically, my Elementary school child attended Ycare @[school] during the day with zoom calls with her

class on Mon & Wed from 1-2. On the weekends we'd try to cram all her homework in, but it was stressful for both of us @ the time I preferred to relax from the work week and the stress of world news. She would be better served attending some sort of school or care at her own elementary school with her teacher and helpers who can assist with her school, assignments as well as social and emotional growth and development and enrichment activities.

[School] ES

I am sensitive to the disparate needs of the diverse OHS population. My particular child did poorly with distance learning and would need to find a more structured learning framework outside of the district if no in-person instruction is provided.

Olympia HS

I like the option of kids being in school consistently for learning. I hope an option is considered for kids that have to stay home because they or a family member have symptoms to keep the virus from spreading, which could cause them to be out for a couple weeks. It would be good to know that they can access distance learning in those cases.

Capital HS

Distance learning is very difficult and impossible for a lot of families , all efforts must be made for students to physically attend school. Distance learning is very stressful and hard on the kids. Not a good solution.

Pioneer ES

With the distance learning there needs to be a consistent schedule and limited logins etc. If there is going to be a blended distance and in school learning it would be nice for the in learning goes over ALL the material with the students and the distance learning can be where they complete the assignments, whether that's online or paper...the 15 min Zoom meeting to teach a concept does not work.

McKenny ES

let the kids go back to school

Lincoln ES

It is hard to select, when the specific schedule is unknown. For example: is it 2 days in school and then 2 days out and repeat? how would that work with a 5 day week? Is it math on Monday, science on Tuesday, english on wednesday, etc. in the blended part-time approach?

Washington MS

I'm willing to do whatever is necessary for my child to succeed in academics as long as health guidelines are good

McLane ES

Hoping online classes are participatory and more like real school. This spring we mostly had independent learning

Washington MS

If there is distancing learning, I would like a much better grading system in place for the high school.

Olympia HS

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tudents mental health.

Capital HS

I have 3 children at [school] and another child at a local preschool. The reason I didn't choose [school] for my preschool daughter is because it's only have a day. I am newly single and do not want to have to quit my job which I because of no school because most child care hourly is what I make. If my children aren't on the same schedule it becomes even more daunting.

[School]

Could have multiple phases of reopening just like the state did

Olympia HS

Distance learning has been a disaster for our family. I have 2 children. I only had time to help one adequately and I wasn't even working. In the fall I will have to return to work. The children did not learn adequately and are probably both behind academically. All effort must be made to have the children physically attend school !

Marshall MS

Please have the Elementary and Middle Schoolers be in school. If the highschoolers have to distance learn I would rather that.

Olympia HS

Thank you for considering social and emotional well-being. There are societal costs to long-term isolation of our young people and these must be considered in addition to the health concerns of transmission. Online learning cannot replace the school experience.

Madison ES

I do not support my child's return to school in the fall during the concerns of COVID-19. This pandemic has not shown signs of slowing down.

Washington MS

Please encourage OSPI to make masks optional. I don't know that anyone could force my son to wear a mask all day. Social distancing, hand washing, and health checks will mitigate the spread of the virus.

LP Brown ES

I do not believe it is possible for young children to observe social distancing and mask-wearing guidelines. I would like the option to pull my child out for the school year without losing her

place at ORLA, or I would like to have the option to choose online only education until there is a vaccine.

ORLA Montessori

There must be a consistent plan in place so students don't feel like they are all over the place. If there is blended learning then in school learning needs to give the lessons and distance is where that learning is applied so students are not trying to learn concepts over a 15-20 min Zoom meeting...I am also wondering how teachers and Adm will enforce the CDC requirements to wear masks, wash hands etc. This must be enforced if no vaccine and cases are still present. Otherwise it's all for nothing if students don't follow the rules and teachers/Adm don't enforce the rules.

Olympia HS

Teacher training in blended learning models and technology tools in advance of the new school year is key. My child occasionally missed assignments because either finding them or deciphering HOW to do them was unclear (even to his educator parent). This has a huge effect on the successfulness of a blended learning experience. I've also heard through the parental grapevine that Oly in particular dropped the ball on distance learning during the school closure (my student is coming from WMS and starting OHS in the fall). I'd be happy to offer training on online instruction (I have several years of experience).

Olympia HS

My kiddo has a 504 plan for ADHD, he is academically talented, yet struggles with motivation, organization, sleep schedule, etc. He was a great student before the pandemic, but struggled big time during online learning. We saw a spike in anger, depression, anxiety, drug use and apathy. We visited his pediatrician and met a new counselor, so he is getting some help, however we were unable to connect with any meaningful services from the school district. If hybrid or online learning happens in the fall he will need more robust support services, social emotional connections, etc. (perhaps an online library of resources) to help him connect the dots on his learning and help him stay accountable and on task. I've wondered if he would be eligible for a teacher's aide or learning coach of some type for weekly check-ins?

[school] HS

Student learning happens through interaction in real time. The barriers to online learning include the loss of time for social interactions that are so vital for young people. Any blended model needs to take into account new ways of teaching. The past three months have not been a good experience. Teachers have not instructed they have not integrated creative thought into building projects that could be collaborative. They have not presented new material. A blended model can't repeat what the past three months have been. If it does we will have a group of students who have missed out on learning.

Reeves MS

My kids both had a really hard time with distance learning. Both are [educational challenges] one is on [educational support] the other is not. We don't have a car and without a bus my kids wouldn't be able to get to school unless they transferred to garfield

Hansen ES

My child NEEDS the structure of in school learning environment to accommodate their ADHD -- it isn't about physical age

Jefferson MS

I think it's vital to have in person learning for overall mental and physical well being.

Capital HS

I understand the importance of social distancing, however, I do not believe that would happen because of how social the students are. In my opinion, if the school district wants to keep the distance between the students, they would need to continue with online classes. The amount of effort to enforce those guidelines amongst the students will be pointless.

Capital HS

The week on/week off would seem to better serve health and sanitation concerns (ie, stable population, less intermingling facilitates contact tracing, and overall continuity and consistency in schedules). Also suggest that the OSD leverage the educators who most effectively deliver on-line instruction. Team them up with 'homeroom teachers' who conduct and coordinate the day-to-day student interactions. Both are incredibly valuable, just let them play to their strengths.

Olympia HS

Ability to clean building & classrooms. Please keep weekly schedules as consistent as possible for work planning etc. Ability to hold classes outside in fair weather months. Please do not stagger times according to grade level within same school (eg. kinder and 3rd different start times)- this could be very problematic for families with multiple students. Masks could be problematic for students with speech limitations.

LP Brown ES

Thanks for all you're doing! This is a challenge for sure. Ideally, my daughter would benefit the most from full time physical/in-school learning, however being in high school, I feel like I need to be satisfied with any amount of in-classroom learning. I'm hoping for even half-time. Thanks again!

Capital HS

Full time in school cohort model

Jefferson MS

You forgot the most important question for this survey and that is our opinion on the OSD grading policy this year. It was terrible! The district can not continue to educate students without grades. Giving all students As for participating is not acceptable. You are hurting our

children's ability to get into colleges by inflating grades with giving everyone As. We will only support distance learning again if the school board let the teachers objectively grade the students work, even online work. My son did just fine with online learning because he hates the high school environment. He likes learning just not the crowded clickish high school environment. He would like to continue high school online. Your survey also forgot to ask if you wanted 100% online learning. You also could have made an option being full-time online high school student. My son also hates the big OHS lunchtime scene at the high school. You could also easily just eliminate the big lunchtime congregation and have the students go pick up food and eat in their classrooms. As far as having students who don't have internet at home, you need to give students hot spots so they have their own internet at home. Another option is to just allow students who need internet to go to school to do work or take classes. The classes could be both virtual and in person with the teachers going to school each day and the students would rotate to school but those students who don't have internet could go to school each day. It will be a disaster if the school board does not allow teachers to do real grading for students.

Olympia HS

My [student] is [educational challenges] and is on an IEP. He finds home learning extremely distracting and hard to do. We also don't have a car to get to Marshall we might be able to walk to jefferson

Marshall MS

I'd love to see a district plan for reentry based on age - elementary, middle, and high school. The needs are so different between these ages. I'd also love for the principals to have a say in the plan for their buildings. They have the best sense of what their staff and building are capable of and what is feasible within the district's plan. My son will be in second grade and my daughter in kindergarten in the fall - the social aspect of school is so important for their age group. I'm so hopeful that my kids will have some time in their building. CES's distance learning model this spring was great. But you can't duplicate the in-person social benefits online.

Centennial ES

Please consider alternate school hours, lengthening winter break, and extended school into summer. Please consider significant outdoor time (students coming prepared with appropriate gear) for small group learning, reading time, science, art, etc. low risk of transmission when kids are in small groups, in outdoor setting, doing their work in addition to play. I would be more likely to send my child to school, knowing they would be spending the majority of the day (whether half or full) in an open air setting. If covered space is option, it seems investing in temporary covered structures would be a good idea. Side note- please get rid of WHITE as option on the survey. This is part of the systemic white supremacy problem. Change to European American, or something else. White is offensive and perpetuates institutionalized racism.

Pioneer ES

My child did not thrive while learning at home. Of course I understand the extraordinary circumstances that required the end of the school year to be cancelled, I am very hopeful that there will be some in-person learning in the coming school year.

Centennial ES

daily temperature checks, isolated areas for any child that develops fever while at school, barriers between desks, mandatory mask wearing by students and all faculty; something to consider... appropriate nursing / medical care staff - consider staffing PA/ARNP that could potentially test (covid/flu) and diagnose onsite if testing is available at that level, then educating parents on isolation measures to be taken for child and testing recommendations for family members, contact tracing would need to be implemented to prevent further spread

Olympia HS

Distance learning was unsuccessful for my 4th grader with an IEP. As parents we were unable to get her to participate or do the work.

Garfield ES

My High School student chose electives based on social contacts, and needs social interaction and support to motivate them. If education was exclusively online their path would have been different. Therefore it is a disservice to take away the interaction.

Capital HS

In school physical learning isn't a safe option for our family or our beliefs until there is a vaccine. No other "option" is an option for us.

Capital HS

Who cares what the parents think? Do what experts recommend and what is best for learning while still safe.

Roosevelt ES

Please coordinate with Local resources to provide space to allow for childcare on days where distance learning happens. Kids of essential workers need childcare so essential workers can do their jobs.

Jefferson MS

Asthmatic in our family, our child has not been fully diagnosed as well but has shown possible symptoms. Many teens developed asthma during hormonal changes. How are these kids looked after?

Olympia HS

Our older son is starting his first year of high school this fall, and hopes the schedule model selected will be as close to "normal" as possible. Further, we have a younger son at WMS and it would be very helpful if their schedules could be as similar as possible. Having them at school

on the same days of the week would be a higher priority for us any particular blended learning model.

Olympia HS

If there is a combo of in school and on line learning, the online provisions need to be MUCH more rigorous and frequent than they were this past school year. My child is going to be a high school junior and is academically motivated and will be applying to competitive colleges. It is VERY important to provide rigorous learning opportunities for these students - in school as much as possible. Please don't focus all your energy on the academically challenged students. We also need to continue music opportunities for those students like mine who will apply to college for both academic and music majors. Thank you. Please do right by these kids and not repeat the model of learning (not learning) last semester.

Olympia HS

If distance learning is going to be a requirement, the teachers need to record (both oral and visual) teaching of the subject, in addition to providing you tube videos and examples. Just having assignments without direction on how one comes up with an answer is not sufficient. I feel there should also be more assignments and more reading required.

Reeves MS

We are interested in protocol for exposure. For instance, if my husband has a co-worker test positive. Would I then notify the school and pull my kids out for two weeks? Would the children in their class be sent home for two weeks? Very curious about notification and protocol for positive cases. Also if I have a middle schooler and a grade school child, could their days or week of school be on the same schedule?

Centennial ES

Please coordinate with and provide space for Ycare to be able to offer childcare when kids have to distance learn. Kids of Essential workers need childcare so essential workers can do their jobs.

Boston Harbor ES

Home school does not work in my house hold. I have three children and they didn't get any learning the last three months of school. I can't home school and work at the same time.

Hansen ES

If it seems beyond reasonable risk to go back to school physically, come September, I would rather see tech levy \$\$ support students most in need to be sure folks are properly equipped, then just begin with full-time distance learning until it is reasonably safe to go back full time. I would expect some relief in the transportation budget during that period. It seems there is always a need for drivers (seeing ad banners at OHS and CHS), so I would expect that would also alleviate a need to try and fill additional FTE to cover an augmented model, when staff pool is already seemingly lean.

Garfield ES

I don't get this survey. Parent opinions aren't important - expert opinions are. Do what, among the safe options, is best for learning.

Jefferson MS

This spring was chaotic. I'm sure distance learning can be done better in the fall. Some of my son's teacher did not respond to email (talking about you, [staff]!).

Capital HS

Please coordinate with and provide space for Ycare to be able to offer childcare when kids have to distance learn. Kids of Essential workers need childcare so essential workers can do their jobs.

Boston Harbor ES

It is really important that the distance learning involve actual teaching, not just assignments with an expectation that students do independent work.

Olympia HS

Would like grades reinstated.

Olympia HS

My job doesn't support me working from home so when I have my son I would have to take him to school

Pioneer ES

Use science, not public opinion, to guide reopening decisions.

LP Brown ES

Young children likely will have challenges wearing masks.

Roosevelt ES

temperature checks, mandatory masks, barriers between desks; thorough cleaning daily; consider 4 - hour days to avoid daily lunchroom exposure... 3 classes each day 1.25hrs long OR regular days but everyone goes to 4th period and "lunch" is eaten for 25 minutes then 4th period officially starts; diagnosis capabilities followed by contact tracing - another step to prevent further spread throughout school

Olympia HS

I know you are working on the safest options for our kids. It's hard to place value on options when we don't know how things will look in a couple months.

Marshall MS

I appreciate how difficult this planning is and how extraordinary the responsibility to plan for our children and by extension of their exposure to others in the community - you are planning

for the well being of the community at large. THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness and dedication to doing this - something none of us could have foreseen. Keeping the impact on racial and ethnic disparities and children with special education needs is super critical - thank you for keeping this at the forefront as well.

Capital HS

Parents working from home is not a solution to supervise or apart in distance learning. I work 50-60 hr work weeks and do not have the capacity to relearn schooling in order to motivate, supervise, and instruct my kids on an engaging level. That is your job.

Jefferson MS

Covid 19 is by far the biggest political scam ever in America. I pay taxes to make sure my child and other who attend this school can receive the BEST education possible NOT to live in fear over a VIRUS. Children need to be in school ALL day around other children so they don't become socially awkward serial killers. There is a bigger threat with the seasonal flu then with Covid. Let our children back to school so they can continue to learn and be children.

My child's remote learning was not effective at all. He was done with his weekly work load in an hr. He had no ZOOM meetings with his teachers. I expected WAY more of a in school setting not a 'here is your weekly work load, email with problems.' My child learned way more from Sylvan during this involuntary shut down. Their remote learning was great. Maybe you could learn a thing from their program. However I do NOT pay taxes to schools so I can then turn around and pay a tutor to make up for the education this district lacks.

Reeves MS

Get the kids back in school distance learning doesnt work, especially for young kids. It's hard on older kids trying to prep for college

Olympia HS

My kids really miss their teachers, their friends and the school environment. We understand that some risk must be taken to return to school, and we hope the district can balance risk/reward in their decision making.

Jefferson MS

Can we as families get tested for Covid and provide school proof of being negative? If all families did that would we not be safer? Can temperatures be taken every day at school before entry?

Olympia HS

Thank you, I know everyone is doing their best. We appreciate you.

Olympia HS

Following cdc guidelines are important to us.

McLane ES

These kids are not learning anything when at home during distance learning. It is a complete joke and it does not serve a purpose for high school kids trying to get an education for college and beyond.

Capital HS

My son has severe food allergy and seasonal asthma. With COVID-19 still around, it makes me so scared to send him to school. I prefer not to send my son to school if the vaccine is not available. It's better for him to study at home, and his big brother will help him do the school work done. Thank you.

Madison ES

Due to COVID - 19 being unpredictable & a lack of understanding how this virus works, I am only interested in distance learning.

Washington MS

childcare will be a major factor to restart our economy with any of the learning options provided in this survey

Washington MS

I have two fourth graders (as of fall) attending Pioneer, one of which is on an intensive IEP. Distance learning has absolutely NOT been effective for either of my children. They both thrive participating physically in school and it will be a detriment to their education if they can't attend school physically this fall. I hope with all my being school will meet physically this fall.

Pioneer ES

Please let the students participate in the Freedom Farmers Program! We're so excited about that, and it's a wonderful way to provide appropriate education to students with special needs.

Olympia HS

Kids need to be in school. They need to learn and if this spring is an indicator, OSD cannot do remote learning

Olympia HS

What is being done for the kids that are "left behind"? Not all children learn at the same speed and some need extra attention. What is being done to help those not self motivated, whereas distant learning is not the optimal solution?

Capital HS

You are the experts and you know what option will be best. I trust your judgement at the district level. But if you have any distance learning for elementary school teachers need to be more involved with kids and parents. I felt like with the current distance learning we (kid and parent) were just limping along. Set us up to succeed, please!!!

McLane ES

If they are not going to school everyday I am taking them out of the school altogether. I will not have the school receive funding for a student they are failing to support fully.

Boston Harbor ES

All families should be able to get tested free. And prove to the school that they are negative for Covid.

Madison ES

My son can do online learning by himself. He helped his little brother doing homework or setting up everything for the online study. I prefer my children to stay at home during this unfortunate time since there is no vaccine available for COVID-19. I don't want them to bring the virus home to other family members. My little one has severe food allergy and seasonal asthma.

Reeves MS

Our daughter has underlying conditions that expose her to increased risks from COVID-19 and thus I am opposed to in-person education until there is an effective immunization. We will require distanced learning until such time.

Pioneer ES

After school programs such as YMCA/boys and girls club are limited as is. It is important for the single parent households to be able to get our child(ren) on waiting lists ASAP. Not all parents have the option of not working or working from home.

Marshall MS

Kids need to be in school full time. Remote learning was ridiculous this spring. No learning happened because there was hardly any teaching

Washington MS

Distance learning is a total waste of time for my two [grade] graders. It's been horrible "homeschooling" my kids as it is not effective. It will be a detriment to their education if they can't return physically to school in the fall. I don't even like the idea of "blended" distance learning, it just doesn't work for our family and would basically cut my kids education in half. Please allow the kids to attend physically in the fall!

Pioneer ES

2 working parents with very limited childcare and live near the boundary line - we need the bus!

Boston Harbor ES

Something to consider for bus transportation is: If your child lives within a certain radius (mileage) of the school, bus transportation would not be provided to them.

Centennial ES

I do not feel that any indoor class time, even with social distancing under CDC guidelines, is a high enough preventative bar without a treatment, and advanced tracking. We will need to seek another solution if OSD is not able to provide an alternative robust distance learning curriculum. We are not wedded to Montessori at all, and would absolutely welcome any distance learning available through any OSD elementary school if that is an option.

ORLA Montessori

I am flexible with how the children attend school and my first choice would be whatever is best for the teachers and whatever model the teachers think is the best.

Olympia HS

It does not make sense that the Superintendent decided to go against science and logic to force the Teachers, Staff, and Students to go back into the schools in the middle of a 100-year worldwide pandemic. I think that it makes sense for the Teachers and Staff to refuse to be forced back into such a high risk situation during these times, until the Coronavirus either has a vaccine or has run its course. I am undecided on whether or not we will subject our child to the risk of death from COVID-19, as well as, I have Type 2 Diabetes and other health issues that put me at risk, not to mention our child's grandparents and friends. The Superintendent's choice defies the science when U.W. is predicting the second wave of deaths hitting in September. I took our child to drop off items at the end of school year; the email from the school said for everyone to wear a mask, but I only saw 1 parent that was willing to wear a mask and make his child wear a mask. Only 1 parent being willing to wear a mask and have his child wear a mask, out of an entire line of cars, and only 2 kids wore masks for the walk-up area of drop-off. If parents are not willing to wear a mask themselves, how will Teachers and Staff be able to get students to wear masks when their parents won't. I'm really going to have to think hard about letting our child go back in September. I know that socializing with friends is developmentally important, but I'd hate to see any children, Staff, or Teachers die from COVID-19 just because the Superintendent of Schools isn't willing to follow what our Scientists and Doctors are advising.

Washington MS

ORLA is convenient to our home but we would be open to any middle-school distance learning available that was full-time, and well thought out. We would not send our children to school while COVID-19 rates are still elevated or elevating, and will wait for a vaccine.

ORLA Montessori

I think requiring masks would help if children and teachers are onsite.

Olympia HS

I am in favor of supporting whatever return to school model the teachers think is best for their ability to teach and kids to learn.

Olympia HS

I am in favor of whatever return to school model the teachers think is best for both their teaching capacity and the kids retention/ learning capacity.

Pioneer ES

We will have a 2nd grader and incoming kindergartener and do not believe distance learning is advantageous for elementary school kids and not really possible for kindergarten. Our child needs to be in school for kindergarten - he cannot properly adjust to school through distance learning.

Pioneer ES

Improved ventilation maybe needed, especially in the very crowded hallways and lunch room at OHS. We have a very high-risk family member (dad), so we are taking guidelines very seriously and will feel best when a vaccine is available. Moreover, we would highly support continuing distance learning until the vaccine available, and we would also highly support requiring the vaccine in order to return to school for in-person learning.

Olympia HS

Distance learning was not a success for our family this spring. One big issue was the way each teacher at the high school handled distance learning. Some teachers used Schoology, some used Google classroom, some used email to submit assignments and one even had my child take pictures of the assignment to submit. They all posted assignments in different places. Some of them did Zoom meetings but they were only for check in and not real instruction. The math teacher recorded lessons and posted them (which worked really well!) if distance learning continues next year all teachers should have to use the same platforms- they should be uniform. It is too difficult for parents and students to keep track of work and students need in person interaction with teacher in order to learn. If most of the high school students have to distance learning then I would seriously consider homeschooling so that I can know the curriculum and have support to help my son with his work.

Capital HS

Wear masks!

Washington MS

Not having some sort of in-person schooling is not an option for working families. If you want to talk about inequity, that would be the most inequitable thing of all. People rely on school. Having parents try to teach school is unreasonable.

Roosevelt ES

We hope that extracurriculars such as sports can continue even with distance learning well adhering to CDC guidelines.

Olympia HS

I'm generally opposed to in-person learning during the pandemic for my kids because we aren't in need and my perspective is the lower the in-person numbers the better for the community

and more space available for those who need in-person schooling. However, I'm considering home schooling because navigating online learning was very difficult with minimal accountability and numerous online pages to find what was due and no way for me to know what was due or missing to help keep my students accountable since skyward wasn't regularly updated (PES and WMS, fall will include OHS). Best of luck and happy to help however I can.

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Olympia HS

Distance learning has not been great for our learner - she has not learned anything new since school was last in session, and it is not for lack of trying. she is suffering from lack of social interaction, and I'm sure will have lasting impact from this. It is of utmost importance to determine a plan that will allow children to return to school in the fall.

Lincoln ES

children need to play. I have read the OSPI guidelines and they say that children should be outside as much as possible, children should have recess and play on the playground. It is very importantly for their physical and emotional well-being

Hansen ES

It is important to my children's mental well being that they return to school.

Roosevelt ES

Please simplify communication system so that all teachers are using the same method to reach out to teachers and parents.

Olympia HS

More info about what distance learning would entail. Realize Answering these questions based on our recent experience of distance learning which wasn't great. Many of these questions are poorly written and may be difficult for some to understand so your data may be skewed because of the way the questions are written.,

Capital HS

They need iteration with other children or will have problems later

Roosevelt ES

These children need to return to school and some sense of normalcy. They miss their friends, their teachers and their community. The material utilized during the quarantine so far does is definitely not up to snuff.

McLane ES

My answers would change if there was a 2nd wave of the virus. My daughter has asthma and I wouldn't want her to be at risk, so I hope there will be a distance learning option fulltime in case we need it.

Capital HS

I am a parent that is in high risk category and not Sure if all students and staff will adhere to safety rules while in school to ensure my safety. Distance learning is probably #1 choice and #2 would be 1-day campus and 4-days online

Olympia HS

Don't reopen without a vaccine. Is it worth one student's or teacher's life?

Olympia HS

I would prefer 100% distance learning, insofar as possible, until there is a vaccine. I am 12 x more likely to die than the general population if I contract Covid. I would rather my child not bring it home to me. I instructed my child to choose classes he would be able to most easily complete via remote learning for this very reason, which he did.

Avanti HS

My child attends [school]. I am a full time teacher in OSD. Any blended model puts me at school full time, and my child at home (unsupervised) with the blended schedule. This is not a huge concern. A bigger concern I have is the wearing of face masks at school and the hygiene of use and care. Additionally, I believe strongly that hand sanitizer should be provided by the OSD along with Clorox Wipes for student use frequently and regularly throughout the school day.

[School] MS

Where is the option for all day every day learning for a healthy environment for the kids? This survey doesn't really help in giving anyone options for input.

Washington MS

Wondering how feasible it is for younger children to wear masks safely for a full 8-hour day.

Garfield ES

I am a health care provider, and I think this winter will be terrible. It is not worth risking children's lives, or the staffs. Keep the schools closed until winter is over, please.

McKenny ES

Keep music and the arts at full offerings, as kids will need them more than ever.

Capital HS

My children are having a hard time staying focused and motivated in the distance learning environment.

Centennial ES

RSO are needed

Capital HS

My child needs in person special education services. The on-line learning offered since the closing of the schools has been sub-par, especially for children who need special education services. My child's IEP has not been complied with during this time. The amount of time teachers have spent "teaching" on-line has been shameful. I have been very disappointed with response of the Olympia School district.

Washington MS

I have two children and they would need to be on the same schedule to make things easier on our family for trying to find care for them while both parents work full time. I prefer a half day model due to limited interactions outside of the classroom and movement. I believe a 6 hour day with no movement, such as specialists, sped, recess and intervention groups would be a difficult environment while trying to social distance. I also feel that 6 hours in a mask is an unrealistic expectation.

Garfield ES

Until there is a proven vaccine or reliable, safe treatment option, my children will not attend school physically.

Roosevelt ES

Hold zoom Advisory class once a week. I used this time to check in on my grades and homework.

Washington MS

Maybe have temperature check points at the entrances to the school?

Olympia HS

We need to keep the RSO

Capital HS

I like the option of having 1/2 of the class physically in school per day, the next day would have the other half - that way there is physical distancing. The days off would be either online learning or at home assignments.

Olympia HS

My kids are having a hard time staying focused, motivated with distance learning

Washington MS

If going to an alternating schedule, would be helpful to coordinate those days with other students/siblings in the household.

Olympia HS

Please consider our children's emotional well-being. By the end of summer, my kids will have been at home largely unsupervised due to both parents working, for 6 months. They are not enjoying life at the moment.

Marshall MS

There are no alternatives for all day everyday. Distance learning has been horrible and very taxing on the parent for an elementary student. There has been no help to me thought on how much burden or impact this is having on the parents trying to work. Don't expect any support for an additional levy since you're not thinking of the youth and their mental wellbeing and their ability to deal with such drastic changes.

Centennial ES

more info about what distance learning could or would look like. One question says teachers would provide distance instruction - it would help to know what that would be as soon as possible and to be able to consider if what is described would impact my answers. Basing it on the recent experience only. Thank you for asking via survey.

Capital HS

If distance learning continues, teachers need to improve their communicating of instructions, and attitudes when a student requests clarification.

Capital HS

Are students expected to do work on those partial days at home?

Centennial ES

Siblings being on same alternating schedule even though different school.

Reeves MS

My child is going to be in online school next year because of the mask requirement.

McLane ES

If distance learning is the focus, increased check ins with students and parents would be advised

Avanti HS

It would be my preference to make sure my daughter attends 1st grade as much as she can in person bc I believe these early years, and physical interaction with students and teachers is important. I will also be expecting another baby early 2021, and would have my hands full with a [age] , a [age]-year-old and my trying to teach my 1st grader ... among any work from home tasks and a husband [employment]. (Our family lives in Florida)

[School] ES

I cannot put into words how frustrating this entire experience has been. EVERY family should receive the very best education available regardless of income or race. What I'm seeing is an extreme injustice, that unfairly allocates opportunity enhancing resources to low-income families and disabled learners. Understandably, this demographic should receive additional support from the community, but students who demonstrate high aptitude or who come from families with the means to provide should not be the "bill payers." The vision should not be to close opportunity gaps. It should be to provide opportunities for ALL learners. By stifling the progress of the district's brightest students by not promoting accelerated learning experiences, or an overall lack of support for highly capable programs, the district and the community fails. Inept strategic district leadership is handicap student success by failing to assist students realize their potential. Parents are powerful, but we can only do so much. We reinforce positive behavior, teach ethically sound decision making, build confidence, teach them to foster friendships, and care for others. My challenge to the OSD, is to find a model that 1) supports accelerated learning programs, 2) provides opportunity building programs for challenged/disabled/impoverished, and 3) arms children with the tools to succeed in the community as they journey through their adolescence. I have a child that is extremely gifted. He tested into a highly capable program, and absolutely nothing was done to accommodate his ability. Observation of his skills and progress was so poor, that it wasn't until his teacher started assigning Kahn academy assignments through DL, did she realize that he was executing at a level 2 grades higher than his own. I also have a daughter who needs special attention and additional assistance at school. We spend countless hours at home teaching our daughter how to learn, and how to focus. Again no assistance from the school was made available to us due to the fact that we don't fit some ridiculous demographic mold. Though it's unrelated, an example of how this manifests itself at the family level can be seen with the 2019-2020 [school] ES Yearbook. Only one of my kids was able to get a yearbook. I was not allowed to purchase another one because apparently having the means to purchase two, oppresses families who can't afford it. Decision making like that only stems from toxic, risk averse leadership, organizations with little to no standards, and dereliction of duty at the subordinate leader level.

[School] ES

Distance learning was not very successful, in my opinion (as both a parent and a teacher).

Marshall MS

Siblings on same schedule even though at different schools.

Boston Harbor ES

I would like to see OSD adopt and provide a robust distance learning program. I felt that the last three months of the school year was an effort to modify in-class learning to an online format, rather than adopting a pre-existing curriculum that has the technology and teacher guidelines to support a strong virtual classroom.

Marshall MS

I appreciate the focus on elementary children however HS is critical years preparing for adulthood. I have one child that could not do the distance learning, with 2 teachers being great, one teaching as though they were in person. And others we never heard from. I have one student who could do distance learning but the social is needed. I get there is no good option and there will be compromises made but March to June failed one of my children. Childcare is not an issue, I work full time remotely until further notice and working and failing at teaching is difficult. Your survey does not account for more than once child in the same school. Radio buttons only allow a single input.

Capital HS

I wish one of the options was "how opposed are you to small children wearing masks?" Which is my main opposition to the current back to school model. The current mandate (starting 6/25) by Inslee even does not require 5 and younger to wear masks. This safety issue needs to be reexamined for young children. Thank you.

ORLA Montessori

I prefer to have my children learning at home as much as possible with the guidance of teachers.

Olympia HS

Please reopen full day for all kids! Use specialist teachers to lower class sizes if needed.

Pioneer ES

Attending in person is important to us because my child was accepted to CSI.

Marshall MS

If you mean sun-sat when you say ALL days of the week I'm actually not ok with that. If you just mean mon-fri, I'm ok. I think that would be my preferred option if just mon-fri.

LP Brown ES

If distance learning continues into the 2020-2021 school year, I fully expect teachers to have prepared lesson plans for their classes and for clear instructions to be provided via email to parents/guardians so we know what's expected of our kids. A clearly outlined curriculum and/or rubrics to help guide our kids with good/better/best practices for their school work.

McLane ES

I would like to see OSD and Lincoln adopt a pre-existing and strong online math program. Simply transferring the in-person learning model online did not work for my child. Plus, great online math programs already exist. Also, my child's teacher did a great job these last few months. His online classes were engaging, creative, and effective. Thank you!

Lincoln ES

I need full time at school. My child is in special education and both parents work full time, and over, just to make ends meet. The school district needs to provide child care.

Madison ES

The distance learning tools that have been available have been too complicated to use effectively, and over the current course of the stay-at-home order my children's mother and I both have had to work full-time. I have had them with me full-time up until last Friday and just don't have the time available during the day to ensure that the children are actually doing their schoolwork. It became a battle, and had I chose to fight that battle, I would have been unable to work as well. As such, there was very little distance learning done. It seems that the distance learning options, especially for the younger grades <=6th grade are completely dependent on having a nuclear family with 1 parent works, and the other is a stay-at-home parent that has time to devote to distance learning and helping the children throughout the day. The content for distance learning needs to have the following:

1) EASY TO ACCESS.

- Single Sign On (SSO) is a must.

- There should be an easy to use dashboard for each class where all classes are displayed on a single page

- All classes need to be using the same tools, not some using google classroom, and others using other things like embedded videos

2) CALENDAR.

- There needs to be an easy to access calendar that has the assignments for each day listed.

- The calendar should be listed in DAY view by default

- Assignments that are due on days other than when they are assigned need to show that across a week view or month view as well as have the due dates in the calendar item

3) FUN AND ENGAGING: The content needs to be engaging, and fun. The few assignments that I was able to cajole my daughter into doing bored her to tears. She hated every second of it.

4) EASY TO USE: I shouldn't need to spend my working hours or after work guiding my children through the lessons.

5) TEACHER INVOLVEMENT: Teachers need to be more involved. There should be a minimum of 2-3 days a week where there is a meeting (zoom, microsoft teams, etc.) and maybe work on homework in some way, even if it is just picking a homework topic and letting all of the children let their thoughts about the topic/assignment be heard, and also have a Q&A session where children can ask any questions regarding the topic/assignment.

Hansen ES

Open the schools. Return to normal. We don't want masks. I feel comfortable educating students without one. OSD Covid is a hot button topic. Everything is so new. There are studies and facts supporting each side, whether it is to social distance or return to normal. So give us a choice. Educators who are immune compromised or concerned can remote teach. Everyone else attends as normal. It's a win-win.

Centennial ES

1. My child, who is a good student, struggled horribly with the distance learning put forth by the district this spring. As a result of the difficulty she had navigating the sorry excuse for an

education she was offered this spring, she is convinced that she cannot learn from a distance learning model. She is regularly an A student, and the district's confusing and haphazard attempt at providing an education this spring have made her doubt her ability to learn. How is the district going to address the anxiety and stress that these students are going to feel heading into the coming school year if distance learning is involved?

2. How are you going to address after school activities (sports, arts, clubs), especially if you do some sort of alternating schedule? I assume that if the students are distance learning entirely it will be because COVID cases have spiked and another stay-at-home order is made. So outside of that, how will after school activities be made available and productive if the students are only in school every other day, or every other week, or whatever schedule you choose?

3. If masks are required, why is 6 ft social distancing also required? Isn't the idea of the masks to help limit the spread when 6 ft of distance CAN NOT be maintained? Why are both necessary?

4. Is the district pulling ideas from already existing online education programs or are they trying to recreate the wheel like they did (rather poorly) this spring?

5. I do not think that in person school should be "reserved" for those with IEPs and other special circumstances. All students have a right to in-person education.

Capital HS

Thank you for getting parent feedback, but the most important thing that I would like the Olympia school district to base their decision on is the science of how we can keep our community safe.

Capital HS

My child would be able to get to school (parent drop off), but depending on my schedule (teacher at ES) I don't know how I would pick him up. He would typically ride the school bus home.

Jefferson MS

Considering homeschool due to sex Ed and Christian morals along with keeping my child safe or 100 distance learning

Garfield ES

Face masks must be mandatory for all students and teachers.

Olympia HS

For the emotional well being of all students, we MUST open school and we must put SEL above academics.

Olympia HS

Children are the lowest risk age group for COVID deaths. The CDC numbers show that the flu is much more deadly to children. If we have high risk school district employees, their should have job accommodations (teach the online programs for families that choose to continue distance learning). But punishing and delaying the learning of 100% of our school district kids for a small

subset of school district employees makes no sense. If kids are not at school everyday and for a normal length of time, they are much more likely to be home being watched by elderly relatives (who do not work) and thus this option puts more high risk citizens in close contact with kids. Kids need to be at school all day. Please ask in your next survey, "has your student gained weight during the distance learning months"? Unhealthy weight gain in school age kids has negative impacts for the rest of their life that far outweigh the costs of the minuscule risk COVID presents to them at this point in their life, and kids are right now more sedentary than they have every been!

Centennial ES

As a teacher in another school district, does Olympia plan to coordinate with nearby districts so services models are the same or similar?

Roosevelt ES

If the district decides to do learning everyday but in alternating shifts I would have a hard time as an employee and a parent of middle school children (who live outside the district boundaries) getting my kids to school if they are in different shifts than I might be as a preschool teacher.

I feel there should have been an option such as

What is your preference period.

In school and how or at home and why.

Grade level

And then take the kids who need at home learning and place them with a teacher who might also need (due to age or need for personal protection).

I know the goal is to be at school but by giving families the option they might feel like they have more autonomy in a situation that makes us all feel out of control.

Reeves MS

Personally, I think the guidelines that the schools are contemplating are damaging to our children and have little use for anything but make politicians and administrators feeling good about themselves. Placing the children's education as the only priority should not be compromised. If too much "work at home" is implemented, why would I bother having the school system be involved? Do I need it for food? NOPE. Do I depend that much on the valuable curriculum? Absolutely not. Either provide first class education, or get out of the business.

Washington MS

My child needs in person learning. He is a highly capable student but needs to learn from a teacher. Many of his teachers gave him a book and said let me know if you have questions. He needs direction and teaching.

Olympia HS

My part time state job may be cut in July or later. The outcome of this will impact how we handle child care and distant learning come September.

Lincoln ES

Lets just get back to normal and stop all this nonsense.

Lincoln ES

If distance learning continues into 20-21 school year the delivery mechanism must change. By that, I mean there must be proper training for delivering/teaching content virtually and in an engaging way. I feel the students were short changed this year (not through any fault of the teachers as they tried and did the best they could with what they knew). Virtual training is a completely different discipline and extra help and training is a must. If distance learning will continue the same as last year, consider OSD or OSPI providing a recommendation to online schools that are reputable and endorsed.

Capital HS

Please consider postponing or canceling music classes until a vaccination is available. I'm concerned it's a requirement but no mention of it has been addressed.

Reeves MS

1)please prioritize as much face to face teaching as possible. 2)If there has to be distance learning, please do recorded live teaching so those at home are still being taught. can still achieve curriculum goals, because students are not missing content. 3)going 2 days a week is still hardly attending school. 4)Calculate numbers, there will be many that already will not attend, so maybe you'd have low enough numbers. 5)use alternate spaces..OHS has two new classroom buildings. 6)consider limiting enrollment to those living in your attendance area, and less transfers from out of district students. 7) if you do a hybrid model, and don't live teach, there will have to be significant cut to content (maybe no electives) to prioritize core classes. 8) they need sports. sign waivers if needed, but please allow extra curricular activities. I ask you to not allow our OSD students to be disadvantaged going forward compared to students in other districts and other states. covid-19 is the least risky to kids/teens, but they are suffering the most severe consequences. They are our future. Another year of wasted learning is unacceptable. I understand that lives are at risk from COVID 19, but I implore you to consider the collateral damage to our students.

Olympia HS

Thank you for working so diligently for the safety of the students and families!

Capital HS

What a difficult decision. Good luck. Please look at all the new evidence in regards to kids not being a major spreader of COVID.

Boston Harbor ES

Distance learning must have improvements over spring model. Impossible for young ones to learn over zoom. Wonders is not user friendly with google classroom

Hansen ES

I am in support of increased time in halls for hand sanitizing at each hall way and class enter, temp checks, , no cell phone use, Simplified course work demands to streamline and prioritize time for increased hygiene at CHS. Ideas for mask breaks may be needed - more outdoor time maybe? Wearing a mask for 6 hours is hard . Thanks and stay well!

Capital HS

For the sake of students' emotional health, schools MUST open in person. SEL needs to be a higher priority than academics!

Reeves MS

Elementary school kids need daycare / learning assistance if they are not in school which is a major barrier for many families

Centennial ES

Please adhere to the six foot guidelines. This would limit children in classrooms to between 8 and 12.

Jefferson MS

If they are not able to go full time, I support the every other day option, if I have a say in the options the days my child goes to school. For example. The option is Mon and Wed. Or Tues and thurs. With my work schedule I would like the option to be able to choose which set of days he goes. So that we. An do distant learning on days I have off.

Centennial ES

It is extremely important for my family to keep distance learning as long as necessary until there is a vaccine for this virus. It is better for our son to be "slowed down" on the pace of learning rather than have him sick or stressed out of his mind about getting sick.

Please consider doing the whole first semester available online for distance learning. Later on, when things calm down a little, then we can retake this in person- back to school topic. THANK YOU!

Capital HS

My biggest question is, at what infection rate or point do you close down the school? If someone in the school community is infected? If the hospitals are full?

ORLA hConnect

I do not want my children wearing a mask for 6 hours a day due to its own health risks and I also don't see the point of physically going to school when it just puts our children at risk and could create more outbreaks of the virus and also cause them more stress from the distancing rules. Their quality of life will be compromised being put in these scenarios and I'd much rather continue the learning from home thru computers for MANY reasons. I am GREATLY considering home schooling depending what the regulations end up being.

Washington MS

If there is a distance learning component, please limit the amount of computer time needed, focus in work that can be done such as reading if physical books and creating physical projects and maximize direct instruction and access to teachers on demand. Please do not require distance components for experiential classes like PE and choir.

Jefferson MS

If the children are unable to go back to school full time, which will likely be the case, rather than have the distance learning be online, I would like the option to have an all paper distance learning that I would implement myself at home. In other words, I would like access to the curriculum that the teachers have so I can implement the lesson plans myself without out the aid of videos. I found the information in the videos, even of our teacher who we adore, to be lost on my first grader.

Boston Harbor ES

My child thrives and learns best at school. Remote learning was extremely difficult and she was not her best in that environment. If possible, I would support blended learning with the option of going to school everyday.

Capital HS

We would love to have students go back full time and have plans in place for distance learning when outbreaks occur to minimize disruption.

Also, we would love some direction on potential mask requirements.

Boston Harbor ES

I feel strongly that we must get our high school kids back in the classroom. If we don't, I'm afraid that they won't be prepared for college.

Olympia HS

It's really important the kids have some face-to-face time with teachers and peers even if it's in small groups. Especially for reading remediation.

Roosevelt ES

Please minimize screen for distance learning. Use physical handouts and books vs computers for completing work. Include daily live instruction and on demand access to teachers for questions. Parents cannot be available to sit with the children whole they do their work. Please include ways to engage the children social event when they are at home.

LP Brown ES

My answers to the model for attending school is based on a guess of what would reduce COVID transmission or help manage it better. I would go with whatever model was best for managing COVID outbreaks.

Hansen ES

Whatever model is selected needs to be communicated by August 1st at the latest. That is what equity looks like. Please do not do what this district typically does and let us know a few weeks before school starts. People may need to rearrange their lives to accommodate you guys. As for the distance learning model, that was a complete failure. The responsibility and work fell entirely on the parent(s). As a working single mother, this was extremely challenging. The teachers should have been teaching online - not 1 or 2 hours each week, but for the full school day. I know these are unusual times, but how you can ask tax payers to pay 22k per student for 1-2 hours per week. It would be easier and more academically engaging for me to home school while working full-time than to do the "distance learning" again. If you cannot provide in-person learning without putting lives at risk, than that money should be provided to parents to sign up for a real online school. I know that may sound harsh, but it isn't right to collect all those tax dollars and not provide the service.

Madison ES

I would like the option to have my child in full time distance learning while not losing his enrollment at school with limited/ flexible requirements for Online platforms- as my child would be in 2nd grade. I do not want him to attend physically however I do not believe he needs intense online activity either. Options for home school type curriculum with limited assignments or daily attendance is appropriate and highly advocated.

Lincoln ES

My son needs face to face Instruction for math.

Roosevelt ES

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Hansen ES

I feel that it should be mandatory for parents to report if anyone in the family has a positive test or have come in contact. Also temperature check should be done before entering the school twice a day.

McKenny ES

Please consider full IB diploma candidates as a small group needing to be on campus daily. This is about 30 students

Capital HS

We would love to minimize disruptions by having smooth transitions between in-school and distance teaching. Many schools will have covid exposures and i think having plans in place to effective deal with it will help families and students prepare and deal with the interruptions and stress during this time. I'd also really like to focus on protecting the teachers and school workers. And protecting vulnerable students needing extra social and academic support.

Boston Harbor ES

I want to honor the hard work y'all are doing. Our kids are currently being deprived of all physical contact with other children. I want to keep them safe in the fall but don't want to instill a fear of others with social distancing practices. They really need a chance to play with other kids. Please do your best to be creative to give them opportunities to play with other kids without living in harsh bubbles. Thank you very much.

Lincoln ES

I would prefer eating meals at the school be avoided due to increased risk of socializing indoors with masks removed.

Capital HS

The 2019-2020 distance learning experiment was a FAILURE. True instruction was limited at best, and fully absent at worst. My children experienced virtually ZERO benefit, and no educational progress.

Jefferson MS

I'm concerned that my 2nd grader would not be able to tolerate wearing a mask all day at school.

Boston Harbor ES

The cost of parking and space for parking for students if more students are driving due to bussing limits.

Capital HS

The year-end 2020 distance learning was a complete failure. My children did not thrive. My children DID NOT RECEIVE INSTRUCTION. Few teachers tried to teach. In fact, one only provided one weekly group email. ANY alternative is better. The district and teachers FAILED the students.

Capital HS

My daughter is dual enrolled at ORLA and OHS so would need to have a coordinated schedule.

Olympia HS

I'm very concerned with the ability to keep elementary students socially distant. That is my primary concern considering class time, lunch, and recess. Class sizes would need to be significantly altered to make me feel it's safe.

Hansen ES

Consideration for siblings if there is any in person component.

Lincoln ES

We will not come back to OSD. We will homeschool our children until they can have a normal and emotionally healthy school rhythm again. It's the most consistent and healthy option I can offer my kids right now.

Reeves MS

It sounds like you have some great ideas for next year. Thank you for all that you do for our kids.

Garfield ES

If teachers are required to do homeschool, they need more training for it .

Capital HS

I don't want to send my kids back. Have you met kids? How are you going to keep them 6 get apart? I've hired a teacher 3 days a week to care for my daughter and son so that we can keep our circle small. I would love if they had access to teachers to supplement this care. What are you planning to do for the families that won't send their kids back physically at all? Will they be truant? I'm honestly worried for my kids' safety. I never thought I'd be that mom. I care sooo much about them learning to read and I'm 100% pro the teachers at McLane! They did their best this year and above and beyond. It's time to do some deep thinking on what a real parent partnership looks like. What is possible for working adults? What is reasonable for elementary kids? If you can't open your doors in September I hope a lot of thought has been put into what standards based grading looks like online and how you're going to train parents on how to do it. This virus isn't going away. Make distance learning awesome this summer. Please, I beg you: Do a ton of professional development. Invest in platforms that make it easy to track progress toward standards. Talk to the alternative schools about how they do it well. Stop assuming it's all going to be over by September, or even January. It's not. This survey assumes all families are ok returning some of the time and we're not. And failing to prepare for this obvious circumstance is failing our kids.

McLane ES

My daughter does not do well with at home learning. Her father and I are both essential employees and she failed horribly at home as we are exhausted in the evening trying to get it all in. She also is behind already so she is not doing well. I think people that did well doing distance learning should continue if they agree and other who need it in person learning would have a better chance.

Reeves MS

Full day elementary in limited cohorts (under 30 kids) that they stay with all day every day is ideal even if not 6 ft apart. Kids do need some social interaction & learning to work & play with others. Having some kids go Y-care the other days of the week will just increase all the kids exposure. As full time working parents, full time in school care is both essential and the safest option for children.

Boston Harbor ES

Safety and avoid spreading disease during fall and winter are the key.

Olympia HS

Since all of the positive parts of public schooling will be taken away, I see no reason to put children at risk when we can continue a safe distance learning from home. I will not have my child wearing a mask all day. There is no benefit that outweighs the possible harm that could come from putting all those children at risk.

McKenny ES

There should not be a blanket solution for all schools since size and density are different at each. For example, Avanti is much different than the other high schools in size and its ability to safely hold classes should not be impacted by what Olympia or Capital can/cannot do/accommodate.

Avanti HS

While I had a self-motivated learner this Spring who tried to do his best to learn in the online model, it was hard to maintain motivation over time. In addition, he does not feel that he learned the content as well through the online only option. We would like to see all kids who want to attend in person have an opportunity to be back in school this fall. Full time is our first choice, but rotating schedules would certainly be better than online only.

Olympia HS

If the children and teachers are healthy, their learning should not be penalized.

Olympia HS

We are still all in this together. I will do my best to support whatever decision OSD makes. I appreciate the rock and hard place you are in and only want to cooperate as much as I can.

ORLA hConnect

How will school bussing work with all day split schedule? The busses are already packed. Would parents need to help shuttle kids? I would support that, but we are uncertain about our work supporting it.

Marshall MS

I am a first grade teacher and middle school parent who supports younger students getting priority for in person instruction. However, I worry about my teen being home alone while I am at school full time. They CAN be at home alone, but I would prefer not full time.

Jefferson MS

Middle school schedule should be changed to quarter system and, when possible, kids should stay in same 30 student cohort some or all of the day & have teachers be the ones to move classrooms. In that setting there are less exposures & risk & it will be ok that they can't all be 6 feet away. Kids will need some opportunity to socialize and work in small groups within a small

cohort. Education is essential & most parents can't adequately guide their students on distance learning days.

Jefferson MS

Online only was not a viable option for many students this Spring. In addition, their mental health was impacted by the upheaval and isolation. I think it is important to offer in person options for all students who want it. I support extra opportunities for children who have more challenges or those who fell further behind, but I strongly believe that all children need and deserve an opportunity to be part of in person learning.

Jefferson MS

Get the kids back to school, they are being robbed of their education!!!

Capital HS

My ideal scenario:

- Part-time, 4 days of the week physical attendance with the same group of kids in the building each time to minimize exposure (no switching shifts)
- Enough time gap between shifts to have cleaning done before the next group arrives
- Have Wednesdays off to do deep cleaning
- Grab and go lunch for everyone (which would be possible if everybody's there part-time)
- Creative recess and PE class to make sure social distancing is observed. I'd be fine with eliminating recess due to the shorter school day.
- If necessary, send students home with paper homework (vs. more online learning at home).

This would help mitigate access to technology issue. I also don't like the idea of my lower elementary kid spending 2-3 hours at school (which I expect to be more dense academically as teachers would have to fit the day's work in a shorter time period) and coming home to do more work on the computer.

Hansen ES

I am completely opposed to putting children into this crazy scenario with health risk and absurd expectations for them to follow. I fully support distance learning from home until its safer for them to return. And when it becomes safe for them to return then it should be mostly back to normal procedures such as field trips and recess and lunch in cafeteria. Perhaps the school should be cleaning tables between lunches and sanitizing playgrounds rather than making kids sit at their desks all day with masks as a requirement.

McKenny ES

Distance learning does not work well for the student who's unmotivated to do this. It's also difficult for two person working family. I would like for my child to be able to attend the school in some form every day. Thank you!

Centennial ES

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Capital HS

Consistency, stability and all teachers in the school using the SAME programs and tech. When u have multiple kids in the school, but each teacher uses a different distant learning program, routine, or outline it is very very challenging.

McKenny ES

Distance learning has set my child back academically and emotionally. I do not support this plan. We have two House holds with both parents working full time. He does not get the support he needs. I strongly suggest we get back to a normal schedule in the fall. Routine is important. I don't think we should be held hostage by fear any longer.

Washington MS

Please increase OUTDOOR ACTIVITY! We know that kids need more outdoor activity (my first grader got only 40 minutes per day outside for recess) and this is the perfect time to implement outside play (which you know IS learning). Anything to get the kids back into school, please do it. My child does poorly with distance learning. I know many other children are the same. I believe we can mitigate the risk by decreasing class sizes as I believe you are planning. I really think it would be best if kids could come to school every day, just a shorter time period. I will definitely need Y care.

LP Brown ES

I am very concerned with the states need to keep kids 6ft apart and stressing social distance at elementary level. Kids need to interact for development. If that means smaller class sizes and minimal days I'm on board. But being in class all day confined to a sterile desk with minimal interaction is not healthy.

McLane ES

We would want our children to attend school on the days they require childcare. What they have done at childcare with distance learning has been limited and there is not enough help for every child to be productive in distance learning while at childcare.

McKenny ES

Any form of distance learning is classism and discriminates. Not everyone can be a stay at home parent and/or have family and friends help watch/help learn. Young children will be left at home by themselves because some parents will have no choice and no money. Even if provided by the state, we already have funding issues. Many kids will fall behind and not receive instruction. I personally, am overwhelmed because of a medical condition and am in college. You are asking too much of me. I am already falling apart. This distance learning has hurt our family mentally, physically, and emotionally. If you followed the chart on the CDC website, you would see that there is no need. The risk out weights the benefit, as stated on their site. Are we making up "science" now based off popular opinion? Children the least likely to contract the virus and do not spread it efficiently. This makes no sense. Where is the logic?

Centennial ES

In person instruction please. With increased hand washing, wearing masks when 6ft cannot be archived, and making sure kids stay home if sick - this should provide enough safe guards to minimize the risk of an outbreak, provide equitable access to education, help our economy recover, and support mental health for kids, families and staff. Thanks for asking these questions.

Reeves MS

We have a highly compromised elder in our household and we are not willing to risk her health. We need to keep our child home unless there is a viable vaccine available.

Olympia HS

Masks should be mandatory. Eating lunch in the classroom.

Pioneer ES

We would want our children to attend school on the days they require childcare. What they have done at childcare with distance learning has been limited and there is not enough help for every child to be productive in distance learning while at childcare.

McKenny ES

My child needs in person social interaction. We are interested in distance learning (if we have to), but please let them play with each other. Their emotional health is very important. More time outside?

Pioneer ES

The biggest issue for elementary education is making the online learning easy. It was very problematic this last year. That's understandable considering the circumstances. But online learning needs to be more efficient and streamlined. The high schools seemed to be able achieve that in relatively short order.

Capital HS

My first option is full distance learning only. The space from social drama at school has been a revelation. I see no need for a return to the toxic school environment. Keep politics out of school. No white fragility or guilt training. Let the parents handle it, like religious choices. Also, keep STEM learning. If STEM goes, so does western civilization. STEM and science are not racist. This narrative is backwards and idiotic, and it has to end.

Reeves MS

Project-based learning, rather than worksheet-style busywork.

Capital HS

Students returning to in class learning is most important. The health of our students as a whole should be considered. In class learning cant be replaced with distance learning.

Centennial ES

Likelihood of increased cases in Fall that results in unacceptable risk. Mask wearing? Why can't kids wear masks?

Centennial ES

As the parent of a middle schooler I think it would make more sense to split the 6 courses being taken each semester into 3 courses each quarter and increasing the speed in which the content is covered. It is extremely challenging to navigate and keep track of 6 remote courses and the various log ins, systems, and due dates for all. 3 online classes at a time seems more manageable.

LP Brown ES

Elementary online learning was very disorganized. That's understandable given the circumstances. But high school classes did it pretty well. So hopefully the district will use the summer as a time to ensure successful delivery of online distance learning. It was very inefficient and it took too much 'figuring out' from the families. We are a family that has increased working hours during covid. We felt left to do way to do way to much while having increased work pressures, and not provided with clear instructions on how to achieve the distance learning intended. For example, we followed the instructions for 10 days in a row in attempting to gain access to the math program. It never worked. When we reached out, there really wasn't an answer. Which is probably because the teacher was too overwhelmed. The point is, our hs student had a pretty efficient and easy in (terms of direction and access) distance learning experience. Our elementary student definitely did not. Thank you.

Madison ES

The district needs to really commit to in-person learning. What I mean by that is to decide this is what is going to happen, and then work within that framework. Conclude it's the best choice, figure out the safest and most creative ways to facilitate that reality. I work in medicine. This has been uncharted territory for us, too, but we made certain commitments to our teams and our patients and essentially worked backwards, figuring out the best way to achieve our goals. I think the district could do this, which is to stop thinking it's an option to do anything *but* in in-person learning and get to figuring out how to make that happen. This is critical. Our children will suffer mightily if they don't get back in the classroom, mostly socially and emotionally. People can't work if they have to be at home. Relationships are being eroded by the stress of trying to teach and be thought. We tried distance learning and it was a failure. Coronavirus isn't going anywhere. We need to be in the classrooms and we need to do it with Coronavirus around. Period.

Roosevelt ES

Please consider adding high school Seniors to the "special consideration" classification as they need to complete graduation requirements and need a higher level of support to maintain their college options.

Capital HS

I think it is going to be a nightmare to enforce masks. If you are screaming students at the door then why do they need to be required to wear masks? How much will it cost to replace contaminated masks all day? Kids hands are dirty every time they touch a mask they need to consider it contaminated and replace it. There will be cases of mold issues and phenomena from dirty masks and who's responsibility is it to provide clean masks? If I send 5 masks for the day and they all get contaminated, do I have to leave work to get my kid? Will schools be canceled again if there is another flair up? Will there be daily direction of distance learning is enforced again? What were teachers doing all day? Not teaching. Once a week is not teaching, I took online courses in college that were so blow off that were still more structured than what the schools offered. I know lots of parents who can't handle the disruption and want to create their own co op schools or join ORLA or other co op type schools and pull out of public schools. If distance learning is enforced again I will highly consider it because my kid does not respond to my instruction well and I need to work so I need help from others. I have a higher degree and can help, but it takes a community it's insane to think that parents can take on the role of the school system. That's like asking a single teacher to do the roll of every adult in school and work a full time job on top. It's just not realistic.

Roosevelt ES

None

Reeves MS

I don't really want any of the options listed in number 14. I want kids in school ALL days, ALL day. I do not think enough instruction can be given in a shortened schedule. Kids need full time in person instruction, and a return to all extracurricular activities. We have no idea what the long term consequences of lost instruction and social development will be. Allow kids to return to school at their own risk. If they want to come every day, let them. If they are high risk, or have high risk family members, give them the option for distance learning. We need to move forward, not hide away.

Capital HS

My 6 year old has a really hard time keeping her mask on. I do not see how a mask would actually keep herself or others safe. She also has a hard time communicating with people who are wearing a mask and having a teacher wear one would disrupt her ability to learn.

McLane ES

None of the options are good. Kids need to be in school with in person instruction all day every day. Distance learning was unacceptable. We need the return of in person instruction and all extracurricular activities. Our kids deserve more. Let families decide instead of being told what to do. Give students and families with high risk the option to participate in distance learning, and let those not at risk get on with their education and development. Please!

Capital HS

If you have distance learning it needs to be better than last year which unfortunately was not helpful -- the teachers were not prepared to teach in this environment. Students need much more incentive to participate on a daily basis instead of leaving it to the students judgement.

Olympia HS

I hope that whatever route we take, 1) adults keep their own anxiety in check, I cannot stress this enough. And 2) Hand-washing needs to be taken seriously! I'm not sure when it was determined that hand sanitizers was an acceptable time saving alternative, but it is not. 3) have a plan in place for dealing with sick kids that are sent to school despite their coughs, congestion, fevers. This has to stop. FMLA is meant to ensure that parents can miss work to care for sick kids, but too often sick kids are sent to school anyway. Do something.

Roosevelt ES

Strongly recommend utilizing as much distance learning as possible until a successful vaccine is available.

Pioneer ES

My kids really disliked distance learning. I was able to support them since I work in the afternoons and evenings. Their teachers did a great job. They were successful and completed good quality work. But it was stressful, my older child experienced lots of frustration and anger, and overall, it felt very unhealthy. I really don't want my 1st grader or 5th grader to be required to wear face coverings or masks at school. I would completely support smaller class sizes, frequent hand washing, temperature taking, personal school supplies, and part time schedules or alternating days. But no masks for them, please! I think I would prefer to continue distance learning rather than have them go to school wearing face coverings or masks :(

Lincoln ES

In my opinion half days to limit class sizes would be best. It reduces the time the children will need to wear masks. It also would mostly eliminate the issue of social distancing at recess by limiting the need for that time and limits the time they are expected to "sit" in class as I imagine movement around the classroom will be very limited for social distancing purposes. This will be very challenging for younger students. The classroom and building will need to be thoroughly cleaned before the second shift of kids enter.

Roosevelt ES

I am not comfortable having my kids wear a mask for an entire day while physically at school.

McLane ES

Bring back the school resource officer, our kids safety is the most important above anything else.

Olympia HS

Although we need to do what we need to do, having the kids stay at home to do distance learning means one of the parents will need to stay home which would create a financial hardship for my family.

Pioneer ES

Safety of those entering the building and keeping up cleanliness of bathrooms

Olympia HS

I'm highly concerned about masks being required by students and faculty. This disease exists and we can't hide from it. These children need social emotional learning, not dead eyes staring at them. Children need to play with each other. I fear that following cdc guidelines will be too traumatic to the kids. Please think for yourselves and allow them to be children. We will all be ok. This isn't what they're making it out to be

Lincoln ES

Don't go and give everyone in high school an "A" again just for participating again. Dumbest thing I've seen happen.

Capital HS

I have 3 immune compromised daughters and their high risk factor has me at high concern for their safety in a school environment. Most biggest fear is more for the winter months (aka cold/flu season) when cases could rise. Having schools being over cautious and prepared is extremely important to us. Maybe prepared for longer winter breaks, higher disinfecting, appts for library (c.r.c) to continue home curriculum, ect.

ORLA hConnect

My student is [educational challenge] and though I am in favor of wearing masks I'm concerned about his ability to hear the teacher through her/his mask clearly. Also I'm concerned about how special education services will look. We only received 30 minutes a week during distance learning. It wasn't effective. How will children be kept from touching each other in grade school?

Roosevelt ES

Security on campus including SRO.

Olympia HS

Distance learning was very challenging without very much content and instruction from the teachers, and very limited social interaction and motivation. I would be wary of doing that model again.

Centennial ES

Do not rush to open schools

Olympia HS

Till we have more understanding of this covid disease and have vaccine made available, for the safety of my kid as well as all kids out there, I would suggest use of advance technology to create more opportunity for online learning during the school hours. Partnership with Microsoft/google to assimilate tools like google classroom etc so that students can participate as if they are in school (virtually) and still continue to learn and grow and stay connected with teachers, friends and other staff. Thank u and best wishes!!

Jefferson MS

Let's try not to panic. The kids need to see adults be calm and make smart choices. Hand-washing is key, let's please dedicate real time to it. Teach the kids that it matters by giving them time to do it between activities! Hand sanitizer is not the same... my kids have reported for years that they are not allowed to wash hands at any point during the day except for when they've been to the restroom. This is absurd and reckless...I've complained for years. Maybe now we'll finally see change. Before class, when changing classrooms, before lunch, after recess, before getting on the bus. More time for hygiene, less stressing about keeping 6ft distance and thinking about plexiglass partitions.

Roosevelt ES

There was very little content and interaction between my child and her teacher during remote learning, and I really worry about my young child's academic and social well-being and perceptions of school if we encounter another situation where she is barely interacting with teachers and students and the learning menu mainly consists of watching YouTube videos. It's not right. A lot would need to be done to ensure quality instruction, because this past spring term was very disappointing.

Centennial ES

I understand the importance of attending school for hands on learning and social interaction but those do not outweigh my child's safety. I'm not confident in sending my child to school without access to a vaccine. Distance learning has been working well for us but I do understand the hardships for some families. Currently I'm looking into a year with home schooling if no vaccine is available in the fall.

Hansen ES

N/A

Centennial ES

The last several months of this school year was a dumpster fire. I know that COVID is a current threat and that suicide is a delayed outcome, but someone has to stick up for all the kids that have or will commit suicide because of the forced isolation. Common sense and the currently available information on child suicide tells us that suicide deaths are almost certain to be higher than COVID deaths of kids or the people they might give COVID to. A significant percentage of your student body has been at home, alone in many cases, for the last three months. And since all the summer activities like camps and such that kids would normally do have been cancelled, many, if not most of them are likely to spend the next three months home

alone as well. We NEED to get them back in school under as close to normal conditions as possible. Thank you

Olympia HS

I understand that the guidelines are for children to wear masks, but I am highly against this. I am 100% in support for protecting others, but do not think children should be in masks for 6 hours a day. I think it will take away from their learning (hearing, distraction, facial/social cues), the teachers won't be able to speak clearly (hard to project voice in a mask) in them and it will cause the kids to touch their faces much more frequently than they already do. I am in support of taking temps if need be but not wearing masks.

Centennial ES

Please remember that school provides academic learning but also they are learning social skills. My kids have suffered greatly due to the lack of opportunity to socialize with other kids.

Madison ES

With three children in three different schools, ie grade, middle and high school not being able to send them to school on the same schedule would be detrimental to being able to maintain gainful employment.

Marshall MS

Distance learning could work well if it were academically rigorous. Why not use the ORLA model plus college in the classroom so that the high schoolers can continue to be challenged academically and be able to apply to top notch colleges. If we have another year like last semester I will need to seriously consider other academic pursuits such as pulling her out and either sending her to a private high school or enrolling her in running start.

Olympia HS

Is it being taken into consideration families who have 3 kids in elementary, middle and high school? For the reason us parents have to work we can at least try and work better around the schedule when they are all on the same schedule.

Hansen ES

If transportation is limited my kids would have to bike 30+ mins each way. That's not safe at 6:45AM or I'm a rush. If bussing is to be limited, 7:15 start time is undoable.

My kid is not highly studious and lacks motivation for distance learning. I'm genuinely concerned that he won't make it through high school having received a meaningful academic education.

Olympia HS

I didn't see anything about encouraging outside learning. With Covid transmission greater inside, it seems like if learning can happen outside I would really support that

Pioneer ES

Thus far, distance learning has been an utter disaster. My child received very little instruction from his teacher during the distance learning, and I found myself having to research and develop lesson plans to meet the objectives, all while working as I am a healthcare provider. The twice weekly zoom meetings were a waste of time due to the lack of instruction. My child loves and misses school - he wanted to be taught during the zoom meetings - not wasting time playing games and reading riddles.

Centennial ES

Suggest online educational opportunity for junior and senior high school students to learn marketable skills for the new economy.

Olympia HS

Good luck. We know you're doing your best

Centennial ES

The idea proposed in #9 seems wholly unrealistic. Please prioritize health and safety, despite parental passions about "going back to normal" which isn't realistic. Questions 6 & 7: Yes, these are very important, so I acknowledged that, but they can be attended to via both blended and distance learning if they're built intentionally into the design of the student schedule. Please consider the 4/10 option, which is more informed by the viral exposure than by what we're all wishing we could have! (normal school)

Olympia HS

I feel that a 4 day on 10 days off cycle is appropriate to allow for the 14-day incubation periodic that is recommended by everyone.

Olympia HS

If we were worried about parity in education before, this will be the end of any hope for it. Any parent with money will pay for private school, private tutors, or an array of other options only accessible to the privileged. Only the poor and downtrodden will put up with this unrecognizable facsimile of public education. Many kids will be home, alone, in front of screens acting as babysitters for most days, with no adult guidance while their parents are at work. I also foresee an unfathomable rise in drop-out rates that will have longer and harsher reaching consequences than any retribution from the coronavirus. Moreover, athletic and extra-curricular activities help engage and motivate many students that would otherwise fall prey to unsupervised idle time. It is imperative that for the future of our children and community schools and activities resume, undeterred, in the fall.

Capital HS

[Student] needs the in person instruction if he is to thrive and graduate. I am concerned that [Student] will not be able to graduate with distance learning due to his learning disability.

Olympia HS

Consider letting hs students pick some courses to take via remote learning and other classes in person.

Olympia HS

I will likely pull my kids and home school if they are to receive mostly “distance learning”.

Centennial ES

I have said it before and I will say it again and many other parents at our ORLA meeting on the same subject said that they also would like family school field trips. The parents drive the students to a site. The teachers meet the students at the site, 6 foot distancing is maintained. Outdoors is supposed to be safer, it is easier to maintain social distance. Most families are already going to local parks and outdoor areas. I do not understand why this has not been explored further. ORLA has a fabulous model for this kind of outdoor learning that has been going on for years!

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Marshall MS

I will not do distance learning again. It was ineffective - kids barely learned anything and teachers didn't communicate nearly enough, not to mention all the technical and other problems. If OSD decides to do distance learning, I will home school.

Centennial ES

I think a model that supports a 4day on and a 10day off schedule is important in that it supports a 14 day incubation period that would allow for symptoms to show themselves if they are going to.

Olympia HS

If my daughter can't go to school in person, I will home school. Distance learning was a huge disaster.

Washington MS

For the older students, I believe a more efficient model would be to have children assigned to a classroom and desk during their days at school while teachers rotate in and out of the

classrooms. This limits the children's contact with the school and requires a smaller area for sanitation between classes. Unless strict guidelines are put in place (temperature/sick checks for school entry, mandatory masks for all persons and students on campus, etc) I will not feel comfortable allowing my children to return to in-person classes. I believe there should be an option for parents who do not feel comfortable having their children return to school to have a full-time distance learning model for their students. As it is I do not allow my children into public spaces because nobody is enforcing the statewide mandatory mask rules. Our household has high-risk patients and we cannot allow anyone to come in contact with someone that is possibly ill. Because of this I believe the model for next year needs to be flexible enough that students who are at home will not fall behind.

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Hansen ES

Our child has an IEP and will be starting 2nd grade in the fall. We are considering home schooling because this Spring's pandemic approach (on-line) did not meet our child or family's needs. We would rather our child participated in in-person school learning intensively, perhaps reducing in-school time to fewer hours but leaving PE, lunch and enrichment time to occur at home.

McLane ES

As a registered nurse - I support the week alternating option for our students. It gives the schools the opportunity to adequately clean between groups.

Olympia HS

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extracurricular activities help engage and motivate many students that would otherwise fall prey to unsupervised idle time. It is imperative that for the future of our children and community schools and activities resume, undeterred, in the fall.

Hansen ES

I highly disagree with having kids wear masks to school. Specially the kindergarten kids. That is way to long for 5 year olds to wear something that limits their breathing. Why not just check temperatures at the door of each classroom for safety. I feel having little kids wear masks is dangerous and a risk of a law suit if something was to happen to a kid because he couldn't breathe from wearing a mask for too long.

LP Brown ES

My son will most likely be taking online math but ORLA traditionally requires one hour a week onsite for this class. I have a hard time understanding why that can not work for fall. One hour a week in the computer room for most online classes should be ok. I also think it would be nice for my son to have at least one onsite class, socialization is of huge importance to young people, but it is not just that. I want them to have experience working with in person teachers, this is a model that teaches students how to work in the work place. We are fine with online learning, especially under the circumstances. But one or two in person small classes I think would really help the students stay engaged.

ORLA hConnect

If blended learning is in place. I want to make sure my Elementary school student goes to school the same days as my Middle school student and have them home the same days. I would like masks to be worn by all students and staff.

Washington MS

The social emotional development of all children is important regardless of age group. Younger children cannot stay home alone, that is obviously why some folks consider using our schools to accommodate social distancing requirements for elementary aged children as a first choice. I do not think the answer is that simple. Middle school or high school aged children are in an age group who without consistent daily school attendance, social interaction, and in-person instruction could be at risk for negative social, emotional, and educational impacts.

Olympia HS

Please be risk adverse. And please, please work on drastically improving distance learning--it has been a real nightmare (too many platforms, unclear and inconsistent expectations, unreasonable workloads, etc.).

Olympia HS

Our children will be in 9th and 11 grade. Ideally if they could be on the same same schedule that would be great, but I know highly unlikely.

Olympia HS

Having our 9th grader and 11 grader on the same schedule. but i know this is highly unlikely. Clearly defined grading for students and teachers keeping gradebook up to date to help track student progress/learning. Will there be in-person help available if my student needs it?

Olympia HS

I do not need transportation to get to school but need it for going home. This question was not asked

Boston Harbor ES

We are seriously considering pulling our children and fully homeschooling. The most frustrating part of distance learning was that each grade level had very different platforms and methods for finding and turning in assignments. We can't support distance learning in this way in the future.

Centennial ES

Full distance learning until available of vaccine.

Washington MS

As a single working parent with no childcare, no co parent and a full time job; the vast majority of these options are impossible or ask my small business employer to make major sacrifices to keep me employed. I fall into an area where I work hard to support my family but also make too much to get assistance of any sort for things such as childcare, lunches or even insurance. I understand that I am not the majority in this district but it is extremely difficult for me to stay employed and supporting my family without sacrificing my children's education because I cannot both work and teach. I understand protecting our community but I think individuals can make choices that do so while the schools continue to offer essential educational services such as in class instruction.

ORLA Montessori

Just teach children in usual way.

Olympia HS

The high school should do distance learning

Olympia HS

Be safe. It's a trying time and I appreciate everyone trying to figure out our kids and educators path for the upcoming school year.

McKenny ES

I will not be able to afford childcare or be available during the week to help my child with distance learning because I work 3 days out of the week from 9-6

McKenny ES

With 3 kids at home, distance learning through the district was so hard this year that we are considering home school alternatives if distance learning will continue at all in the fall. It is too hard otherwise

Reeves MS

OSD's distanced learning for the '19-'20 school year was a complete failure. You shouldn't even consider it unless you can guarantee students get an equivalent curriculum, instruction time, and homework as with in-person teaching - and even then I wouldn't support it. Kids are in the lowest risk group for this virus and there is no reason to disrupt the normal classroom instruction with distanced learning or blended teaching or whatever you want to call it. Just get the kids back into the classrooms and provide the most productive education possible.

Olympia HS

Consideration for 2 or more kids at different grade levels

Boston Harbor ES

What does it matter to socially distance the children when each of them will be engaging with their teacher whom comes into contact with all of them. If one child spreads the virus to the teacher, they will inevitably spread it to the children. Children are going to have an extremely difficult time socially distancing and keeping their masks on. I don't see this working. I pray this doesn't snowball in the fall and prove dastardly!

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Marshall MS

IEP students I feel will fall behind. My son has IEP for speech and writing. He was supposed to receive further assessments in order to possibly add more subjects, but got cancelled due to covid. Also distance learning and zoom classes need to be further developed. I feel that my sons teacher was not able to engage with all her students and there was no real way to grade or skills that needed improvement. I think zoom classes should be no more than 4 students at a time. That allows for more follow through from teachers. Help find a way for more one on one at least for IEP or troubled students.

Hansen ES

I don't want to worry about kid being kids playing together and contact covid and bring it back home.

McLane ES

If the plan is that my child had to wear a mask at school and not be allowed to get within 6 feet of anyone...he will not be attending school. I will be signing him up for online high school. Honestly, this whole thing is absolutely ridiculous. And if OSD is going to remove officers from the high schools, my kid won't be attending anyway. Big thumbs down for ODS.

Capital HS

My son needs to be in school for learning . we have had trouble focusing at home. To be honest teachers need alot more credit for all they do!!! If we can do it safely Totally for going back to school

LP Brown ES

Special education needs to be provided!

McLane ES

You cannot possibly guarantee with any certainty that you can effectively manage or control a population the size of OHS. The safest course of action, and the only real control to prevent the spread of C19 is to change your operational mode to distance learning. Regardless of what is mandated by either government officials, teachers unions or district administration, my kids will not be returning to the petri dish until there is A) a statistically proven, working vaccine, B) widespread, accurate and available testing C) R values are well below 1. This virus is a moving target, and we still do not have complete information.

Olympia HS

The distance learning this spring was an absolute failure. My student's learning stopped when the doors at the school closed. There was no way to know if my student attended a zoom meeting, most meetings were not required and I found my student playing video games during the zoom meetings. Any so called tests he had he was able to cheat by using Google. Online learning works for motivated students but for unmotivated students it does not work. Why not have the teachers that don't want to do in classroom teaching create online classes for those that don't want their kids in a classroom and have the teachers that want to be in the classroom teach in the classroom for the kids that need to be in school to learn. I know there is no simple answer to this and I am understanding of the complications of brick and mortar classrooms during this time but school is more than just ABC's. Learning in a school building is also about socializing, friends, and sports. They learn not all people are the same. Currently kids are staying in their parents little clicks and social circles and they are not learning how to get along with those that share different ideas and circumstances. I have a college education but it isn't in teaching. If I wanted to home school my kid I would be doing ORLA now. This spring I spent a ton of money on a private tutor because I don't have teaching skills. Whatever the solution is I think we need to at least get the kids face to face learning part of the time.

Olympia HS

We will get behind whatever we need to to keep our kids and families safe. If I have to figure out how to work from home for the next year, then that's what I'll do. But follow the guidance, dont risk everything for loud people.

Olympia HS

Please consider the effects of excess chemical cleaner usage.

Hansen ES

We just started Orla last year and are really looking forward to any opportunities to be back in the mix of things in the fall. I'm crossing my fingers it works out! Thank you for this survey!!!

ORLA hConnect

My husband and I already pay for Ycare after school- and hoping he will be able to use the bus daily at least to school. Distance learning has not been effective for him- He thrives in a classroom setting. Home school is not an option for us as we both work outside the home.

McLane ES

distance learning is ineffective and does not meet the child's needs both socially and academically

Roosevelt ES

All but one member of our family is high risk so this is potentially a life or death decision for us and the risk goes up exponentially the more students that attend. I wouldn't hesitate to keep my student out of school if it weren't for the fact that they struggled significantly with distance learning. I hope the district decides to limit in-person instruction to those that truly need it. Even if the district takes steps the minimize risk, in-person instruction that's open to all students is asking us to put our children in a confined space for an extended period of time all breathing the same air. The amount of irresponsible behavior I've seen in public over the last month (not wearing masks not distancing) is appalling and any measures taken by the district to reduce risk can only be applied at school and only to the students. Please make families and students that have a choice to stay home (doing well in distance learning) stay home so the students that don't have a choice (need special instruction or services) can get an education that doesn't include added and unnecessary risk. Please ask parents for ideas and feedback on distance learning and blended learning. There are some things that could be done to help me and my student do better with distance learning. The options I saw for blended learning were very limited and parents might have different ideas that would work or models that were not proposed but that they would be more comfortable with. It seems like it would help cut down on the guessing.

Capital HS

Seniors and the completion of their credits should be considered as a priority group.

Olympia HS

Please be sure you are reaching and receiving feedback for students from non English speaking families and those experiencing homelessness.

Capital HS

There needs to be more consistency with teachers use of technology and participation expectations for remote learning. Some teachers were great. Others failed at engaging and seem afraid of technology. That isn't acceptable. They need more training on utilizing the tools.

Reeves MS

At this point it seems likely that we will be going through another wave of covid as school reopens. I don't think reopening schools is a good idea. Even in shifts, infection will spread. If a teacher is infected one week, all the students that come in contact with that teacher the following week will likely be infected.

ORLA hConnect

I believe my son needs structure outside of the home as well. He needs to go to school and be social for some sense of normalcy. I'm worried he is becoming anxious when it does come time to leave the house, whereas before he was an extremely outgoing kid!

Reeves MS

Do not give A's just for being there. This years grading for students is a tragedy. I came from private schools and know they did not miss a beat and still expected the kids to get the work done and to the set standards. Dumbing down the entire district down the way it was done is utterly appalling.

Olympia HS

I think my student could do ok with distance learning if it involved instruction (especially math and writing) and not just check-ins and sharing. It would need to be very clear to him what assignments he needed to complete and how and when to ask for help. If there was a brief weekly check-in just to help him organize his work and see how he's feeling academically, that would help too and would help him not rely on me so much to figure out which assignments are his and which apply to other classmates. My student is the only person in our family that is not high risk so I'd like to keep him home but he really struggled with distance learning the last three weeks of school. I couldn't convince him to go to his zoom classes. The blended models would help keep him interested and accountable but I wish there were more options to choose from because I don't feel comfortable with any of them. I feel like they are formulated to be "fair" either to families in general or to teachers/organized labor. I beg you to not prioritize fairness over my child's life or the lives of our family. Please prioritize in-person instruction for those that need it most. And if a blended model is what you decide to go with in the fall, please significantly reduce the amount of time the kids are there in-person. The options included in the survey require too much time in the same room breathing the same air. Part time days with smaller class sizes and social distancing TWO DAYS a week (mixed with distance learning) would be my preference And probably the most I would be comfortable with. That would be enough

time for my student to get that personal connection regularly but minimize the risk of trauma to our family.

Lincoln ES

Teachers must catch up to technology and provide daily class instruction with checks on learning (Socratic, interrogative, etc.) to make distance learning work. Not an optional way to teach as it was this last year. Provide the tools teachers need to succeed like Khan academy whiteboard tools and the instruction followed by validating proficiency necessary to do this right. Half-measures are exactly that and don't allow teachers and students to teach their full potential.

Olympia HS

My children are struggling, I have younger children at home, learning is NOT at or close to equivalent to what they would get from a teacher in a class room. We have speech services as well that does not equate to the same experience online to show improvement. Online classes DO NOT allow kids to have a personal moment with the teacher when they are struggling. Distance learning does NOT work for elementary children.

McKenny ES

This whole thing is a joke! It's a cover-up that we have been fooled into believing/following. Get my child back into school and continue as normally. My tax paying dollars pay for this, and as a tax paying citizen, I am outraged that you have purely robbed my child of a fair education. Educate my child or provide childcare. You're being regardless!

Olympia HS

I work at an elementary school but my children go to middle school. It would be very very helpful to have our schedules be the same so we are at school on same days and home on same days.

Jefferson MS

Thank you for tackling this tremendous challenge and giving special consideration to vulnerable students and families during this tumultuous time. I would support an entirely remote or blended model which seeks to reduce the number of students physically in the school building at any one time. Thank you for all of your efforts to guide us through this uncertain time.

Boston Harbor ES

Distance learning over the previous school year was highly unsuccessful. Most kids are not in the "at risk" category for COVID and the school district needs to implement safety measures for the teachers who are. Distance learning should be optional for "at risk" families but not forced on the majority. Most parents work full time and distance learning puts a huge burden on the families. Schools must open full time in the fall!

Washington MS

My child has [educational challenge] and without a regular school setting that existed before this pandemic then blended learning has not worked at all and would just set him up for failure. I do not support any of the options in question 13 or 14. There was no option to state this in the survey. I felt like I was being forced to answer the question that I did not support. The stress of trying to do long distance learning from home in any measure has put my family in duress, completely frayed our mental health and my son is getting no education because he cannot get the support at home that he needs so badly.

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Boston Harbor ES

I'm not comfortable with the idea of in person school at this time, especially with cases increasing and the fact that so many kids (as well as adults) are not willing to wear masks. That said, if I am required to work in person as a teacher and increase my family's exposure, I want my child in school learning instead of paying for childcare.

Lincoln ES

I understand you have to follow the guidelines put out by our state officials. If the at home learning that we just experienced these past few months is any indication of the learning of the future. We are in serious trouble. All of three of my children just stayed a float. No advancement, no learning. Two full time parents. No structure. I had one student begging his teacher for work (not the teachers fault). But she couldn't keep up. I know for a fact we have a parent at our school that is an online teacher and offered to help out the teachers within ORLA and was told no. We need to better utilize all resources to better educate our children in this time of unnecessary chaos. How involved are parents in making these decisions? Are we just able to do surveys? Is that our only input? We're not placed on any boards?

ORLA Montessori

Schools have to open in the fall. We cannot have businesses re-opening sending parents to work but keep the schools closed! We expect the district to get safety measures in place before fall. It must happen and that should be your focus. Not finding ways to implement distance learning. Plexiglass, masks, whatever is necessary to get the kids in school full time. We rely on you to educate our children. The end of last school year proved distance learning leaves the responsibility of education on the parents, not the teachers. Our children are already behind, this cannot go on!

Washington MS

If you chose to do an online learning model, please have the teachers actually hold class through zoom and make the children attend. In this past year, we experienced a lot of assignments but not a lot of instruction. I think the teachers should still hold the kids and

themselves responsible for getting up and attending a class online live as they would in the schoolhouse.

Olympia HS

I have taught online and hybrid math at a local community college for several years and have taught exclusively online all through this Spring due to Covid 19. I teach multiple levels of math for both liberal arts and STEM degrees. I use of modules to structure courses and keep students on track. The hybrid model is my favorite but my students enjoy the layout of the online courses as well. Lessons are given via at home pre-recorded lectures and "class work" and class time is for rich activities, help sessions, and proctored testing. I would like to see this type of structure used throughout the week for my high school child rather than a once a week Zoom lesson. I would be happy to volunteer to help in any way needed to support teachers and students.

[name] Email [email]

Olympia HS

I trust you are doing your best and support decisions that center the needs of those families who would be impacted the most and that create the least equity issues between children. Thank you for your hard work.

Roosevelt ES

My high schooler did a good job for the most part adapting to the new changes the past few months of last school year. My concern for this next year. Is the ability to actually learn something. knowing that they were getting an A as long as they didn't fail decreased motivation dramatically. Some teachers bombarded them with information and some gave them barely any. Expectations were all over the place. Causing stress and confusion. This is a critical time for us to not let down the next generation in education. I understand this came from left field. My sincere hope is this next year will be better. That our children will thrive.

Olympia HS

My son will be starting kindergarten. I'm concerned about social-emotional learning at this age if everyone in the classroom has to wear a mask. Is this something the district has considered? Are there ways to hold class outside on a regular basis?

Roosevelt ES

If distance learning continues ALL teachers need to post all assignments on the same website.

Olympia HS

Check temps upon entry to school daily?

Capital HS

I like what I heard some European schools were considering doing of having kids attend for 4 days and then not attend for a few days just in case they contracted the virus, they wouldn't pass it on because they would be home before the incubation period ended.

Roosevelt ES

Although I like the consistent contact of teacher contact everyday for a 1/2 day, 6 classes is a lot to manage. Can there be 3 classes per quarter? This will allow students and teachers to go deeper, have less to juggle, improve mental health, have less movement in the time they are there for decreased disease spreading.

Capital HS

Bussing would only be a factor for the ride home as I will be at work by that time.

Jefferson MS

We didn't have the best experience with the at home learning last year. The children's learning became diluted. Stress was high and brought on depression. My hope is that we are able to find a way our children will learn and thrive this next year. Not just get by.

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Reeves MS

Willing to support and assist the school proposal planning.

Jefferson MS

Business will be open and parents will be at work by September. The schools MUST OPEN FULL TIME!

Washington MS

I am not happy with your survey options. They ask the wrong questions and leave a lot to be desired. I am only interested in an option where my kids attend school full time and not in shifts of any kind. There is no reason not to send kids back to school considering they do not transmit covid and are not susceptible to it unless immunocompromised. I will not send my kids back unless there is full time in school class all day. Why pay you all of your budget if you arent doing your job and Distance learning was a joke! I dont intend to let my children do that again. We will put them in private school before I send them back to that.

Centennial ES

When looking at who is prioritized for school, a significant factor should be which families have working adults who would need childcare for distance learning. Distance learning is NOT an option for my single parent, working mom of a rising 1st and 2nd grader.

Pioneer ES

Kids are not at risk. District and teachers union need to implement safety measures for teachers. Distance learning should be an option for at risk families but not forced of the rest of us. Parents are working, open the schools!

Washington MS

Distance learning has been a complete failure in our home. The stress of trying to do so has ripped our mental health apart. An in school learning environment that existed before the pandemic is necessary for my student to learn and to allow my family to have space to care for ourselves on a regular basis throughout the week. The cost to try to have people come into our home to help defray the stress (In-home care for grandpa, care for the kids, house cleaning so that I can have some space to myself and be able to work) is astronomical and unsustainable for our family. With regular school hours before the pandemic then I at least had enough time throughout the week to be able to work, do care for myself and manage all the needs of our home without outside help. Now I'm spending all the money I can manage to get all the help I can get just to keep myself from falling apart and have a complete mental break down. I have a long history of mental health issues with an invisible disability and any level of long-distance learning it's just too stressful for me to handle. It endangers myself, it endangers my family and children. My child is suffering from lack of services, support and education as long as we do any long-distance learning because it cannot be managed at home. There is no capability to support it. My child does have special needs. Last but not least. Regarding transportation... my child is used to being dropped off at school but riding the school bus home. His brother attends a different school and so we would just drop him off on the way to taking his brother to school but we depend on him being able to ride the school bus home. Thank you.

Roosevelt ES

When the teachers unions want raises we constantly hear how important our educational system is, however; when we (working single parents) need them the most, all of the sudden your lives are more important than ours. I'm working everyday in healthcare and the thought of rolling schedules or online (a COMPLETE failure) learning would be a disaster! I would need to take my 11 year old to a hospital to sit around while the teachers (whom I see at my office all the time and seem to be very content with this situation) get to stay home to protect this very safe population of young people. Here's an idea; how about you home school the few students that are compromised and get your butts back to work! This is beyond asinine, you are too used to making all your own rules and I'm disgusted by this rush to be overaggressive in the name of safety. I think a better word is cowardice. It took my senior 4 weeks to get an email from most her teachers at the beginning of this and the online learning was a joke to most students and all parents. Get these kids back in school and stop being ridiculous. Next time you want another raise in taxes for "education" I know many of us have had enough.

Marshall MS

It is unrealistic to think that young children will wear masks and the trauma outweighs the benefit. If that is the rule I will seriously have to rethink sending my child to school. Also, the district should share teaching materials between schools and stop trying to support a bunch of slightly different programs. There is an opportunity to greatly improve the availability of

learning materials as well as accelerate the teachers knowledge of what the best ideas are for connecting with students and getting the best outcomes. There is no reason simple surveys like this can't be embedded into lessons to test knowledge and stuff like that. In addition, sharing materials between teachers and deciding which ones are the best offer the teachers an opportunity to increase their creativity and familiarize themselves with the lessons which I am sure they did not have this Spring when they were just trying to create content.

Centennial ES

I know you all are doing your best. For my middle schooler, in-class or at minimum interactive/Zoom classroom time with teachers and peers is CRITICAL — for social and educational reasons. I am not a teacher and he is a middle schooler ... We barely made it through fourth quarter! :) Thank you for all you are doing to keep our kids healthy, safe and engaged.

Jefferson MS

Allowing those with stay-at-home parents to voluntarily choose distance learning would be beneficial in decreasing class sizes. Then those parents who opted in can make sure their students are attending all meetings. It decreases the amount of students in the schools ensuring greater safety to the students that have to attend and the teachers than have to go home to their own families. Having families volunteer sooner can help plan for the numbers that will be attending, and should a cure be released before the fall start, then no action will be needed as schools can resume as normal.

Hansen ES

Keeping elementary siblings attending the same school on the same schedule will be key to childcare needs.

Centennial ES

Our experience with distance learning this year was absolutely horrendous. We essentially heard from the teacher twice in 4 months and never received any individualized communication or feedback on progress even though conferences had been canceled. Unacceptable. I would NOT support a full distance learning model at all.

McLane ES

Parents are returning to work, why would kids not return to school? Especially when kids are not in the "at risk" category. Implement safety measures for the teachers and give the option for distance learning for at risk families. But get the kids back to school full time in the fall!

Washington MS

I think a blend would be most beneficial to student learning. Consistent day of the week allows them to get into a schedule (i.e. every Mon and Tue I go IN to school) rather than a week on and week off. Also, this seems like it would be the easiest to maintain for cleaning of schools rather than to disinfect everything middle of day each day for example. Also to consider- multiple kids in same school who will need childcare for remote learning. I will have 1st and 3rd

graders in the Fall and am concerned they will be assigned different schedules and I'll have to piece together some odd childcare as a result which would be a strain. Honestly- I want to wait until it feels safe to go back to classrooms. With younger students much of any classroom time would be spent just trying to get kids to not touch their faces or put their masks back on... I'd rather see a more robust virtual instruction for the Fall including more recordings or live teaching direct to students and more one on one zoom instructor to student if possible.

Pioneer ES

I had two children in learn-from-home situations and I don't feel they benefited at all from it. I would fully support creative solutions to them learning in-class as much as allowed.

Olympia HS

Grades are crucial for student and parent motivation.

Olympia HS

I think schools need to send books home with paper assignments and projects. I think having kids on screens while being told to limit screens puts families in a conflicting situation. Also I think it is unhealthy for kids

Reeves MS

These questions are a setup either way you gather it.. Return to school for everyone fulltime. You go back to way it has been. All these steps are impractical. I live in the West side. There are 3 buses full to pick up students alone.. You can not social distance on a school bus. This is all ridiculous.

Capital HS

I think routine is most important.

Olympia HS

I do not agree with social distancing or preventing the children to interact physicallyplayground, lunchroom, P.E. This new plan will be damaging to them. Nor will I allow my child to wear a mask.....it's is hard to answer these questions with these ideals in mind.

Centennial ES

Please get better distance learning. It was not an engaging model. There needs to be attendance taken and classes throughout the day. The random optional zooms were not helpful. Need a more structure approach to actually engage the kids.

Olympia HS

I feel distance learning has been beneficial for my child's development and creativity.

Avanti HS

I think it extremely important that our kids attend school every day even if it not a full day. If extraneous lessons/activities are eliminated and teachers focus on core learning I believe a lot can be acheived in a half day.

LP Brown ES

If distance learning must be maintained then in-person instruction is needed, not just handing out assignments and teachers being available for office hours. There needs to be some direct check-in. Any choices for next years learning needs to be based on the best available science to protect the health of the students, teachers and the community.

Olympia HS

This survey, like the others before it, is biased toward parents of typical learners. The questions do not address the actual concerns of parents of children who cannot benefit from online learning and who have not been adequately served since the lock down. Of course I care about Covid and want everyone to stay safe, but the developmental toll of missing out on schooling and socialization for a year is a FAR bigger danger for my son than is Covid.

Olympia HS

Please do your best to return to normal as soon as possible. Instead of asking about a vaccine, why not test for antibodies?

Olympia HS

I think OSD needs to be prepared to change their learning plans quickly (on-site vs remote and a blend) as the virus status seems to change rapidly. It is hard to say if my answers to the survey will be the same in 3 months (or even 2 weeks from now). Also, if distance learning is used please have the same class schedule as the on-site days. Have teachers actually do their lecture/teaching online during normal class period times rather than just assigning work. And have all teachers use the same platform to assign and track work due dates.

Olympia HS

Online learning totally unacceptable

Capital HS

I think families should have the option for either online or in person. Our family can not be on campus.

Lincoln ES

The actual behaviors of students and staff (compliance with distancing, hand washing, masking) are the most important factor. Policies and guidelines are great, but behavior matters.

Olympia HS

Where was the option for students to attend school physically ALL DAYS of the week, in full-time shifts, observing CDC guidelines? That's my vote!

McKenny ES

Will district transfers be honored?

Washington MS

My student would do best with the least amount of distance learning possible. My student would do best with attending school all days even if for less time in order to maintain some level of structure and consistency. Thank you for seeking our feedback.

Pioneer ES

Physical health and safety are the paramount concern. Would adequate cleaning be able to happen between shifts if students are in school for partial days in shifts? If

Roosevelt ES

In questions 13 and 14 it there is a choice that states: "Students attend school physically on consecutive days while participating in distance learning on other days". Was this a misprint? What does it mean?

Olympia HS

From experience, screening lines to enter the building will take a lot of time and personnel. Consider hiring a labor pool and have a plan to do this and a clear plan for kids who fail screen and get sent home etc. Invest in thermometers etc. Plan to ventilate classrooms - kids dress warm, open windows.

Olympia HS

These kids desperately need to be back in school in person. They're not made to be solo all day at home, they need in person interaction to continue to grow as human beings and especially for their mental health well being. Most parents I've spoken with agree that kids needs to be back in school in person. My kids will NOT be able to academically excel due to our rural location and the Wifi provided by the school doesn't work where we live. It was extremely stressful for my kids to try to participate online and it overshadowed their learning experience.

Capital HS

My 10th grader will do absolutely no work unless someone is directly supervising her. She needs to go to school in person.

Capital HS

If kids are there in split shifts on the same day, would There be enough time for adequate disinfection between shifts of kids? Physical health & safety is our paramount concern. I also doubt the ability of elementary children to remain well masked For an entire day.

Roosevelt ES

The distance learning model used last year was really not helpful for a second grader. We had the same type of lessons every day. My student was profoundly unengaged and could not do the work without a parent sitting right next to her the whole time. If distance learning looks

like that again we are unlikely to participate in that portion. It has got to improve. As a family we were better off making our own curriculum in the 6 weeks before Osd launched.

McKenny ES

My only concern is that the school is kept clean according to guidelines and that the staff is vigilant about monitoring if kids come to school sick which has classically been a problem for quite some time. If kids are sick, they need to stay home covid virus or not.

McLane ES

My belief is that anyone behind reopening schools in WA state this fall has their head buried in the sand. Cases and deaths are rising internationally, nationally, and due to residents of WA state ignoring distancing recommendations, we are about to get hit hard with this virus. My prediction is that by August, the school district, along with the Thurston County and the State will be back peddling as quickly as possible; schools will not reopen for in-person learning. The school district needs to be fully prepared for distance learning and to make huge improvements from last spring. I would like the school district create a distant learning program that includes a social /video component. It's difficult for many kids who are socially motivated to enjoy school without ever seeing or interacting with their teachers or peers. I'm especially concerned about incoming 6th graders and how demoralizing it would feel to never meet your teachers or peers and simply be tasked with completing written assignments sent out by email. I hope you will agree with me that learning is not just an academic experience, it's a social experience and again, many kids are motivated by the social rewards they get from their teachers and peers. Please please please consider holding classes live via zoom or some other streaming service, such as google classroom.. My youngest was enrolled in Waldorf last year and even they, being notorious haters of screen time, had a much better online learning program than the public school system. It was integrated with google classroom and included live streaming with teachers and peers. They had this up and running a week after the lock down order was announced. I'd love to see the school district step it up and offer a robust distance learning experience. Otherwise we're going to have a group of kids disinterested in school. If you'd like to discuss this with me further, please feel free to call.[name and phone number]

Jefferson MS

It is critical that OSD require schools to narrow and streamline the number of learning platforms used at the high school level. In order for ANY of the proposed approaches to work that involve distance learning, there is A LOT of work to be done and professional development needed. OHS needs to have a consistent platform that is used by all teachers - this will be easier to navigate for students/families and easier to support at the building/district level.

Olympia HS

Possible Option: One group of students goes to school Monday and Tuesday. Distance learning and deep clean of school Wednesday. Second group Thursday and Friday. Deep clean Saturday.

Reeves MS

State guidance is not required. It is just a suggestion! I am unsure about whether we will be sending our children to school because the school district has not committed to what they will be doing. If there is any partial or full distance learning, we are out! I will unenroll them in OSD asap so that you get no funding for our children. I am told each kid gets about 11k in funding throughout the year. That will be over 40k you will be out of budget for in the fall if you do not put my children back in school full time. I loath distance learning entirely, it was poorly done, didnt work and we arent doing it again. My children are in grades [grades]. I will home school them with friends before I send them back to distance learn. I am not worried or concerned in the least about Covid, sanitation measures or anything because it has been proven through the cdc that children do not transmitt and are least likely to get covid. Why the [explitive] are we canceling school, shutting down the economy over something like Covid when the flu kills more people yearly. If children are required to wear masks, I will also be keeping them home. They are dangerous to their health, and completely useless so my children will not be wearing them period. My kids will not be getting the vaccine either. I am completely against that. I do not care about extra measures of sanitation, kids need germs and to build immunities.

Centennial ES

Having an AM shift and a PM shift every day of the week allows for consistency, smaller and socially distanced classes and can eliminate our loathed distance learning. Win-win-win! On a separate note, I'd appreciate consideration of a 45-15 schedule. I loved it when I was a student. It enables smaller class sizes, more social distancing, reduces fatigue, and dramatically reduces summer learning loss. Also, because it won't let me select more than one grade level, I have a [grades] with two more upcoming GES students.

Garfield ES

The situation is rapidly evolving. I hope this same survey can be given again in a month to six weeks when we know more about what happens nation-wide.

Lincoln ES

I have two children that have special needs with IEP's. They have both suffered during the distance learning the last few months. They both need in person instruction for both academic and social/emotional reason. Please, consider at least having students with IEP's attend in person instruction full-time with no distance learning.

Hansen ES

Our child WILL NOT attend school if masks are required

Centennial ES

As we all know routine and consistency is extremely important for children. Alternating school days only causes confusion. It also makes scheduling work and childcare very challenging.

McLane ES

We have several members of our immediate family with immuno-compromised systems so we would greatly appreciate an online only option for our family.

Lincoln ES

I do not support requiring children to wear masks in the school setting.

Olympia HS

I really appreciate you thinking through all of these things and trust that if you open it will be as safe as possible. THANK YOU!!!

Reeves MS

Children with IEPs need more intervention. No IEP services have been provided to my child since being at home and I do not want that to continue regardless of the school's operational plan.

Hansen ES

Covid-19 vaccination should *NOT* be required for children to attend school. The reason for this is that the safety testing for this vaccine will surely be rushed, and as a result this vaccine will be more likely to cause side effects compared to other vaccines that had more extensive safety testing.

LP Brown ES

Parents of child are not able to assist with distance learning. If there is distance learning we would request that our child be provided a space at school to do the distance learning. Parents will not be at home due to employment responsibilities to oversee and engage in distance learning.

McKenny ES

Soccer would be nice.

Washington MS

Be consistent, at least by level, in online platforms and hold teachers accountable.

Olympia HS

It is extremely important to prioritize face to face learning for marginalized students.

McKenny ES

My kid does not do well with distance learning. I would like him to go to school everyday and have no schooling at home.

Lincoln ES

I think it's important for all kids to have the option of attending school in person at least part time as long as cdc guidelines can be maintained.

Boston Harbor ES

My child needs a model where the completion of skill practice happens while the teacher is present for questions and support.

Washington MS

Thank you for identifying safe and effective ways to open. Stringent plans for those sick and cannot go to school - but definitely need to consider parents who have to work to pay bills - no easy answers - small class sizes a must for safer in door space (and always the case for better learning) / desks separated ... more time outdoors but not all schools are equipped with proper outdoor space eg LP brown when it rains (need awnings and outdoor space heaters?). Thermo temp checks for kids ? because not everyone is will admit to symptoms (unfortunately).

LP Brown ES

Distance learning is very stressful for my family. I prefer they attend school.

Marshall MS

My children struggled to learning remotely this last Spring. It is more important that my elementary and children on [educational program] have onsite instruction than my high school age daughter.

Lincoln ES

We are able to work around most of the issues that impact other families. While my student thrives on being in school with peers both academically and socially, we understand that we are in the middle of a global pandemic and we will be supportive of whatever school options are provided in the fall. We also want to do the appropriate and safe things required for the well being of our community and are willing to adjust in order to achieve this common goal.

Olympia HS

Distant learning from home until there is a vaccine is my comfort level as a nurse. Those families that have no childcare that rely on school and school meals should remain on campus. All others that are able to study Feom home should continue distant learning. I am concerned on how electives like art will be done.

Olympia HS

In one of your questions above, regarding limited space availability, you lumped together prioritizing special needs and 1-on-1 instruction with young elementary students. This is a false grouping. By all means prioritize all students that have special considerations at all ages, but do not automatically include a group that may not need it. By lumping these together, you show your pre-determined preference and force the data / results in a certain direction: whether it applies to your family or not, who is going to say not to prioritize in-school learning for those that have a special need for it? But that doesn't mean young primary aged students as a group need it. In fact, that age group would be the hardest to get good learning results with in-school, because so much time and energy would be wasted trying to get the kids to follow procedures and guidelines.

Roosevelt ES

Will there be temperature monitoring upon arrival at school? Will staff be tested on a regular basis? Public bathrooms have been shown to be an environment with higher opportunities for transmission, how will this be handled in a School with children, particularly young children?

Boston Harbor ES

I'm worried about the younger children wearing masks at school.

McLane ES

I have concerns for my kindergartner starting public school for the first time and developing a love for school and learning if content was delivered exclusively remotely. So much of what a child learns at school has to do with the relationships they form with their teachers and other students, making friends, learning to express their needs to trusted adults who are not their parents, etc. Of course with the full understanding that health and safety is every parents top concern.

The reason I said that I would be unlikely to support all students attending school every day for only part of the day is concerns for cleaning mid day to limit potential for spread of germs between class sessions. Seems better to do alternate days with a thorough cleaning between days. Also, I do not prefer alternate weeks because kids thrive on schedules and stability and having a week of school and then a week of home learning doesn't provide them with as stable Of an environment .

Boston Harbor ES

I feel it is critical for all faculty to train in distance learning and that ALL students be required to complete the exact same assignments in order to earn the identified credits unless there is conversation between parent, teacher, and principal. Also all required assignments need to be available to students at the beginning of each session. Otherwise they cannot manage their plan to complete credits within each session.

Avanti HS

I don't feel these survey results will be meaningful based on how it is written. And are we supposed to take the survey for each child in the district? It's written to only select one grade level. It's also indicative of the direction that has already been decided and parents/students are not being allowed a voice in the process (again!). Parents want kids back in the school buildings. Wearing masks is fine but get them back to school. Distance learning is an absolute disservice to these children and to the teachers even if you claim to roll out an enhanced program. I understand this is a difficult challenge but you see daycares, the Y and Boys and Girls Club doing it. Offer distance learning for those high risk families/teachers but get the others back to the building. Transportation - airlines are flying, subways in NYC are moving - get the kids on the buses with masks and one child to a seat. Certain routes will need more buses but make it happen. And of course enhanced cleaning should happen! To say it's unimportant, important or not sure on the list of priorities is ridiculous. It's a health requirement that the schools should just be doing. Social distancing - you won't succeed to keep children 6 feet apart so mitigate the risks with masks and cleanliness procedures. We may just move districts or go to private school if OSD doesn't get this right. And then the equity gap

just widens. Stop serving the minority group but rather touch the majority when providing public education. We pay our property taxes and our children are from a middle class family but then they are the last to be offered the "services" to obtain a good education. For example, you plan to prioritize the special ed students and elementary school children in the buildings and leave the others to hybrid/distance learning? "prioritize and service the need-based"? All children need an education! And distance learning is a disaster! Even if you offer 2.0!

Capital HS

My elementary children benefit more from onsite instruction than my high school daughter.

Lincoln ES

Socialization is so important to high school students! They need to be on campus at least part-time.

Capital HS

My child has suffered terribly during the stay at home distance-learning months. She has gained weight, was extremely lonely, and regressed socially by doing things that she used to do. She is now attending Olympia Parks summer camp at her school, Camp olywahoo, and it seems to be going well with the measures they have put in place. Distance-learning in the fall is not an option for my family.

Lincoln ES

Please minimize tech platforms and logins. Please help families who live rural area figure out a way to have internet or reliable internet connections

Boston Harbor ES

Kids already are completely distracted by phones, computers, etc. Then we added the all As or incomplete and any motivation to be on board was gone. For my kid, distance learning is the worst. He isn't the easiest child to engage anyway and distance learning was just the worst for him.

Capital HS

Reduce the amount of logins and technology platforms that the children use. All 6 teachers using a different platform was a pain

Reeves MS

I want the OSD to absolutely 100-percent put the health and safety of kids first—before the effectiveness of their learning. The only reason we are in this “not normal” situation is due to a health and safety concern that was recognized. To go back to anything like “normal” by putting aside health / safety concerns makes no sense. Either the teaching happens while ENSURING all safety guidelines can be met, or it shouldn't happen yet—until there is a vaccine. Some things are of more baseline importance than others, no matter how inconvenient.

Olympia HS

Please think of the teachers, para-educators and other school staff that will have contact at some point with all children and if exposed to the virus could spread it. This is concerning to me as a parent. Even if you limit how often children are present in the schools the staff are still put at risk. I am perfectly content with distance learning as long as it follows guidelines and has set zoom call times with lessons so that our children do not fall behind. I am in full support of our teachers and I want to keep everyone safe!

McLane ES

We appreciate the efforts Pioneer teachers and staff made in distance learning this spring, but with both of us (parents) working full-time jobs staying on top of school work (and doing our work) was extremely difficult. I just don't know if we could do that for a full school year.

Pioneer ES

If space is limited, prioritizing the return of younger elementary students and those students most impacted by the loss of in-person learning services (e.g., English Learners, students served in Special Education, homeless, etc.). I think the children with learning issues should be included in this. Like ADHD.

Capital HS

My children are twins in [grade] grade, would ideally attend school on the same days if not attending all days of the week. Sports team practices and clubs (speech/debate, STAND) need to be accommodated, for mental well-being.

[School] HS

Based on available information, it does not seem to me that we will be in a good position by the fall to gather indoors. I don't believe that kids will be strong or consistent social distancers at school. So, in-person teaching should be minimal, remote teaching the default for the fall, barring some major new development regarding COVID.

Capital HS

PLEASE include options for people who have a high risk person in their household. We would appreciate a plan that is flexible enough to allow students to opt to participate remotely during 150th that a household avoid all contact with other people. Otherwise we would have to separate our family, which would be very hard for us.

Olympia HS

The UW Covid model is currently predicting record numbers of infections in September: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/washington> If my child is expected to attend school during that time, then my whole family will be at risk unless we begin to isolate from one another within our home, which is not a very appealing idea, though maybe necessary. I understand the tremendous pressure to reopen, but it seems that OSD may be in denial about the reality of the situation. The pandemic looks like it will be worse in the fall than ever before.

Olympia HS

Thank you for taking the time to create a whole new way of learning. This is a very difficult task and I appreciate your efforts.

Lincoln ES

Distance learning has been terrible for my child's mental health. Kids need to go to school daily.

Olympia HS

Distance learning should be accompanied with occasional calls from the teacher to individual students and specific instruction to individual students

Garfield ES

I think it is important to make sure that kids and teachers are held accountable and to remember that most parents have to work full time and cannot be the teacher. Online learning (if used) needs to be clear (provide training to teachers, kids, and parents) and consistent. All of our kids deserve a good education!

McLane ES

Just a thought, but wouldn't it be easier to decontaminate thoroughly if you alternated weeks or blocks of days? Then you wouldn't have multiple sets of students coming in on the same day or every other day. Kind of sounds like a cleaning nightmare. Just wondering if it would be easier to lengthen the amount of time that the students are physically in school like, Monday Tuesday Wednesday one week and Thursday Friday the next week. Or week 1 week 3 week 5 week 7...

Lincoln ES

I think it is important that kids and teachers are held accountable. If online learning needs to be used, that online tools are clear and consistent. My son is in the CSI program and I hope they will be able to continue the hands-on learning of this extremely valuable program. All kids deserve a good education!

Marshall MS

I would like to see the school re open on a full time basis. My child did NOT do well with distance learning. He has ADHD to bad to try and concentrate at home

Olympia HS

Covid-19 is highly infectious and it would be a mistake to reopen schools without a viable vaccine that is administered to the majority of the children prior to their return.

LP Brown ES

Having a plan and knowing what the plan is are important. Also, with 6th grade kids entering a new school/phase extra transition considerations like more in person days a week for 6th graders and less in person days for 7 and 8 graders at least at the beginning of school.

Washington MS

My child's health and welfare is of utmost importance to us. Unless I'm absolutely sure that my child will be safe and happy with new guidelines at school, we will keep him home.

Reeves MS

If students are going to participate in part-time or full-time remote learning due to the virus, I believe teachers need to implement daily zoom opportunities for students to connect with peers and teachers. More access to personal tutoring when a student is struggling with a content area must be part of the distance learning model. There were no opportunities provided last year at my child's school for face to face, "Zoom" tutoring when content was difficult. Students could email questions and get a rapid response, which was great. Yet, I do not feel this is adequate to continue over a long period of time. Students must have access to their teachers in a virtual, in person format to ask questions and get explanations.

Reeves MS

Based on the information, I believe that students should be back full-time in the fall. K-12. We are currently in Phase 3 (allowing up to 50 people) Have students come back and try to keep them from crossing into other classes in the fall. (Lunch in the classroom, recess one class at a time, etc)

Centennial ES

Full time in the fall for all students is the way to go.

Washington MS

Distance learning does not work, at least not how its been set out today. And for some kids, it doesn't work at all. Some kids CAN'T learn without hands-on support. I'm sorry. Your teachers do not have enough time to be trained up to make it work. They did their best and I commend them but it doesn't work. Also the half and half plans you have to take into consideration that, parents have to figure out child care, sometimes thats older siblings, and staggering schedules or blended models means that that won't work either because they aren't always home at the same time. What if we can't afford child care? What if child care options can't support distance learning either? Parents can't work from home and support the kids at the same time. Once the work is required how do you chose between a parents work meeting and a childs class ? In person is the only thing that works I'm sorry =(. If we had the option to home school our kids wouldn't we already be doing it? Not everyone can work from home and stay at home and not work to be home so their kids can be home to do school work =(. Not all of us can live with one income in our homes during this time either. This isn't a fun choice.

Washington MS

I do not feel comfortable sending my child to school in a mask only to be stuck inside one classroom all day for learning, lunch and "recess."

Garfield ES

Distance learning does not work, at least not how its been set out today. And for some kids, it doesn't work at all. Some kids CAN'T learn without hands-on support. This is high school. High

school MATTERS. I'm sorry. Your teachers do not have enough time to be trained up to make it work. They did their best and I commend them but it doesn't work. Also the half and half plans you have to take into consideration that, parents have to figure out child care, sometimes that's older siblings, and staggering schedules or blended models means that that won't work either because they aren't always home at the same time. What if this discourages enough high schoolers to drop out? My heart BREAKS for some of the kids in this category!!!! What if we can't afford child care? What if child care options can't support distance learning either? Parents can't work from home and support the kids at the same time. Once the work is required how do you choose between a parent's work meeting and a child's class? Again this is HIGH SCHOOL! This is their future! In person is the only thing that works. But high school teachers can't support this at this level and that is ok, they aren't meant to!!!!. Not everyone can work from home and stay at home and not work to be home so their kids can be home to do school work =(. Not all of us can live with one income in our homes during this time either. What do we tell them to do, how do we shape them?

Olympia HS

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Reeves MS

Social emotional interactions are highly valuable for children and learning remotely doesn't provide the same benefits as learning in-person. The COVID stats indicate little to no health concerns for the littles and I am wondering if the state of WA is considering that too. The lack of human interaction in young children can be devastating and may have negative impact on emotional well-being and learning in the long term.

Centennial ES

Kids MUST be in school even if just 2 days a week. Wearing a mask should be required as well.

Washington MS

In person learning MUST happen, even if just 2 days a week. Online learning portals must be the same in each school. Online classes should be a set schedule and mandatory.

Olympia HS

For our family, our children would thrive in a online only model even if hybrid is in place. Would families have choices for students.

Capital HS

I think we need to return to school full time. Physically, emotionally, socially and academically
Capital HS

Keep up the good work! Thank you for all you do!
Capital HS

I would be more open to distant learning if it were a highly developed curriculum. I HATE the thought of this in any capacity in the fall as what we received from elementary this spring was not learning. It was totally lacking. I am so completely disappointed and discouraged in what was provided. Especially the varying amounts between grades and teachers. I honestly felt as if everyone at OSD was just on extended vacation. I know that is not the case. But that's honestly how I felt.

Hansen ES

I highly encourage the screening of children needing special support services d/t the disruption of onsite services.

Roosevelt ES

Keep things normal and regular. Monday-Friday FULL TIME
LP Brown ES

Alternating in person instruction by the week is way better than by the day! (or even every 2 weeks) Temp checks and test a percentage of people (kids and adults - test teachers more frequently) at random everyday for covid.

ORLA hConnect

Please prioritize my elementary child for onsite instruction.
Lincoln ES

Need the teachers to be more productive with their time. Feel like they were paid for a lot of hours that they did not work. The pressure was put more on the families

Pioneer ES

Thank you for looking at all the options for in-person learning in the fall! I realize it's a tough job, and challenging, if not impossible, to make everyone happy at this difficult time! I appreciate your efforts! If we will be going with a hybrid learning situation in the Fall, might there be a way to coordinate the schedules of all children in the same family, so that they will be going to school on the same days and home on the same days? That would be very helpful when planning for childcare! Thank you!

Marshall MS

If there is blended in person/online instruction, it would need to be much more structured with regular and predictable times than we experienced this spring. Some teachers barely provided any instruction, others assigned a fair amount of work but rarely interacted, etc. A few were

predictable with a good combination of zoom instruction and assignments. Universally, there was basically zero feedback on assignments this spring and the schedule was messy.

Washington MS

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Capital HS

We desperately need in-person learning; however, I don't see any way we can do this safely without the hybrid schedule. I believe it is essential that we support families with younger children who will have childcare needs. Meeting daily seems like it will be a strain on the transportation system; using an every other day approach may work better. I cannot decide if I feel safe sending my student until I know how the district will run school. High school students still NEED some in person opportunities to build relationships, collect materials/supplies, and have some form of social interactions and in person teacher support. YET - health and safety MUST come first! Please consider thinking outside of the box with using cohorts and smaller grouping of students who share the same classes. Also consider fewer subjects for high school students - 6 classes to manage online is TOO MUCH!. Thank you!

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Hansen ES

for the question about grade level, I selected the grade my child will be in for 2020-21 school year.

Lincoln ES

Some question I am unsure of because we don't have a schedule for distant learning. I feel it would be great if elementary and high school were one the same schedule, that way if parents can't find child care old siblings can fill in a bit. At least this would help my husband and myself.

Olympia HS

I would like to know if OHS attendance policies change for the 20-21 school year.

Olympia HS

Distance learning is very difficult for our household. Myself and my partner are both enrolled in school as well, and I have been trying to find work from home the entire time, which would take even more time away from my daughter's ability to learn and do her assigned work.

Hansen ES

I will not send my child to school if he will be required to wear a face mask. There is clear evidence that it would be more harmful to his health and hinder his ability to learn and further impact the social and emotion learning that comes in elementary school. I would support temperature screening. But then, I have always thought it was a good idea to stay home when one is sick. The school district and OSPI should stop teaching fear to our children and should work to empower our kids with what they CAN do to boost their immune system and stay healthy: eat right, exercise and get good sleep!

Lincoln ES

that high school and elementary school be on the same schedule so that if childcare is hard to find that people can have their high schoolers step in a little.

McKenny ES

I am very concerned with attending school with such guidelines and actually being a harmful experience for my child. Most kids ARE playing together at home without any distancing or masks. If we're in phase 2/3/4 there's no reason that students can't interact without distancing especially if they wear a mask & handwash within a small cohort of students for the year. Adults are working in close conditions wearing masks. If there is no recess or enforcing social distancing displaces a positive school experience and relationships my daughter won't attend. Another issue is coordinatIng my schedule working in another school district And her fathers rotating schedule with any kind of part time school experience for my daughter.

Centennial ES

It would be appreciated for schools to resume in person interaction without further disruption to life. Hoping this is only temporary and not a set in stone process

Pioneer ES

Thank you for developing a plan to keep our children educated.

LP Brown ES

I was very unhappy with the distance learning to end this school year, my child needs much more guidance/accountability. In the fall I hope there is more guidance, or more teaching happening

Lincoln ES

My child's health & safety are my priorities, distance learning may be the best bet to be sure covid19 doesn't spread rapidly upon return to school

Capital HS

My child struggled to engage with distance learning and this model by itself would not be a good way to cover new material.

Madison ES

While covid19 is not controlled or prevented by vaccines I believe it would be dangerous & irresponsible to group children in classrooms at school while there is distance learning available.

Capital HS

it would be great if high school and elementary school had the same schedule so that parents don't have to worry about childcare for those of us that have to work.

Washington MS

Protection from covid19 for my children is my most important thought, while we have distance learning we should use that option till we can protect ourselves with a vaccine against covid19, so I support distance learning for 2020-2021 school year to keep everyone safe

Marshall MS

My biggest concern is my child being forced to wear a mask all day at school. I don't think this is an effective or appropriate mandate for kids and will do more harm than good.

Lincoln ES

It would be nice if high school or middle school would be on the same schedule as elementary. that way childcare for younger children would be so hard to find and it would be easier on working parents.

McKenny ES

We will be switching to IConnect at ORLA for all our children grades 3-9

ORLA hConnect

I will have a student attending Olympia High, and a student a Reeves. Will families have the ability to coordinate students schedules so siblings will be more or less on the same schedule?

Reeves MS

The lack of social interaction for my 8 year old from March - June of distance learning was mentally challenging and hurtful to her. She has different feelings (negatively so) about school than she did when the year started. We don't want to get Covid as a family, but we also recognize the incalculable cost of distance learning on the emotional well being of our child. We do not need a vaccine to send her back to school.

Centennial ES

Re-open the school full time. Covid only compromises people who are high risk.

LP Brown ES

If my child will be required to wear a mask while at the school I think that will be really challenging for her. I don't think its very healthy to breathe for hours with a mask on. If this is the case then I would rather her have most if not all of her classes online.

ORLA iConnect

Recognizing not every family will be comfortable with any decision/choice made, I hope there are options presented for those not feeling comfortable with their children returning. We are comfortable sending our daughter in the fall and do not need a vaccine to be comfortable with that. We know Covid is real, but the emotional cost has also taken a concerning toll for our daughter. Distance learning was NOT a good option for her. I'm hopeful our District can offer options for families.

Washington MS

If school is online only, I will homeschool. It is so hard having kids in different grades all working on different things. I need an online curriculum that works with my needs and my schedule. But hopefully school will meet in person as normal. Covid has been blown waaaaay out of proportion.

Olympia HS

Safety is more important. Kids have to be real safe.

Hansen ES

Mental Health concerns need to be just as important in planning as physical health and academic concerns.

Washington MS

Additional training for teachers on how to work with kids who are suffering during this time. Perhaps hire counselors to assist students and discuss the importance of hygiene, find ways to "air hug" our friends, and help young students navigate their feelings through this. Very important!

Madison ES

For my child's academic and social well-being, I would appreciate her being able to attend school full-day, with her friends and classmates. I question the ability of young kids to socially distance and keep masks on, but I believe these measures are necessary until a safe, effective vaccine is available.

ORLA Montessori

The social development and emotional health is just as important as academic learning.

Centennial ES

Safety is more important.

Roosevelt ES

Thank you for the survey. It's good to see the variety of options. I am in the high-risk category, but we also want our children to participate in safe learning in school. They didn't like the distance learning and do better socially and academically having interactions with their teachers and peers. We're also concerned (as parents) that the level of learning they did from March-June was minimal and coasted on the knowledge their teachers had built all year. If the year starts off in a new grade, it would be more difficult for them to process and learn new information at the level of teacher interaction they had this last spring. My daughter thrives more with the relationship she develops with her teacher and it's hard to imagine how that would happen on the internet. There's also the challenges of screen time, which all the studies show is detrimental to development in the early ages. Having curriculum that solely relies on computers is concerning. We'd also appreciate having another survey later in the summer, when the options get more streamlined. The blended model would be nice, but it would be helpful to see how that develops prior to deciding on which model of learning to embrace.

Roosevelt ES

Please consider the whole child (social/emotional as well as academics)

Centennial ES

(1) Please mandate that ALL kids wear MASK while attending school. Use CARE's ACT fund to purchase enough Masks for those children who cannot afford. Social distancing/Washing hands are effective, but not the foolproof measures. Imagine having a COVID breakout in Kindergarten classroom because one student sneezed. (2) I voted for "Students attend school physically ALL days of the week, but in part-time shifts to maintain smaller class sizes" as my first choice for blended learning model. I'd love to see the AM/PM model. AM Students will go and take classes from 9-12 only and come home, and PM Students will do from 1-4 pm only. (3) Please give MATH a particular attention. While all subjects are important, Math is this topic that needs a strong foundation to go to the next step and it cannot be achieved by reading through things online. Please make sure that Math is included in the f2f portion of the blended model.

Pioneer ES

OSD needs to understand that parents are worried about their children being guinea pigs for your distance learning models. There are other educational platforms (Khan Academy, Edgenuity, etc) who have years of experience and success that we will likely choose over OSD distance learning options.

Washington MS

Thank you for the survey. It's good to see the variety of options. I am in the high-risk category, but we also want our son to participate in safe learning in school. He didn't like the distance learning and does better socially and academically having interactions with their teachers and peers to support his development of solid relationships and friendships. We're also concerned (as parents) that the level of learning he did from March-June was minimal and coasted on the knowledge his teachers had built all year. Middle school is a critical milestone that already has many new things to navigate, starting the year off, I image it will be extremely difficult for him to adapt at the level of teacher/peer interaction he had this past spring. My son is intelligent,

but thrives more when a relationship has been developed with his teacher and it's hard to imagine how that would happen on the internet. There's also the challenges of screen time, which all the studies show is better in limited doses. Having curriculum that solely relies on computers is concerning. We'd also appreciate having another survey later in the summer, when the options get more streamlined. The blended model would be nice, but it would be helpful to see how that develops prior to deciding on which model of learning to embrace. One idea I was thinking about for middle schooler, I imagine you are already considering, but I wonder if it would be feasible to have the students stay in the one classroom for the day and have the teachers move rooms. I'm a teacher and know that's not ideal, but there might be a way to have mobile desks or small carts that the teachers could move as they changed classes. It seems like having less students having to move all day, would minimize contact pretty effectively and allow a cleaning routine and social distancing protocol to be consistent, rather than have 7 different classes, with locker visits and moving around. I'm happy to provide additional feedback as needed.

Reeves MS

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Olympia HS

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Reeves MS

1. Students in elementary school need physical workbooks and textbooks that they can use at home. Distance learning math was particularly hard for my 3rd grader and would have been better with a workbook that she could write in at home. 2. We need an easily accessible online dashboard for parents to consult to make sure children are participating and completing their work. 3. We need to provide resources for parents to help children with distance learning (videos, websites, trainings parents can watch to help them prepare for lessons.)

Pioneer ES

Consider that kids that can be home, should be. Let student who don't have homes or safe homes go to school.

Lincoln ES

I strongly encourage us to get back to normal with CDC guidelines in place. Students need the social interactions as part of their development and learning. I am not comfortable with my child starting or finishing high school online.

Capital HS

If kids can go to school then they should go to school as normally as possible The OSD should not change (Add or subtract) things if they are not required to do so by law. The closer our new normal is to our once normal would be best in my opinion for the children.

Capital HS

I am in favor of remote learning. I would suggest that classes that are not remote-friendly such as pottery, art, music, etc should have priority for on-site settings. Everything else should be done remotely.

Olympia HS

1. It would help students if they had some physical workbooks and textbooks that they could keep at home. 2. We need an easily accessible dashboard for parents to consult to make sure students are participating and completing their work. 3. We need to provide resources for parents to help with distance learning (i.e. videos, websites, and trainings that parents can watch to prepare for helping with various lessons) 4. We are new to WMS and do not know the teachers or principals. If a face to face orientation is possible (even if done outside) this would help our 6th grader transition.

Washington MS

Some sort of testing should be done in the morning before school starts. Take temperatures at least.

Capital HS

Options for families where one member is high risk to participate in distance learning without having to disenroll from school of choice and be allowed to continue with Individual sports (x-country). It would also be beneficial to provide streaming access to onsite classes if a student isn't able to attend school.

Capital HS

Please consider that while my child is in daycare on distance learning days I will not necessarily have a way to facilitate distance learning on days they are not physically in school.

McLane ES

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Roosevelt ES

In classroom education is so important of the social and cognitive development of students. As a parent working full time as a [employment] this 2019-2020 year has been a disaster for my children. Socially they are missing out on relationship building. Educationally they have missed out on important moments because both parents have had jobs that have required more work, giving them less supervision at home. Keeping up academically has been nearly impossible and a strain on all relationships within the household.

Madison ES

Transitional years (k,5,9,12) should absolutely be prioritized. Face to face meeting with new peers and teachers is essential to learning success and creating a positive online school culture. I also support prioritizing return to school for elementary age students. Differentiated model needed for pre-k through 1. Support needed for teachers in if, when and how to enforce CRC/ district guidelines fairly and with support from administrators, being the mask police is not a position I would wish on anyone.

Centennial ES

Since several members of both our immediate and extended family are in the high-risk category, our students will not be attending school physically until a safe and effective vaccine is widely available. If distance learning is not available, we will homeschool them.

Hansen ES

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Washington MS

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Marshall MS

No more distance learning please. It is too hard for families and doesn't meet our kids' emotional needs.

Centennial ES

I received a message that OSD has decided to remove the resource officer due to separation from the police department. If that is true my student will NOT be returning in the fall! It would be a terrible disservice to the community (especially students) for the school district to take on such a negatively wavering political role! Kids rely on the small sense of security in an ever tumultuous country!

Olympia HS

My child did not learn well in the distance learning model. She needs face to face contact with teachers and classmates. She also needs to leave our home.

Capital HS

I feel like it will be unsafe to send our kids back to school in the fall. The chance of infection remains high and we've seen increases in just the past few weeks alone in our county. My family is a high risk family, so we likely won't be returning to in-person learning until there are advances in treatment and a vaccine for Covid-19, the risk is just too high. I would like to advocate that our most vulnerable populations of homeless, low income, ESL, and SPED families should not return to a setting that could further harm them or put them at any risk.

Madison ES

Of the 1,200 COVID-19 deaths in WA, zero have been in the 0-19 year age demographic. Protect staff and students who are worried, who have preexisting health risks, or have relatives with preexisting health risks by using/providing N100 or N95 masks. These masks protect the wearer and allow for a fully integrated educational setting. Spending time and physical resources while degrading the quality of education all in an effort to protect nearly riskless students is a long term net loss.

Olympia HS

What will the policies be regarding mask wearing.

Lincoln ES

NONE OF THIS APPLIES TO AVANTI HS. THEY DONT EVEN HAVE A REAL LUNCH!!! THE STATE HAS ALREADY CUT THEIR FUNDING MORE THAN ANY OTHER SCHOOL...SHAME.

Avanti HS

Our family is a high risk family and likely won't be returning until there are improvements with treatment, vaccine and overall transmissions of Covid-19. I am highly concerned about putting ANY of our community members at risk by returning to traditional 'in person' school. I would like to continue distance learning until we have those additional protections in place and that it is truly safe to do so. I would like to also advocate that our homeless, low income, ESL, and SPED families are also not put in a position of returning to school and put at further risk of

illness. My family is also a SPED family and we've been really impressed with the ways that OSD has been so innovative and adaptable to provide support to our family. We must think of alternative ways to support our whole community during this crisis.

Roosevelt ES

If the high school does any form of remote learning, I would like to see "lecture/instruction" occurring daily either live at the time the class would have been offered or video taped. Personally, I like the idea of it occurring at a set time of day to provide structure in my child's day but I realize that would not be best for all. I would also like to see much more accountability for students and a significant increase in communication/contact with parents re: participation and quality of work from the student.

Olympia HS

My special needs student can not do distance learning and he will fail at it if required to do so

Lincoln ES

I am curious how recess will look for the younger kids. This is a critical time for physical development and playing with friends. I hope the children are able to get outside time and be able to run around and play.

Pioneer ES

If I were to send my child to school I would want there to be the utmost precautions such as masks and social distancing.

Hansen ES

Our family sincerely appreciates this survey and seeking parent feedback. Common-sense measures that should likewise include: if there are multiple children from one household utilizing bus transportation, they should obviously sit next to one another, and not be staggered according to grade-level, as distancing requirements do not apply. Lastly, should OSD opt for more blended learning options and pursue continued distance learning pedagogies, then our family will simply take our children out of school and pursue either private schooling or homeschooling. And for what it is worth, at least anecdotally, we are not alone in holding such an opinion.

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LP Brown ES

Being able to physically be in the classroom on a set schedule while providing social distancing, cleaning and CDC guidelines Until there is a vaccine

Capital HS

It is important that we know the decision for the Fall with enough time to plan and make arrangements if distance learning is the reality.

Pioneer ES

Please have school! Ours kids mental health is really suffering, and we are good parents, home with them, stable and loving environment. Please please please please. I know we want to keep everyone safe, but we flattened the curve, we got out of school in March. You know that distance learning is impossible to do well, no matter what. and we have the best teachers in the US! we need the energy of other people. Thank you for your band and music and choir programs. It is the very best thing about Olympia and offers our kids the outlet they need to survive in this digital age when tik tok and videos are so easy to access, I mean they could watch this stuff all day long, but with your education, no kidding, our kids have an auto shutoff to the digital and go back to singing and playing their instruments. Olympia school district has blessed us beyond belief. My mom has not left her home in 4 months. she lives on bainbridge island and that area has very low numbers. the fear in our world is crazy, but the one thing we know , we need our kids to learn and to grown with their peers! Please, please. we cannot save the world. I love my mom so much, but she says the older population needs to take care of themselves. the younger kids are really trying, but at what point, in 2020, do we know that their mental health is so declining and the fact that no one is getting corona virus doesn't matter nearly as much as the fact that they are suffering in SO many other ways! (would only let me choose one grade level)

Olympia HS

I don't know if the school board will get this, but it is mostly directed at them. I would advise them to listen to #1 teachers and #2 OSD leadership. They should refrain from taking their own advise. They have consistently exhibited deficiencies in their reasoning skills time and time again as exhibited by their choice to just give A's out to everyone. What idiot thought of that bone headed idea? Every teach I have spoken with reported a significant if not an outright majority of students who pretty much just stopped doing work. What a moronic decision! They didn't have the foresight to see that? They don't understand human nature enough to know that giving kids free grades hurts them in the long run? Not only did a vast number of kids essentially give up for the year, but it also created animosity in the kids who still worked hard to EARN their grades. And if they bring up "equity" that is BS. Hold everyone to a high standard and then give extra help to those who need it most. I'm a liberal person, but these people are MORONS!!! Absolute morons! Please have them read this. The need to figuratively have some sense knocked into them.

Pioneer ES

I feel that my children need to interact with their peers and with adults in school for their social and emotional development and health. Children form role models after the people they meet

in school; in the absence of such opportunities I am afraid they will form their role models elsewhere and it may not be to their benefit now, or the society's benefit later.

Olympia HS

My child benefits from asking for help with a school or personal problem from a student advisor or a teacher, in a one-to-one conversation. She is less likely to ask home for help and very unlikely to do so during a Zoom meeting or by writing an email.

Washington MS

The option I like the best is the one where all kids can return to school full time; let's the families make that choice and have alternative options for those that need it. Let them have dividers at their desks if necessary, but I don't believe that most people (uncompressed) should be running from this disease out of fear.

McKenny ES

My hope is that we would get back to as much of "normal" as we can as soon as we can.

Pioneer ES

Considering the recent mandate on mask-wearing I don't think I want my child in school. I think it would be emotionally difficult and uncomfortable. Avanti was very successful with long-distance learning.

Avanti HS

Would like to get back to as much of "normal" as we can as soon as possible.

Washington MS

My child has an extensive IEP and I'm concerned how it can or will be supported in a limited in-person learning model, especially since he really resists zoom classrooms and needs assistance completing "on-line" lessons, but would be home on his own if not at school.

Olympia HS

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Olympia HS

Good luck, and thank you for your hard work, it is appreciated.

Marshall MS

I think it is crucial to consider the families and students who rely heavily on transportation, food English learning, para educator support, and internet access through OSD. Thank you for not making assumptions that all students have the same access and needs.

Jefferson MS

We don't mind if the kids do not completely socially distance. The social shaming of hugging and touching one another is not something that should happen in our schools or elsewhere. The impact of that is likely to follow for their lives.

Washington MS

Please for the mental health of our children, get them back in the classroom. OSD does not have the experience to continue online/distant learning. The classroom teachers my child had in the spring were just not good at it.

Olympia HS

All OSD children need to be in school FULL-TIME

Olympia HS

Let our kids go to school!

Avanti HS

Incorporating high school sports and activities

Olympia HS

I think it could be beneficial to give families the option of doing online or in person. My child works great in school and is not a fan of distance learning, however there are plenty of kids doing better than before and really prefer doing it online.

Capital HS

I want school to be as close to normal as possible.

Madison ES

Please consider everything on the table, kids in other countries can wear masks and go to school, this disease affects children at very low rates, make an option for virtual school for the teachers who can't safely return and for the families who aren't comfortable or aren't safe returning to be together. The state is back open and parents are back at work and we are making up for lost time academically. The kids of Katrina took years to make up the gains they lost from being out of school for just a few months. Social/emotional well being is important also. If people don't feel safe, they can have a virtual option. Buses cannot be a limiting factor to providing kids in our well off district their educational rights.

McKenny ES

I'm completing this as a parent of a high school student and will support online learning if needed for my child, but I feel that younger children need to be physically present at the school daily.

Olympia HS

We will not have our children attend OSD if masks are required.

Madison ES

Make a virtual option for teachers and staff who aren't safe or don't think they'll be safe. The rest of the world's kids are going to school and wearing masks - we can get over our entitlement and wear a mask. Virtual school is not a good option. Our kids' academics will fall further behind other states and counties in our own state who had the creativity to make solutions available for those that want to return and those that can't/don't want to return. Buses are not a viable excuse to not offer school. Other cities rely on public transportation to get kids to school, some schools surrounded by neighborhoods will offer community building through walking buses, parents who need to work will agree to get their kids to and from school just so that real school can happen. Consider year-round school with rotations of break periods like they have in other states.

Washington MS

If masks are required we will not attend OSD. We were not impressed with spring '20 distance learning and will not support if the same plan is in place for fall.

Madison ES

I work full time and it would be difficult to have to pick my child up in the middle of the day everyday or get them to school after I start my work day.

Hansen ES

I don't feel like my child learned much from distance learning. I don't feel like my child tried very hard. I feel like distance learning puts far too much responsibility on me as the parent to motivate and make sure they are doing more than just completing minimum requirements. I don't have time for that because I'm trying to do my work at home too.

Reeves MS

Consistently at home and school will be the most important piece of my children's success next year.

Please, pick something and stick with it.

Jefferson MS

Will there still be a nurse in the buildings if any type of model is adhered to?

Olympia HS

I appreciate what the teachers have tried to do with the distance learning but I think at least for the younger kids, it is pretty ineffective. I also think that requiring masks for all children is not a good idea. I think it should be a choice left up to the parents of the kids. There have been multiple articles that state that masks are not the most effective deterrent and can actually be harmful for a number of reasons.

McKenny ES

Shred the contract with the OPD!!!!!!

Capital HS

Distance learning has been a wonderful experience in my home and we would love to have it as an option in the future.

LP Brown ES

Health and safety is paramount for the students and staff. Full time school is not an option. Prioritize those who need food and shelter at school. They need help. Distance learning is fine if there is accountability for teachers to provide assignments.

Washington MS

Thank you for taking community needs into consideration. ❤️

Lincoln ES

6 classes at one time is overload. It's time to be creative with the antiquated model of learning.

Avanti HS

The safety of my children and the onsite instruction of my children are the most important; especially those that are elementary age.

Olympia HS

Transmission of the virus appears to be a matter of both viral load and duration of exposure. Being outside or in large air volumes appears to be helpful for diluting the viral load. I'd be much more likely to support returning my son to school if some of the classes could be held outside (I know that's tough with the weather) or at least in the gym/cafeteria.

Roosevelt ES

Quality and consistency of instruction with new content.

Olympia HS

I want ALL students and staff required to wear masks! I want social distancing with smaller class size for student and staff safety! I want extensive deep cleaning of Roosevelt! I will not send my student if these things don't happen!

Roosevelt ES

Our child is on a 504 plan and she struggled significantly with online learning. She needs to physically be in a classroom several times a week. Some teachers appeared to be more skilled at teaching online than others, which created inconsistencies which threw her 504 plan for a loop. Also, being socially isolated was extremely difficult for her. Students need to be in the classroom as much as possible as teenagers to ensure their social growth as much as academic growth. Our daughter will be a freshman at OHS in the fall.

Olympia HS

We support you.

Pioneer ES

We are most concerned about safety and quality of instruction. It's hard to see a full-time return to school being safe or something that can be counted on. And the disruption of last year led to loss of learning time. We hope the curriculum delivery for this year can easily transition between distance and in-person so that this year's learning is not disrupted as well. We also hope that all students will be provided with the tech & support needed for distance learning so that all students can continue to access school regardless of family circumstance. Thanks for your work.

Reeves MS

It would be good to know, if school is physically happening but parents aren't comfortable sending kids, what alternatives there might be. For example, could families opt into all distance learning? Or, with online options like WAVA, how easy is it to transfer between online and in-person options once COVID is contained or a vaccine is available?

Garfield ES

I don't feel like a safe and effective vaccine will be effective any time soon, but without some in-person school, children and families will suffer much more academically and in their social-emotional health.

Roosevelt ES

Would prefer full time school with no distance learning.

Pioneer ES

In classroom learning is important. Social connection is essential to social growth. Hands on activities, sports and team building is a part of work life after school ends. If students need to do science labs or demonstrate to get a grade the school needs to provide the items needed or make the school available to complete the requirements. I pay taxes for the schools. My child deserves an education that will enhance their future job growth, provide education to access college opportunities and prepare them to reach their full potential.

Capital HS

I think it's important for testing to be available for all students and staff before school starts and intermittently throughout the year, especially if an exposure occurs.

Hansen ES

I don't care about a vaccine, cleaning or smaller class sizes. The CDC guidelines are recommendations only, you are not obligated to follow them. It's honestly a bit ridiculous that the school district is adhering to something so strictly when kids don't even get COVID unless they are immunocompromised. I am a single parent of [number] children. I am not sending my kids to school in masks, nor am I sending them if it is not full time school in person. My children are young enough that they cannot learn without my presence and instruction, which is not possible because I am an essential employee. If you try to alternate distance learning and in school learning, my children will just stay home for the year. I am fine pulling them out and keeping them home with friends in the neighborhood who are doing the same. I don't care that

it is going to effect your budget or that people will be laid off. This whole thing is absurd. I am a [emmployment] and children do not get covid or pass it to others according to the CDC tracing and tracking. Kids need to be in school and if mine aren't, we are taking the year off.

Centennial ES

This survey is solely biased on a blended situation that I do not fully support. My child deserves a full time schedule of education and learning. Both parents are required to work full time jobs (one is active duty military) and sending an entire Middle School to “daycare” is the same thing as having the children in a classroom. Child care is excessively expensive, limited on availability, and would increase the “exposure” to more age groups as a whole. If the district can't keep a child quiet during a 30 min assembly, how do you expect to do a better job keeping a mask on a child for an entire class? Or even a whole day of classes? We should be able to choose to send our children to school with the expectation that they will still be provided a quality education without the distraction of a mask. If other parents feel so strongly that their child would be better taught through distance learning techniques, then they should be afforded that opportunity to do so from their own home. For everyone else that is unable to fit into that category, and still feel that our child is safe at school, we should have that option. There are also true academic instructors, teachers, who feel the same as we do who would be willing to teach in person, in a classroom, with a full schedule. For those who can not or choose not to, they should also have the option to conduct online instruction. Again, this survey is completely one sided and has been biased in the answer based with the illusion that we are providing quality information without representation. As well as racially biased, which is even more upsetting. If I still have to answer a racial questionnaire for demographic purposes, that justifies my concern as it is completely irrelevant to wearing a mask.

Washington MS

Consider more in person for new students, at least early in the year (e.g., freshmen).

Olympia HS

If a distance learning (DL) model is incorporated, in part or in whole, next year, our student would benefit from higher expectations. Going from 6 hours a week of in-class instruction to 90 minutes of expected work for the week in DL this spring was not enough to challenge our student and keep them engaged. Also, as parents, it was challenging tracking assignments, knowing if they were completed and how well they were completed because teachers used different formats for delivering assignments and instruction, i.e., direct e-mail, Schoology, Skyward. Also, after the announcement that grades would be shifting to either an A or an I, we noticed a distinct drop off in effort. We really appreciated the efforts of teachers and staff to accommodate our DL reality and want to thank them very much!

Capital HS

Not having an officer there on campus is a very bad decision. The officers are a roll model and friend to the kids! I honestly didn't think the Olympia School District wouldn't play follow the leader. Very disappointed!

Olympia HS

I will not be sending our children in the fall if it is not full time schooling or you require masks. In china they have had several children die from wearing masks during school and we would rather get covid than let our kids wear them. The school district is overreacting to covid, I am a doctor and this is getting out of hand. My husband will be home schooling them in the fall if the school district decides to do distance learning. For as advanced as washington state is in technology, distance learning was pathetic. We have no intention of doing that again. We have [number]kids ages [ages] that OSD will not be getting funded for in the fall unless they are back in school full time. My understanding is that each child brings in about 8k for the school years funding, and one of my children is special needs which is allocated more funds. None of that will be accessible if I dis-enroll them from ODS. I do not care about prevention of covid, hand washing, mask wearing, smaller class sizes. We need to build up immunities and we cannot do that as a society unless we expose ourselves to the virus.

[School] ES

Please have sports! This is a vital part of many students lives and participating is positive for their physical and emotional health. Especially for seniors!

Olympia HS

I would like to see siblings kept on same (physical vs distance) schedule if possible.

Olympia HS

For my second grader, I would prioritize as much outdoor learning as possible as well as a focus on social/ emotional well-being and easing back into to the school structure rather than trying to catch them up academically too quickly.

Pioneer ES

To keep students in class room setting as long as possible. Remove the half days, teacher work days, early release days into condensed hours for September, October, November to allow for longer break if needed and maximize time in classroom as long as you can.

Olympia HS

It is utterly irresponsible to consider reopening schools for physical attendance until there is a vaccine for COVID-19. Rather than waste time and resources with these hypotheticals, PLEASE divert your energy towards enhancing learning from home activities and providing resources to kids in disadvantaged situations.

Olympia HS

DO NOT REOPEN schools for physical attendance! It is irresponsible to do so when there is no vaccine for COVID-19. Please refocus your efforts on making distance learning work better, and providing resources to kids who need better access.

McKenny ES

If students are not in school in the fall we will not attend. Remote learning was not a success for us.

Avanti HS

If OSD choose only distance learning, at least the teacher needs to zoom with kids every day.

Hansen ES

The school closure has been an exceptionally trying time for my family. That being said, I realize that we have a lot of privilege in this situation. Both parents were able to work from home, our finances did not decrease, my children were able to access some distance learning, have no significant special needs, and are old enough to stay home alone for short periods of time if absolutely necessary. How on earth did families without all of this make it?! I fully support whatever measures you have to take to help our most vulnerable students and families first even if that's "less than ideal" for my family. Also, I really liked how the state superintendent started his last message. Now is the time to rethink EVERYTHING. What can schools do to help prevent the spread of the virus and also begin to rebuild our broken school system? School discipline data show that the current system is failing our students of color, our families dealing with poverty and mental health issues. I support measures that make changes in all of these areas. I wish I knew exactly what those measures were, but I don't. I wonder if class size would be a good place to start?

McLane ES

If OSD choose only distance learning, at least the teacher needs to zoom with kids every day.

Jefferson MS

Our family has 2 full time, essential working parents. Distance learning does not work for us, and was detrimental to our daughters learning this year. It would be devastating for us to have to do this again in the fall for any amount of time. It is taxing on us as parents, monopolizes our limited family time, and is not an adequate substitute for school for our daughter.

ORLA Montessori

FULL TIME WORKING PARENTS!!!!

Boston Harbor ES

Middle school is a tricky time for all students. I wonder if creating fewer transitions or having teachers push into classrooms would benefit students by inhibiting the spread of the virus and supporting social emotional development too. My worry for my student is that they will miss out on opportunities in years to come because of changes that need to be made this year. For example, will they be able to take upper level math at the same pace in high school if middle school courses change? Will they still get to be in high school plays if they don't get to do theater in middle school? Of course this year will look very different from other years, but I hope this change doesn't close doors for future opportunities.

Marshall MS

If there is distance learning, it needs to include the same amount of teacher time as in a class room, as in a extended skype or zoom format.

Capital HS

If it is not fiscally possible to provide in-person education while adhering to guidelines set forth, the district should simply provide distance learning until guidelines/regulations are lifted. The district can not dig further into the red. It would not be responsible. On that note, the district should provide guidance on family responsibilities and "how-to" for creating structures in the home to support distance learning. The failure of children not completing course work, etc. largely falls on parents not enforcing boundaries or caring (since our board seemed to not care with their grading mandates-seemingly academic performance is not important). The majority of teachers were very responsive to students and families that participate, ask questions, etc.

Capital HS

My children will NOT WEAR a MASK

Olympia HS

Our child wants to come back, but is very anxious about doing so until there is a vaccine. Online Learning was ok, but he didn't have to spend more than an hour or so on the work so we had to supplement with other things at home so he wasn't just sitting on the computer watching you tube videos or playing video games all day. This was hard as we were both working from home. We would support further online instruction if there was a way to have more for kids to do tailored to their learning needs. While for our son the work was too easy, for others in his class I know it was hard. So one size learning will not work. We missed most his math and reading pull out groups to help challenge him.

Centennial ES

The way WMS handed distance learning this spring actually worked really well for us. By getting the learning menu on Sunday we would sit down and write in his planner what to do each day to break up the work. It was easy to see what needed to be done. It was enough work to fill his morning until lunch. It was also really nice as a parent to see what he was learning in each class. Figuring out Schoology took a moment, but eventually we got it. It would be nice for all the teachers to do Zoom. He had two teachers that only did written instructions, no face time instruction with zoom.

Washington MS

We believe the school district should not allow for out-of or in-school transfers. Moving forward, this will assist with accurately having a complete number of how many students should really be in the classrooms.

Washington MS

Our daughter will be starting kindergarten. I strongly disagree with requiring 5-6 year olds to wear masks all day long—they don't have the emotional/mental aptitude for that. But in person learning is fundamental to this first year of school. I strongly support shorter, in person

learning days of smaller class sizes, so children can play and interact with their peers, just as daycares have done thus far. My child will not learn by zoom on a regular basis, we learned that when her preschool tried it. It was too impersonal for her and many of her peers had the same reaction. I implore you to have online learning for these young children only as a last resort, and prioritize them for 5 days a week but for minimum times per day.

LP Brown ES

Kids need other kids their age, peer learning is important so anything you can do to allow at least part-time interactions are very supported

Garfield ES

See the articles that show how child care has been safely conducted all through COVID pandemic. Use all space at school to space desks. No reading nook corners, math corners, just space desks as well as you can apart. Don't worry about having them be exactly 6 feet.

Boston Harbor ES

Kids need to be in school to be taught in person, socialize and have music. We can't continue to live in this pandemic state forever. But we can social distance and wear masks While carrying on with a modified normal life.

Reeves MS

My 5 year old will not wear a mask at school for any length of time.

Garfield ES

Please take a stand and do not require masks. It is a suggestion & not a law. These kids are suffering mentally and emotionally & adults have failed them during this time. We will not participate in masks at school or any other extreme changes. Please realize neighborhoods look like block parties with kids playing together constantly already & all summer. Whats the point of extreme measures at school when the majority of kids & neighbors are spending more time together now than ever before? We will homeschool if masks & all fun school activities are canceled. I want to end with a "thank you" for your hard work on this & I realize this is a lose-lose situation for public schools

Garfield ES

I do not think it is safe to return to school and returning to school poses a health risk to students and staff. Childcare is another big factor especially if there is a hybrid-model. I have an elementary-aged student and I work as a teacher. How is he supposed to take care of himself on off days? Will there be increased opportunities for child care? What if his schedule doesn't match up with mine? Usually, we would rely on our extended family to help us but if we go back we probably won't be able to see grandma anymore as she is in a high-risk category.

Garfield ES

Not all parents are able to stay at home with their children, some of us have to work and working full-time and trying to homeschool is not feasible.

Olympia HS

The safety of our kids and staff is what is important to us. IF it is deemed safe, our children will return to school. The in-person experiences are important but the health and well-being of our children is more important.

Olympia HS

I think High School should move more to a community college style. Have classes between 730 am and 630 pm and have an open campus for kids to leave and return. Offer some classes that are suited for online like literature classes as only online classes, have classes that need to meet on campus a few times a week do so. Spread out the times when classes are held and utilize all spaces on campus to help limit number of folks on campus at a time. For senior only classes, have a different bell time so kids are not moving through halls at same time. Think outside the box.

Olympia HS

I hope that all options for #14 include social distancing. If students are to return to face2face learning, can you let parents know what we need to do to help our children return to school? For example, what should we consider when it comes to lunch time, drop off and pick up and extracurricular activities? Also, I hope the schools will mandate mask wearing. If a student has asthma though and can't wear a mask, can the student be required to wear a face shield? If you can also email us your expectations and/or needs regarding technology/homework, that would be great.

Olympia HS

Safety is key. Everyone is trying to open things up out of desperation, and online learning has been hard, but we can't just end it because "its too hard" when people will DIE.

Olympia HS

It is ok to not know at this time. It appears we are in another peak. Slow down. No rush. Healthy students and families are the goals. Wait on the science and do not let OSPI put you under ridiculous mandates.

Olympia HS

Some students do quite well with distance learning, while others do not. Assessing student learning styles as well as emotional, social, and family needs would be a good approach in addition to this survey.

Olympia HS

Item 2 is irrelevant because a vaccine will not be available by September.

Centennial ES

requirement for facial coverings & enforcement of this. The response from the public to face coverings is frightening and callous.

Olympia HS

Thank you for taking the time to figure out what will work best for our students. They really are the ones that matter here. My son (going into 3rd grade) will do so much better academically and socially if he is going to school even if it's part time, however that may look.

Boston Harbor ES

Requiring everyone wear the mask, even though it's lunchtime to be have social distant when kids sitting and not talking when they are eating.

ORLA Montessori

I support wearing face coverings and would not send my child to school if it was not an enforced policy at school

Washington MS

Daily interaction with teachers

Capital HS

We are not in favor of wearing masks to school. Not only is it a huge distraction to learning, but it also removes a very important social aspect to school. Seeing your teachers and friends facial reactions is huge, especially in the younger years.

Centennial ES

Our childrens' and our family's safety is our top consideration in sending our kids back to school. We both work full time, with one essential worker, so remote learning that could keep our kids occupied and under the teacher's supervision/limited need for parental involvement in teaching would be very helpful.

Boston Harbor ES

Child care concerns are my biggest worry. Followed closely by a complete lack of motivation by my student to complete distant learning.

Washington MS

For youngers students, I feel its very important for kids to return for in class instruction.

Boston Harbor ES

I'd love to know if the district or the State are looking at data from other countries where schools have already reopened. Any distance based learning needs to be simplified from a platform perspective. Multiple websites, multiple log-ons, multiple platforms, etc are just too much for younger students and parents. Creating strategies where distance based learning reinforces in-person learning is critical. A lot of the virtual group time that Roosevelt teachers developed was really just social check-in. I don't feel like our child got a lot of value out of that.

It was chaotic and oftentimes resulted in emotional and behavioral outburst. There was little moderation. If distance learning is going to occur with groups of students, teachers need instruction on how to moderate these sessions through facilitation skills and also successful use of technology (ex- group mute, etc).

Roosevelt ES

We need very clear and structured distance learning materials. We need paper handouts with children expected to hand in their work

Lincoln ES

Limiting the use of face masks by providing barriers between students. We feel face masks are not healthy for a growing child for such a long period of time. We do not feel the distance learning was effective. Period! Our child participated daily and feels that it was a waste and most days were unproductive and not enough educational content was provided.

Olympia HS

High risk parent.

Olympia HS

At this point the lack in school involvement is more detrimental to my child then the possibility of an outbreak.

Olympia HS

I've been on the front lines since day one of the Covid crisis. I have seen thousands upon thousands of people. I work with a staff of 150 people. We have not had one case of Covid. I believe that our students should be going back to school full-time. They should wear masks there should be hand sanitizer and proper time for them to wash their hands.

Olympia HS

I hope that it students are following a blended model that the class sizes are still smaller. Is that an option you are considering? I just don't see how it would be safe to have all students at a school. Offering consecutive days is more equitable. If you have a group 1/group 2 situation back-to-back, how is there enough time for cleaning to be able to occur? The group 2 students are going to get a dirty school! There has to be a day or more between groups of students.

Washington MS

Thank you for all you are doing to keep our kids and community safe!

Lincoln ES

Student should wear mask to school

Capital HS

These schedules seem to be working in best interest of teacher and meeting their quota for hours so they get their pay, not in the safety and best interest of children... I feel frustrated that

there is no option of "Unsure" for questions 13 & 14... I do NOT believe it to be in the best interest of student or teacher to be in small spaces and at the rate things are going as of end of June with COVID-19 we will surely be in lockdown in the Autumn.... shame on our president.... I believe there needs to be more thinking outside the box for instruction and a paradigm shift needs to be made to education with limited in-person group instruction and online independent learning. The NEW normal...

Olympia HS

How will you be dealing with face-masks?

Lincoln ES

My high schooler handled the distance learning much better. Also the more distance learning there is the bigger the gap in learning will be between those with advantage and those who are more resource poor.

Olympia HS

Maintain HIGH QUALITY teaching with distance learning and provide grades reflected based on work completed. It's very disappointing to know many students had the resources to attend but opted not as there was no incentive with auto-A culture. Teachers cautioned against providing incomplete. This is not equity. This is not providing the students the education they deserve or need.

Olympia HS

Distance learning and the technology, caused a good deal of frustration, isolation, etc. it was a very negative experience, except for the caring teachers.

Avanti HS

Please for the love of all things good, if we have to distant learn... give everyone the same platform! I want all the assignments in one nice and neat spot to find for each of the elementary aged kids. So we can check things off, communicate to a teacher, find clear directions on new concepts, and no busy work fluffing. And no searching dozens of websites and trouble shooting each password, or trying to figure out how to print a worksheet.

Madison ES

Children should be able to return to school full time with no distance learning. It is not reasonable for so many families. I also feel children should not be required to wear masks as they are more detrimental to their health.

Roosevelt ES

Very difficult for children to engage in distant learning when everything is 'optional'. the quality of the online teaching is variable. Very disappointed with the distant learning. 'Summer' brain started early since mid-March. I hope for a better fall with high quality education

Boston Harbor ES

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Olympia HS

If my child has to go by the cdc guidelines such as masks to attend school. I will not be sending my child to school and will do my own homeschooling.

Pioneer ES

I am not concerned with the school following the CDC guidelines. I do not want the schools to require the children to wear masks and stay 6 feet apart.

Centennial ES

I think with requirements in place, proper hygiene and cleaning behaviors can help mitigate most of the transmission that may occur. We should be focusing on this piece and the research that shows that virtual learning is not as effective full time. It is exhausting and challenging.

Olympia HS

I want to know how the quality of distance learning will be improved. I want specifics in the form of learning targets, planned content, and teacher accountability. I want to know what platform will be used to effectively manage education provided through distance learning. Unfortunately we cannot simply trust that teachers will behave like professionals and serve their students. Our first experience with distance learning at OHS: teachers with strong desire to teach this year did so — and quite successfully (which was 3 of 6 for my daughter — thank goodness!). The other 3 did near nothing and tapped out on March 13. My daughter will have to work independently this summer to make sure she is ready for next year's content and is prepared for SAT/ACT and college. It's sad when driver's ed has more learning expectations than half of her high school classes. How will the district hold teachers accountable and insist that ALL teachers “show up”? I was frankly disgusted by the number of teachers posting on social media about the 9 hour puzzles they put together on a school day, or the new deck that was build during the work week — while their students received little to no instruction. I know that student engagement this year during distance learning is concerning. However, the lack of teacher engagement was much worse — they are professional adults who were paid. The ones that decided summer began in March did a profound disservice to the profession. I have always been a strong supporter of teachers and schools. I have never not voted yes for a bond or levy and always support professional wages for teachers, etc. But half of my student's teachers showed they do not deserve the professional respect I have previously supported. I am disgusted. Because we will not have a vaccine and will likely experience either part time or periodic distance learning moments, I need the District to be transparent about what they will expect from our teachers in the in-person, hybrid, and distance learning environment. Right now I am so disappointed. And as you read this, please factor in that this is from a parent of a high achieving daughter that typically earns a's... and logged into every single zoom class... and turned in every single assignment this year. She watched every video, did every meaningless worksheet, and engaged in everything that was offered — regardless of whether

the teacher provided feedback or any interaction. But make no mistake: My daughter feels completely ripped off and knows that half of her teachers did care enough to show up to do the job they were being paid to do. She knows she only received 50% of what she should have received after March 13. Please... I am begging you... we must do better next year.

Olympia HS

I will not be sending my children to school if masks and social distancing measures are required. This is not how children learn and grow.

Boston Harbor ES

Very little learning took place with the distance learning. It was just busy work and there were too many different platforms. We realize this was just put together with little prep but it was emotionally stressful and mostly a very unpleasant experience we hope to never repeat. We really want in school learning back.

Pioneer ES

Distance learning was extremely hard for my children. They go to two homes and didn't get consistent time spent on what was assigned. Some things were too easy, and others we would have probably done better with their teachers. As their mom I work full time and don't have the opportunity to spend all my off day time on school. Not to mention the social aspect was greatly missed and extremely important in developing children. I hope school opens normally, and we don't have to do any distance learning at all.

Hansen ES

Please open the school to regular full time education. Our children deserve a real education. Distance learning is not really learning at all.

Roosevelt ES

Distant learning is difficult for working parents as there no supervision. Distant learning can work for college students but not elementary pupils

McKenny ES

My son has a learning disability. He needs one on one time to be able to succeed. Due to his diagnosis wearing a mask may be more difficult for him, but, ALSO due to his diagnosis he is high risk. I (mom) also have a learning disability. I am not a teacher. I would love to be able to do online schooling and distance learning to keep my family safe, but I would need a lot of support, clear instruction, and structure to actually make it work.

Madison ES

My child has anxiety and part of it is because they have a difficult time with self awareness. I worry having them in school would create more anxiety for them because they would not feel that they are able to keep themselves safe. Remembering to wash hands, not touch face, keep a

safe distance. They also have experienced a great deal of anxiety (upset stomach) due to zoom meetings.

Reeves MS

My child is very flexible in his learning and can pretty much succeed in any environment. He is excellent at self management without much support needed. Main concerns are: 1-We do have a high risk family member in the home. 2-There are three school aged children in our home, and only one parent able to help with schooling. 3-Two children with special needs on IEPs. 4- We have children at two separate schools so if busses are limited/ I decide I'm not comfortable with bussing protocol, that could be problematic depending on school start/release times.

Reeves MS

The pivot necessary to deliver school according to physical distancing guidelines offers a chance for students to customize their experience to meet their learning, social and engagement needs. Please consider additional areas or covered structures to deliver hands on or physical learning aspects of the students education outside. This is a chance to try on out of the box curriculum delivery and concepts with smaller class or cohort options. Also consider offering a similar survey to students as well!

Avanti HS

The kids need to be at school 100% of the time. Distance learning doesn't work

Capital HS

Safety first!!!!

McKenny ES

In school all day, no masks in class

Capital HS

Center on Reinventing Public Education Article after Katrina and kids being out of school:

[https://www.crpe.org/thelens/what-post-katrina-new-orleans-can-teach-schools-about-addressing-covid-learning-losses?fbclid=IwAR268kFO-](https://www.crpe.org/thelens/what-post-katrina-new-orleans-can-teach-schools-about-addressing-covid-learning-losses?fbclid=IwAR268kFO-bOxpQOIDH2se0YRBGDz7l1hLsVpCionGUXEETFYFHI8r3zPeew)

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A Public School District in Fairfield, CA and a letter about creating a virtual program in advance for families that want to stay home and not having to count those students for fall "in-school" planning purposes re: social distancing in classes and on buses.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1LQFEgIa-HTOEXTYxC5xmObqJWef3S_Sn

Collaborate with North Thurston Public Schools and their Transportation solutions - OSD is not superior.

<https://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/domain/4240?fbclid=IwAR2MRoPI4zkNYOD3uwWBV2CVmZkJ8XJTgQTuT23UA79edJS0htPXCu3xOdc>

Link to a Power Point Presentation for State of Oregon Public Schools and their ability to manage COVID and kids.

https://cdn.fbsbx.com/v/t59.2708-21/104004386_924690387944398_6948452207806191320_n.pptx/COVID-ECHO-Session-10_FINAL_5-21-20.pptx?_nc_cat=101&_nc_sid=0cab14&_nc_ohc=4yTX9YT2QCwAX_MIJkQ&_nc_ht=cdn.fbsbx.com&oh=be7fb7fe0cf9fae4907941d1358e38c6&oe=5EE68B86&dl=1&fbclid=IwAR0PHwwgGUT27wt9kGgnRh5oKyBF22AXhmOgFnkZvIYBqyzvK9mVIPtBY10

McKenny ES

Kids can wear masks - see this story about Taiwan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmK9Bt1xcnY&fbclid=IwAR0v5kSAo27TM5-D6Y75UQmmD_qp2Ahl8a7AV1x8ssVmZ4jLpxS2I2Iq0hw

Mask wearing is about entitlement, not about FREEDOM. Kids can wear masks, let's give them credit.

Washington MS

Thank you for these wonderful carefully thought out options. It is greatly appreciated during this difficult time. OSD teachers are great.

McKenny ES

Online model needs huge overhaul - spring was abysmal

Olympia HS

The students need to go to school so they feel they are being held accountable for their work plus receiving personal instructions from the teacher. None of this is possible on line. The teachers can't even get the material to the students on line then try to penalize them for not turning in work on time. If the student doesn't understand the assignments he has no where to go for help.

Capital HS

From what I've heard about how classroom space is being measured, I don't think admin has a realistic understanding of how few students will safely fit in a fully socially distanced classroom when accounting for a 6' radius between students, teacher's sit station, teacher's main teaching location, and accounting for other adults who may be in the room, or shared classrooms with more than one teacher. I've heard people simply taking square feet and making a simple math equation -- it's not nearly that simple on the ground. Get in the rooms and model -- many rooms don't even have single desks.

Hansen ES

Alternate to any physical attendance (distance learning) MUST be offered. Distance learning should occur simultaneously with in-person classroom instruction. JMS is almost already completely set up for it. Every classroom already has very large touch screen monitors. Adding two cameras to every room and full participation using ZOOM or some other Brady Bunch video communication software would allow the full range of options. Curious what is plan if discovered child or teacher were infected at school? Notice ? Consider HIPPA ligations....school

cancellation? How are you going to protect vulnerable staff? "Megan's Law" requires children to participate in school....parent violators are subject to mandatory court appearances as well as fines and incarceration. While I don't expect a judge would date done or incarcerate a parent under the circumstances, the mere thought of having to go through the legal process right now is ghoulish. Our community does NOT need to sacrifice our safety to "re-open" . The politics and push to do so is fracturing families. It must stop. We must be socially responsible and we should definitely model it for our children. This is an opportunity for our children to build resilience and develop empathy and a sense of social duty. To rush back to "normal" is an illusion with terrible health AND economic consequences.

Jefferson MS

Distance learning option: direct/live classroom participation via classroom cameras and zoom? Easy to provide option for those with health concerns or those with a social conscience that want to minimize risk to others and stop the spread.

Jefferson MS

Better organized online schooling using well known and already used private online school programs already successfully being used as a guide to an online program that's more effective to use. Any public interaction increases the risk of death of covid complications for my family.

Lincoln ES

Please consider the families/teachers/staff that have high risk family members. I realize that there is a large portion of the community who are not concerned and who are desiring a return to normal. But the attitudes and behaviors of those unconcerned will cause the cases to increase despite your best efforts.

Olympia HS

OSPI should use the latest science, not the latest social attitudes, to determine what is in the best interest of our children and community.

Washington MS

Many parents we know have serious concerns about children being forced to wear face masks and social distance in the school environment and are considering homeschooling because of it, yet the survey did not even specifically address these questions. Children need close social interaction and play and that is a big part of why we send our child to school. If the children are going to be put into a fear-based environment where their natural tendencies are repressed, there could be significant mental health issues as a result. It is sad that our children's emotional well-being is not more important to the schools. Our child does not like masks, does not like to wear a mask, and we don't think it is appropriate to force a child to wear a mask for any extended period of time. These are healthy children, with very low risk for serious Covid complications, and school is not a hospital. We are concerned about the overuse of toxic chemicals in the classroom and too much hand sanitizer creating a too sterile environment, destroying a healthy bacteria balance. The potential for superbugs as well as issues such as asthma increases in that setting. The schools could keep the children mingling within small

groups, and have school times be staggered throughout the day, as other countries have done, yet options like these are not mentioned. If face masks and social distancing are required, we will almost definitely homeschool our child. If school remains on zoom we may take that option, (although it is still lacking for socialization, we will create our own socialization) or find a better, less technology based curriculum for homeschooling.

ORLA Montessori

Mandating that kids wear masks is ineffective and unconstitutional. Distance learning for the younger kids seemed problematic.

McKenny ES

It would be nice to allow options for both full time in-person schooling as well full time distance learning so that parents have a choice and are not trying to match schedules for older students to younger students whom they are going to be caring for while parents are at work. This also allows for people who are more concerned about Covid exposure to choose to keep their kids in a distance learning environment. It also seems like masks are one of the most ineffective measures taken to reduce the spread of Covid and it is ridiculous to think that kids are going to be able to adhere to keeping them on and not messing with them all day which will completely void any small idea that they are giving any protection anyway. Masks are just a way to make people feel safe and really do little to nothing to reduce the spread and can actually cause harm in a few different ways.

Washington MS

I would be more supportive of the distance learning if there was more instruction. For the end of the 19-20 school year distance learning for our child consisted of 30 mins on MWF. I feel that this was not enough involvement with the teacher(s) to help make progress on assignments. But, i don't know who more distance instruction would work if the teacher is already in the classroom everyday with an alternating group of students.

Lincoln ES

Consecutive days is very important for family planning. The bus is also very important for family planning. Some sort of return to the classroom is very important for the psychology of our kids. In my point of view.

Olympia HS

Online learning is not very effective. If online learning has to be, then it needs to be mandatory & count towards a actual letter grade. No more we strongly encourage you to do your work, but if you don't you will still pass.

Olympia HS

Prioritize student social-emotional health and well-being, please. These are uncertain, unprecedented times we are in and many students don't have sufficient support at home. Even

my student - who is well cared-for, supported, and not lacking any basic needs - is struggling with this new normal.

Avanti HS

Both of my boys (both OHS) had a very difficult time with the distance learning. Not a lot of motivation, it also didn't help that the required work came after a lot of uncertainty of how everything was going to be implemented. Also, it was hard for my son to get help with his math, every teacher had a different schedule of when they were available, he didn't feel comfortable reaching out to get help. That is not the schools or the teachers fault, but it was the reality for his situation, the Khan academy videos did not explain his math in a way that he understood. Out of this experience, nothing can beat a real live teacher in person that you can talk to and ask questions!

Olympia HS

More structure and consistency with learning plans. Teachers were very inconsistent with lesson plans, communication and availability.

Olympia HS

I am not sure my son will tolerate a mask as he has [educational challenge]. Going out in the community may be challenging without one.

Transition Program

I wish we could follow the example of the schools in Taiwan. They have kids and faculty wear masks throughout the day (except during PE where they are maintaining social distance) before entering the school they are required to sanitize their hands and get their temperature taken. Their temperature is taken three times a day and they are also required to sanitize their hands throughout the day. Using these measures they have been able to continue regular school and their cases of Covid have been very low per capita

Olympia HS

If there is a blended learning model, please consider siblings to go on the same days and/or times.

Centennial ES

Please consider having siblings attend school on the same days and/or times, if the blended learning model is chosen for the fall.

Washington MS

My children suffered greatly this spring not being in a face to face classroom. I saw it take a toll emotionally and academically and thinking of them having to go through this for another year is very scary. I believe they learn so much better in the classroom and have a much easier time being engaged. On the other hand I fear what will happen sending kids to school in a sterile, non interacting, mask covered environment. One of my [number] that would attend Pioneer in the fall will be a kindergartener and I truly cannot conceptualize how she will be able to learn

and make emotional relationships while wearing a mask all day. It dehumanizes us all not being able to see expressions and body language, let alone is not a healthy option. Children are very rarely being effected by this virus and I feel we should have a choice to wear a mask or not. Getting the virus is not a fear I have, but the emotional well being of my kids sure is. I am all for extra cleaning, hand washing, checking temperatures and making sure sick children stay home. I believe there are plenty of ways to be diligent where our kids could still return to school full time and safely. If there are families who choose to keep their children home due to their vulnerable situation I believe the schools should accommodate that with distance learning. As a family that chose where we live for the schools and pay a good amount in taxes, it's very discouraging to not have normal options. I do think if we want to try and stop the spread one option (that I did not see) I'd be ok with is spreading the year out. We could go one month on and two weeks off. This would allow breaks away from one another and symptoms to show if there were any. I really hope our kids can return to some sort of normalcy in the fall, but do know I may not send them back if not. This breaks my heart for them.

Pioneer ES

Kids need to be back at School.... I a parent / teacher is too concerned then they should have the CHOICE, but don't let a few make that CHOICE for the rest of us.

Washington MS

Remote/distance learning needs to be better coordinated so that same platforms, communication and expectations are used for all teachers.

Olympia HS

While our children are generally high achieving, they did not perform very well under an extended distance learning model. At least SOME face to face each week will be important for them to get back to the level of achievement they were previously able to maintain.

Olympia HS

For the emotional well being of my child and for her to engage in school at all, it will be important to be at school.

Olympia HS

The distance learning -- all on computer -- is having a devastating impact on my son's future. He needs to see teachers and classmates and work on his academics with other people. Not by himself. Our family strongly prefers measures such as sanitation, handwashing, face masks and 6 ft social distancing instead of keeping kids at home.

Capital HS

I just want my kids back in the classroom. Remote learning full time does NOT work for our family.

LP Brown ES

Even if the student daily count is reduced at OHS, I don't think students will adequately distance from one another (or from teachers) in order to be truly safe. They will begin to feel comfortable and forget. It is easy to forget as soon as you walk out the front door and begin to see people. And, not everyone is respectful of others' right to be safe. I prefer to see students online only in the Fall and Winter. I won't feel completely comfortable until Covid19 is in decline or eradicated in Thurston County...and, really, the US.

Olympia HS

If we need to have a distance learning model of some sort, please make it as rigorous as in-person learning. Despite these challenges, we need to ensure our students are properly prepared for the next level. I do not believe that colleges are going to cut us a break due to this circumstance. It simply can't be like it was in the spring where rigor, expectations and evaluation became choppy and inconsistent. That will not serve our students well as they move on to a highly-competitive college environment.

Olympia HS

I feel it is important for the kids to have some actual face time and be IN SCHOOL at least part time next year. I understand some distance learning may accommodate that, which is fine. I just hope it's a stronger, more challenging situation than we faced this past spring.

Olympia HS

I don't think students will adequately distance themselves from each other or from teachers. They will grow comfortable and forget. I'm also concerned about those that may not respect the others' right to health/safety. I support distance learning until Covid19 is in solid decline or eradicated from Thurston County (and the US) and/or we have a reliable vaccine or 'cure'.

Avanti HS

I would hope the students will have some actual face time this year. I understand that some distance learning may need to accommodate that, which is fine. I just hope that more is provided to the students than they received this past spring.

Olympia HS

Plan for 100% distance learning. Even one positive case will put the entire school back to DL. DL should be the rule. In-person classes will be the exception. In-person should be by volunteer only.

Olympia HS

Just a suggestion - This is for high school/middle school option. If there was a way to have friend groups take all of their core classes together and stay in the same classroom...this could be one way to minimize the spread of the virus. If one of those kids in that group were to contract the virus and show symptoms, then it would be easier to contact the individuals in that group. If the friend groups have similar electives, perhaps they can all be in the same elective as well. Also, depending on the setup...thoughts for the blended learning would be, MWF -

core classes (morning sessions and afternoon sessions), TTh - electives (morning sessions and afternoon sessions).

Olympia HS

I'd like information on home-schooling. It is important to me that my child gets to socialize and touch is an important part of that. If kids won't be allowed to touch or be close to each other, maybe a small group home-schooling together could be a better option for some families. I'd love to have information on that.

Lincoln ES

Most important is physical distancing at all times along with mask use at all times and frequent hand washing prompts.

Reeves MS

Walking to the school would be much easier and safer if there were sidewalks on the road the school is located on.

Boston Harbor ES

Extremely concerned with cleaning since my child is also high-risk. **Is there any way that students could have "limited" mobility with teachers moving from class to class instead?

Capital HS

The health and safety of all parties involved should be considered in this decision and not just that of our students. Yes, we all want our kids back into school full time, but not at the expense of peoples well-being and potentially their lives. I would like to see a hybrid plan that allows for safe practices of small groups in the classroom and a more organized structure for online learning on alternating days. Childcare is a huge concern. Maintaining consistency is imperative for my family as I know it is for so many families in our district. Any kind of half day schedule would be a nightmare for us with two working parents and children in multiple grade levels. I also worry about starting too aggressively in the fall and then having to pull back and go back to all distance learning when numbers spike too high. I would rather play it safe and start out in a more distance learning/hybrid format with the hope of slowly phasing back fully come spring time, then having to go backwards.

Boston Harbor ES

I think we need to go back full-time

Washington MS

Sports After school clubs

Washington MS

Alternating weeks of in-person instruction may provide the best separation of cohort groups for Contact Tracing and Quarantine of individuals, which should result in increased control of viral spread and its prevention.

Olympia HS

We are concerned about fall sports and how students will safely social distance while playing sports. Also, how will students safely social distance at lunch time?

Olympia HS

It is difficult to know what type of transportation or child care is needed without having a schedule to look at. The sooner sample schedules can be made available, the easier it will be for parents to plan ahead to make arrangements with employers and or find additional care. Also, choosing options for blended learning with distance learning all depends on what the distance learning entails. Teacher interaction with a class for only 1 hour per week over zoom, like we experienced this spring, is absolutely not sufficient for academic growth.

LP Brown ES

It is unwise and careless to put students and teachers at risk by creating an environment that is a breeding ground for the virus. It shows that the OSD does not care about spreading the virus throughout our community. Exclusively online is the only option to keep our students and families safe.

Washington MS

Do like that faculty send weekly updates on expected work for the week.

Olympia HS

Outdoor kindergarten! There's no bad weather, just bad gear. Many months of the school year kinders could do an outdoor forest school. Utilize Mission Creek! My kindergartener cannot do Zoom Kindergarten. That's not what Kindergarten is about.

Roosevelt ES

For k-5 students, I would like to see the district offer families a choice of options including full-time attendance, hybrid with smaller groups and increased distance, and fully online. My family has high-risk household members and flexible work schedules, so I'd prefer a hybrid model. However, I think all families should have the opportunity to access full-time school if they need it. I'm particularly adamant that special needs and at-risk students should be given the option of full-time attendance. I'd keep my child home to make room for a child who needs the services more. It's okay to ask those of us who have more resources to make room for families in need. That is equitable. Also, if in-person school is part-time, PLEASE make it the same days every week. It will be nearly impossible to manage work and childcare schedules if the days are not consistent week to week. Half-days are also a nightmare because it will take all the time to get the kids ready and transported and then there will be very little time left to work before having to go get the kids again (especially if you have kids in multiple schools).

Lincoln ES

Please let's get back to business, we have to move forward with knowing that covid is going to be around for a while but we can't hide from it, we need to learn to live with it.

Olympia HS

Only one of our kids would be effected by no transportation. We would take her - the other two could walk. Our family would like you to follow the "rather be safe than sorry" ideology. Happy to wear masks and do what is needed. HATE these surveys they are never set up for multiple kids.

Madison ES

I imagine that daily, part-time schooling would be very expensive, from a transportation perspective. If it is exorbitantly more expensive than other options, please avoid that one. I'd rather see staff and programming retained.

Olympia HS

one thing to keep in mind is students who are full time running start like my daughter. she needs to take one class at the school to fulfill all requirements (she is signed up for choir). It will be interesting to see how schedules shake out for running start kids who have already signed up for their fall quarter classes and any possible conflicts that might arise given OHS high school schedules that might vary and are unknown at this time.

Olympia HS

School-aged kids are not as likely to be effected by this. I believe that full-time instruction is needed for social emotional needs, as well as catching up academically.

Centennial ES

If the district decides to have students on-campus in shifts, I want to be allowed to opt for a later shift for my middle school student. My child does receive additional help in writing/ELA, and functions better in the afternoon than in the morning. Also, for the first time, I will have one middle schooler, and one elementary student; we need to make sure that whatever the outcome, schedules don't conflict so much that I'm unable to drop off/pick up.

Washington MS

If possible, I would love to see the elementary kids grouped into "pods" in order to stay together for in person learning. Also, if that is considered, have the groups be of similar academic ability. I believe the YMCA did this successfully with childcare, without any known outbreaks. Not sure if it will translate into a school setting.

Boston Harbor ES

My first priority is the health and safety of the kids, educators, staff, and their families. If schools re-open, I want it to be because it is (relatively) safe for everyone to be there, not because parents are pressuring the district to re-open because they need their kids to be in school.

McKenny ES

If distance learning becomes necessary, I hope it will be more robust than what happened at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Washington MS

distance learning as it was done at the end of the school year was not effective for my child who struggles with attention, screen, and not having social contact with other kids. If that is what is coming for this next year we might decide to enroll into a different program.

Roosevelt ES

Due to a immune deficiency disease in our immediate family, our children will not be going to choir classrooms until there is a covid 19 vaccine. We hope that they will still be able to attend school through OSD through distance learning. If not, we will have to do WAVA. Thank you!

Roosevelt ES

Covid will almost certainly spike again in the fall. I think it is a very poor idea to physically open schools.

ORLA hConnect

Our children will not be attending school in the school buildings until there is a COVID-19 vaccination. This is due to an autoimmune disease in our immediate family. We hope, no matter what the decision is for fall education, that you consider families for whom returning to the classrooms is not a safe option. With this in mind we hope that at least some students will be allowed to learn solely from home until it is safe for them to return.

Reeves MS

Distant learning at the end of 19-20 school year was so vast that my child saw it as a hindrance more than a help to complete the year.

Jefferson MS

i see distance learning as inevitable for next school year. I hold no hope for in person learning to be allowed, and if it is, we have an elderly person living with us and we may not be able to do it. Attention should be paid to what makes a quality distance learning program including frequent online interaction with teachers and other students. Also there must be a way to better serve students with special ed needs. My son just got a diagnosis and yet he hasn't been assessed by the school because of no buildings being open. This can't last forever, he needs additional services.

Lincoln ES

I have two kids, one in primary elementary, one in middle school. I am most concerned about the primary schooler. He doesn't get what needs from distance learning and is terribly lonely, and the child care issues for me (now work full time at hom) are much harder. However, I don't see it as likely that COVID-19 will be better enough in fall, or that it won't have another wave.

Can we focus on improving all the distance learning so it's better for teacher/student and student to student interaction?

Jefferson MS

Please open for those children that are stuck at homes in abusive situations. Or those who don't get food unless they are at school. Also, our kids need others kids interaction. It is so vital to all of them.

Marshall MS

If High School students do not return to school physically, the virtual learning needs to be up to standard with a plan in place. The burden should not be placed on teachers to come up with plan, but on the district. Understandably, things were uncertain this year. But there has been months now to come up with a plan. What are the district administration plans/ expectations/ execution for distance learning? Who is working on this during the summer? Are there experts involved, or will this be pieced together school by school and team by team. I would like to feel reassured that my child is receiving the best possible education. Thank you for your consideration.

Capital HS

It is hard to know which blended plan to support... I think that teachers may need more time with students to teach them before sending them off to work on projects at home. Alternate or consecutive days feel choppy. Alternate weeks seem to give more time for in depth learning, and connecting with others. But being away from school every other week can also have disadvantages. It's hard to know for sure.

Olympia HS

Music

Olympia HS

I'm a single parent. I feel it's unreasonable to leave my 9 year old at home for 7 hours a day to do distance learning alone while I support us.

Lincoln ES

I don't feel this survey was detailed enough. We need more questions regarding how the distance learning will look specifically. I feel parents feedback is extremely important right now as the reality is we will not be back in the classrooms, and certainly not back to usual. Distance learning was a nightmare with my sons class and to be honest I was extremely disappointed in the lack of communication from the Teacher and the lack of instructions so I feel it is more important to focus on how to make sure the Teachers know what the expectations are and how to accomplish that. It is unrealistic to think that us as parents will be even half as affective as a Teacher is. We all know our children act differently with others than they do their own parents so I want to feel that this is recognized and planned for. I also work so there was no balance in trying to maintain my job while working from home and also trying to figure out how to walk my son through his online learning platform when he can't spell all the words he is being asked

to type. He was in 2nd grade and the email came out at the beginning of the week and then nothing further. To ask 2nd graders to be able to go to various websites, complete forms online by typing was an absolute disaster. It caused my son to complain that he wasn't smart enough or why the Teacher wasn't involved. So my best suggestion is to be ask yourselves who are parents...how would you want instruction to come to your young children. We cannot afford for the lack of instruction to hold our children back anymore. I was also very disappointed that I had to email the school for a meeting with my son's Teacher, the Principle and the Special Education department to find out why my son hasn't been getting anything to accommodate his IEP. I understand that there are varying levels of a disability and that not all children can be taught online however, those who can should have been receiving services of some sort. The fact that we were told the School was not going to do anything for the first several weeks was not acceptable.

McLane ES

I'm a single parent. I feel it's unreasonable to leave my 12 year old at home for 7 hours a day to do distance learning alone while I support us.

Jefferson MS

Will there be any special classes like woodshop, robotics, band, etc.? If we choose to enroll our child in a different online school, will it be accepted by the district as a grade completed if transcripts are provided?

Jefferson MS

We need to get our kids engaged in real world projects (community based learning) and in outdoor learning environments as much as possible.

Olympia HS

Distance learning is not as effective as in person learning. It is easier to get distracted and much harder to go at the pace necessary for AP/honors courses. Please try to maximize the chances that students can go to school and have in person learning.

Olympia HS

Distance learning for my child was a disaster. Teachers were unable to provide quality instruction.

Olympia HS

I feel the likelihood of remote learning is inevitable. As a single parent having consistency is key regardless of the format.

Marshall MS

First, thank you to everyone at OSD for the dedication and support during COVID19 pandemic. Second, it would be great if OSD offered some outdoor education opportunities - even holding traditional classes outside. This would be safer for our children and would still allow that much needed peer and teacher interaction. During this pandemic, we have come to realize the

importance of being taught by a trained teacher in person with classmates present. Our kids are NW kids and used to weather challenges. This could happen outside in the school field with limited extra supplies- the use of technology (projected lessons, chrome books, etc.) can happen at home during the virtual days. The kids need interaction with their peers and quality teaching from a certified teacher - in person:-).

Garfield ES

I am very unlikely to send my child to in-person school until a vaccine is available. I strongly encourage OSD to offer a full-time online option even if in-person school is available.

Capital HS

I am a single parent of [number] kids, I need the school in place and safe

Hansen ES

- We are confident in our family's ability to successfully manage distance learning. - Can schools provide limited differentiation to meet students' diverse needs? (Example: if there are four 3rd grade teachers, perhaps 3 of them do blended learning while 1 runs a fully online class.)

Centennial ES

Please provide a 100% distance learning option - at least for the first semester or until a vaccine is available.

Olympia HS

My son just finished 5th grade. I do not believe these younger kids get the direct learning they need with remote learning let alone the social isolation aspect. Older kids...ie. high school i can see remote learning being successful but these younger children NEED the classroom time DESPERATELY! Thank you for the survey.

Marshall MS

freshman orientation, assemblies, sports games. Just try maintaining the fun parts of school.

Capital HS

Social distancing for kids is ridiculous. Part of being a kid is interaction with other kids. And adults. Wearing masks is scary, being talked to by an adult in a mask is scary. The non verbal cues are much reduced. My daughter will be starting kindergarten. How could she stay socially distant? I used to work at a daycare and they played duck duck goose during a lice outbreak. That was stupid. But getting back to normal school is essential. Yes, handwashing, cleaning, etc, is great but kids need to be kids.

Garfield ES

Make sure kids from the same family are on the same schedule. Also question #20 should allow people to pick multiple responses like some of the other questions.

Capital HS

A single platform for education, not each teacher picking their own site or tools for teaching
Capital HS

Thank you for being so thoughtful. Much appreciation for all of your hard work! This is not easy to navigate, you are all doing a wonderful job!

ORLA Montessori

PLEASE GO BACK TO NORMAL!!! There's a BIG REASON I DISNT CHOOSE TO HOMESCHOOL!!
Olympia HS

The number one emphasis for me is that teachers must be available for students if a distance learning model is adopted. This was not the case for the 19-20 school year. Social distancing must be maintained outside of the classroom as well as in (e.g. hallways). Masks must be required for all students for me to consider sending my child to school in person and this must be strictly enforced.

Olympia HS

Both parents work in our household and we haven't been able to identify a reliable caregiver for times that our student might have a shortened school day nor distance learning time. Our students education and their health and welfare are our highest priority. Regardless of the plan selected by the school board our family would greatly benefit with as much possible planning time available. (We need more than two weeks to plan for childcare and transportation needs)
Reeves MS

No resource officer? My kid won't go to school then. I am appalled at the district's horrible idea! If they need money so bad, how about get rid of the worthless superintendent and the board members?! There! I found you money! Now bring back the resource officers!

Olympia HS

My [student] has [physical challenge] and has had [treatment] for the last six months. [They][have] [physical challenge] and contracting COVID-19 would be a guaranteed death sentence for [them] so under NO circumstances will [their] [sibling] attend in person schooling for the 2020-2021 school year.

Marshall MS

I feel that distanced learning has been going well.

Capital HS

If the school does not allow students back full time as normal, we are simply pulling our daughter out and doing SPSCC for all classes. (You all can figure out how she finishes her PE credit if there are no sports.) My daughter will only attend if we are back to normal. Zoom classes are too disconnected, we cannot keep our thumb on our daughter all day long to make sure she sits at her computer for hours doing school work. If she is to be miserable at a computer for her school, then we will do so in SPSCC classes (online or other) where all her

required classes will take only a quarter and she will get college credits. I don't know how OHS survives, as a lot of us are talking about doing this.

Olympia HS

i dont believe that social distancing is possible in a school setting, even with reduced nubers. Even with the very best protocols, it is still a lot of people breathing recycled air.

Reeves MS

Adjusting to a new learning environment is going to be difficult, but simplifying the plan for everyone to wear face masks would overall make the adjustment for the student body of Capital High School much easier and keep the traditions of the school alive. Without traditions and a sense of normality, the school isn't lively, it's as boring as the actual building itself. Allow students to participate in activities normally (i.e. football, basketball, music, marching/pep band, etc.).

Capital HS

It seems like online schooling is best as it feels unsure of what will actually happen

ORLA hConnect

Please consider the social/emotional development of all children as well as the well being of educators when making your final decision. Thank you!

Capital HS

I don't think alternating days or weeks that children are at school is unrealistic. Even as adults it is hard to bounce between work places. Children thrive with routine. It would be hard for them to do distance learning because parents will be back at work. I think they should attend all days, even if they end up being half days. For riding buses, if kids don't have a fever, I think it would be safe to be on the bus. Most kids sit by other students they either live with or are in daycare with.

Hansen ES

Thank you for this thoughtful survey. Everyone has been working so hard to plan this, and this is no easy task!! I feel like, alternating days might be best, to help establish if any kids have symptoms developing, on "off" days. Maybe, it could be a rule to report to child's teacher, after distance-learning days, report your child's temperature the following morning, before coming to class? To help ensure less fevers/symptoms. Hopefully that would allow more opportunity for the virus to be contained, and lots of cleaning happening in between, of course. And also this way, kids only have to go 1 day outside of class as opposed to 1 week. They could have a solid amount of work to keep them busy at home on the alternating days, too if needed. I think also, rotating small sizes for recess breaks, throughout the school, might be helpful. My kid has no problem wearing a mask, and we are happy to do that, however I understand it may be difficult for all families to agree to this. So maybe face shields can be an option for those as well who have difficulties. Or, face shields for recess? For older kids who can wear them without playing with them. Might be tougher to enforce kids distancing outside. If there is appropriate

space in the classroom though, masks may not be necessary for most of the time. Or, maybe the class rotates wearing their masks in class? I'm sure there are lots of ideas to sift through! But hopefully this survey will help provide some guidance for the fall. You guys are amazing, Thank you so much for caring about keeping our kids safe during this unprecedented time, and keep up the great work!

McLane ES

My kid needs social interaction. He needs to play!

Roosevelt ES

Please do not do full time but please do have kids go to school some how

Olympia HS

I am uncomfortable with in-person learning until there is a vaccine widely available and people take it. OR until the US demonstrates that it has the testing, contact tracing and case isolation capacity as well as political will that have allowed other countries to successfully quell the pandemic so far. We are currently a long way from that, and the fact that we are now in "phase 3" is pretty meaningless in terms of my own behavior.

Olympia HS

Please consider investing in off campus childcare at outdoor school locations for the time children are not in the classroom

Pioneer ES

I do not support in-person education at any level until a vaccine is available. Considering this course is completely cavalier and irresponsible. I do support opening for need only not the other way around. Make the classrooms available to those that cannot utilize online systems, have the tools necessary or the ability to supervise. Offer grab and go lunches. The primary focus should be on distance learning to keep the infection rates down. The tools have been available for over a decade. Prepare as the Fall is an incubation period for viruses and continuing toward in-person education will make the schools super spreader arenas because kids will not wear masks all the time, they will congregate, touch, hug, hit, spit, sneeze, cough, wipe runny noses on sleeves and desks and share snacks. We are already seeing that "adults" can't be trusted to follow the rules. Apples don't fall far from trees. My child will be homeschooled or registered in a distance learning program elsewhere if one is not made available to Washington Students through the public school program. This would be a shame but she, at fifteen, is wise enough to understand why.

Capital HS

Special ed needs to be in person or at least have special consideration. Learning at home for my student was challenging.

Madison ES

Less children in the classroom; alternative days to allow other children to learn rotating days, wear mask, wash hands and lessen exposure as much as possible; distance learning

Washington MS

There needs to be chunks of time for science instruction and other project based learning opportunities

Pioneer ES

None of these options are ideal for parents, working or otherwise. While my child's teacher was wonderful and made distance learning palatable, the approach this school year is not acceptable for any child long term. OSD will need to step up its game, especially for children on either side of the bell curve. My child is advanced and needs challenges, and support to do that. I know this will take creativity and work from teachers and administrators. If you got into the education game to grow our future adults, then you will figure out a way to do that in a constructive way...supporting all kids...those who are advanced, those in the middle, and those who need some help.

LP Brown ES

DO NOT SUPPORT MASKS ON THESE CHILDREN!!! DO NOT SUPPORT ANY TYPE OF TRACING ON THESE CHILDREN! ABSOLUTLEY WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY TYPE OF VACCINE MANDATES!!!

OSD needs to provide UNBIASED and LEGITIMATE research to support any and all physical mandates on these students. Do not sacrifice the physical, emotional and mentally well-being of these children. DO YOUR RESEARCH!! Is OSD ready to be liable for damages from any mandates? Do not over-reach your boundaries with these children and their families.

This can be a slippery slope and with OSD attempted mandates, I fear for the future of these children. Your decisions will have a huge impact on these children of families that choose to participate. Please do not let the influence of politics drive these decisions.

Depending on what 'attempted' mandates are made, my child may or may not be returning to OSD.

Capital HS

Like so many other parents, I think it is vitally important for kids to return to in-person school in the fall, and minimize distance learning as much as possible. Though masks and social-distancing are becoming the norm, they are by no means a healthy way for children to interact with trusted adults and peers. As things slowly go back to normal, I would strongly suggest more (mask-free) recess time at the elementary level to increase the amount of the day spent outdoors and reduce the burden on teachers. It has been shown in numerous studies that when children are not in school they are not as active, have more screen time, exhibit poor sleep patterns, and do not eat as well, leading to obesity and poor cardiovascular health.

Centennial ES

Alternating days of attendance would help students get out of the house throughout the week and lessen the lack of motivation and ability to concentrate that comes with being home too many days in a row.

Capital HS

The hardest part has been lack of contact with friends and students.

Olympia HS

I would like to be paired with a teacher who will continue doing distance learning for my child while Covid is a risk. I was successful continuing to advance my child based on the common core standards, we provided the accommodation and supplementary support based on what our child needed and thought about his IEP.

Garfield ES

I know first hand my ASD son will not be able to adhere to wearing a face mask all day. It would be difficult and time consuming for his teachers to ensure all young (elementary) students are strictly adhering to CDC guidelines. I would prefer to have my child physically in school when it's safer to remove some of CDC's guidelines, such as wearing a face mask all day. That would seem not only safer but more practical.

Marshall MS

Block schedules for middle/high school

Olympia HS

It is not clear in the survey if school can supply PPE and other things, such as sanitizers.

Olympia HS

Please pay close attention to the data regarding new cases and regional trends as a component of decision making. Please incorporate information on what has worked/not worked from childcare programs that have continued throughout the pandemic for essential workers and other countries.

Lincoln ES

Have you considered the use of masks? Or screening students before they enter the classrooms?

Olympia HS

If school is not taking place everyday of the week I will most likely homeschool, not through the district. Virtual learning is a joke. It is not equitable at all and will widen the achievement gap.

Boston Harbor ES

I recognize the need for the kids to return to routine, but I am anxious about the rapidly escalating numbers of COVID-19 cases emerging in other warmer states as summer begins. We

haven't even reached our normal cold/flu season, which makes me concerned for how this pandemic could progress throughout the fall without a downward trend over the summer. I would hope families are offered the option to switch to a virtual-only learning environment if we begin trending higher in case counts. With so much still being unknown about this virus and how it affects people, I'm not sure I would be comfortable sending my child to school and potentially being exposed.

Garfield ES

One of my kids has an IEP. It is imperative that special education be provided in person as the online options are not an appropriate substitute. We will litigate this issue if needed.

Madison ES

Rather than seeing OSD prioritize elementary school students for returning to school in the fall, I would like to see OSD prioritizing students that are the most at risk of falling farther behind academically regardless of age.

Garfield ES

Thank you for all of your work! I am amazed by you. And feel the devotion of our teachers and school districts to create rapid, effective responses and change to support those it serves is a model for our country right now. Deep gratitude!

Avanti HS

My daughter will start 1st grade at Centennial next year. We are a family where both parents work full time, and we also have a 2 year old child. I am [employment] and cannot work from home. When my husband works from home, he cannot facilitate distance learning at home for a 6 year old, care for a 2 year old, and continue to work. The system of "distance learning" provides minimal support for our child to learn at home. Links to websites and lists of activities, worksheets are not what we need to help our child learn at home. What she needs is a teacher who is focused on her learning, not a parent trying to do three jobs at once. Distance learning will fail young children, and children from disadvantaged families (unlike ours) will suffer the most. This system will worsen the inequality that already plagues our country. A transition to "distance learning" is a bigger threat to our young children than the risk of COVID-19. PLEASE keeps schools open. Thank you, [name]

Centennial ES

It is in fortunate that Washington State and it's schools suffer from such poor leadership. Capital High School has completely failed every child that they claim to educate not just this year but for the last several years. If educators are truly interested in the health and well being of children then they should return to school like normal as our children will in North Idaho. The ignorance and cowardice of this nation has made my wife and I sick watching it. Please consider becoming Americans and doing the right thing instead of running to a safe space every time something out of the ordinary happens.

Capital HS

I think for our younger special needs kids consistency is the best thing we can do for them
McKenny ES

Would like kids at school as much as possible, but with masks and increased ventilation/fresh air. Classes held outside whenever possible without masks.

Washington MS

To whom it may concern, I plan to homeschool next year if the kids are not returning full time and have to wear masks. It's not a good learning environment while wearing a mask and my 2 children did not excel with the distance learning. Online is just not how they learn. I'm currently looking into curriculums and Tutors to help us. I will get a second job if I have to to make this happen. As a single mom who works in health care, I am disappointed in our state for how they are handling our children's education. Safety should come first, but I believe washing hands several times a day and taking temperatures twice a day and sanitizing surfaces more often is the responsible thing to do while not disturbing class with mask issues or only part time learning. And we all know that so many of these kids parents could care less if they do online distance learning. I am sad for those kids who will not be getting an education outside of the couple days a week in class. It is not fair to them. I say keep the teachers who are high risk at home and they can teach the kids online who are high risk or parents are uncomfortable with them going to school. Let the healthy teachers and kids come to school normally while just practicing better sanitation. It hurts my mama heart that my kids will miss their friends next year and miss a year of being in school, but I've spoken with them and they don't want to go if they can't play with their friends and have to wear a mask. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

[name]

Centennial ES

I accept that distance learning will be part of the curriculum in some way. But my daughter, at Jefferson, finishing up 8th grade did very poor. She has a problem with DL. So I'm concerned.

Capital HS

All schools should consider a hand held or installed body thermometer equipment at all entrance of building with employees monitoring it when teachers/students/parents enter the building for all safety measures. Thank you

Roosevelt ES

Have or install a body temperature equipment with staff monitoring entrance of teachers/students/parents for safety of all

Roosevelt ES

I work for a huge company [business name] and I travel to all the facilities to work. Let me inform you that no one I know at this business is able to keep up with any online learning. Zoom meetings will not happen. No one working here can keep up with the unrealistic expectation of teaching our kids. We are not teachers. Not even kindergarten teachers. There is no

replacement for the time lost with our valuable teachers and our kids are simply not learning under this "at home" learning model.

Madison ES

my child's bus ride to school is about an hour long in the morning and 90 minutes in the afternoon. what precautions are in place to minimize transmission in the busses in the middle of winter when it seems unfeasible to keep the windows open and have the heater blowing hot air from the front to the back?

Reeves MS

I worry about the huge committee that's involved in the reopening decision. Having worked in a range of professional and social committees group dynamics are not effective beyond 6-7 people because some voices are always "stronger" than others.

Boston Harbor ES

Will there be an option for families who only want to do distance learning until there is a vaccine? We had just gotten into a good groove with distance learning!

McKenny ES

We will not be participating if there is any online distance learning included as it is not healthy or beneficial for young children to try and learn on a screen. I am a trained teacher and will homeschool if we are unable to return to school full time in the fall.

Centennial ES

Utilizing all available spaces on site - including outdoor spaces.

Pioneer ES

We will not participate if the reopening plan includes any online learning. I am a trained teacher and will be homeschooling if schools are unable to meet full time.

Centennial ES

We will not participate if the plan is for only online learning.

Washington MS

The social emotional importance of being together with other teens should not be underestimated. This is critical for maintaining the mental health of many students as well as keeping them engaged and connected with their teachers and the curriculum.

Olympia HS

Having the opportunity to meet and connect with teachers and other students IN PERSON is critical for the academic success and Social-emotional well-being of our teenagers.

Olympia HS

My children do not feel that they learned and retained and understood things during distance learning.

Capital HS

I want to see our kids go back to school full time. Distance learning is not working well.

Garfield ES

I fully support any amount of distance learning as long as students are receiving the same level and quality of content they would be receiving if in the regular classroom.

Jefferson MS

Locker assignments and maintaining physical distance between class periods would be a specific issue of concern. One way hallways? Locker assignments based on cohorts in a blended model (i.e., distance and physical learning) such that lockers of students attending on days x and y are between those attending on days x2 and y2?

Reeves MS

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Pioneer ES

Would need a school district provided chrome book for distance learning.

Capital HS

My student is an incoming kindergartner (and he is our eldest child), so all of this is new to me. We have also only been in Olympia about a year, so we don't know many other people. This has led to me having absolutely no idea about what to expect. This child is currently in full-time daycare, so he is in a congregate setting right now. In that setting, he is not wearing a mask, but there is extra cleaning, temperature checks and screening upon arrival at the building, and parents are not allowed past the lobby (parents are also required to wear masks in the lobby). I believe my child is safe at his current daycare, and I would like to see the same measures instituted at school this fall. I see distance learning being a disaster for my kid because he is so young. I would prefer a model where he is at school at least part of the day every day. I have no idea what we would do for childcare when he is not at school, though. My husband and I both have very flexible jobs where we will be working from home for the foreseeable future. That said, we both work full-time and cannot care for our children and work at the same time. In terms of other solutions, we have no problem with requiring children to wear masks. Yes, it will be tough. But if the alternative is no in-person school, wearing a mask seems like a small price to pay.

Pioneer ES

distance learning doesn't work teachers already too lazy

Washington MS

If distance learning has to be included, then it would have to be completely different from what it was this year. There was little—if any—actual teaching happening. There HAS to be interactive online teaching of classes. Giving kids an assignment after barely presenting the material and doing nothing more than saying “read this” is not teaching and it is not conducive to learning. Additionally, if the alternating weeks (or days) model is chosen I strongly feel that new material should NOT be introduced during the online sessions. It is important for the kids to fully understand the concepts which I don't think happens in an online format. Finally, children with special needs/IEP's absolutely have to receive services and that cannot be done online. I am very concerned about them not getting the support they receive because I've seen that happen the last several months.

Pioneer ES

Safety is paramount. If the only way to do this is distance learning, then teachers must actually teach, not leave students in the lurch as they did this year. They should also be more available by email and responsive.

Capital HS

Consider Block Schedules and sixth graders getting orientation days prior to the rest of the students arriving.

Washington MS

My child would need to provide childcare for younger siblings. How will this affect her academics? Is it fair? What if they are on different schedules?

Olympia HS

I have two kids going to [school] this coming year but your survey only lets me answer as if I have one kid. I have different answers for some because my older one is in [program] and my younger is a typically developed student. Also they are both adopted and are from different ethnicities but this form won't allow multiple answers on the background [countries] so the background questions below I answered about both some I answered with my [student]in mind and some with my [educational challenge] [student]. This survey should have been set up better to allow for families with multiple children to Be able to fully answer.

[School] HS

I am the only person in my home capable of taking part in my child's homeschooling but I cannot afford to not go to work because I need to be homeschooling my child.

Boston Harbor ES

I am very nervous about my children returning to school in person in the fall. As of today, we are leaning towards homeschooling full time if schools open for in person learning in the fall.

ORLA hConnect

My 8th grader takes care of my 4th grader at home and if there are alternating schedules, I won't have anyone at home to watch my youngest.

Centennial ES

Masking (not specifically mentioned but hopefully wrapped into the term "social distancing") should be required.

LP Brown ES

With things as they are (covid still being active and children needing to wear face masks all day) my desire is to continue distance learning with material provided by the teacher.

Lincoln ES

I think that in person instruction MUST restart this fall and we are all prepared to do our part. Remote instruction simply is not sufficient at any level. Thank you!

Washington MS

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Olympia HS

The physical safety/health of our students and staff is my number one concern. If this is not possible and / or proves too difficult to achieve in a physical school setting, then I would much prefer a distance learning platform, which would give me piece of mind. My student's older sibling came home from University of Washington due to being immunocompromised.

Olympia HS

I am not supporting full time return to physical campus at this time but online learning options need to improve significantly for me to even consider making my child participate in distance learning. The distance learning options he received this year did not even come close to meeting our needs.

Capital HS

I would like to know what are the protocols if someone at or a family member of a student or faculty tested positive for the virus.

Lincoln ES

In order to answer these questions the best we would need more information.

Olympia HS

It would be great if the blended models could be based on alpha - so my middle and high school students could attend school on the same days/distance learning on the same days. This will help with families who need support with child care options.

Olympia HS

Make all online an option for parents who want that.

Pioneer ES

Coordination of siblings across school sites - can assigned days be done per last name or family unit.

Washington MS

We need our children back to school in person ASAP. The loss of learning will be extensive if not!

Olympia HS

I think there should be fully time school to avoid wasting money and time. I want to make sure my kids get the best education possible.

Olympia HS

Hi. I would just like to stress strongly that I would like to see a full-time distance learning option—at least for those families that choose to opt out of sending their children back to potential unsafe schools. I very much want to support the district, funding-wise, but without a full distance-learning option, there is a good chance I will unenroll my kids and look to other options. Oh, also: on no. 12, above, I'd like to give two different answers: one—I'd be very much supportive of prioritizing in-school, face-to-face education for those with special needs, and who most need it. However: two—I do not support prioritizing young elementary kids, in general, for in-school, face-to-face learning. They are two separate groups, that should be considered on their own, and not grouped together. Thank you.

Roosevelt ES

My daughter did not do well at all with the distance learning model. She did not participate on zoom school even though we thought she was, she was skipping out and not attending. She lost the drive to do the work. She was bored. The grading, then not grading didn't help the situation either.

Capital HS

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Olympia HS

The main issue for my student was inconsistency with his teachers and the platforms they used. He had to go to multiple places to find all of his school work.

Olympia HS

Schools should make online learning platforms consistent. All teachers using same platform for example google classroom to make it less stressful for students and families.

Jefferson MS

Full time in classroom at school is encouraged and desired.

Olympia HS

Outdoor classes should be used as much as possible. Maybe the OSD should set up outdoor classrooms. Have all kids attend school on days these could be used. And masks! I'm for safe in-person learning as much as possible!

Avanti HS

I believe it's extremely important to have kids be in a school setting, if only part time. I understand other kids need more attention than say my children and am open to my kids spending less time in school and more time online. I just worry that some kids will be left behind because of no support at home.

Reeves MS

Outdoor classrooms and masks would be great!

Lincoln ES

My kids don't learn well from me with distance learning and my husband and I can not work from home - our options are limited with this virus so sadly, I need to put them at higher risk due to our situation.

Roosevelt ES

Your blended options are putting a bunch of responsibility on parents to have to make a decision of working their job, which pays the bills, and having the responsibility of teaching their children several hours of school lessons literally at the same time. The teachers need to be engaged in the learning process if we're stuck with virtual learning. Our experience this year was not up to par with the teacher interaction in a remote setting. We had 3 total zoom sessions and no goodbye for the year. Absolutely no communication the last week. Completely unacceptable. I do not want to support any distance learning due to this experience. Our kids need to be in the classroom learning and socializing. They can do this with following health guidelines.

LP Brown ES

We are 100% against getting rid of SROs in the school. They are vital to the safety of the students. In our household we believe that all lives matter and so it is important that my

children know that their lives matter even though they are shown daily on the news that since they are white that their lives don't matter. Leave politics out of school.

Washington MS

Ya'll need to get these kids back in school. They're being so short-changed. Let the parents who want to homeschool do so... but what you provided this spring was a joke.

McLane ES

I am a teacher in a neighboring district. It would be so much easier to navigate if the local districts pulled together to offer a comprehensive plan that allowed teachers and their children to make the best choices possible for their education and health.

Madison ES

Please consider working with other local school districts since there are many teachers in the area that work in one district and have children in another.

Reeves MS

If my children have opposite schedules, it will create a hardship for my family

Washington MS

One place for parents and students to look at all assignments, tests, and quizzes. Also, online instruction be done for classes to learn. Some teachers did not use ZOOM or Google Classroom.

Olympia HS

Central place for parents to look at students assignments and this should be for the whole district one place and click on teachers name or by class. Shortened periods if physically at school. Make use of Google Classroom. Students can mobile work like Some of their parents.

Washington MS

I will not support children needing to wear masks

ORLA hConnect

The importance of regular social interaction with peers/teachers by being physically present at school.

Capital HS

The social interaction that the kids receive both with peers and teachers while being there physically is invaluable.

McLane ES

My student doesn't do well with remote learning; they prefer to be in school in person. Thanks!

Olympia HS

Thank you!
Olympia HS

There needs to be significant improvements to distance learning if that will be an option for the fall. The last 3 months of distance learning was embarrassing. OSD completely dropped the ball!! Our kids will not return to OSD if there is not significant improvements made.

Roosevelt ES

Please train teachers in how to do on-line instruction. Distance learning can't consist of just one zoom call a week with no interactive opportunities for students.

Marshall MS

Whatever plan is adopted needs to take into account families with multiple children and the pressures of trying to support education in multiple curriculums, as well as families that need full-day child care to support their work schedule. Whatever plan you decide on should serve the most people and leave behind no one.

Lincoln ES

I support the district's decision with whatever model they choose. However I do hope district is communicating with other districts in the esd to create plans that are similar. My biggest worry right now is going to be childcare on the off days of school I am an educator who will be working fulltime and my wife is a nurse.

McKenny ES

At this time, my family's health and safety are more important than education. The primary benefit to returning to school, in my opinion, is social emotional. The loss of academics is the least of my worries at this time.

Pioneer ES

My first choice is everything goes back to normal and folks with concerns make other arrangements.

Olympia HS

Daily routine is essential in a child's development, even for older kids, or especially for older kids (teenage years are a critical time in development). It is very important to go to school every day of the week. In countries where there is not enough class space available, taking classes in 2 shifts is very common, and works well. Also, most of the world has shorter school days anyways, you could arguably teach the full curriculum, even with a shorter school day, and more time available for homework.

Olympia HS

What will happen when the kids have lunch at school? How would that work out ?

Capital HS

I have a 9th grader and a 11th grader. For children of all ages, a daily routine is essential for their development. High school kids and very young kids are most susceptible, and should be prioritized. Taking school in 2 shifts, due to lack of space, is very common in other parts of the world and it works.

Olympia HS

Suggestions: Install new hands-free hand wash sinks throughout the school. Have intense Sanitation at the end of every day. Have a half-day shutdown on Wednesdays for deep cleaning. Teachers trained to call out students who don't follow CDC guidelines. Training for students regarding sanitary expectations while in school. Our daughter is in JAMS, and should be in a full-time cohort. Cohorts in general may be a good idea. Concern: While focus is on safety in school, students won't actually learn what they need to, to progress in their education or be prepared for life.

Jefferson MS

If there is to be any distance learning when school starts up, teachers need more support for utilizing the tools available to them. I had two doing distance learning for the past several months--one had a teacher that was able to really utilize what was available, while the other had a teacher that really struggled with technology throughout the entire time. Unfortunately, my younger student is the one with the struggling teacher and it really made schooling a much harder for him (and me, as I tried to work from home through this). Not only were the zoom meetings often hard to get into, but the teacher struggled to get the required assignments on to the google classroom and it often wasn't clear what exactly my child was supposed to do. Honestly, the difference between what each child received was stark and disappointing.

LP Brown ES

While surface cleaning is important to reduce risk of infection through surface-to-face contamination, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease also transmitted through extended exposure to exhaled droplets with data suggesting a much higher risk of infection through extended indoor activities. Indoor distancing may help, but not enough. Is there room to hold classes in a distanced outdoor setting? There are a couple of improvements needed for distance learning to be more successful: * Streamlined & consolidated class assignments, homework status for parents and students to keep track of progress * Stop using online services with poor or inadequate data privacy and student information sharing (Zoom, Google Services, etc.). It's well known that Google is a data harvesting organization which resells personal information to advertisers -- why are my kids personal information, work assignments, etc. being subject to this company? * Many municipalities forbid the use of Zoom due to data sharing and privacy concerns -- now would be the time to change to a service that is built around privacy. I understand Zoom is easy and became the de facto standard. A secure and privacy oriented service is preferred to protect the kids. "Jitsi Meet" could be an option.

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Pioneer ES

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Washington MS

While I am a SAHM, able to be flexible with different blended learning schedules or whatever happens, I am most concerned for the parents who need predictability in order to work. I also think that more surprise shutdowns would be detrimental to everyone's mental health. So, I'm strongly in favor of the 4 days in school, 10 days at home schedule of blended learning (i.e., 2 cohorts of students, faculty, and staff, all alternating weeks) that is theorized to keep all potentially exposed individuals home for the period in which they are most likely to be infectious to others (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/11/opinion/coronavirus-reopen.html>). I would also be in support of more outdoor education, allowing more physical distancing, sunlight, and free air circulation. The main reason I can't support full-time, in-person education is I don't think elementary school kids are developmentally capable of consistent physically distancing and wearing masks correctly all day, without touching them and their faces.

Lincoln ES

-Distance learning has to be more robust. i.e. live stream the class, every class my child is enrolled in, for the days they are not at school. Distance learning this spring was severely lacking. My 9th grader did all his work each day within 1 hour, sometimes quite a bit less than that. He had one class where NO zoom took place, and multiple classes where a zoom occurred a few times total over months time. - The grading system cannot be "A" for everyone. It really modified the motivation of our kids. I have straight A students and giving everyone an A undermines my students achievements. I have teacher friends and they say that giving an incomplete to a student is a huge hassle and so I anticipate almost none of these were handed out. - Resources should be poured into making sure kids that don't have internet access or computer access be provided with this. Talk to the local carriers. Have them donate their internet or hotspot cell services for kids that don't have a reliable connection. Allow these kids to attend school everyday in a safe area to be able to get the instruction they need. - I appreciate the efforts that were made starting in March to put distance learning in place. However, OSD is supposed to be one of the best school districts in the area and I feel they fell far short in taking care of our children's learning this year. Everyone had to scramble and make adjustments, no matter their occupation. I really feel there was a lack of leadership that allowed a lot of wasted time and hand wringing. - There was a significant lack of communication from [staff] at CHS on the process that was taking place. Due to the length of delay, it seemed unclear what was being done to try and prepare for the worst. - I hope that OSD is planning for the worst case scenario- all distance learning as we could be in that position again anytime over the next year. There needs to be a robust effort to make it as close to in person learning as possible.

Capital HS

I am concerned about the heavy use of disinfectants and anti-bacterial soaps and sprays that contain harmful chemicals and synthetic fragrance that trigger learning impairments, asthmas attacks, and skin rashes. Will there be any regulations on the use of these chemicals so frequently? More windows to be opened or reducing the amount of scented cleaners? What type of counsel and support will the children have at school for bullying other children about their masks or for children who do not understand the distancing yet? Those with cognitive development disorders will be the most at risk to the above concerns. Thank you for your time and hard work on creating a safe space for all of our children.

Roosevelt ES

Thank you for your work. I hope that the least advantaged children will be prioritized - who may or may not be from families who are vocal. For my own family, we have to figure out childcare while we work. That will have less to do with the schedule my own child is assigned and more to do with how his schedule corresponds to the schedule of the children of family friends who could share childcare responsibilities with me, and the schedules my colleague's children are assigned (which will dictate whether I can take lwp on a certain day each week).

Roosevelt ES

Though I understand the importance of masks, I have a hard time having the kids wear them all day at school. They seem pointless and may cause more fidgeting with the mask and touching of the face. I feel it is more harm than good.

Lincoln ES

Our girls did fine with distance learning but we really are missing the socialization component. Getting them with their peers several times a week in a safe environment (i.e. lots of outdoor play/instruction) would be ideal.

Madison ES

Thank you for all of your serious consideration and attention. I personally feel that it is essential for students to gather in-person at least some of the time, in order to develop and maintain healthy relationships with their peers and teachers.

Olympia HS

If you decide to provide remote learning, please help teachers adapt so that they can deliver a curriculum that keeps up with the grade level. Our experience this spring showed us that only a couple of teachers could successfully pivot to remote teaching. Most were completely incapable of it. There are plenty of online curricula available to help them navigate; they don't need to reinvent the wheel. We need lots more online class time than we received in the spring. My son (outgoing 8th grade) had about 90 minutes with teachers each week and about 90 min of homework. He lost quite a bit of ground with his education.

Olympia HS

I would like to see a plan for classes like band, choir, welding, ceramics, ect that are hard to do from home!

Capital HS

The blended options under consideration are extremely difficult for single, working parents. Even if I am able to negotiate with my employer to work from home on days that the kids are not in school; at-home distance learning is nearly impossible to complete while also attempting to work from home. Streamlined distance learning plans (packets vs complicated logins) and before/after school programs on school days will be critical to making this work for my family and many others.

McLane ES

For my child's academic success and emotional health, it is important for her to be in the classroom part time.

Avanti HS

Sibling schedules should be coordinated if not attending full time, especially at the elementary age.

Centennial ES

I am incredibly challenged by navigation of the Google Classroom and maintaining distance learning for my 6 y/o. My work and family lifestyle are changing and I am unsure how I will proceed, and am considering Intent to Homeschool, but am undecided.

Garfield ES

Please take into consideration children who have IEPs and are already struggling in the classroom environment. The reading/writing specialists, occupational therapists, speech therapists have an amazingly profound impact on our children, and we need their continued support through the school year with in person interactions as well as virtual interactions.

Madison ES

Please consider that older children may be more able to self-regulate and follow protocols than younger children.

When children who are invested in rule following are required to be near other children who are not in compliance, it can cause stress and anxiety.

ORLA Montessori

Schools need automatic doors, more hand washing sinks, hand sanitizing dispensers that are automatic, more time to wash before eating, no limits on hall passes to allow kids to wash hands when they feel they need. Teachers must wear masks appropriately at all times, students must be monitored for wearing masks appropriately..... I worry because several teachers without masks at the end of year drive by. Did not make me feel confident that the district will ensure compliance. Do hope quality of online instruction way improves from the spring. Good luck and thank you.

Olympia HS

Would it be possible for families to opt into more or less distance learning in a blended model? Could there be an option to have one on one meetings with the teacher but not participate in group activities? If we opt to not participate in the program that the school has organized, will we lose our place in the Montessori program? (This question is more about my [grade] grader than my [grade] grader)

ORLA Montessori

Can it be mandated for students to get covid-19 tested every term they have to return to school? It should be freely available for students who don't have insurance or not covered by insurance. Is it possible to install a walkthrough body temperature detector? Students to wear masks when in close proximity when working in groups. We understand the challenges due to Covid-19, but the new normalcy will mean extra precaution.

Olympia HS

I am really happy with the questions in this survey as I think they get to the core of many parent concerns. As a parent with multiple children attending Pioneer, sibling schedules are important. I have a kindergartener and a second grader; at this time, it's really hard to say

whether it would be easier to have them on the same schedule or if opposite schedules would facilitate better distance learning. Because my spouse and I both work full time, so aligned sibling schedules would make childcare easier to facilitate. I had a hard time answering question 14. To me, having my children safely in a classroom as much as possible is a priority. I am less concerned about how it breaks down per day, as long as they have the opportunity to be there. I support a full-time physical schedule, but I think at least a part-time schedule is critical to my children's education. Pre-Covid, I could really appreciate the teacher's role as the primary educator with the parent as there to support and enhance the learning. That was flipped on its head during a full-time distance learning model. I believe that even physically attending part time will allow my child's teacher to remain in the primary role to educate my child. Plus, there are countless things I trust my child's teacher is assessing my child on throughout the school year. That loss felt so huge during distance learning. While I can chat with other parents and the teacher is seeing the work submitted through google classroom, it is not the same as a teacher physically observing my child in class to see peer interaction, learning style, and whether or not my child was maintaining appropriate grade level learning. My child is often on the cusp of developing/proficient, and I wholeheartedly believe that physical time in a classroom is necessary to support that learning. The teachers at Pioneer are exceptional, and I want my kids to be with their teachers as much as possible.

Pioneer ES

I hope that options for classes to meet outside are explored. District sponsored enrichment classes or extended day child care held outdoors.

Roosevelt ES

I'm curious if there is any consideration around alignment with requirements for licensed childcare around health (daily temps, limited access to parents in school/classroom, masks). Many children who are not in school will be at daycare full time. Sibling schedule alignment. While I am saddened about how things will look different in the fall (no fun "extras" with parent volunteers, probably no big performances/social events/fund raisers), the most important thing about school is my children's learning. That learning is best achieved in a classroom with their teacher (and peers, as possible with social distancing and class size requirements). I really, really hope there is some in person classroom learning. I don't see how my kindergartener can be successful without it. I was thrilled to see question 12, which is hugely important to me. It's my understanding that OSD requires D'Nealian as the style of handwriting that is taught; I cannot do that at home with a full time distance learning model. At least not in my home where both parents work full time and do not have professional backgrounds in education. Thank you so much for this survey. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to provide feedback. I know how hard everyone is working to get kids back to school. We love our Pioneer teachers.

Pioneer ES

I will be highly unlikely to have my child in the school building until they have received a vaccination. Without that protection, and given current understandings regarding transmission and effects of coronavirus, I feel in person classes are unsafe for children and staff, and by

extension their families, and an unacceptable risk. I know this situation is hard, and many difficult factors must be weighed, but I feel that people's safety is chief among them.

Lincoln ES

If the school goes with an alternating days schedule, they will need to take into consideration families with multiple kids in elementary school. Both my kids will need to be attending on the SAME alternating days schedule. I have one child who will be in first grade and one child who will be in fifth grade. I definitely believe my first grader needs more of the face to face time and be at school to succeed.

Centennial ES

We have one son in Garfield and one son in Jefferson. It would be nice if their schedules aligned.

Garfield ES

One month of no instruction followed by three months of almost no instruction has completely undermined any confidence and trust we have in OSD's ability to provide Distance Learning 2.0. Our kids' academic and emotional needs deserve to be valued by OSD as much as the OEA values it's teachers rights to not have any stress during a pandemic. Who is fighting for our kids? Do they suffer because they do not have a powerful and wealthy union fighting for their rights? Where is the equity in this equation? Are you leaders (superintendent and board members) willing to stand up for our kids and create equity in this scenario? Or are you the same as the others that allow those in positions of power to walk over those who don't have the money and power to organize? Pick a lane. (And when a union negotiator serves on the school board, it becomes apparent which lane you guys have chosen. Sad.)

Olympia HS

I think it's important to keep kids as socially active as possible. They haven't had the opportunities as the rest of us growing up to build social relationships and taking this away will be detrimental to their development. I think all elementary schools should continue full time as regular schedule with the enhanced CDC cleaning guidelines, STRICT hand washing, temperature checks, and strict guidelines for children who present with some symptoms but not all, will still need to be sent/kept home for distance learning until symptoms are gone or cleared by MD. High risk staff can wear masks if they choose, but children should not. I am a registered nurse and I believe strongly in the power of hand washing. Older kids are better able to manage distance learning while still keeping relationships with peers. They also do not need daycare/childcare and can be at home unattended while most elementary kids cannot. If parents are just having to send their children to daycare then what is the point? So the daycare scan be clogged up instead of schools? Families with young children and two working parents will struggle with the distance learning transposition.

Hansen ES

During online learning my child expressed his ability to understand and retain information was greatly impacted. Staying in this model would have a severe negative impact on his education goals.

Olympia HS

Please consider a year-round school option as a new permanent solution to keep classes smaller and kids spaced out.

Reeves MS

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Roosevelt ES

Schools need to have medical staff on hand and not rely on untrained administrative staff. Cutting medical staff during a pandemic does not make sense.

Capital HS

Making sure that the teachers are working to remove assignments after completing them..my child work was always NC assignments and missing assignments. This was very upsetting to keep repeating homework assignments that was not removed and given credit for. I would like to see one system for online assignments that would would for everyone and not so many websites to get homework assignments done at home.

Jefferson MS

In glass learning proved critical for my child, as was true for 2/3 of the students, from what I understand. If a part time schedule is necessary, then I would support a model in which teachers teach lessons simultaneously to classes where 1/2 are present and 1/2 participate in the same class remotely. In this model teachers would prepare 1 lesson and remote students would benefit from the dynamic interactions happening in the live class, improving the remote experience.

Olympia HS

I would love to see more connections made between teachers and students in small groups when students are at home.

McKenny ES

Let's forget the nonsense and get our children back to learning as it should be.

Lincoln ES

Universal Design Learning needs to be embraced. My [student] is an IEP student and online instruction is not accessible at all for [them]. After attempting online school, [they were] unable to cope with Zoom with 14 plus students, it was loud, confusing, and continuously cut out. It resulted in sensory meltdowns numerous times and was creating trauma in my

[student]. Out of necessity I was turned into [their] teacher and [their] 1:1 para, and it was I, not the school, was providing him FAPE. [Their] teacher was flexible in what format the instruction was given and what format the material was done in and she understood that what was offered by the district was 80-90% inaccessible. The online programs do not work with my [student's] [educational support]. They are windows programs and do not work with Apple which is what my [student's] [educational support] is. In order to use those programs I turn into my [student's] scribe which is hard as a single parent who is also trying to telework full time. It also deprives [them] of [their] independence and to progress in [their] IEP goals for [their] [educational support]. It is very evident that the IEP students have been put last in these first plans and I am hoping that their barriers that are preventing them from getting FAPE are taken into consideration as if you make the learning more accessible for the IEP student, you are making it more accessible for all students vs if you are making it accessible only for the typical in a box student. Considering how many students have IEPs and learning disabilities, it would make more sense to make the curriculum and programs accessible for your IEP students. Also has OSD been utilizing and consulting with the specialtechcenter.org? They are paid for by OSPI and would help make everything more accessible for all students and have solutions for accessibility issues. Why weren't 1:1 paras being used to teach 1:1 with their student online providing a calmer atmosphere for their student? There were options that weren't used, resources left untapped and the lack of concern by the district has been obvious to us as parents of IEP students. Because since March, OSD has been out of compliance with IDEA for my [student] and most of the families that I know. We were being patient because we understood the situation but with months to plan, we would expect and demand more accessible learning options for our kids and for the schools to provide FAPE.

[School] ES

My son will be beginning his senior year. It has been difficult to maintain his academic achievements through strictly home learning. We as his parents would appreciate more time with instructors, and better support for online learning.

Olympia HS

To have my support, distance learning curriculum and participation by the teachers need to improve dramatically from Spring 2020. The teachers were disengaged, the schoolwork for my 4th grader was heavy and my 7th grader had zero work to do. There needs to be longer school sessions and required zoom meetings where the teachers are not required to have the children just "check in" but actually attend a whole class session. Distance learning needs to model in person learning as much as possible. They need to include art, etc.

McKenny ES

If there is an distance learning, a more comprehensive curriculum needs to be in place and teachers need to have strict guidelines on teaching. Many teachers disengaged the last 3 months of school and didn't teach during their zoom meetings; they had the students check in at the beginning then they were released. My 7th grader had zero school work, I felt like she learned nothing, and honestly I feel like it was a wasted learning experience.

Washington MS

Please have the kids go back somehow. This age is suffering psychological damage from not socially interacting with peers and teachers. Not only does distance learning provide sub-adequate learning as well as teaching, it isolates the kids during an important developmental time of their life in terms of friends and school experiences. Even if their school experience will now be dramatically different from what they have been used to.

Washington MS

Wearing a mask for half days is way easier to do. Then you wouldn't have to feed kids lunch. But you should permit them to have a snack.

Washington MS

If the Covid rate continues to increase I may ask for my children to do distant learning exclusively.

Olympia HS

The only option OSD should be considering for the fall is full time in person instruction, period. There are plenty of reputable free and tuition based options available to families who don't feel safe returning to the traditional school model. I have attended the last two OSD board meetings and was extremely disappointed. The first meeting was 3 hours and 45 minutes of time wasted discussing setting up outside classrooms in tents, taking student temperatures before they get on the bus, and listening to a board member share how they take the temperature every day. The second board meeting did not have any topics on the agenda about school in the fall. Why? Superintendent Murphy and the board shared they have already heard from parents in previous surveys how unsatisfied they were with the distance learning model when school was cancelled in the spring. A board member also shared in the meeting that teachers are not equipped to teach in a distance learning model. In order to prepare a teacher with the proper tools to reach effectively in a distance learning model, would take a year. We simply do not have the time; it is almost July and school should be starting in two months. OSD should only be focused on full time in person instruction, Other options are already available for families who don't feel safe sending their children back to school. Why continue to waste time figuring out a hybrid model that is going to result in the same outcome? Parents will still be dissatisfied. A hybrid model is certainly not equitable, and will be extremely challenging for working families. Our children's future is at stake and I feel like politics is winning. The science and data here in Thurston County certainly don't support the need for a hybrid model. OSD should be working with Thurston County Health and the state health department to find options that work for our district and county. The guidance provided by the state department of health is for the whole state, the data in Thurston county has been uniquely different than King, Snohomish, and Yakima County. I have heard Inslee state over and over again that decisions will be based on the science and data. Look again at the science and data in Thurston County. OSD had an outstanding reputation for years, as a graduate of OHS in 1992, I moved back here in 2005 to raise my two boys in this district, however, it saddens me how much it has changed. The student population has grown out of control due to out of district transfer students attending OHS, and evolving to be inclusive of everything except what demonstrates moral character. I challenge you to make the right choice for our district. Friends, family, and

neighbors we know all want their children back in school. I have yet to talk to anyone who wants a hybrid model or who plans on home schooling their children. Again. There are plenty of reputable free and tuition based options available to families who don't feel safe returning to the traditional school model. OSD should be focused on opening up for in person instruction in the fall and providing a resource list for those who want to keep their kids at home. Make the right choice, re open school, our kids deserve it. The uncertainty of what is happening in our community and country has placed an unfair emotional burden on our children, they have lost their social outlet and independence school, clubs, music, and sports provide. ODD's focus should be to give the students back what they had. I asked my senior today what he would prefer, finish his senior year at OHS in a hybrid learning environment or move to a state that is offering in person instruction in the fall. He said, "I would like to finish at OHS, but I would rather be back in school full time." I will do whatever it takes for my kids; I will move out of the district or the state if I have to give them what they want and deserve.

Olympia HS

It would be very challenging for our family to continue distance learning for the future. Our work has been impacted and risk the possibility of losing jobs. Furthermore, the social/emotional importance of having our children in school is very high. We have a child with special needs and he does not receive all of the services he should be receiving according to his IEP. Additionally, continuing to keep the kids out of school will impact what is actually learned as they do not receive the normal instruction that they receive at home.

Hansen ES

Distance learning is not a good option for elementary school students, and for kindergartners in particular I cannot see much value in it. I hope that the emotional health of students is prioritized at least as much as their physical health, and that we don't get too crazy with strict social distancing of the lowest grades, which will likely cause general anxiety and lack of normal interpersonal interactions needed for mental and emotional development. I also hope that the need for children to see the facial expressions of others is not overlooked when implementing mask requirements. Lastly, perhaps consider greater amounts of time outdoors (recess) for unstructured play and fresh air as a counterbalance to the hyper-structured social distancing protocols that we seem to be headed for with any in-person learning implemented this fall. Thanks for your hard work on this!

Roosevelt ES

If any distance learning will be done you need to do a much better job in its facilitation. In addition, grading assignments should be done promptly so parents can stay on top of our children's progress.

Capital HS

No vaccine, no kid. For folks that are living with conditions that put them at high risk, it's absurd to have them risk their lives or the lives of their loved ones simply to be able to rush back to

normalcy before a vaccine is provided. Keep in mind that the United States is the worst place to be in terms of COVID-19 right now.

Lincoln ES

If distancing learning is required at any point during the year it must be an improved platform with live instruction by teachers every day in session. Not just video clips and reading assignments.. true teaching MUST occur to be successful.

Capital HS

I strongly support a return to in person learning done in a thoughtful and responsible way

Olympia HS

I strongly support a return to in person instruction in a responsible manner.

Washington MS

Avanti has different abilities to physically distance and keep classes small. It should not have to do what the other high schools do/be limited by their limitations.

Avanti HS

I feel the most important aspect my kid would be missing out on is socialization, so my hope is friends are placed with friends in reduced class settings. I also hope that you up your game with distance learning - my child gained nothing, and it makes me want to pull her and do our own homeschool program in order to gain an actual education.

Pioneer ES

I was not happy with your survey. It doesn't ask the right questions or voice concerns that I have. I am unsure about sending my kids because I won't be sending them if the school requires masks. Masks don't work, and kids don't pass the virus according to the CDC. I am a [employment] and this is all so stupid. I don't care about a vaccine or how much you sanitize the school. If you do partial schooling or any distance learning at all, we are out. We will not continue learning with Olympia school district. I will be having my husband or mom (who is a teacher) home school them. This will be over 40k taken from your school districts budget and I will be letting others know to withdraw their children by August 7th to make sure the funding is not there for the school year unless they go to school full time and are not required to wear masks

Centennial ES

The kids need to be able to make friends! We are concerned that social distancing will create more loneliness and stress and deterioration of mental wellbeing. Need to find ways that they can safely get to know each other and be able to talk to each other without being 6 feet apart, i.e. let them be closer with masks on.

Olympia HS

yeah [expletive] off

Capital HS

If the children are to be doing online schooling I would find it much easier to do if all the teachers and classes used the same platform for their classes. Also increased communication would be very important from the teachers to the Students and Families.

Jefferson MS

My child has Autism and will be in Kindergarten this year. In-person instruction is extremely important for him due to his special needs.

Centennial ES

If the Students are doing online schooling It would be very important for all teachers in the district or school to use the same teaching platform online to ensure easy access and use for the Students participating in online education and to have all Teachers communicate on a regular basis with the Students and Families while educating online.

Capital HS

As a teacher for OSD and also a parent to an elementary child and middle school child I am very concerned with child-care for my elementary child. This is a huge factor for me since I function as a single parent.

[school] ES

The impact that partial home/partial distance will have on teachers. They will be teaching "double" for all intents and purposes. If half of the students are home and half are at school...where do they find the time to address both groups? How can they address half the class during the day AT school, then the other half not at school? That's not realistic as human beings...we can't double their workload, which is exactly what it would be. They would have 2, full-time teaching positions. Not a good idea for anyone involved. This has to be thought out so teachers are still only teaching one full-time job.

Capital HS

1/2 days would be easier on the children wearing masks. We wouldn't have to worry about lunchroom issues and social distancing.

Garfield ES

My child needs direction from his teacher, not to watch videos of prerecorded content. Doesn't work for us.

Boston Harbor ES

Full time distanced learning is NOT working. How these questions are worded is confusing. Please note that Social Development is vitally important for the teen years, and too much distant learning denies the student of this opportunity!

Olympia HS

IB Diploma students should be able to maintain whatever education level necessary in order to see through to completion and testing. Please do not leave the kids in the program out of your decision making. They have put countless hours into their academics.

Capital HS

My son is SPED and distant learning does not work for him. He needs in-person learning on a full or part time basis. We can accomadate a part time schedule so we can reinforce what is taught in school, we just can't teach it all as we work full time. One parent works out of the house in a place of business.

Marshall MS

The district needs to consider the well-being of the whole child. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) believes students should be back in school. Listen to them.

Capital HS

My grade schooler needs in person connection with teacher and friends. Digital learning was not very successful for him. Paper packet options would be a great alternative for kids that don't thrive with technology.

Pioneer ES

My middle schooler does well working independently virtually. 1:1 checks in with teachers or small group check in's would be nice if we have to go virtual all year.

Washington MS

There is a pervasive sense amongst many parents I have spoken with that the board collects data to say they did a survey but then goes ahead and does what they want. It feels like governance rather than true representation. Please keep our kids' social and emotional needs at the forefront, especially the elementary school kids who need social opportunities to connect and be together, to hug their teacher, to play with their friends. Please do not expect them to be like robots and shame them for getting too close to another student and interacting in a developmentally appropriate way with their peers. This kind of shaming could lead to long-term damage socially and emotionally. I am more likely to pull my kids out of school, not out of fear of Covid, but, rather not wanting them to be in an environment that it too rigid, sterile and stifling. If elementary kids are outdoors or seated 3-6 feet apart, I would urge you to let them remove their masks. They need to see each other's facial expressions. It's a normal part of how they make connections and become healthy social beings. Please lean into the guidance set forth by the American Academy of Pediatrics and consult with child development specialists, psychologists, social workers, school counselors and the like before you implement a model. I am highly l'm favor of outdoor learning and play for the children and spending as much time as possible outside. Thank you.

Centennial ES

I support Clifthorne's ideas on outdoor learning. We need to rethink how we 'do' school. Kids need the opportunity to be outside as much as possible next year - we know the social,

emotional, academic and trauma informed benefits of getting students outside. Let them stick with their cohort, eat lunch with their class, have specialists come to them. Kids need to be kids. When moving around the school and distance can't be maintained, masks are fine, but if seated at a distance or outside, let them take their masks off! They need to be able to see each other's faces to connect socially, which is crucial to social and emotional development, especially for our k-5 learners. Plastic partitions, dividers, masks, shields, etc are all potentially traumatizing, especially for elementary school kids. I would hope you are getting input from teachers, social workers, child psychologists, pediatricians, counselors and the like as you are building a plan for next year. I was disappointed to see that you have an academic and operations committee, but no social emotional committee to weigh in on how the decisions about next year could effect the children's well being in the short and long term. "Whole-Child" is part of your strategic plan...to me those are just words unless you filter all decisions through that framework and lean into child mental health and development experts when crafting what next year will look like. Our kids have already lost so much. They need to be in school, but we need to take common sense approaches (i.e. increased cleaning and hand-washing) and not turn the school environment into a sterile institution devoid of warmth or human connection. I'm really not scared about my kids catching Covid and bringing it home, but I am scared about sending my kids off to a sterile environment with 6 foot rules and social distancing monitors. Talk about lasting negative social and emotional damage for our kids. Its imperative to get this right and I implore you to put mental and emotional health of our students at the forefront. We can't focus exclusively on physical health and neglect the whole child. Thank you.

Centennial ES

The WAVA curriculum already exists - why not have teachers use this or something similar instead of everyone trying to create their own distance learning program. My student has decided to do Running Start because SPSCC seems better prepared for distance learning. Good Luck & thanks for everyone's hard work on all of this!

Olympia HS

Think outside of the box. Please!

Pioneer ES

Please consider ways the school can sponsor socially-distanced versions of extracurricular activities such as clubs, sports, music & social events. My kid craves connection, belonging & contributing to the group. Really missed being in band & soccer.

Olympia HS

I am writing to address how we can adapt to the challenges of in school teaching during the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the difficulties with zoom and online classrooms, I believe teaching young students in class is imperative to their education, social and emotional well being. School calendars should be adopted to presumed second wave, or spike patterns to reduce transmission. Adopting coronavirus sanitizing techniques for designated handwashing and gelling times should be implanted. Sanitization of surfaces to include disinfectants and/or UV technology must be implemented. Covid-19 will change our school calendar to adapt to the

presumed second wave and correlating flu season. The school calendar must correlate with reduced disease transmission risk months. School will resume prior to early September. School will break during the flu season (Late November through February) and presumed covid-19 spike in the and continue through the summer. Online distance learning is challenging, but if we must utilize online tools, they must be manageable. Parents and students require training. Young students do not have typing skills, and are not familiar with laptops and computers. Multiple platforms that require leaving the google classroom need to be limited and easy to access. I.E. limited logins or more hyperlinks. Students and teachers cannot communicate while wearing masks. Loss of facial expression, will negatively impact non verbal communication. According to the CDC, Based on available evidence, children do not appear to be at higher risk for COVID-19 than adults. While some children and infants have been sick with COVID-19, adults make up most of the known cases to date. In order to keep staff and kids safe, hand sanitizing and washing periods should be implanted. I.E. Before and entering classrooms, before and after lunch, and before and after recess. Additional hand sanitizing and washing will take a significant amount of time. School hours must be extended. We must update when children should stay home and how long they should stay home due to illness. Dedicated cleaning crew must be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing school daily. These mitigation measures would replace face mask wearing requirements. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, students across the country may have experienced educational loss due to prolonged school closures during this pandemic. While some school districts have implemented distance learning, this is not generally believed to replicate the in-person learning experience. Some students might experience difficulty accessing or engaging with virtual instruction.

McKenny ES

Last year's distance learning was a disaster. I strongly feel that we need a universal curriculum for distance learning, and teachers need to be trained in how to deliver it. Having multiple log-in's to various systems with very little guidance is NOT acceptable as online learning. It was not fair that teachers in the same grade in the same school were allowed to provide completely inequitable different experiences to those students. It was not appropriate that distance learning took MONTHS to implement. Communication from the district, schools, and teachers was disjointed and inadequate. I want to be very clear that last year was almost entirely a failure of distance learning, and we have to accept that we do not have laurels to rest on. The trust elementary school parents and families could have had for OSD's distance learning does not exist. Also, having kids eat in the classroom creates a classroom that is not accessible to my disabled child. My child has [physical challenge]covered by the ADA and the classroom would be toxic to him if his classmates were eating there. I am sure mine is not the only one in this scenario. With that said, there is almost nothing you could say to make me send my student to school full-time next year. My first choice would be distance learning in our zoned school so we have access to the local community. My second choice would be to send my child to the iConnect elementary school program which should deliver an adequate, engaging, robust curriculum with a single sign-on. If OSD can't accommodate those, I will likely need to unenroll my children and keep them home for a year. The case numbers in our community are rising. We have high-risk people in our immediate family. I can't believe that anyone is willing to entertain

the fantasy world of elementary school children wearing masks properly all day long. If we go back to school in-person under the conditions in the US right now, schools will have to close in continuous waves as infections sweep through our community and the end result will be that more people will die. I am uncomfortable with that outcome when quality distance learning programs EXIST in the world. We need engaging, robust, distance learning options that meet the minimum educational standards, and we need teachers who are trained to deliver them and held to a standard of delivering them.

Madison ES

1. Please enhanced cleaning. 2. Please clarify cleaning protocol differences amongst the school attendance options. 3. Please clarify protocol/ procedures for dealing with someone (student or staff) coming to school that is later diagnosed with COVID (e.g. will the school shut for 14 days, will all families be notified, etc). 4. What will drop off and pick up look like? 5. What daily procedures will be used to screen students and staff (e.g. temperature checks, other)? Fevers can be masked by medicine (e.g ibuprofen), rendering temperature checks less effective. How will this be overcome?

Boston Harbor ES

What will happen when a classmate is exposed to covid, but hasn't been tested yet. Will parents be notified? What is the procedure if a student or staff has tested positive for covid? How will drop off and pick up be coordinated? Will temperatures be checked daily? What support will be given to families if a child is sick and parent needs to work, asking due to parents sending children to school when sick because they have to work. Will children with any cold symptoms be allowed at school? What will recess look like? Where will lunch be served? What level of contact tracing will be involved, ie a teacher that teaches at multiple schools is potentially exposed to covid from a student, will all schools/parents be notified and shut down?

Boston Harbor ES

Ways for zoom meetings to be easier on littles. It's a long time to sit still and listen.

ORLA hConnect

This is such a hard situation. My children's social-emotional health is as important as their physical health and their academic well-being. I urge OSD to prioritize giving kids time to play and be together. Remote learning was extremely difficult as a working parent, and also hard on my kids. I don't know if I can make it through several months of full-time distance learning. Please don't make us do it. Also, a full-week of distance learning would be very hard as a working parents, even if off-set by an alternating full week at school.

Pioneer ES

Please ensure that, even in an online environment, the teachers are actually teaching. My kids' experience was that most teachers did not hold classes online, but only held office hours one

day a week, or only posted assignments with due dates with little interaction with students. This is unacceptable for next year.

Olympia HS

Ultimately I believe in person education is the best model for our kids-academically, mentally, and socially, however in this current situation I believe we need to error on the side of protecting health. If that means less in-building time then I believe that is the necessary sacrifice for this moment while we continue to learn more about this virus. My confidence in the district to appropriately implement and enforce protective measures will determine my final decision on whether I feel it safe to allow my child to attend in person education. Continued clear communication about safety plans and policies will be essential to maintaining trust with the families in the district. While I appreciate all families do not have the same obstacles to the different learning models considered, I do believe all children should be given equal consideration for which ever model is chosen. I believe the district needs to place emphasis in developing the online learning model and helping teachers to become better educators with this model as I am concerned that even if we begin with partial building time, I believe we will at some point need to transition to full online. Due to my belief that this virus will again shut us down at some point, and perhaps even make it impossible to start school in person for any amount of time, I am worried we are wasting valuable time and resources trying to plan for in building education time when we should be spending time and resources identifying and helping students challenged by the online model to provide them necessary resources to enable them to better achieve success with the online model.

Olympia HS

We have a strong desire for our children to have in person instruction at some level. We understand the need to keep families safe but the kids need social interaction with teachers and other students.

Washington MS

Enforcement of proper masking requirements is non-negotiable (except for those legally excused from the policy). Please look closely at classroom/hallway ventilation, find ways to keep air moving out. Please look at ways for students to spend more time outdoors - outdoor classrooms (weather permitting), lessons that incorporate walking, exploring, observation, etc. PE outdoors, etc. Identify and mitigate chokepoints in hall traffic. Thank you!

Olympia HS

My child is a social learner who was far more disciplined and productive in the classroom than when trying to work from home. Thus it is imperative for him that he return to school on a daily basis to learn in a classroom environment with his peers. If more space is needed to accomplish this, the OSD should consider using other facilities such as community centers, churches, higher learning facilities etc. to educate students. Remote learning does not work nearly as effectively for most if not all students. And the social/emotional impacts of our children being away from school have been highly detrimental. OSD must find a way to get our

kids back to school while still following public health requirements to protect staff and other students.

Washington MS

Will at high risk children be able to continue distance learning at home?

Centennial ES

Full time in classroom learning is the only way my kids learn. I have to boys and they did not focus and did not learn when we had at home learning. If they do not attend school this fall full time I will be forced to quit my job because I will not have child care and I cannot afford extra child care . Please don't take away their learning. There is no difference than the kids being in school learning than going to day care/child care on the alternative days when they are not in school

LP Brown ES

1. Test each child's temperature prior to going to classrooms in the morning, including all staff and faculty members. There are walk-through booths to do this, and record each person's temperature and facial image. Facial recognition software to link to names. 2. Implement CIO2 gas dispensers throughout the school to kill viruses and bacteria on contact in the air and on surfaces. No negative affects on people below 1 ppm. Dispensing machines set to only dispense up to 0.1 ppm.

Capital HS

Plans to feed kids in classrooms is dangerous for kids with food allergies or auto immune diseases. It is hard to fathom kids in younger grades taking masks on and off for meal times safely. I hope we are also working equally on improving distance learning as transmission is worse now than it was in the spring.

Madison ES

While I understand the emotional health of our children and their need to be with others, their physical safety is much more important at this time. I work in for the Public Health Dept and I see daily the people who are sick and what is happening to them. I am very concerned about sending my child to school with this still going on and no vaccine. I am not sure that I will send her back to school if it is full time with all the students present.

Pioneer ES

We are considering the H connect option for the next year for our first grader if available. But we would want to return back to our normal school once a vaccine is available. We are currently in the Montessori program at Orla, and I fear for losing our spot there.

ORLA Montessori

Please consider funding childcare for families on days their children are not attending school in the classroom. Please send paper packets home for homework.

Pioneer ES

Please have some plan for kids to get out of the house and back to school in some capacity even if limited.

Centennial ES

If online learning is going to be needed, there must be improvements made. The difference of levels of instruction we got from the different teachers was astounding. One teacher gave a large amount of work coupled with virtual instruction, and the other gave almost nothing, to the point that I am now worried about my 4th grader's ability to handle his 5th grade workload. There needs to be set expectations across the board for the teachers, as well as actual virtual instruction on the material (whether live or pre-recorded), along with the social check-ins.

Hansen ES

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Washington MS

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Olympia HS

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Olympia HS

My children have been depressed, and have not been getting enough physical activity or exposure outside.

Capital HS

My children have been depressed and are lacking physical activity and exposure to outdoors. They are socially awkward as it is, so this is only exacerbating that.

Capital HS

Having kids eat in class would create an unsafe learning environment for my child with [physical challenge] which is covered by the ADA. I would give preference to kids in greater need to attend school in person, though I also fear for the safety of those kids, their families, and the teachers. Our numbers in late June are the same as at the beginning of the pandemic when we shut down schools, only most things are open so I'm not sure why we are even considering in person school. Please don't focus all attention on in person learning plans and not drastically improve distance learning, provide training to teachers for improved distance learning, and commit to a model for distance learning that offers more consistency and quality for all students.

Centennial ES

My child has [physical challenge] and can't wear masks.

Centennial ES

I would love to see at least some in-classroom education this fall!

LP Brown ES

While I am a SAHM, able to be flexible with different blended learning schedules or whatever happens, I am most concerned for the parents who need predictability in order to work. I also think that more surprise shutdowns would be detrimental to everyone's mental health. So, I'm strongly in favor of the 4 days in school, 10 days at home schedule of blended learning (i.e., 2 cohorts of students, faculty, and staff, all alternating weeks) that is theorized to keep all potentially exposed individuals home for the period in which they are most likely to be infectious to others (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/11/opinion/coronavirus-reopen.html>). I would also be in support of more outdoor education, allowing more physical distancing, sunlight, and free air circulation. The main reason I can't support full-time, in-person education is I don't think elementary school kids are developmentally capable of consistent physically distancing and wearing masks correctly all day, without touching them and their faces. Also, I just want to clarify my responses about (lack of) vaccine availability and (existence of) vulnerable household members: I marked these as "significant factors" in my decision to send my kids back to school just because I do care about them and have increased anxiety because of them, but I've already decided I won't let them stop me from sending the kids back in whatever form the public schools are able to open.

Lincoln ES

It will be important to me that the district carefully considers how whatever plan it lands on can be adapted in the event of another shutdown to minimize disruption for students and families. Additionally, considering distance learning in the context of parents who may need to work from home during the day and can not necessarily facilitate distance learning during traditional school hours.

Pioneer ES

younger elementary children are more resilient than teens. I think teens should have priority coming backing to school .. they need the socialization the independence and decision making skills.. they are soon to be adults. plus it willo be easier because many of them will be able to drive and they are I dependent enough to adjust to such transformations with out complications and parental guidance.

Capital HS

We have children who will attend two different schools. It would be helpful if they were on the same schedule. Our decisions will be impacted by the severity of COVID-19 at the time.

Lincoln ES

I won't do distance learning again. My kids didn't learn much at all. There were so many errors with it. I would home school if I have to, but I expect schools to be open full-time. I hope the school board listens, but they have been very close-minded on issues. They preach that they're so unbiased, but they only consider liberal views. And why did they remove our school resource officers? Did they survey kids, staff, and parents to find out that most feel safer with them there? No, they just copied Seattle to appear progressive, even though it endangers kids. Who's going to stop a school shooter now? You can add counselors without taking away police.

McKenny ES

Our family decisions will be shaped by the severity of COVID-19 in our area and any new information about the impact on newborns. We would very much appreciate it if our kids -- who attend different schools -- are not on different schedules.

Washington MS

Each class could be chosen if you come to school that day and have like a zoom meeting going along with the regular in person class so everyone gets the same chances no matter if they are home or in class

Olympia HS

Outdoor classrooms may help too.

LP Brown ES

Block scheduling also get the police out of our school xoxo

Olympia HS

A consistent schedule that I can plan around is important. I also have more than 1 child in school and to have siblings have the same schedule is important if I don't want to go crazy.

Centennial ES

My children will not physically attend school for a full day, no matter what the model looks like. I will only send them for half of the day to allow breaks from all the restrictions, masks, cleaning etc.

Lincoln ES

My children will not physically attend school for a full day. They will only be there for half a day no matter what the model looks like.

Lincoln ES

My child is an [educational challenge], student. I fully support the needs for a healthy and safe return to school. That said, my child was not very successful in the distance learning model used in the spring of 2020. Moreover, I have concerned that [they are] losing significant ground on his hard-earned social skills, which do not come naturally to [them]. The need for in-person peer interaction is especially important for [them]. The 30-minute, once-a-week, sparsely attended social skills zoom meeting was not adequate. In the event that distance learning is the only option in the fall, zoom meetings should be happening multiple times a week for IEP students and class zoom meetings should be offered for social time as well as academics. My thought is that the high schools should focus on distance learning for most gen ed students so that the high school buildings are available to create better social distancing for in-person classes for elementary grades. Middle schools could do a blended model with some in-person and some online to create socially distanced learning. As a designer and seamstress, I will be spending the summer making fabric face masks to donate to the school for students who need them. Feel free to contact me at [email] regarding this.

Roosevelt ES

I think the schooling choices offered were unacceptable. Kids should be in school full time, not part time or in shifts. My kids did not do well with distance learning, they are too little to go without supervision on school assignments. We hated distance learning and will not do any of that again. If you make kids wear masks, we are done with the school district. I will unenroll them immediately. The same goes for if you do only part time school. I will say I am home-schooling and my kids will take the year off

Centennial ES

We dont need smaller class sizes, I don't care about a vaccine either. Kids are not at risk. If you dont put all the children back in classrooms full time, I am taking my kids out of school and homeschooling. Distance learning was positively the worst experience for them. They learned nothing.

McKenny ES

Young children can't really distance learn without continual supervision. If distance learning is a core component, it is likely we will homeschool to better meet my young child's educational and developmental needs.

Roosevelt ES

I am uncomfortable with my child riding the bus with a potentially sick other child. Please check their temperature before they get on the bus. How will you address grading? My child has learned that the minimum (or nothing) is enough. How will you help to recalibrate our students? In addition, please consider a consistent schedule that is still period based, this way kids don't feel like they have to choose. Even if every period isn't accessible on a daily basis in real life, whatever the schedule is must remain the same for at least a semester.

Reeves MS