Lawrence Public Schools - School Reopening Family Survey Results

From July 13-24, Lawrence Public Schools surveyed families to learn more about their preferences for returning to school this fall. These results, along with state guidelines for a safe return, will be used to inform planning. Over 5800 surveys (41% of students enrolled) were submitted, representing all schools and grade levels. 21% of the respondents reported having a child receiving special education services and 44% as having a child that is an English language learner. The summary of results follows.

To what extent are you concerned about sending your child back to school in the fall? Note, if schools do reopen in the fall, there would be social distancing, regular hand-washing, required use of masks, daily disinfecting, etc. To reduce class sizes, temporary classrooms might be set up in libraries, gyms, cafeterias and so forth.

65% - Very concerned   19% - Concerned   13% A little concerned   3% Not concerned

At this time, assuming a continued decline in Covid-19 cases, which learning option would be of most interest to you?
16% - A full return to in-person learning in the school five days a week
28% - A hybrid model, with some learning taking place in the classroom and some taking place remotely from home (to help reduce class sizes
43% - Full-time remote learning from home
12% - I am unsure at this time
1% - Other

How well would a hybrid model work for your family? A hybrid model would involve a mix of going to school in-person and learning remotely. This model helps to reduce class sizes and allows ample time for cleaning between groups.
23% - This model would work well for us
41% - With some adjustments, we could make this model work
36% - This model would not work well for us

If LPS were to implement a hybrid model this fall, which of the following options might be preferable for your family?
31% - Two days in school and three days at home, such as Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday, with deep cleaning scheduled for Wednesdays, between cohorts.
15% - Alternating weeks, half of the students attend in person every other week
19% - A half-day schedule, some students attend in the morning and others attend in the afternoon, classrooms are cleaned in between
31% - None of these would work
4% - Other

If you were able to choose to continue with remote learning in the fall, please indicate the reason for that choice.
11% - I would not choose this model.
35% - I am concerned about this child's health.
18% - I am concerned about the health of another member of my household.
16% - I believe that my child has been successful with remote learning.
16% - I need more information about safety precautions before I make a decision.
3% - Other

If remote learning continued this fall, for all or part of the school week, what changes would best help your child learn? Select up to three (3). The top responses are:

| More small group meetings | More flexible hours for Zoom meetings | More assignments using online platforms such as Google Classroom | More recorded lessons from teachers |

When is the best time for remote learning meetings to take place? Select up to two (2).

20% - Early morning   37% - Mid-morning   24% - Early afternoon   13% - Late afternoon   6% - Early evening

How comfortable do you or another caregiver feel helping your child with learning at home?

51% Very comfortable   39% Somewhat comfortable   10% Not comfortable

What would help you or another caregiver feel more confident in your ability to support your child's learning at home?
33% - A tutorial on how to use the technology and access programs
41% - Communication with the educator on how to support the curriculum
9% - Internet Access (I have little or no access now)
13% - None of the above
3% - Other

Does your child have reliable access to a Chromebook, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer to complete online schoolwork?

52% - Yes, a shared device   42% - Yes, a dedicated device   6% - No

What best describes your child's typical internet access?

90% - Has reliable internet access   6% - Has reliable access, but only through smartphone   4% - Does not have reliable internet access