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# District Releases Results from the 2020-21 Reshaping Fort Worth ISD Survey

*Nearly 35,000 Shared Opinions on Wide Variety of Issues*

Last month, the **Fort Worth ISD** surveyed parents, students, employees, and community members about a variety of issues including instructional quality and meals to go services during COVID-19 shutdown as well as the academic calendar for the coming year.

Almost 35,000 people took part.

Of that number, as we have previously shared, 52% said they preferred the traditional school calendar this fall. Today the District is sharing other results from the survey—including the quality of remote learning this spring -- and showing the breakdown of responses from each stakeholder group.

## Who Responded

- Parent/Guardian (16,122) and Community (2,318) participants were considerably higher than previous District surveys for parent and community participants.
- 5,540 self-identified teachers participated.

## Academic Calendar

- As we previously shared, this was a close choice. Parents (55%), students (55%), teachers (56%), and community members (52%) preferred the traditional calendar option more than the early start with extended breaks calendar option.
- Most District staff, except for school support, preferred the early start with extended breaks calendar option.
- If the District had to consider an academic schedule modification because of COVID-19 restrictions, having students come on alternating days (Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursday) was preferred than alternating times (am or pm) within the same day.

- Overall, all stakeholder groups felt somewhat supported to very supported by the Fort Worth ISD during the COVID-19 stay at home mandates.

### **Return to School and Work Concerns and Needs**

- Elementary students top concerns are fears of getting sick, other students not practicing social distancing, and adapting back into the school environment.
- Secondary students also had fears of becoming sick as well as feelings of being behind in their classes and their school being properly cleaned.
- Both groups needs are to know that schools are being properly cleaned and social distancing practices are enforced.
- Parents and guardians expressed concern about the availability of safety materials such as PPE, that public health regulations are not being followed, and schools are not being properly disinfected.
- They want to be assured school areas are sanitized properly with the availability of cleaning supplies when needed, the appropriate school procedures are in place to keep their student safe and require symptoms checks.
- School and District staff are concerned with the availability of disinfecting materials, returning to school and buildings too early, and having in-person interactions with others. They want to be assured they will have access to disinfecting supplies, work spaces are cleaned and sanitized daily, and health and safety procedures are followed.

### **Meal Services**

- Most parent respondents did not use the “meals to go” services this spring.
- However, 97% of parents agreed that this service should continue during the summer.
- Parents who did use the service were extremely (61%) to somewhat (30%) satisfied with the “meals to go” distribution.

### **Remote Learning**

- 62% of parents thought the amount of schoolwork their student was assigned was just the right number of lessons.
- 72% of parents thought their student was provided enough instruction.
- 62% of parents believe their student will be ready for the next grade level.
- 79% were somewhat to extremely satisfied with Bilingual/ELL services.
- 47% were somewhat to extremely satisfied with the services provided to students with special needs.
- 60% were somewhat to extremely satisfied with Dyslexia services.

Complete details about the survey are available on the [Fort Worth ISD website](#).

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