

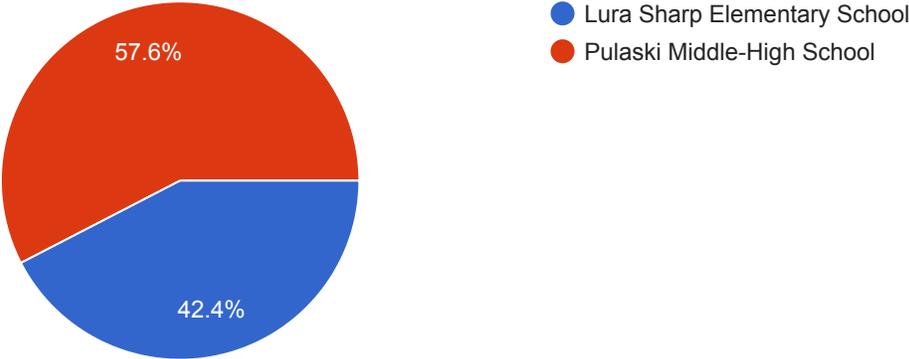
# PACS Reopening Plan Parent Survey

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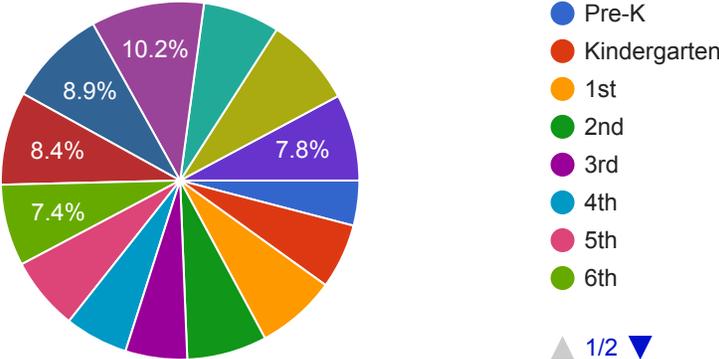
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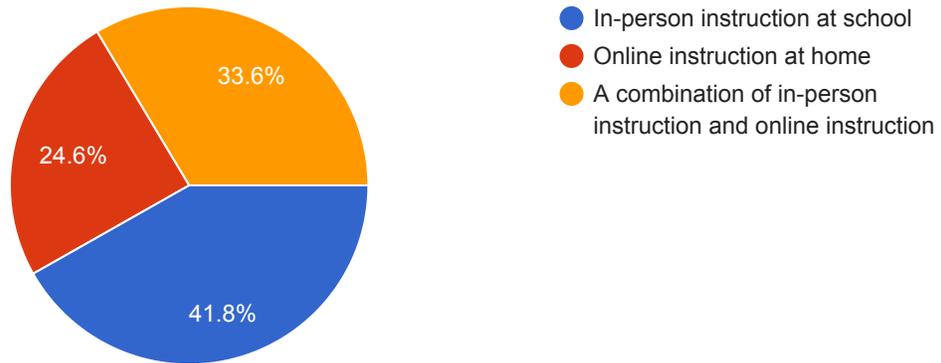
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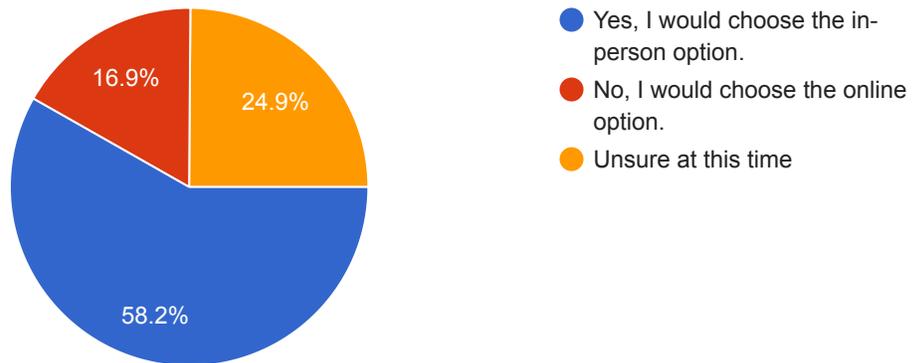
### What is your preferred instructional option for your child in the fall?

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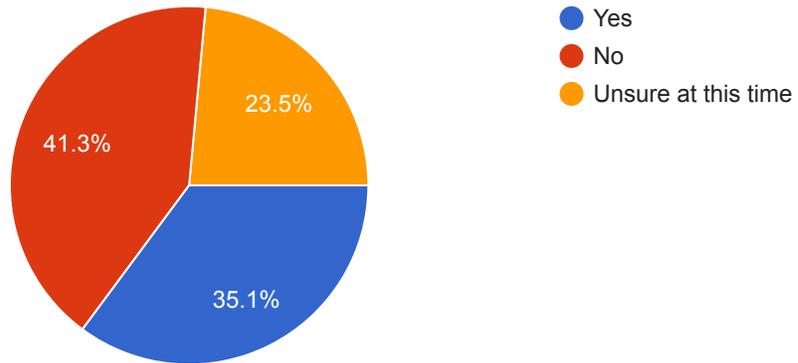
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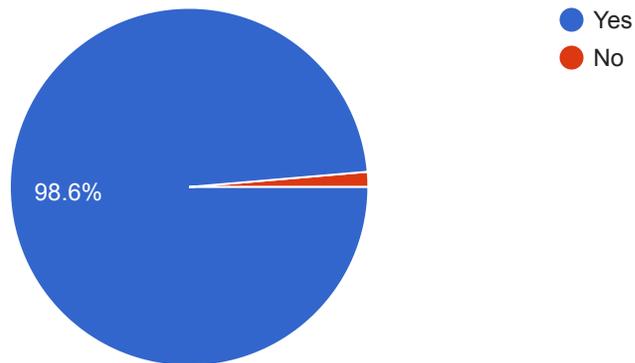
Do you plan to have your child ride the school bus in the fall?

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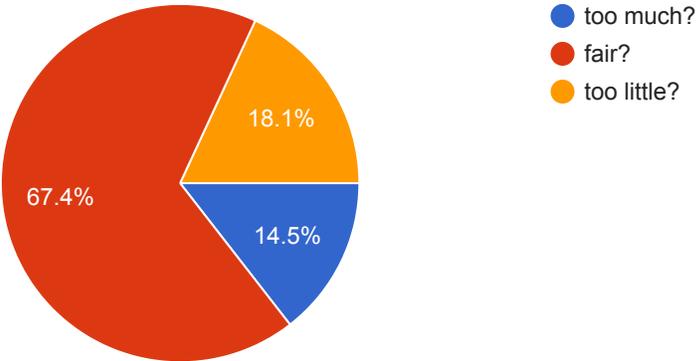
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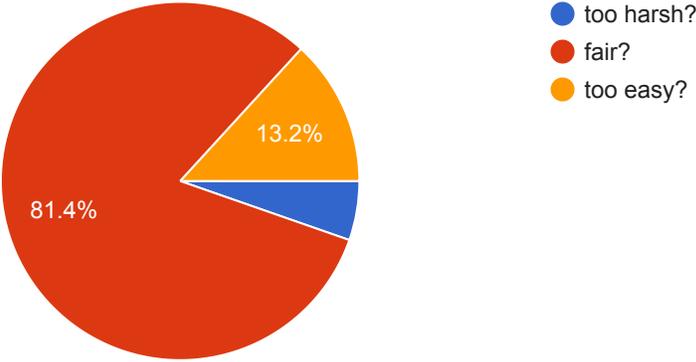
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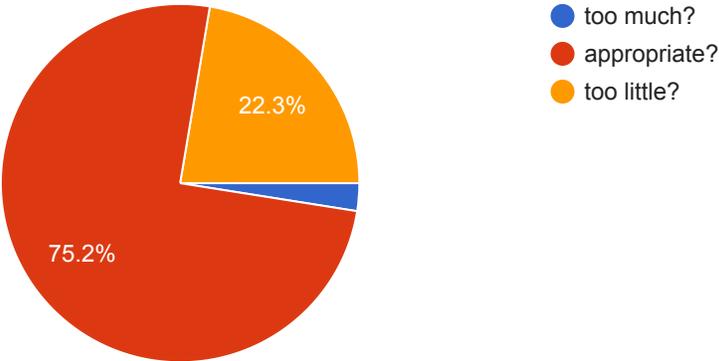
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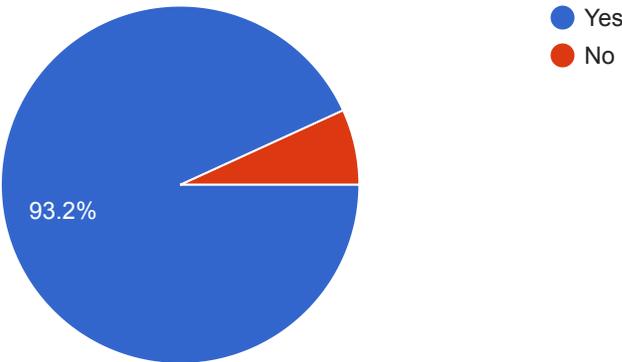
During online learning this spring did you feel communication from teachers and administrators was

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Overall do you feel the school district did a good job in response to the forced building closure?

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We feel that it is the administrations responsibility to assess the calculated risk and develop a plan that maintains safety and provides necessary instruction to advance our students education. I felt that the online learning worked better for my daughter as she could go at her own pace, not on a rigid bell schedule. This also allowed me to have more control over making sure she did her work as I could see everything being assigned and being turned in. I felt it was easier to communicate with the teachers on an ongoing basis.

The kids need to be in school for social interaction and learning they cannot learn best from a monitor at their house. The adults and teachers need to understand that these are children and not something we need to strike fear in about this virus. Just because of the political environment we are being made to act like this is far different than a bad flu. Let things go back to as close to normal as possible.

We drive them to school normally so the bus ride doesn't effect us, I feel that school and socializing is vary important for young children

Host online meetings to share updates in addition to the current process to include q&a for parents.

If we have to do online learning the kids need live lessons or video taped lessons and not just told to research topic online on their own which was utilized too much this past spring

I will not teach my children at home... it's impossible, I was taught a whole different way and plus I work.... my children did not learn anything but how to not do stuff

Wait to open until it is safe for all to do so

For families with compromised immune systems, an online only option would be fantastic even if there is in person school.

If online learning continues the teachers need to try virtual lessons. Paul Monnett did a fabulous job maybe he can help others.

Students need to be taught by professional educators.

I have sympathy for administrators and teachers and understand that these are uncertain times Please just be safe. I don't think it will be ok to have students wear the mask the whole 8 hr day . If they are sitting at desk maybe take it off. If they get up put back on.

I do not want my child or teachers to wear a mask. I believe the non verbal communication is a big piece of their interaction. Also how many families will have clean masks everyday?

Please just keep the health and safety of all the kids and staff a top priority.

In efforts to help guide the upcoming school year planning, I would suggest that the school district have an approach that can be realistically implemented. Elementary school-aged children rely on the institution to be a place they can develop healthy social skills. Placing them in "bubbles" from one another and limiting any opportunity for interaction negates this essential development.

Furthermore, I would suggest the school district refrain from the overuse and reliance on hand sanitizer products for young children. Not only are these products a less effective agent in mitigating the spread of viruses, they also pose other potential health risks that are more harmful than the COVID-19 virus itself (as documented in recent cases of blindness and even death).

Schools are equipped with running water and soaps, which is the most effective and least toxic means of reducing all forms of germs; therefore, I would prefer to see a protocol that leans towards hand washing. Additionally, there needs to be a realistic expectation on the use of face masks/coverings. Consideration must be given to the age of children and any additional pre-

existing health ailments they may have (e.g. asthma) to which wearing of such items restricts the intake of oxygen. I understand that there is a state mandate for this requirement in public spaces; however, face coverings may have a detrimental impact on the overall learning environment. I would suggest the school district look into means and methods of introducing more fresh air into their spaces or even designate schedules to accommodate outside classes when possible. I understand that we are living in a challenging time, whereby fear-based decisions are driving our now everyday lives, but I also acknowledge the fact that our children need not be traumatized from the extreme “new-normal”. If this cannot be somehow attained, I would argue for schools to simply revert to the distance learning model and dedicate resources to that end. Respectfully,  
Christopher Smith

Both my husband and I work full time and need both our children to attend in person learning in school. I DID NOT go to school to be a teacher and I DO NOT want to be a teacher. I was beyond stressed trying to do my own work while also being my children's teacher!

We are blessed with pretty healthy children. I have full faith in our schools to open fully and take the proper precautions to protect all the children, teachers, and administrators!

She over came this closure but not without the emotional stress of feeling alone

If online I choose my child to be interacting as a class whole, not alone on a computer.

In my opinion, it would be beneficial to separate the children that completed and kept up with the work in the spring from those that may have fallen behind with not participating and completing the work.

I want my daughter to be able to attend in the fall, she loves it. Whatever the district decides, I will be fine with it. Everyone's safety is the most important.

Need more communication between students and teachers. If online learning is chosen, teachers need to be more available for lectures, assignments and general questions.

As a parent I can drop my children off but not pick up. Don't want that to put a strain on district if there are more in the same boat

Please keep in mind just because kids are receiving good grades that does not mean they are adjusting well to the isolation from teachers and friends. Also, in the event we are back to full online instruction, please have more structured online “class time” and require participation. If there are barriers to participation, parents should be encouraged to communicate that with the school. The spring did lack structure and engagement. That being said, the district did a great job given the task you were asked to do with no time to prepare. Thank you for your efforts!

Open school

Virtual classrooms such as zoom

if an option to have inperson and online- i would hope families with multiple children attending all family would be able to attend in person same day. example by last name.

Every other day to limit classroom size

If learning is online, or is forced to go online after being in person for a while, there needs to be much better communication with teachers. The work my kindergartener had in the spring was a joke. Watching iTunes videos, readings from ela modules (zero instruction just a reading from a lesson module), a few worksheets. I found myself googling the actual lessons on engage my because a random reading about the royal family or weather was of zero use without the actual lesson. I still have no idea what the purpose was of posting videos of a person reading a

selection from an ela lesson without the discussion questions, vocabulary or any context. There was no contact from the teacher at all at first. So this was completely understandable the first few weeks because of the abruptness and all the unknowns. (Although other teachers made an effort to contact students) But really, by May I would have thought they would figure it out a little better. My child had one online interaction for like twenty minutes per week. Why make the effort to give out chrome books and ensure internet access if that's all they were going to do? My kid was dying to just see the teacher and the class online.... but only had one meet per week starting in May and attendance was super low I think in part due to the fact that the meets were at different days and times so it was hard to plan. If this happens in the future it would be great to say everyone sign on everyday at 9. Or 10 or whatever. Some kind of consistency in this crazy time. I expect online learning to be as close to classroom learning as possible: the teacher presents instruction on a topic, assigns homework to be done overnight, collects it the next day, repeat. There needs to be opportunity for students to ask teachers questions in a live format. I give all the PACS teachers a lot of credit for coming up with the material and formats that they did, but given this spring experience and more planning time, it can be much better.

Keep same teacher as last year

My kids prefer to go back to the building to learn. I'm afraid this hybrid model we are looking at will be too much, masks etc.

None

It is important for children to be learning new material, to be challenged, and to have personal instruction and guidance from teachers--particularly for online learning. I am concerned about large-group gatherings in small spaces (such as on the bus). It is also important for children to have social interaction with other children--even if that is facilitated virtually. Music and theater are important activities for my children, along with physical education.

We will only be totally comfortable with in person schooling after a vaccine is distributed for COVID-19. Our preference is online learning to ensure that our child is safe.

Both of my sons have asthma and can not wear masks. It makes my one son very sick. Can't breath

Good luck!

Just keep my social butterfly safe! Not sure how that will be done, but I pray that you all can find an answer and a solution!

I want my children to attend school in person with minimal time wearing a mask. I strongly believe that online learning is NOT the best teaching method for my child nor many children. Children need to be in person to develop the imperative foundational skills necessary for them to be successful in the later grades. Teachers are able to scaffold their instruction moment by moment to meet the needs of their students. This can NOT be done by online learning or google meets. School is also a place where kids learn to work with others, build friendships, problem solve and socialize with peers. I also strongly feel that masks are distracting and can be mentally/emotionally harmful to children. NYSED's Recovering, Rebuilding and Renewing: Reopening Guidance document addresses this on page 36 under the Cloth Face Coverings section. It states "Face coverings may be challenging for students (especially younger students) to wear in all-day settings such as school, so scheduling mask breaks is important. Face coverings should NOT be placed on: Students where such coverings would impair their health or

mental health, or where such coverings would present a challenge, distraction or obstruction to education services or instruction". This should apply to all students regardless if they are a student with disabilities or are a general education student. The health and safety of our children is important BUT we can NOT forget about their mental health either. I hope the district takes into account how their decisions will emotionally and mentally affect my child.

I have had to not work during this pandemic due to my son not being in school. If they are going to go online they need to have resources for parents to help out during this time.

I think little kids can not learn from home plus with parents working, it's not fair for our kids to be raised dumb because we pay school taxes and they can't learn in a school environment. My children were awful at home learning and I refuse to teach at home again

It is to soon and unsafe to send our children back to school at this time.

If the children are scheduled to go to in person in intervals 2 to 3 times a week at half capacity. I need to know a strict schedule and preventative measures to build confidence in the schools ability to keep children and teachers safe. Daily temperature checks, guidelines on masks, sanitation measures, etc... I was pleased with how well the school prepared online/at home work and look forward to having a complete understanding of the expectations the school will be setting for a fall reopening. I will not be risking any of my children's well being because POTUS threatens to take away funding. I have faith Cuomo will not allow schools to reopen if they're are not up to strict state guidelines. I expect routine audits on the measures being taken by the school, ensuring bad habits are avoided. Thank you for all the hard work the teachers are putting in to create a fun, exciting, healthy, and safe learning experience.

We have absolute faith in the Pulaski Academy and Central School district. Thank you for all you do.

I feel like everyone did a great job coming together and navigating uncharted waters to do what's best for the children. I personally support in person instruction for a multitude of reasons, but most importantly for the success of my child. However, regardless of the outcome. I understand it's impossible to please everyone and fully support whatever decision is made.

I am fearful for the online only learning in subjects like Math. You can not teach children new math by having them watch videos. Another way needs to be figured out!!! It's bad enough that my child was screwed last year because of a horrible teacher and then when a new one arrives COVID sprung its ugly head shortly after.

If distance learning is part of the curriculum (and I would like it to be), I expect there to be more content delivered by the teacher, whether prerecorded or live via google meet, and less reliance on time spent on learning websites like MobyMax and KhanAcademy. I would also like to see graded assignments. If in-person classes are a must, please do not require teachers to purchase cleaning supplies or PPE out of their own pockets!

I feel it needs to be a go or no because sending them part time you are still exposing the children to each other which I feel needs to happen bc that's how they build an immunity. If a child is sick it should be enforced to parents the child CAN NOT attend school fever or not until they have seen a physician and are cleared. Kids need normalcy.

The internet outside of the village is terrible and makes it very hard and frustrating for the children to learn. There has to be another way!

If parents choose to homeschool, I feel that there could be great support from the school in regards to mailing materials out and also in using online programs that are more comprehensive to all for remote learning. Make sure the programs work together well enough to navigate. I would love to homeschool as I feel the restrictions would be hard for my child to follow. I think a combination of half days or rotating days with online learning and in school learning will be the most effective.

I feel our children should be in class rooms and get a better education that way. This is my sons senior year and has to finish his welding program at boces and i would hate for him to miss out on that, he already has job offers for welding and if he cant complet yhe course then he will lose out on a great oportunity..

I have older children that attend the High School I think if they could do a mixture of in school and online they would be fine, but my youngest child it is very difficult to home school her I am single mom with a full time job

I would like to know specifically what the protocols will be for social distancing, Hand washing, wearing masks, etc. I cannot make a final decision until we hear protocols.

If the answer ends up being at home learning again. One major issue my child had was having to do and submit the school work several times per assignment.. very frustrating for myself and my child!.. also as a low yo mid 90s student.. not getting quick answers to questions frustrated my child and grades suffered again frustrating my child. So if it must be a combination of both styles there must be a way to have real time or quick turn around for assignment questions or getting more clarity etc.

We need more communication about what protocols will be for students and staff specific to PACS as it applies to social distancing, mask wearing, etc and how these rules will be enforced. I need more information from your plans before we make a final decision.

Robert like to be on on one with his teachers and friends!

Kids need more structure. Not being required to sign in and attend class made it easy for kids to decide not to bother. If online classes are required then it should be mandatory sign in with actual lessons being taught.

Making sure if there is virtual learning, the teachers are more available for help/communicating with students. My son had 3 teachers that were good at responding back and offering redos/help on work. 1 teacher was NOT. And he was extremely frustrated with her. He said learning is easier in the classroom. I don't feel he learned as much as he should've if it were a normal school year. Offer block scheduling, have them take 3 or 4 classes first semester and then another 3 or 4 classes second semester. If parents are uncomfortable first semester but things go well, they might send back second semester. Or if it is needed to stop school half way through year, becuase of covid19, it will be more seamless because they could start new classes rather than having to transition half way through them. Block schedules would also make for less moving around during the school day, less social interaction. Possibly even offer core classes (or classes that are difficult to teach in online format) physucally at school and kids go one semester, then the other semester non-core classes, or classes easier to teach online, are offered online, then only 1/2 the students 1/2 the year. Also, students in 11th and 12th could easily take more college online courses, they have already been designed for online format and tested and are more ready than anything thrown together but high schools now.

My daughter was not in school last school year, but will be starting this year.

No online schooling at all! Kids need to be in school, working parents do not have time to homeschool. If school can't reopen don't bother doing online.

I am hesitant to send my children back (2 in elementary, 1 has asthma.) I do not know if my children will be able to wear a mask for the entire duration of the school day as its hard on adults to wear them this long. I would like to know what the school plans to do as far as social distancing, extra curricular activities, desk spacing, smaller classes, etc.

I have to work full time, as well as take college courses in order for us to survive. I am not able to get as much time to school my child as he is suppose to and it is crucial to his education for him to be in person in school. Online education just does not work for us.

NA

For on line learning to work for more than 2-3 months there must be more material covered and more teacher led instruction time.

My child did not learn well at home. I work 40 hours a week which almost made it impossible. Structured, daily online classroom times. More art projects. Workbooks for math and spelling / writing. Outdoor assignments (nature, scavenger hunt). 1:1 weekly check in's with teacher via zoom or google classroom.

I would love for my children to return to in person education but we do have the resources and support for them to continue to learn from home if need be.  
business as usual.

Please continue to keep our children safe! ❤️

We prefer online instruction until a vaccine for COVID-19 is available. It would be helpful for online instruction to include live or prerecorded videos of PACS teachers teaching lessons for students to watch. Something different from or in addition to the office hours.

The kids need the socialization

If learning remote, would prefer instruction to be in a class format with the teacher actually teaching materials. Same comments as older kids, learning new material was difficult without actually being taught ie.reading ppt slides or watching you tube. Everyone at the school did a great job adjusting and did their best!

I feel that the videos the children watched for math was not a good way for learning. Thankfully it was only 3rd grade math.

I believe the online schooling is a great thing especially the higher level grades. I would like to see it offered as an option regardless of the pandemic. It allowed my daughter to not have to deal with the social drama that comes with in-school classes. In our personal situation it relieved a lot of anxiety and stress and she did so much better with her school work. Also I believe there was more direct communication between the teacher and students which I think benefits the students.

Daily temperature checks for all students and staff

We only heard from one of his teachers throughout the months of March - June

Do your best to reopen. The children of the community need the structure and socialization.

I know my kids engaged teachers and other student this past spring and the work was sufficient for the sercomstances, how ever I expect more this fall and fear the Seniors won't be prepared for their post high school transitions. The school needs to fight for more teacher student interaction and get the proper resources the state mandates.

Socialization and in person communication

I feel that the packets were well structured however did not receive feedback on how well the child actually performed. Some of the online learning was quite confusing on the multiple websites the kids had to go to and when assignments were missing they said she was doing fine and not to worry about doing them. I understand this was all thrown at teachers and difficult to plan for this past year so considering the times they did well but next year more feedback would be great. Compared to other school districts like west gen I think pulaski was lacking.

No bus ride needed due to driving sibling. Middle school anxiety is high right now, even for an honor student. He still envisions being in the building. Face/voice teaching online videos will help! I am extremely concerned about my children being in close proximity with other students and staff. I am also concerned not only with the corona virus but the other illnesses that come along when school start. All of children's immune systems are very low being quarantined for so long. What steps will the school be making to insure the safety of all the people in the building? Will they be required to wear a mask the entire day? Will there be hand sanitizers readily available? How many students in each room?

Question.... will there b online clubs, will the students still be able to choose what classes they would like to take? And will fall sports be held in spring? More of a virtual classroom with the students.

Best of luck

If told I need to transport my children instead of bus that would be possible. The communication was very little from teachers but great from administration.

I think our schools are great teachers are wonderful. But if I think there is any risk of covid for my child. I will yank her out of school so fast she will get whiplash. Also we had some trouble with the online learning. As a working parent I can't be home to teach as well. But we may have to adapt to this until this virus is under control. Either situation i will do my best to help my child. Also can't help st all with math or Spanish.

Need to know plan for in-person learning before answering some questions. Not sure how the school is going to be able to enforce social distancing or wearing of masks with younger students. In the beginning of the shut down, the high school and middle school students had a bit too much work, especially 6th grade. After the first month, when they decided to lessen the load, it became more manageable. We are blessed with pretty healthy children. I have full faith in our schools to open fully and take the proper precautions to protect all the children, teachers, and administrators!

Video instruction would be a nice option. Similar to a classroom lecture but with the distance of viewing it from home

It was hard an really answer the questions for my son. Some teachers did an amazing job communicating and giving work, others not so much. Some grade fairly, one not so much. He is hoping to take high school math in the fall and wonder what is going on with regents. If I knew he could take it through home schooling and get the high school credit I might prefer to home school for so I know the plan for his education this year.

I would love to see the school open up because kids need to be social. I don't believe there is enough staff to make them safe and follow rules because kids just don't listen and this needs to

start at home. Unfortunately not all parents have the same education level and some act just like the kids in school which makes it hard to control everyone.

Wait to open until it is safe to do so

More harm than good will come out of opening

I would prefer the hybrid, half in school and half home.

Same as my other comment with the child going into kindergarten with a iep and a child going into 3rd grade.

I feel like there could have been much more communication with parents in the spring. I would like to see more communication, especially if school goes online again.

My child has communicated to me many times that she struggled with online learning and really does not want to do it again in the fall. She says she learns better and remembers things better with in-person instruction; which was proven by her grades declining once things changed over to online learning. Although she doesn't have many friends at school and that can be challenging in its own way; I do believe that she needs routine and structure and social interaction for her emotional and mental well being. I have talked to a lot of parents that have said their child has really struggled mentally and emotionally being home all the time. I've talked with my daughter and she is willing to wear a mask if it means she can return to in-person instruction. She is fine eating lunch in a classroom at a desk as long as she can have her phone during that time. :-) I think for our students here in Oswego County, the risk of them getting Covid-19 is very low. I believe we need to take precautions and be wise in how we do things, but overall the risk is low. As of today there are only 5 active cases in all of Oswego County. I know there are lots of concerns, opinions, and considerations that will factor into the decision making process and I trust that those making the decision will weigh all of those things as they figure out the best way to move forward.