

Family Pulse Survey Results Summary: June 2020

Background

The AISD Family Pulse survey was launched to all families for which we had a working email and through an anonymous link on June 24th and closed on July 13th. Families were asked to respond to the survey once for each child they had enrolled in AISD in the 2019-2020 school year, excluding exiting seniors. Families responded on behalf of just over 26,000 students (N= 26,255) out of a possible 75,592 students for about a 35% response rate for the survey. Families were asked questions about their plans and preferences for sending each of their children physically back to school in 2020-2021.

Findings

Overall, most families responded that they plan to send their children physically back to school with or without conditions (about 70%). Specifically, 34.75% (n= 9,124) stated they would physically send their child to school with conditions, 34.44% (n= 9,041) stated they would physically send their child to school without conditions, and 30.81% (n= 8,090) stated they do not intend to physically send their child to school.

For students whose families indicated that they do intend to physically send their child to school in August in AISD with conditions, families most commonly wanted CDC recommendations that support students physically returning to school (n= 7,218, or 79%), local government recommendations that support students physically returning to school (n= 5,673, or 62%), for their student to attend school physically on their home campus (n= 5,251; or 58%), TEA recommendations that support students returning physically to school (n= 4,086; or 45%), and for a vaccine to be available (n= 2,874; or 32%). Only 21% of families indicated they would prefer if they could send their child to school on days that they need to work (n= 1,917). Families were able to select as many conditions as they wished for each child.

For students whose families indicated that they do not intend to physically send their child to school in August in AISD, families most commonly cited that they were worried about their child contracting COVID-19 and getting others in their household sick (n= 6,810; or 84%), were worried about their child contracting COVID-19 (n= 5,923; or 73%), were worried schools are opening too early (n= 5,450, or 67%), and were worried that their child will not be able to adhere to safety guidelines, such as wearing a mask or staying six feet apart (n= 4,156, or 51%). About 11% of responses cited that the family member has other personal reasons for not wanting their child to physically go to school. Families were able to select as many reasons as they wished for each child.

Lastly, in regards to transportation of students to and from school, most families indicated that their child would get dropped off and picked up from school by a family member or friend (62%), while less indicated they their child would ride the bus to and from school (20%), walk or ride his or her bike to and from school (12%), or drive himself or herself to and from school (6%).