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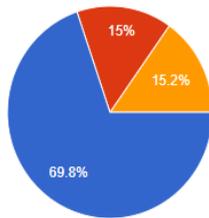
July 31, 2020

Hello Team Kenton,

We want to say a very special thank you to all of our parents and guardians who took the time to fill out the July 27-30 re-entry survey. We had 13,911 responses which is approximately 96% of our student enrollment. These responses enabled the district to make data driven decisions based on the capacity of our schools, utilizing state guidelines, and the data from our survey. We highly value the feedback and response we received on the following questions:

Which model do you plan for your child to participate in during the 2020-21 school year?
(Please note we will be as flexible as possible.)

13,911 responses



- Traditional school with enhanced safety and cleaning procedures- For example maintaining social distancing, wearing a face mask while transitioning or anyti...
- Synchronous model (Students, participating from home, will have attendance taken, follow the daily school schedule and participate in each of th...
- Kenton County Virtual School: All learning is online through a software platform and is Performance Based In...

The data shows that approximately 70% of our families chose the in-person model while 15% selected the synchronous and virtual models. Additionally, 52.8% stated their child would ride the bus and 60% indicated they preferred a 2/3/2 or shorter term rotational model if needed.

According to the guidelines by our state and local health officials, the capacity of students able to enter each school is calculated by the square footage of the facility with students socially distanced. Based on the survey data, the majority of schools cannot hold the number of students requesting in-person learning following state guidelines. Once we determined that we cannot accommodate all in-person learning request the district took into consideration survey data, the need for consistency among grade levels, the need to accommodate the most students following the guidelines and the belief that providing as much assistance for our youngest population as we could would be best. After much deliberation, the district has made the decision to send students grades P-3 to school using the traditional "in-person" model. The younger students will be taught how to utilize all aspects of technology and be ready at any time should it be necessary to implement an NTI long term closure. Additionally, student's grades 4-12 will start the school year on an A/B rotational model. Students will be divided 50% in Group A and 50% in Group B with household information utilized to ensure that students in the same house are on the same rotation. Group A students will be in-person each Monday/Wednesday weekly and learn synchronously, "real time" when not in-person. Group B students will be in person each Tuesday/Thursday weekly and learn synchronously, "real time" when not in person. Both groups will rotate in-person/synchronous learning on Fridays. Schools will be providing information regarding the group your child is in and effectively communicating the schedule as we move forward. We understand parental and staff concerns and in an effort to help address any questions you may have we are hosting a Virtual Town Hall on Tuesday, August 4th from 4 to 5:30 p.m. If you would like to submit a question, go to app.gosoapbox.com and enter the code 580-024-489. We will provide a link to view the Virtual Town Hall on our district and school websites Tuesday morning.

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We appreciate your patience and support during this pandemic as we work together to make the best decisions for our students, families and community. This is an unprecedented time with many challenges and all stakeholders are impacted by this situation. The KCSB is committed to full transparency with communication as we continue to get updated information and we are committed to following all state/local health officials' guidance to mitigate any risk in our schools and community. Although this is a difficult time, we must remember to be respectful and helpful to each other. Our children are listening to our conversations and will follow our lead. It is imperative to be positive and work with each other to ensure we have the best start of the school year for our kids and our entire Team Kenton. Please know Team Kenton is stronger together and we will continue to navigate this historic time together.

Respectfully,

Dr. Henry Webb
Superintendent

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