Reopening Planning & Reopening Survey Results

Families and Staff: June 2020

Reopening Plan

- Read & Interpreted OSPI Guidance
- Surveyed Staff & Families Based on the Guidance
- Developed a Timeline
- Creating a Reopening Task Force
 - Fully representative
- Reopening Plan Due to OSPI on or Before August 19
 - Must be Board Approved Ahead of Time

Survey Results: as of June 28

- 1531 Family responses
- 486 Staff responses

High Speed Internet Access

Staff

• **Yes:** 418 (86%)

• **No:** 29 (6%)

Families

• **Yes:** 1278 (83%)

• **No:** 150 (10%)

Family Limitations

• Area not serviced: 122 (38%)

• Cost prohibitive: 39 (12%)

• No interest: 4 (1%)

• Other: 160 (49%)

High Speed Internet Access

Comments from the surveys:

- Neighborhood not serviced by internet service providers
- Custer has spotty internet service
- Slow internet

Health & Safety Concerns

Face Coverings		
	Staff	Families
Not Comfortable	20.6%	31.3%
Comfortable with Concerns	44.7%	37.6%
Comfortable with Little/No Concerns	34.8%	31.2%

Symptom Check		
	Staff	Families
Not Comfortable	8%	9.1%
Comfortable with Concerns	30.2%	25.9%
Comfortable with Little/No Concerns	61.7%	64.9.%

Physical Distancing Requirements	
	Families
Not Comfortable	21.5%
Comfortable with Concerns	39.5%
Comfortable with Little/No Concerns	39%

Health & Safety Concerns

- Sample comments from the surveys (960 total comments provided):
- I do not support young children wearing face masks all day.
- No physical distancing no masks and no distance learning.
- I want my kids in school with no restrictions. The studies I have seen indicate that the virus does not communicate to adults though children.
- I'd love for my kids to be back in school!! They miss the staff and teachers. I don't like the new guidelines, I think they are ridiculous!! Kids should get to be kids, not have to live in "fear" and under a mask. I get that you are trying to protect all and keep everyone safe, but it's been 6 months by the time September gets here... lets move forward with life.
- Depending on how things are going on our area I may not be comfortable with my child attending school, seeing as how I don't know how younger children will be able to keep masks on and social distance. I really think it's going to be close to impossible to implement.
- I think having everyone be required to wear mask and check for temperatures would be fine

Split or Rotating Schedule

Every Other Day		
	Staff	Families
Not Comfortable	17.6%	27.4%
Comfortable with Concerns	43.7%	36.8%
Comfortable with Little/No Concerns	38.7%	35.8%

2-Days on 2-Days Off (Wednesday for cleaning & staff PD)		
	Staff	Families
Not Comfortable	13.6%	25.1%
Comfortable with Concerns	50.8%	39.4%
Comfortable with Little/No Concerns	35.6%	35.5%

Alternating Weeks		
	Staff	Families
Not Comfortable	41%	47.5%
Comfortable with Concerns	33%	26.8%
Comfortable with Little/No Concerns	26%	25.6%

Phased-In Schedule

Elementary In School/Secondary Distance Learning		
	Staff	Families
Not Comfortable	35%	42.5%
Comfortable with Concerns	36.8%	39.5%
Comfortable with Little/No Concerns	28.2%	19.3%

Phase In By Grade Bands		
	Staff	Families
Not Comfortable	25%	41.2%
Comfortable with Concerns	51.8%	39.5%
Comfortable with Little/No Concerns	23.2%	19.3%

Phase In By Students With The Greatest Needs First		
	Staff	Families
Not Comfortable	20.4%	37.8%
Comfortable with Concerns	46%	32.9%
Comfortable with Little/No Concerns	33.6%	29.3%

Comfort With Returning

Comfort Level With Returning to In-Person School		
	Staff	Families
Not Comfortable	52 (11%)	214 (14%)
Comfortable with Concerns	256 (53%)	623 (41%)
Comfortable with Little/No Concerns	177 (36%)	690 (45%)

Family Considerations of Alternate Options

Would Utilize a Full-Time Distance Learning Option	
Yes	263 (17%)
No	1027 (67%)
Other	241 (16%)

Would Homeschool or Withdraw Without a Full-Time Distance Learning Option	
Yes	222 (15%)
No	968 (63%)
Maybe	341 (22%)

Family Considerations of Alternate Options

Comments from the surveys:

- I will be homeschooling if my child is required to wear a face mask, and or if school is only half time. What is the point in me sending her to school if I'm still going to have to teach the other 60% at home?
- Due to her health, I really do not want her back at school. But I'm a essential worker and have no other choice. It's been really hard working and finding childcare
- Possibly. I'm hoping things will change and kids can get to be kids and not have to go to school like this.
- Maybe, depending on how it would be done in the fall. The packets didn't seem to work
- Distance learning is not my first choice, but I'm concerned about my son's ability to adhere to safety regulations being this young. A well-structured distance learning model is a must in the event a child can't handle the new protocols - I believe there will be many youngsters who have a hard time with masks and social distancing.

Timeline

Ferndale School District Reopening Timeline



Reopening Task Force

Reopening Task Force List by Role

P-2 Teacher	P-5 Principal	Student (MS)
3-5 Teacher	6-8 Principal	Student (MS)
6-8 Teacher	9-12 Principal	Student (HS)
9-12 Teacher	Teaching & Learning	Student (HS)
Health Care	Teaching & Learning	Elementary Parent
Nurse	SEL/Counselor	MS Parent
Special Education	Business	HS Parent
PSE Representative	Lummi Nation	PTO Representative
Classified/PSE	Special Populations	Equity Committee Member
FEA Representative	Transportation	Communications
Maintenance Representative	Specialists	School Board Member
Food Services	Human Resources	Community Partnership
FAA Representative	SEIU Representative	

Next Steps

- Create a Reopening Task Force
 - Invite Participants
 - Application
 - Reopening Task Force Meetings Tuesday's 5-7PM
- Schedule School Board Study Sessions
- Schedule Town Hall Meetings
- Develop and Finalize Reopening Plan
 - Including a Continuous Learning 2.0 plan, which will be utilized if/when the Health Department closes our schools