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Happy last day of school!

This year's theme was, Create a Legacy, Leave a Legacy! We did not imagine our Class of 2020 would leave such a lasting legacy as graduating amid a pandemic; that our teachers would shift to remote instruction in a matter of weeks; and our parents and guardians would assume the role of teacher throughout the latter part of the year. These events have helped to create our collective legacy! We have proven to be resilient, committed, and forward-thinking individuals dedicated to ensuring our students and families are cared for and thrive intellectually, physically, and emotionally.

As Connecticut enters another phase of reopening the economy, we await guidance related to reopening school in August. I want to assure you that we will prioritize the safety and well-being of our staff and students, ensuring our scholars' academic and social-emotional needs are being met. We would prefer to return to school (with enhanced safety and cleaning protocols) as close to our traditional format as possible. However, we must remain proactive and prepared for any eventuality; especially if there is an increase in the community spread as is predicted. We will communicate our reopening plans throughout the summer as we receive guidance from the Connecticut State Department of Education. Please look for the first summer update during the week of July 6, 2020.

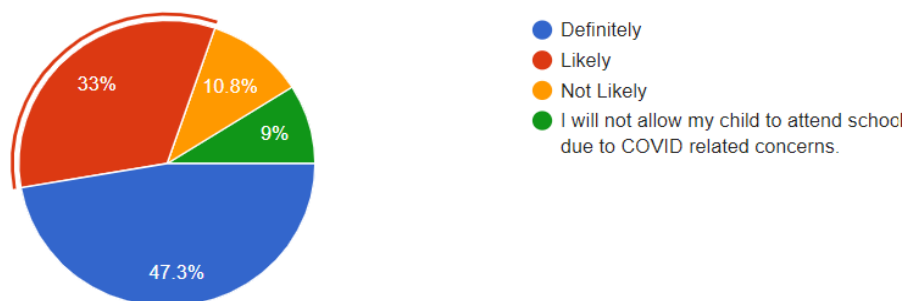
Reopening School Survey Results

Results from the Parent/Guardian Reopening School Survey are provided for your review. We thank those families that participated in the survey and will use this feedback as we prepare for the 2020-21 school year.

If schools were reopened I would send my child to school.

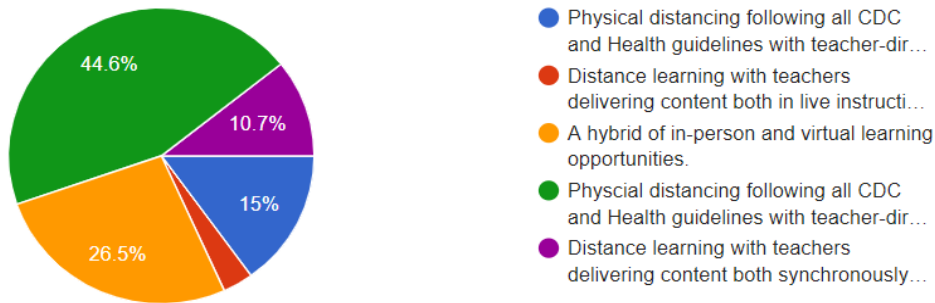
Number of responses: 1,013 responses.

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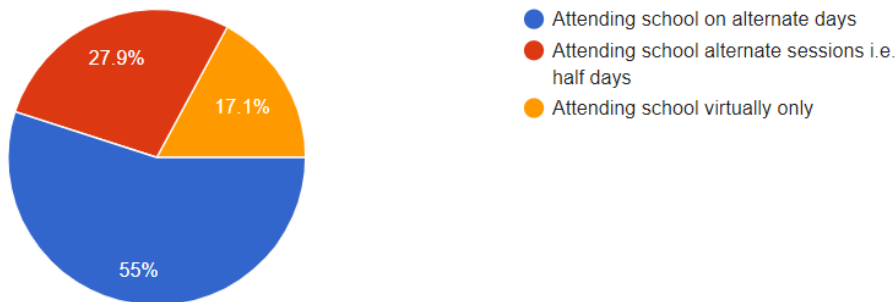
Assuming all guidelines for reopening of schools have been met, how would you prefer for your child to attend school in 2020-2021?

Number of responses: 993 responses.



In the event that modifications are needed to reopen schools to ensure social distancing, which option would you prefer?

Number of responses: 986 responses.



Summer Food Service

The Bristol Public Schools Food Service Program will be operating a Summer Meals Program this year. Parents will be able to pick up Grab & Go meals daily, Monday - Friday, including both breakfast & lunch each day. Meals will be available for pick-up between 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Open Sites to the Public:
 - Bristol Central High School
 - Bristol Eastern High School

Grades 5 and 8 Scholars

Congratulations to our grade 5 scholars entering middle school and to our grade 8 scholars entering high school. Each of these steps on your educational journey are moments to be celebrated and recognized! Through reverse parades, class celebrations, and end of the year promotion ceremonies, we hope you know how proud we are of your participation and hard work during this past year.

Lastly, I thank you for sending notes of appreciation and words of kindness and support directly to my attention or individually to our school administrative teams, we are grateful for your partnership! We are BPS and we have proven we are better together!

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Catherine M. Carbone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Catherine M. Carbone, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools