



We reached out to Chicago Public Schools parents to hear their views on the plans to reopen schools. Our reach was citywide, but we leaned in hard to give voice to the communities where we are raising our children and grandchildren. These are neighborhoods rich with culture and a belief in a brighter tomorrow. But they are also the areas hardest hit by COVID-19 and where fewer parents are sending their children back to school. Every child deserves an exceptional education. With that in mind, we present highlights from our parent survey.

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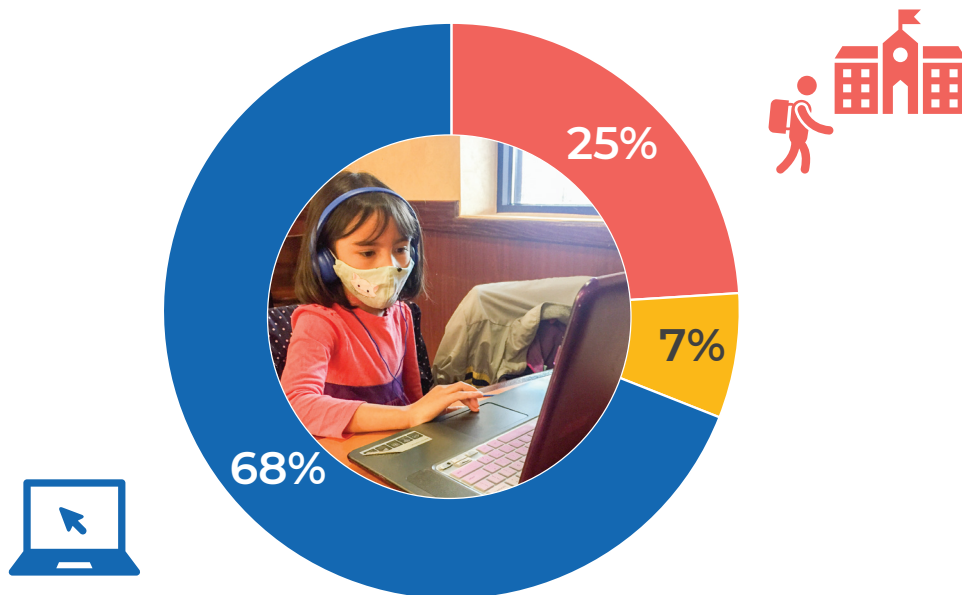
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Do you plan to continue with remote instruction or send your child back to school for the rest of the year?

- My child/all of my children will continue with remote learning **68%**
- I plan to send my child/all of my children back for in-person instruction **25%**
- My family will do a mix, with some children attending in-person and some continuing with remote learning **7%**



If remote, what were the main drivers of your decision to keep your child or children learning remote? (Select all that apply.)

- Fear of COVID-19 **83%**
- Schools will close again and the change will be too disruptive **36%**
- Lack of information to make an informed decision **24%**
- Students are learning through remote learning **22%**
- Need for predictability **18%**
- Lack of time to make an informed decision **14%**
- Impact on our multi-generational household **13%**



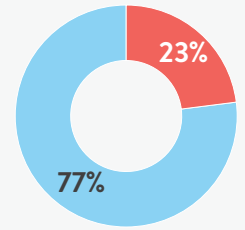
If you are planning to send your child or children back to school, what were the main drivers of your decision? (Select all that apply.)

- Children not learning as well at home **55%**
- Boosting social interaction with classmates and teachers **39%**
- Balancing work and parenting/educating **35%**
- Boosting children's mental health **35%**
- Desire to get children back into school routines **25%**
- Difficulty in finding full-time childcare **16%**
- Parents simply need a mental break **14%**

If your children are continuing with remote learning, what would it take for you to feel comfortable sending them back to school? (Select all that apply.)

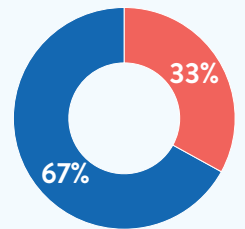
CATEGORY	INTERVENTION	% RESPONDENTS SELECTING INTERVENTION
CLEANING & PPE	The school has a more thorough cleaning program	42%
	Face masks are provided regularly for my children	27%
COMMUNICATIONS	The school provides a more detailed, thorough reopening plan	45%
	Dashboard showing metrics like infection and transmission rates for the school	32%
	Dashboard showing metrics like infection and transmission rates for the neighborhood	24%
CONTRACT TRACING	Contact tracing	26%
COVID-19 TESTING	Requiring students and teachers in the building to show proof of a negative test	28%
	Requiring students and teachers in the building to get tested onsite	27%
VACCINATION	Teachers have been vaccinated	29%
	Everyone in the school building has been vaccinated	28%
	Everyone in my household has been vaccinated	22%
	My children have been vaccinated	17%
	Residents in my community have been vaccinated	11%

Do you believe that students attending school will be forced to return back to remote learning at some point due to COVID-19?



✓ YES ✗ NO

Do you think all students will be back in the classroom full-time by next fall?



✓ YES ✗ NO

PARENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Clear, current information specific about our children's schools we can share with our families

- Video tours and photos of our children's classrooms
- The school's plan for helping children recognize adults wearing masks (especially new hires and substitutes)
- Specifics about cleaning protocols, including locations of hand sanitizer dispensers, how often doorknobs and common areas are cleaned, how often students and staff clean their hands
- What happens when a COVID incident happens, who will contact us, how, and how soon
- What days nurses, case workers, and security staff will be in our school
- How school meals will be served and whether wrapped
- Seating plans and supervision of school buses
- How the school handles students who cannot or will not wear masks properly
- Up-to-date infection and transmission rates for the school
- What to expect about vaccinations, their safety and when available

For schools in underserved areas

- Offer weekly free saliva testing onsite or near the school for teachers and students. Several affluent districts offer this testing.
- Provide clean cloth masks on a regular basis to those who need it. Some affluent districts recommend three masks/day for students.

Methodology: Online survey and interviews with Stand parent members conducted from January 5-11, 2021. Survey reflects the views of 116 supporters who chose to participate and identified as parents of Chicago students. Among them, 94% have at least one student in CPS, the rest are private school. 58% of respondents providing race/ethnicity are Black or African American, 18% White/Caucasian, 15% Latino/Latina, 3% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 3% Multiple Ethnicity/Other, 2% Asian/Pacific Islander. 52% of respondents providing zip codes live on the South Side; 32% North, 16% West. Survey questions slightly edited for readability.