



*Springfield Public Schools*

**GETTING BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY**  
**JULY 8TH UPDATE FOR FAMILIES**

# WHAT WE'LL COVER IN THIS DOCUMENT:

- Local context and policies
- Results from the Back to School 2020-2021 Getting Back to School Survey
- A look into diverse parent needs
- Our current plans
- Next steps
- How we will communicate
- How to submit your input



Currently the state is in:  
Stage 3

Currently the city is in:  
Stage 3

Schools and districts are currently planning for three opening possibilities for fall\*:

- Fully open
- Fully remote
- A hybrid model of in-class and remote learning

\*This is the guidance from our state department of education: The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education



# REOPENING DATA\*

## WHAT PARENTS WANT

IN-PERSON LEARNING: 67%

REMOTE LEARNING: 33%

\*According to the Back to School 2020-2021 – Getting Back to School Survey, which gathered 14,383 responses from SPS families.



# WHAT PARENTS WANT REMOTE LEARNING PREFERENCE BY GRADE \*

ELEMENTARY : 66%

MIDDLE : 67%

HIGH: 68%

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## **MOST COMMON PARENT CONCERN: HEALTH & SAFETY**

*"The health and safety of students, teachers, and school staff must be our top priority. If we re-open schools, what safety protocols and procedures will be put in place to protect them? How will everyone be held accountable for social distancing, cleaning, mask wearing, hand-washing, and other safety structures?" - Frank Thornton, Parent*

# DIVERSE PARENT NEEDS - *WHAT WE ARE HEARING*

## *RETURN TO SCHOOL*

### **MENTAL & SOCIAL EMOTIONAL CONCERNS**

Students miss their friends and teachers. Screen time doesn't do much for some children. They need to feel connected.

### **COMPETING NEEDS**

Working parents need childcare from school. Some wish they could keep their child home, but they need them to go in-person so they can work and provide for their family.

## *CONTINUE DISTANCE LEARNING*

### **A NEED TO KNOW THE FUTURE**

Some families cannot afford to wait and see which model will be used in the fall. They are choosing remote learning now so they can plan with certainty.

### **SUPPORTING THE MOST VULNERABLE**

Some families have students or household members that are in high risk categories. They feel uncomfortable with any level of COVID-19 risk in their home.

# OUR CURRENT PLAN: WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON



Create academic plans to facilitate:

- 1) In person learning
- 2) Remote learning and
- 3) A mix of both learning models



Create health and safety processes and procedures for all schools, SPS buildings and busses

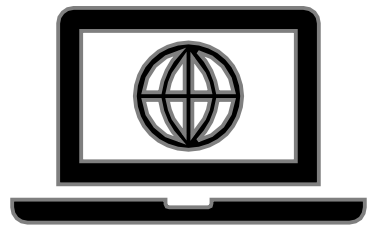


Continue to communicate with you frequently. You may see another survey if we have other questions



# HOW WE WILL COMMUNICATE

## WHAT TO EXPECT



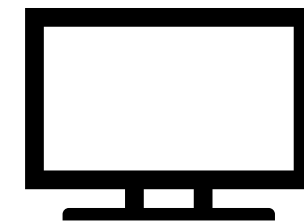
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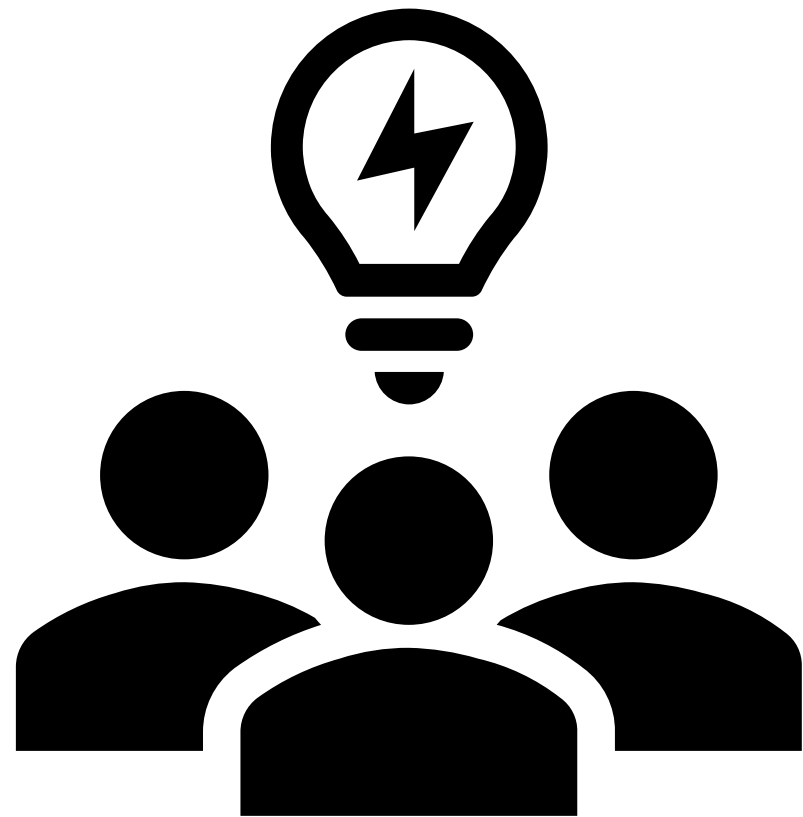
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