



Discussion Regarding COVID-19 Protocols, 2021-22 School Year

**Twinsburg Board of Education Meeting
February 16, 2022**

- **Our Goal:**
 - **To provide a healthy and safe school environment for our students while welcoming them back to every day on-campus classrooms**



SUMMARY OF COVID+ STUDENT CASES BY GRADE LEVEL

SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL	NUMBER OF COVID+ STUDENTS
Wilcox Primary School	Preschool	29
	Kindergarten	34
	First Grade	42
Subtotal		105
Samuel Bissell Elementary School	Second Grade	45
	Third Grade	51
Subtotal		96
George G. Dodge Intermediate School	Fourth Grade	37
	Fifth Grade	38
	Sixth Grade	63
Subtotal		138
RB Chamberlin Middle School	Seventh Grade	44
	Eighth Grade	43
Subtotal		87
Twinsburg High School	Ninth Grade	46
	Tenth Grade	32
	Eleventh Grade	44
	Twelfth Grade	56
Subtotal		178
Grand Total		604

COVID-19 Positive Case Data, Week of February 14, 2022**Monday, February 14, 2022**

	Twinsburg High School	RB Chamberlin Middle School	George G. Dodge Intermediate School	Samuel Bissell Elementary School	Wilcox Primary School	Transportation/Maintenance Department	Technology Staff	District Staff	Total
COVID + Student Cases	0	0	0	1	0	NA	NA	NA	1
COVID + Staff Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2nd Semester Cumulative COVID + Student Cases	9	5	10	13	11	NA	NA	NA	48
2nd Semester Cumulative COVID + Staff Cases	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4



New Information from Summit County Public Health Department:

- * Today we learned that the CDC may be revising their guidance about masking and it is expected that the State and County may do likewise with the following parameters:**
 - Positivity rate below 5%**
 - 7-day case rate at between 10 and 49 per 100,000 cases**
 - Currently at 7.7% positivity rate**
 - Now at the case rate of 122 per 100,000 cases**



SURVEYS

Parent Responses: 1,895 (1,040 on 2/02/22) +855

Staff Responses: 378 (276 on 2/02/22) +102



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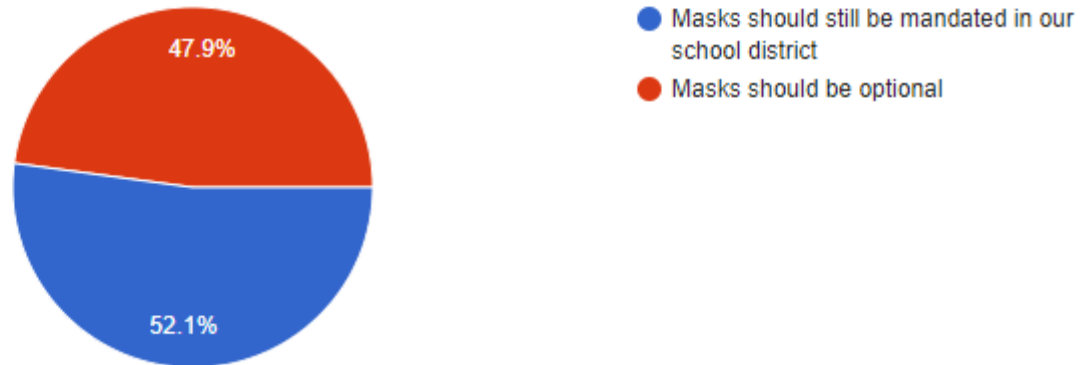
Given the recent release from the Ohio Department of Health which now stops universal contact tracing in K-12 schools, and since children ages 5-18 are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination, what should the direction be regarding facial masks?



Parent Response to Question #1

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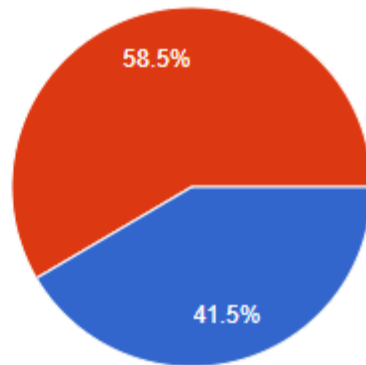
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- Masks should still be mandated in our school district
- Masks should be optional

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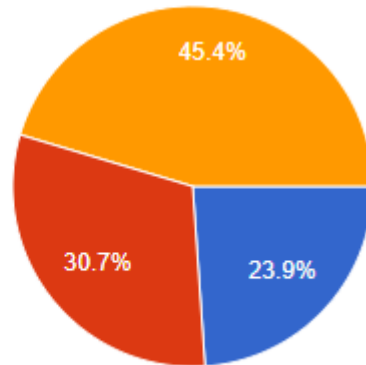
Given the recent release from the Summit County Public Health Department that indicates that physical distance is no longer a requirement, but rather a recommendation to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, should the District continue to require physical distance and if so, at what measure?



Parent Response to Question #2

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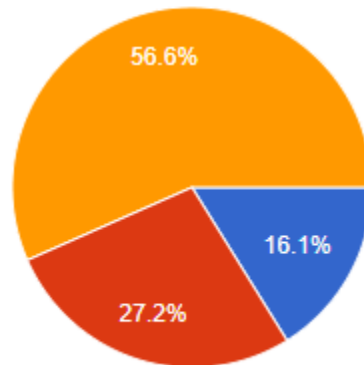


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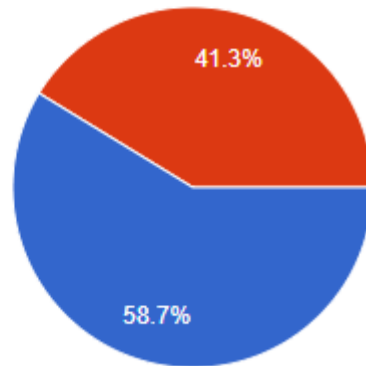
Given the recent release from the Summit County Public Health Department that indicates that physical distance is no longer a requirement, but a recommendation, should students resume eating their lunches in lunchroom where they will be unmasked and seated closely together?



Parent Response to Question #3

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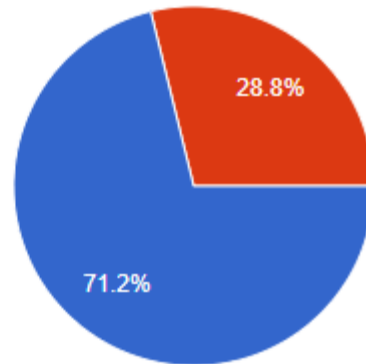


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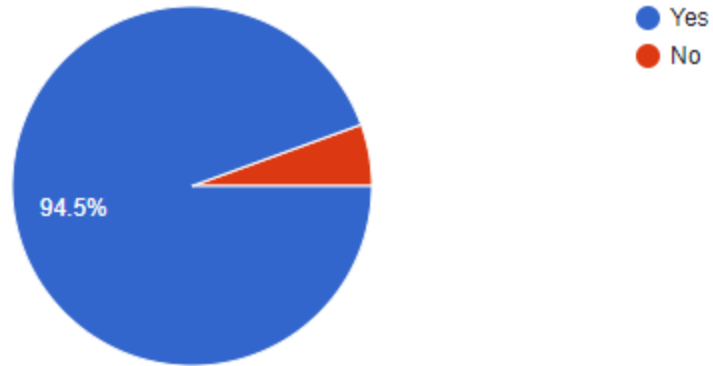
Should parents be able to chaperone field trips?



Parent Response to Question #4

I support parents as chaperones on field trips.

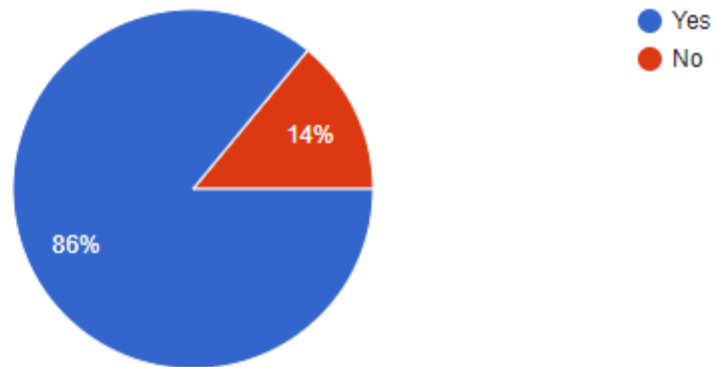
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Staff Response to Question #4

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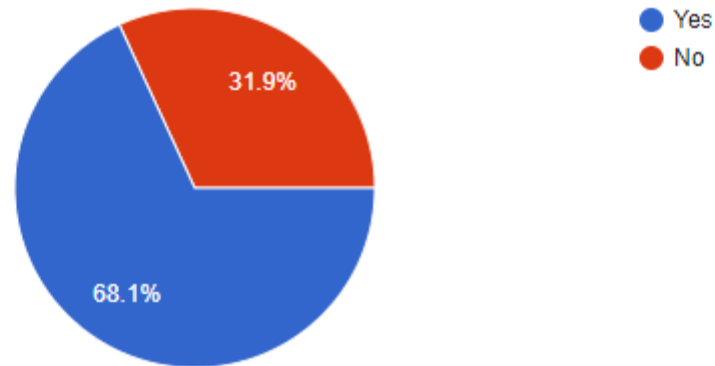
Should parents who participate as chaperones on field trips be required to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a recent proctored negative COVID-19 test result?



Parent Response to Question #5

Parents who participate as chaperones should be required to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a recent proctored COVID-19 test result.

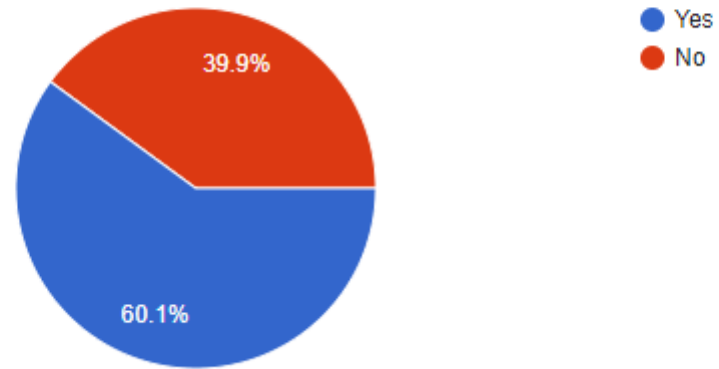
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Staff Response to Question #5

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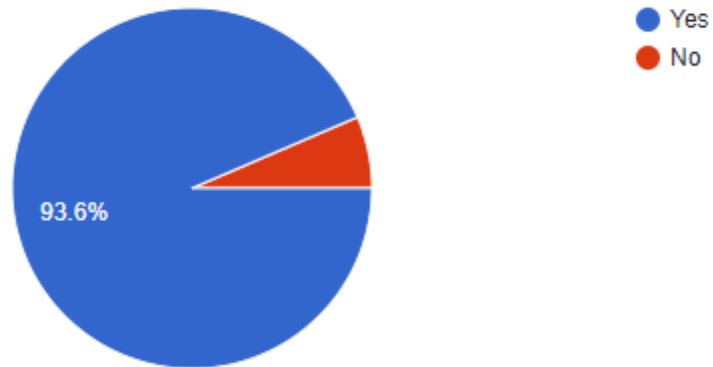
Should parents be able to resume volunteering in our classrooms?



Parent Response to Question #6

I support parents volunteering in our classrooms

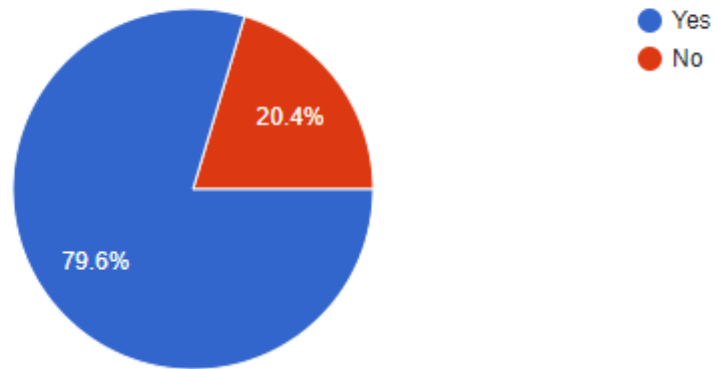
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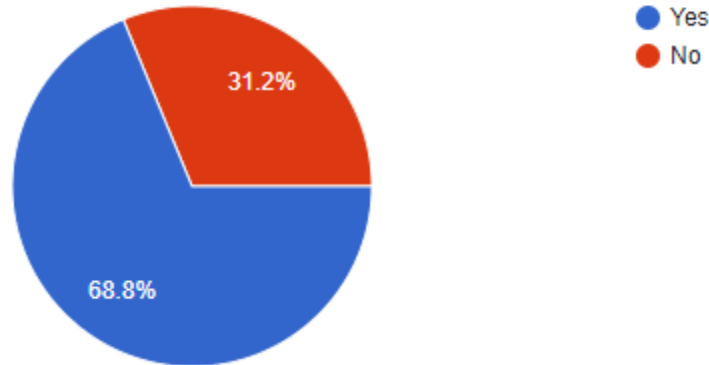
Should parents who volunteer in our classrooms be required to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a recent proctored COVID-19 test result?



Parent Response to Question #7

Parents who volunteer in classrooms should be required to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a recent proctored COVID-19 test result.

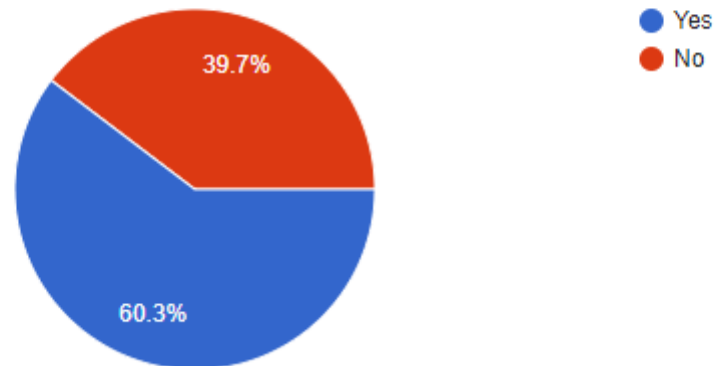
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Staff Response to Question #7

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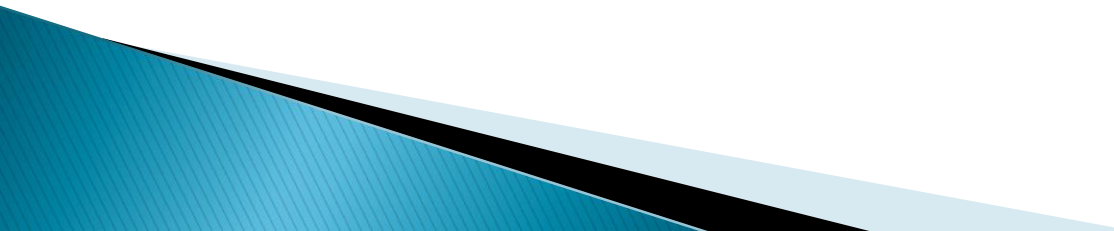
Other Considerations...

- ▶ **Some of our parents who are medical doctors were asked for their advice regarding the District's COVID-19 protocols and their recommendations for our District moving forward...**

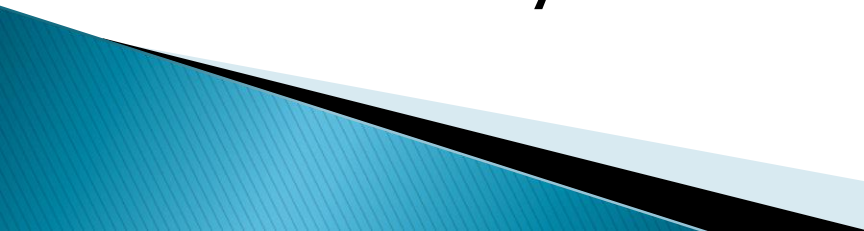
Parent MD Feedback

- ▶ **“I believe our District's Covid-19 protocols have been practical and balanced. I also believe the updated ODH and Summit County Health Department guidelines are reasonable responses to our evolving understanding of the virus and its variants. In my opinion, it would be ideal if all eligible adults and children were vaccinated. Short of that, the new masking and contact recommendations summarized in ODH's Responsible Restart Ohio page and the Mask to Play/Test to Stay protocol accomodate those who do not wish to get vaccinated without causing significant inconvenience or risk to vaccinated students and staff.”**

Parent MD Feedback

- ▶ **“Regarding masks, we still think they are a powerful tool in slowing the spread. I guess for us we are so used to wearing masks since it's required in the hospitals that it's really not a big deal for us. We would prefer everyone stay masked.”**
 - ▶ **“If kids are masked, we are less concerned about physical distancing. We know that this virus is airborne so in our minds 1 ft vs 3 ft with masks on probably makes little difference.”**
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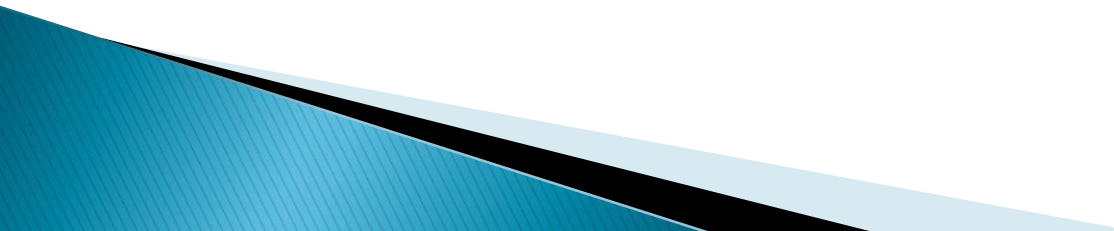
Parent MD Feedback

- ▶ **“When it comes to meals our preference would be students staying in their classrooms rather than in the cafeteria. Based on what we've seen during this pandemic, bars and restaurants were prime venues for superspreading. Keeping kids in their respective classrooms for unmasked meals minimizes the chance that a lot of kids would get infected in one fell swoop.”**
 - ▶ **“Finally, we are not so much fearful that our kids catch the virus, given how mild it is for that age group. However our sentiment is that as a society we should minimize exposure to the most at risk groups that the kids (and their parents) may come in contact with such as the elderly and immunocompromised.”**
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Other Considerations...

- ▶ **The federal mandate for masks for all persons who ride on or operate school buses remains in effect until March 18, 2022.**

Other Considerations...

- ▶ **Also, if the District pivots to a “mask optional” status, it would be important to remember that individuals who are identified as direct contacts would be required to wear a mask for ten (10) days following their last direct contact with the COVID–positive student or staff member.**
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Additional Considerations

- * Effective date of new COVID-19 Protocols;
- * Masks remain mandated while on school buses (through at least March 18th) and if in direct contact with a COVID-positive person;
- * Many preschool students are not eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination. Should different protocols be followed for our IPP and KPP programs?;



Additional Considerations

- * Considerations regarding physical distance requirements;**
- * Considerations regarding lunchrooms;**
- * Protocols for volunteers and chaperones;**
- * Board of Education Meeting location;**



Additional Considerations

- * A clear understanding that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve. At any time, the District must be ready to pivot for the health and safety of our students and staff members.



**Thank you for your
guidance and support!**

