



PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS DISTRICT REOPENING PLAN, 2021-22

**Twinsburg Board of Education Meeting
April 21, 2021**

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Undoubtedly, the 2020–21 school year has been challenging!**
- **However, through it all, we are Tiger Proud of the resiliency of our students, our staff members, and our families!**



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**We discovered
many “silver linings”,
practices and protocols
that will remain with us
into the future**



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**It's now time to look forward
and plan
for the 2021–22 school year**



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- **Parents, students in grades 6 – 12, and staff members were surveyed in March 2021**
- **More than 1700 parents responded to the Parent Survey**



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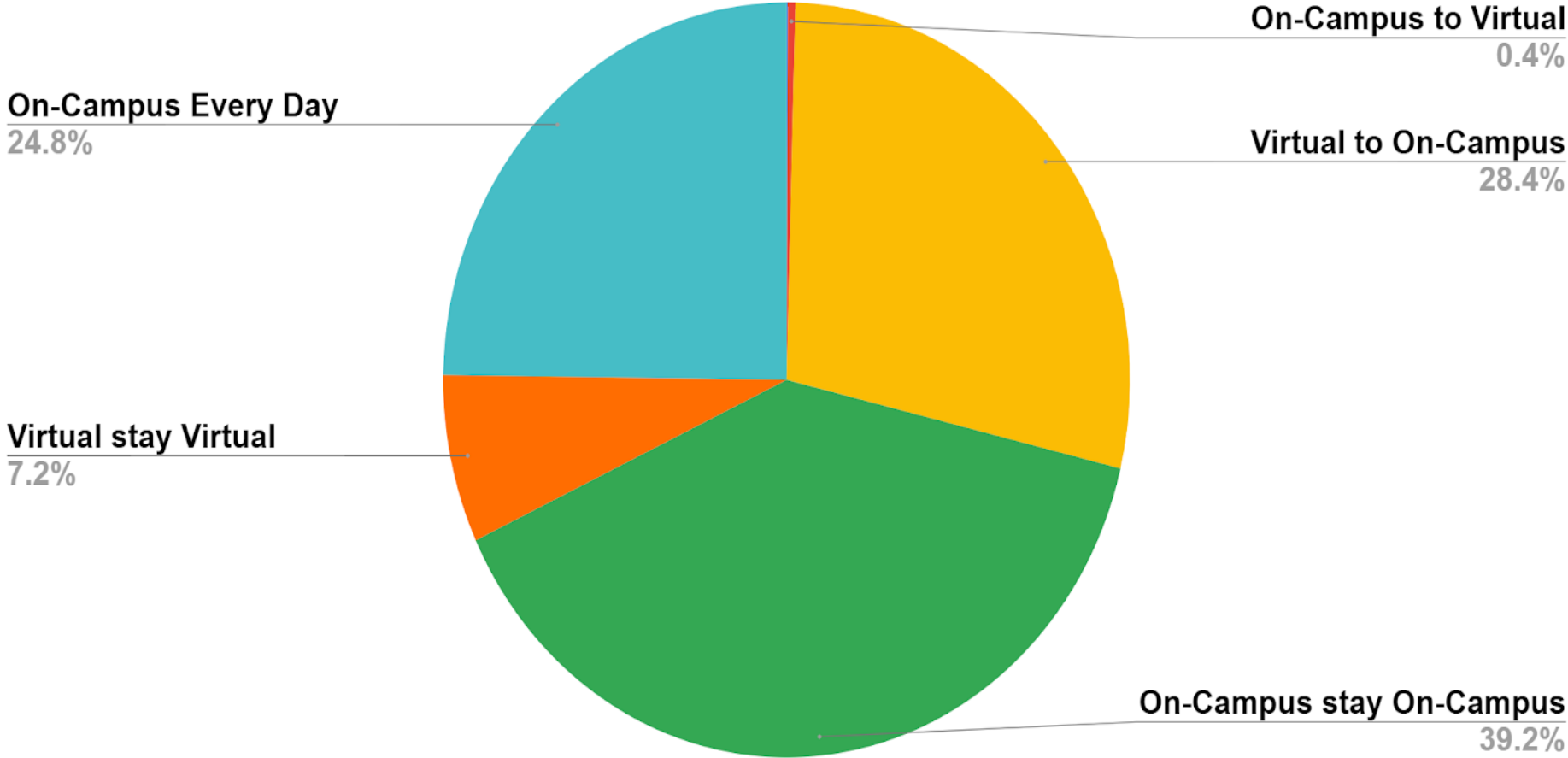
The surveys collected feedback regarding:

- * On-Campus vs. Virtual Academy Options
- * Transportation – Capacity on Buses
- * Social Distancing
- * Other feedback regarding the 2020–21 response to COVID–19



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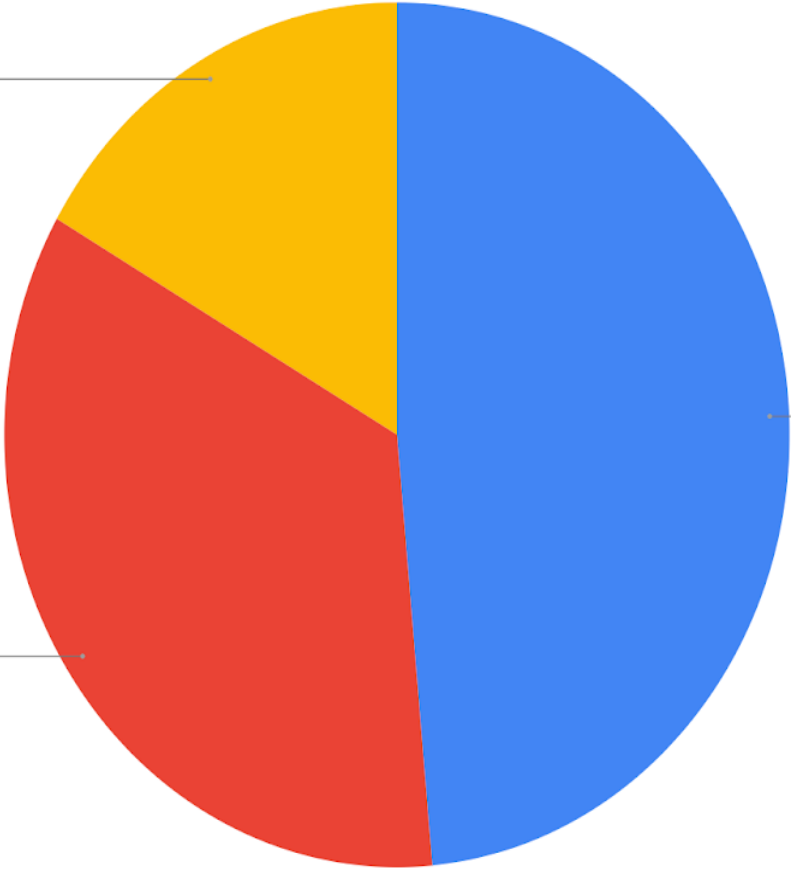
PARENT SURVEY March 2021: School Choice Options



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PARENT SURVEY March 2021: Social Distancing Preferences

Reduce to 4.5 ft
16.7%

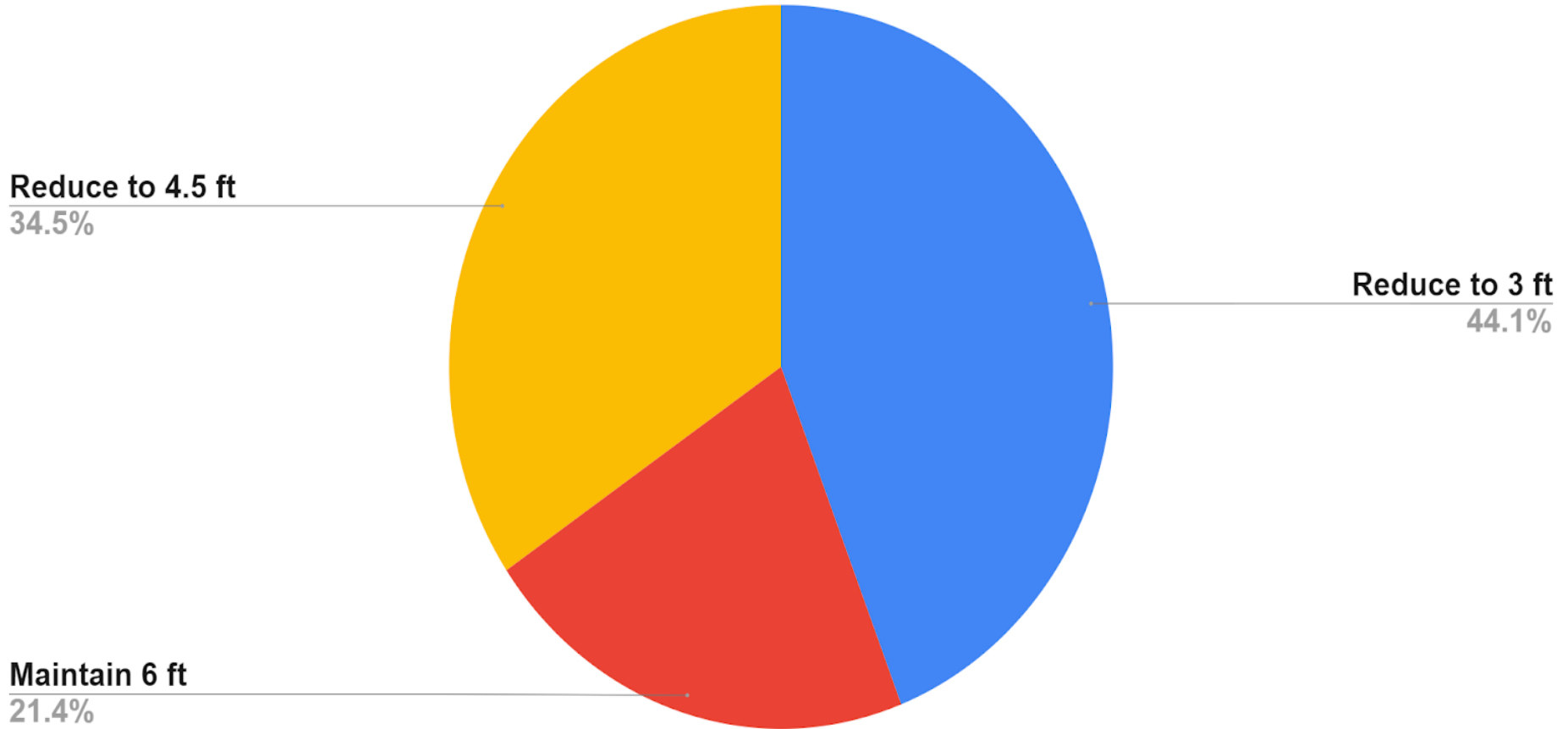


Reduce to 3 ft
48.6%

Maintain 6 Ft
34.8%

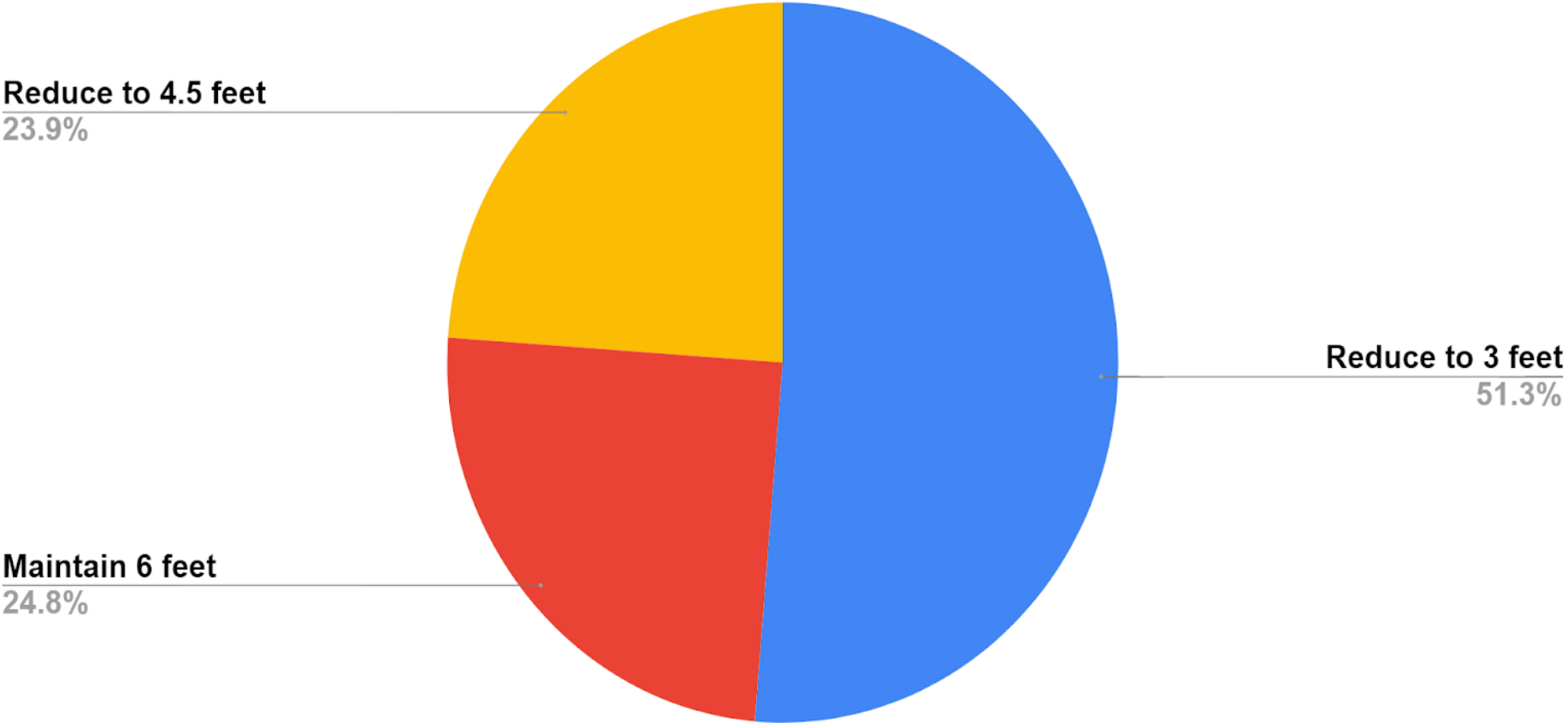
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CERTIFICATED STAFF SURVEY: March 2021: Social Distancing Preferences



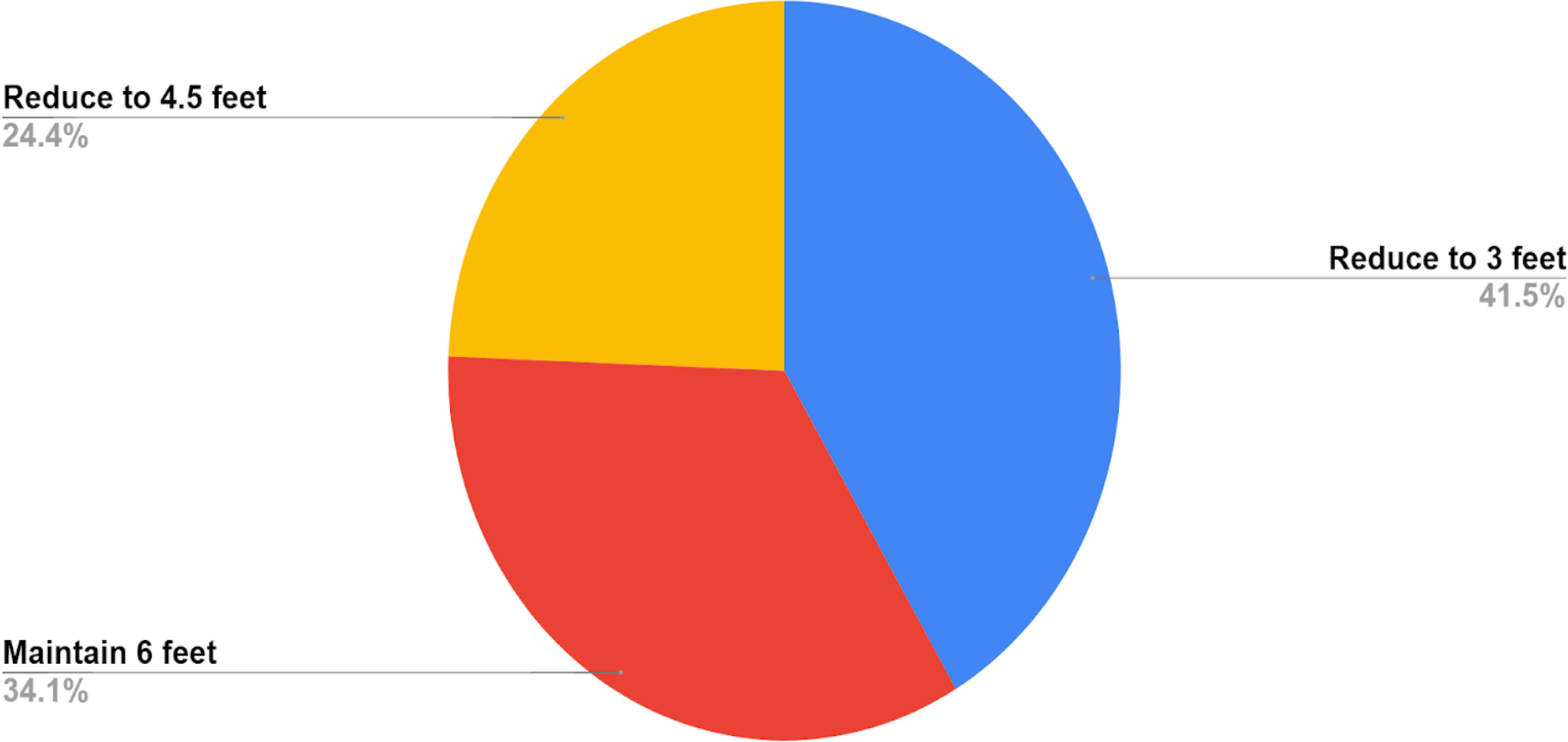
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CLASSIFIED STAFF SURVEY: March 2021: Social Distancing Preferences



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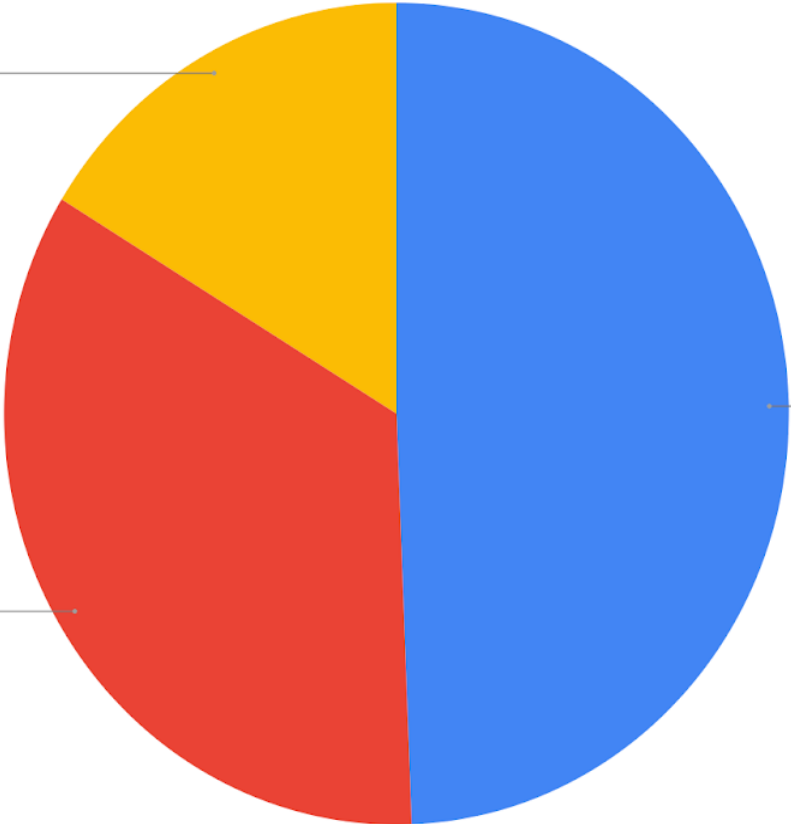
Student Survey: March 2021: District Reopening Plan - Social Distancing Preferences



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PARENT SURVEY March 2021: Transportation

HS Student Will Drive
16.3%



Remain the Same
49.4%

Permit (2) Per Seat
34.3%

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**The survey results
informed the recommendations
presented this evening**



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Although the majority of our parents desire for their children to return to every day on-campus classes, a percentage of parents desire for their children to continue learning in a virtual setting



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Continuing the Twinsburg Virtual Academy will require legislative action, however, there is good reason to believe that the TCSD will be able to continue this option for the 2021-22 school year



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**We do know that some of our students
have struggled academically while
participated in virtual learning
opportunities**



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- **Currently 56 Twinsburg Virtual Academy students have been placed on Attendance Intervention Plans**
- **Four (4) of these students' cases will be forwarded to Summit County Juvenile Court for truancy**



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**Thus, if the Twinsburg Virtual Academy
is an option for the 2021–22 school year,
criteria will be established
for enrollment**



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- **Disqualifying criteria will include:**
 - **Students with 72 or more hours of absence without an excuse during the 2020–21 school year (considered habitually truant)**

and/or
 - **Students who have been absent two (2) days per month for nine (9) months during the 2020–21 school year (considered chronically absent as defined by ESSA)**



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- **Qualifying criteria will also include:**
 - **IEP Team feedback**
 - **Attendance Intervention Team feedback**



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



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- **Social Distancing**
 - Per the CDC's guidance of March 19, 2021,
 - "In elementary schools, students should be at least three (3) feet apart; in middle and high schools, students should be at least three (3) feet apart in areas of low, moderate, or substantial community transmission."
 - Survey results indicate support for a social distance measure of less than six (6) feet but greater than three (3) feet



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- **Social Distancing**
 - Classrooms and learning spaces have been re-measured
 - Consideration for space from one student to the next, educators' teaching spaces and the locations of doors and technology



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- **Social Distancing**
 - Capacity remains a challenge at George G. Dodge Intermediate School.
 - District is limited in our ability to assign three grade levels at the Dodge building
 - Classrooms
 - Specialists' classrooms
 - Intervention classrooms
 - Special services (i.e. Beech Brook, etc.)



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- **Recommended School Re-Alignment, 2021-22 School Year**
 - **Social Distance between students will be at least four (4) feet for Preschool - Grade 8**
 - **Social Distance between students will be at least 4.5 feet for Grades 9 - 12**



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- **Recommended School Re-Alignment, 2021-22 School Year**
 - **Given our anticipated on-campus student enrollment and with social distance measures of greater than three (3) feet but less than six (6) feet, the following School Re-Alignment Plan is recommended for your consideration...**



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- **Recommended School Re-Alignment, 21-22 School Year**
- Wilcox Primary School – Preschool – Grade 1
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School – Grades 2 & 3
- George G. Dodge Intermediate School – Grades 4, 5 & ½ of Grade 6
- RB Chamberlin Middle School – Grades 7 – 8 & ½ of Grade 6
- Twinsburg High School – Grades 9 – 12



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- **Specific Considerations Regarding Grade 6:**
 - Determination of assignments for sixth grade staff
 - Sixth Grade Parent Survey
 - Learning styles
 - Teaching styles
 - Develop student assignments ensuring equity in assignment and programmatic offerings on both campuses
 - Development of Master and Specialists Schedules



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- **Further Considerations:**
 - Continued recognition of evolving COVID-19 landscape and its implications for our District
 - Staffing
 - School Start Times & Transportation Routes
 - School Schedules
 - Master Schedules
 - Specialists' Schedules
 - Breakfast & Lunch Programs including plans for social distance and de-masking while students enjoy meals
 - Logistical Plan for relocation of staff and supplies



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- **Next Steps**

- Analyze impact to school start and end times
 - Currently surveying high school students regarding start and end times
- Further development of preliminary Transportation models
- Prepare logistics plan for realignment of schools
- Prepare 2021–22 District Reopening Plan
- Present 2021–22 District Reopening Plan to Board of Education, May 5, 2021
- Communicate 2021–22 District Reopening Plan to school community
- Parents determine school option for 2021–22, June 2021



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Board Discussion

Questions?



**Thank you for your
consideration
of this evening's
recommendations**

