



EAST CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOLS

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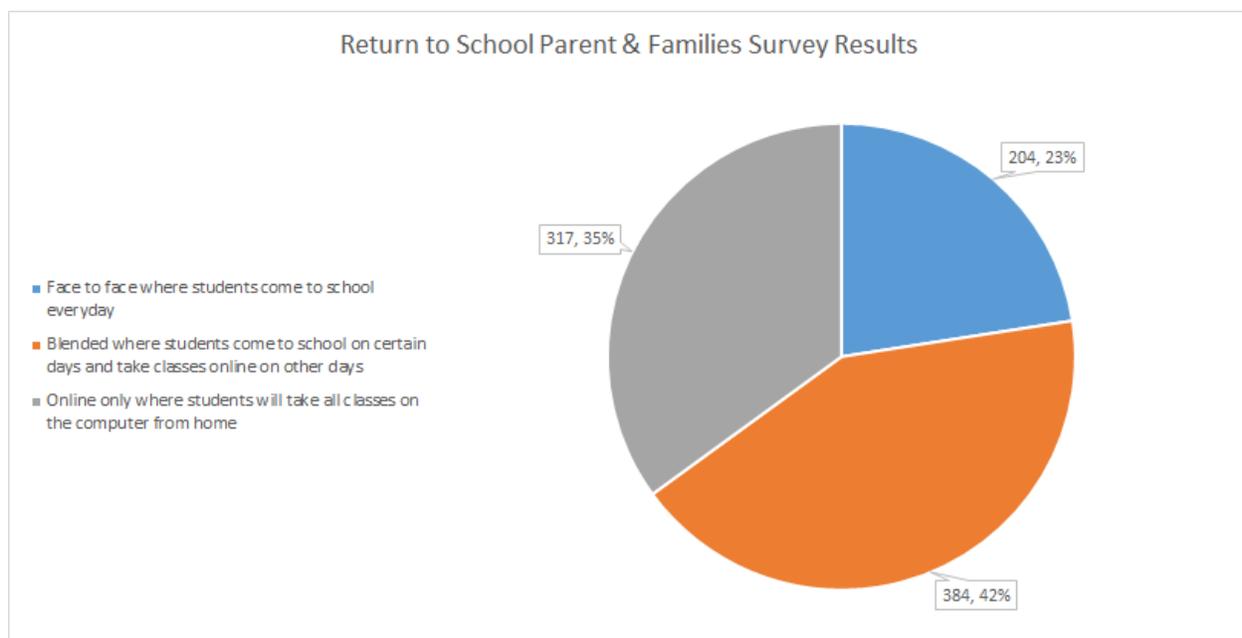
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Dear ECCS Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

As we start the process of restarting learning, the health and safety of students, staff, and volunteers is paramount. While the science about COVID-19 is evolving, it is important to remain vigilant and nimble in our responses to new developments. The Governors' COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools and guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) lay the foundation for the successful, safe and smart restart of the East Cleveland City Schools.

I understand that our East Cleveland School community is anxious to know the plans for the reopening of our schools. Your continued patience and understanding is greatly appreciated, as we are diligently planning to restart learning for our students. Should any change in our reopening plans be decided, I will update our community as quickly as possible.

Our current reality has taught us internet connectivity is vital for the education of the students in East Cleveland. Through parent surveys this spring, we became aware of the digital divide in our community with access to the internet and/or computers. We are committed to providing the internet and a Chromebook for each student. If you need assistance in this area, please contact 216.232.6032. This summer we surveyed families to better understand which instructional options worked best. The survey results are shown below.



Under our Smart Restart Plan, our district continues to follow the current academic calendar, with school scheduled to resume on August 17, 2020. Students at Caledonia (grades K-2), and Mayfair (grades 3-5), Kirk (grades 6-8) and Shaw High School will start **virtually** through September 4, 2020. In person learning options for middle and high school students will begin after Labor Day. The prekindergarten students at Prospect Academy (PreK), will begin with **in person** learning with virtual supports.

Parents have the choice of electing one of two instructional options for their children— in-person learning or virtual learning through East Cleveland Virtual Academy (ECVA). Should there be a future need for a temporary delay of in-person instruction, teaching and learning would be delivered primarily through virtual learning. However, as of today, both instructional options remain available to our families.

Again, thank you for your patience as we continue to work through these matters with the guidance of our families, staff, the state and local authorities.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Pettiegrew II", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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