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# Ware Public Schools Return to School Plan

2020/2021

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# Guiding Principles of the Return to School Plan

- Safety and emotional wellbeing for all students and staff
- Flexibility and fluidity
- Equity
- Address the educational and social needs of ALL students
- Provide appropriate professional development and training where applicable (technology, safety, cleaning, and hygiene)

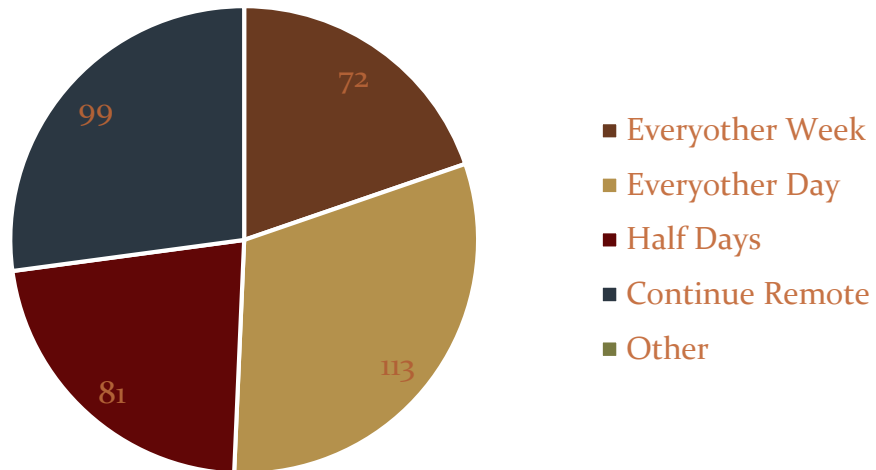
## Preparations for the Fall:

- Reopening to School Plan & Individual School Plans:  
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- Communicated with families through videos, emails, call around announcements, with letters posted to website, Facebook, APP & two-Family Surveys
- Purchasing of items needed to open in the Fall during COVID-19
- Ventilation Overhaul

# Family Surveys

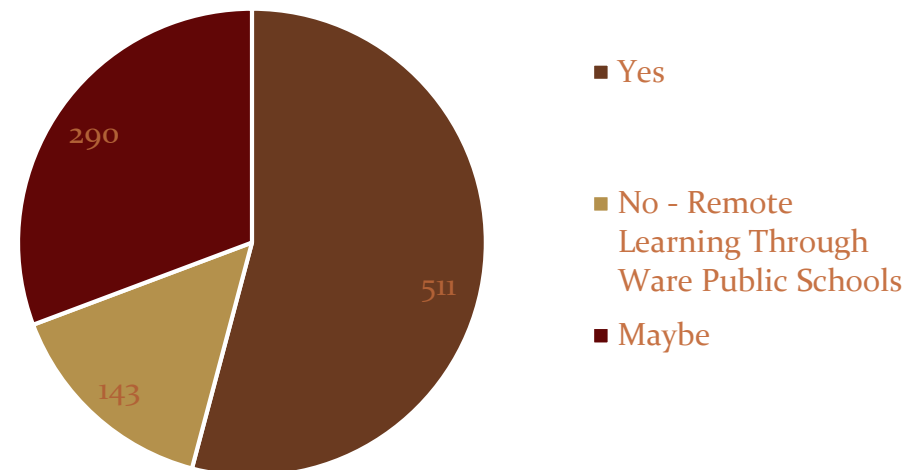
Ended June 26, 2020

What will schools look like in the Fall?



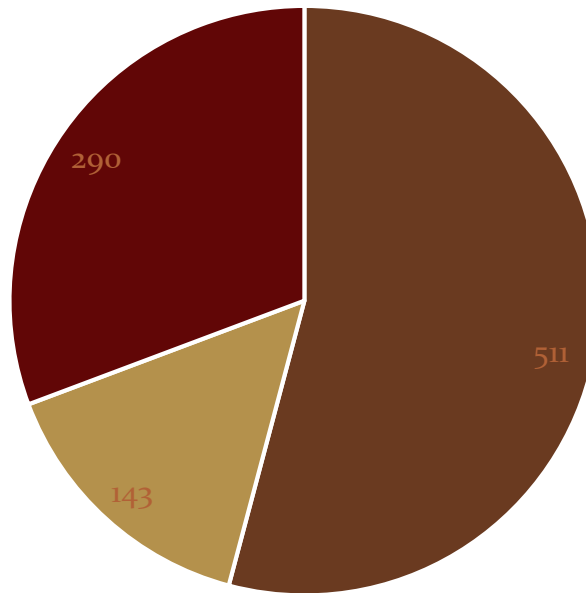
Currenting Open

Will your students be returning to school in the Fall?



# Family Survey #2

Current Family Survey



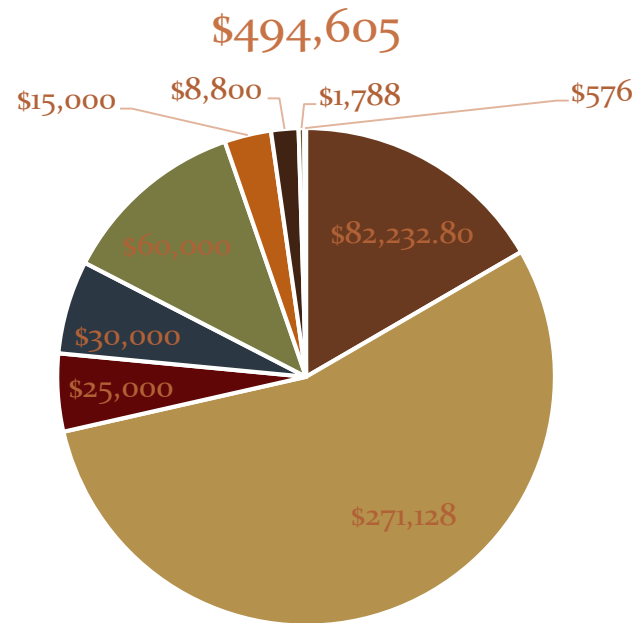
■ Yes   ■ No - Remote Learning Through Ware Public Schools   ■ Maybe

After tonight if you have not taken the survey please do so NOW.

In addition:

- If you are a MAYBE contact Central Office (CO)
- Transportation decision also needed
- If you want to change your prior survey choices contact CO
- Central Office number - 967-4271

# COVID EXPENSES:



- Cleaning
- Online Curriculum
- Plexiglass & Dividers
- Technology
- Subs
- Desks & White Boards
- LMS & Training
- Touchless Water Fountains
- Signage

## Grants

CARES Act \$273,950

CvRF \$289,350

Technology \$ 15,507

Total \$578,807

Supplies -\$494,605

\$ 84,202

# Ventilation Overhaul

- “At the present time, we are changing out the air filters in each school. All three schools are set up very similar, in that they all use Univents in all the classrooms, teachers- rooms, etc. These units are direct drive off the motor, so there is no gearbox or pulleys that could be changed to alter the speed of the unit. However, they do have a “low-med-high” switch that will be left in the “high” position when the filters are changed. This would result in maximum air volume/changes per hour. As a side note, the Univents have been left on since the schools closed, to continue moving the air constantly, 24/7. Filters will be changed quarterly.
- Also, we are addressing the list of classrooms that have heating/cooling complaints. Pioneer Valley Environmental is working with us to go thru these units to ensure proper operation and temperature control. They are controlled by a pneumatic control system, which does have air leaks from time to time, and this will be looked at as well.
- We are also running the water at each school, every Monday and Friday. Every sink, toilet, urinal, water fountain, and classroom sink is being run twice per week, so there is no stagnant water in the systems.” (William Deschamps)



## 4 Areas of Focus to Ensure the Safety and Well-being of all of the Ware Learning Community

- Social Distancing – 6 feet
- Wearing Masks in grades 2 -12 at all times unless during a mask break
  - Mask Breaks will be scheduled throughout the day
  - Students will need to bring their own masks to school
  - All students will need to wear masks on the bus
- Hand Washing:
  - Hand Washing breaks will be scheduled throughout the day
- Cleaning and Disinfecting Surfaces



## DAILY BUILDING SANITATION:

- o Door handles, push bars and push plates everywhere
- o Light switches
- o Classroom door windows
- o Classroom sinks, faucet handles and counters
- o Classroom tables and chairs
- o Elevator push buttons
- o Water fountains/bottle filling stations

## DAILY BUILDING SANITATION (continued):

- o Restroom doors, handles and push plates
- o ADA (Americans with Disabilities ACT) Bars
- o Toilet and urinal handles
- o Sink and faucet handles
- o Toilet paper, soap, paper towel dispensers and handles

## What will the “NEW NORMAL” look like?

- Cohorts of students and staff staying together
- Breakfast & Lunch in Classrooms
- Adjustment to Special Subjects (Physical education, music, art)
- Limit shared items in the classrooms
- Recess will look different
- Handwashing and mask breaks

## “NEW NORMAL”

- Students arrival staggered coming in a number of entrances.
- No visitors into the buildings for the start of the school year.
- Changing the student traffic patterns at JS High School.
- Students will not be utilizing lockers at this time.
- Building libraries may be utilized as a classroom.
- COVID isolation spaces have been identified for all buildings.
- Sports season ? and Senior Privileges suspended at this time.

## “NEW NORMAL”

- Daily Health Checks:

- Students – Daily checks by parents for symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, congestion, or runny nose).

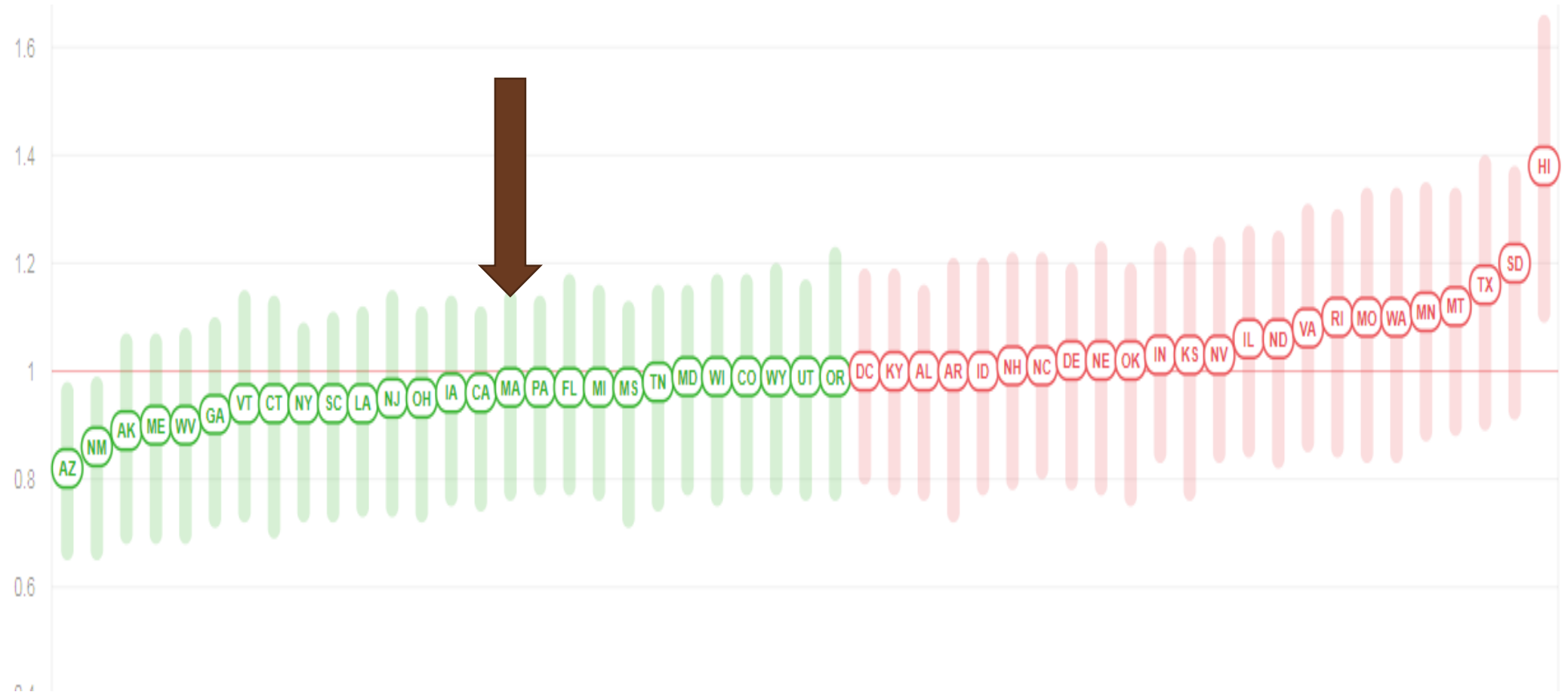
- Teachers & Staff – Daily checking for symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, congestion, or runny nose).

- \*All students, teachers, and staff are advised to remain home if at any time they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.**

# Baker-Polito Administration Announces New Initiatives to Stop Spread of COVID-19

- Statewide Guidance:
- Governor Baker is signing an **updated gatherings order**, effective Tuesday, August 11, which will:
- Reduce the limit on outdoor gatherings from 100 to 50 people (indoor gatherings limit will remain at 25 people)
- Apply these limits to all types of gatherings, on both public and private property
- Require face coverings where more than 10 people from different households will be mixing.
- Due to the recent increase in positive cases, step two of phase III of the Commonwealth's reopening plan has been postponed indefinitely.

## Transmission Rate for MA





## KEY POINTS

- Planning for three models allows us to flip models in a moment's notice.
- Need to monitor the County & Community transmission rates.
- Social Emotional Planning appears in all three models in order to help our children transition through Return to School.

## NEXT STEPS

- Presently we are calling home to families who have not yet filled out the second survey:
  - Determine the intent of their child/ren's return to school
  - Those returning, transportation needs
- Administration is preparing schedules for all three return to school models.
- Working towards productive discussions and negotiations with the Ware Teachers' Association.

## NEXT STEPS

- Professional Development Days for Teachers & Staff:
  - Technology
  - Safety
  - Cleaning
  - Hygiene

# Community Forums

- SMK - August 11 @ 6:30 pm
- JS High School - August 12 @ 6:00 pm
- WMS – August 13 @ 6:00 pm