



***Superintendent's Report –
Virtual Inclement Weather Day Plan Excerpt***
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October 11, 2022





Virtual Inclement Weather Day Plan

Community Input SY 22-23

We value your input. The 2022-2023 school calendar includes 5 scheduled inclement weather days. As we plan for winter weather this year, BCPS would like to know if you prefer all inclement weather days to be school system closures (to be made up at the end of the school year in June) or if you prefer we implement a hybrid plan that includes some virtual instruction days in the future. Please complete this survey by Friday, September 23, 2022. Input gathered will be used to inform our implementation plan.

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Role in BCPS *

☐ Staff

☐ Elementary student

☐ Secondary student (grades 6-12)

☐ Parent/Guardian

☐ Community Member

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Do you value traditional snow days (schools are closed)? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

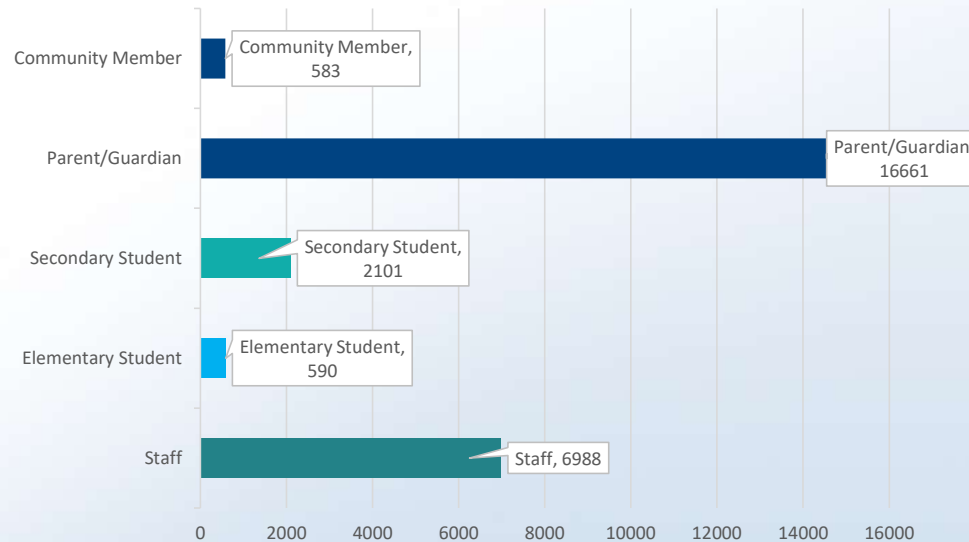
☐ Neutral

26,923 Responses

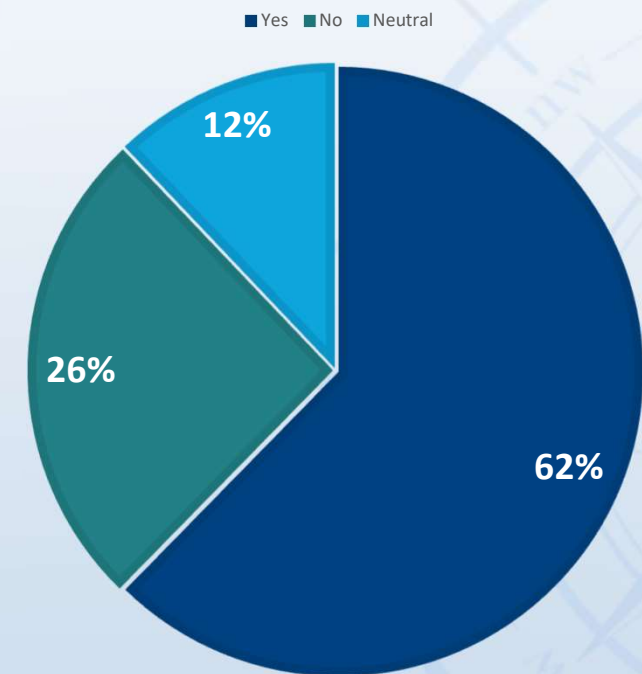


Community Input Survey Results

SURVEY RESPONDENTS



TRADITIONAL WEATHER DAYS

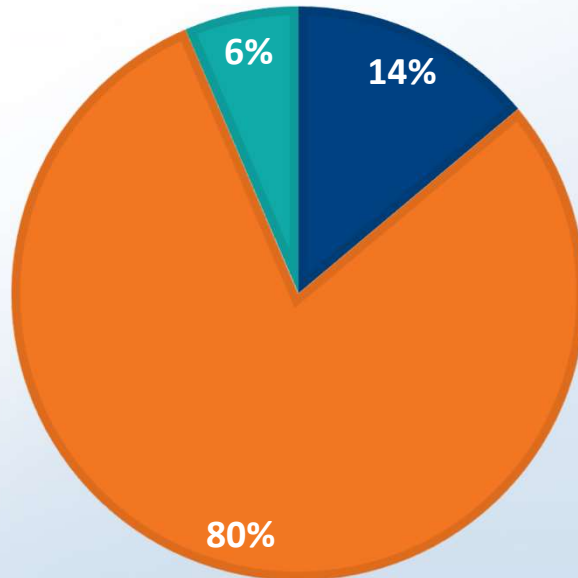




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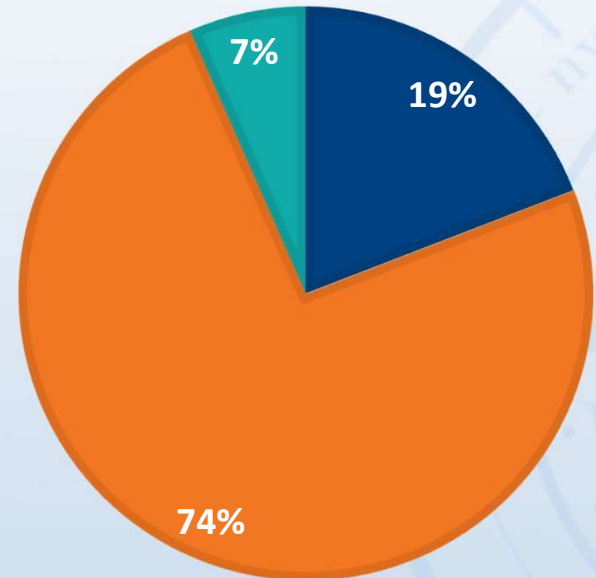
EXTEND THE SCHOOL YEAR

■ Yes ■ No ■ Neutral



USE HOLIDAYS & SPRING BREAK

■ Yes ■ No ■ Neutral

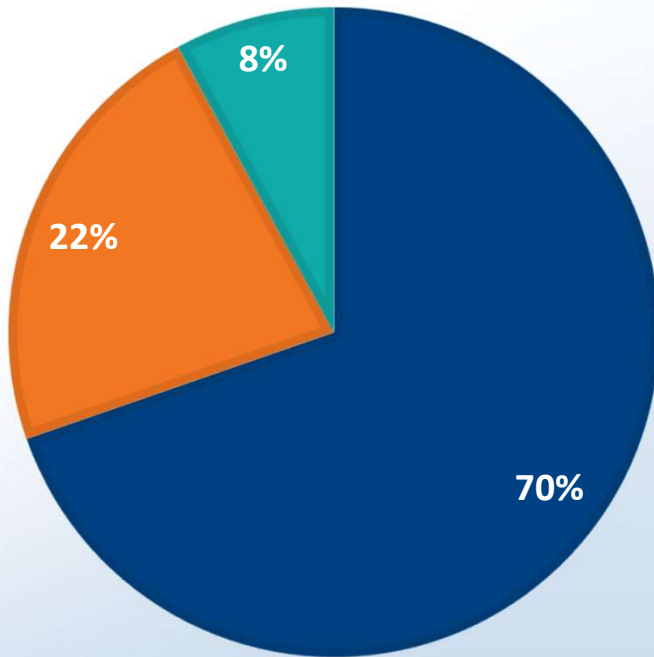




Community Input Survey Results

TRANSITION TO VIRTUAL AFTER 5 DAYS

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Neutral



Traditional snow days are valued by students, staff and families.

Transition to virtual days is not the preferred method of learning for our students and youngest learners.

Staff, students and parents do not want the school year to extend beyond Friday of the scheduled last week of school.

Staff, students and parents are not in favor of reducing spring break.



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Maryland State Department of Education

Devices and Access to Wi-Fi

Devices-1:1 device ratio
Pre-Kindergarten
through 12th grade

Wi-Fi - Wireless
hotspots to families;
3,000 student deployed
hotspots

Accommodations

Full continuum of
educational services

Academic, behavioral,
functional living and
strategies

Related services

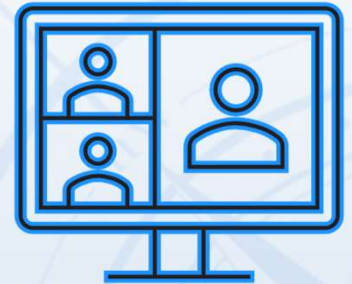
Screening and
evaluations (including
Child Find)

Communications

System communication
via email, social media,
telephone and website
emergency alert

Reminders to take
devices and chargers
home

Stakeholder
announcements



MSDE Virtual Inclement Weather Day Requirements



Attestations

MSDE Virtual Inclement Weather Day Requirements

Minimum of four (4) hours of synchronous instruction for all students

Attendance will be taken for all students and teachers

Opportunities for students to makeup work missed during the virtual inclement weather day

Virtual Inclement Weather Day Plan will be posted on website

Virtual Inclement Weather Day Plan presented at a publicly accessible local school system board meeting

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Next Steps

Present proposal during October BOE meeting

Submit Plan to MSDE for approval

If approved, communicate approval to Team BCPS

Implement approved plan for 22-23 school year

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