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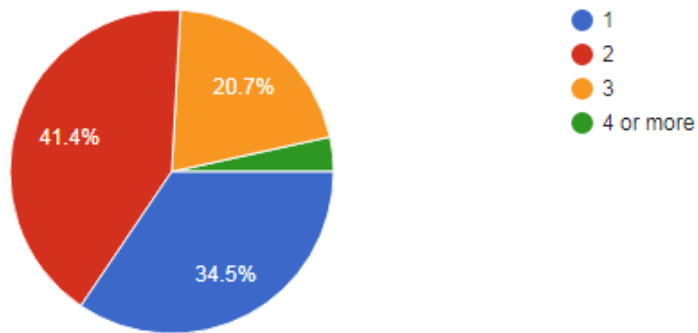
Summary

Question

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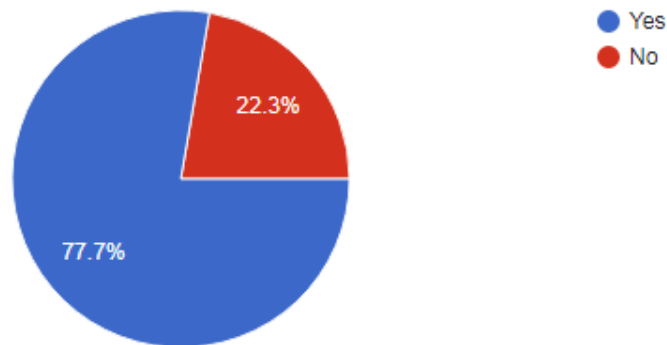
How many children do you have that would be attending the Greenbush Middle River (GMR) School in the school year 2020-2021?

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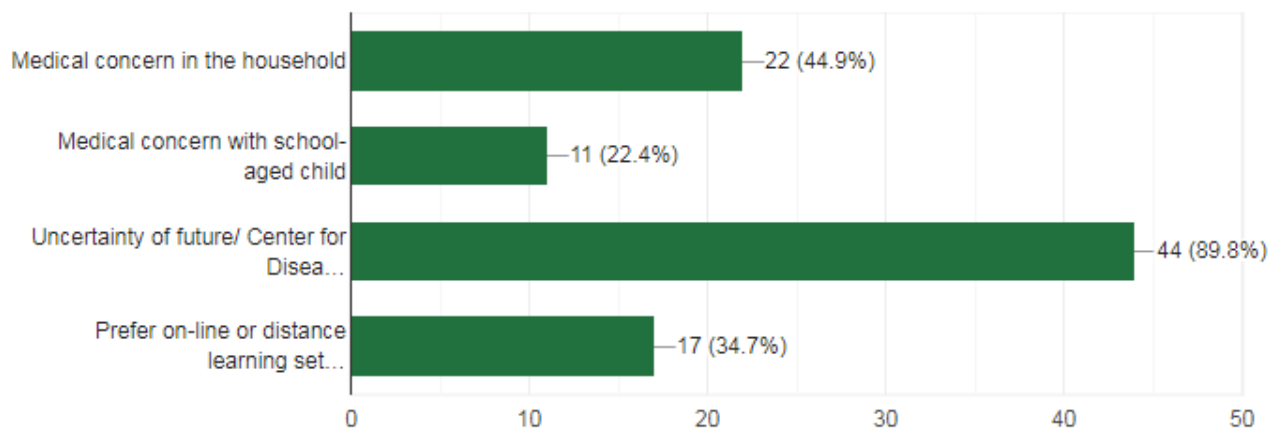
Would you be comfortable physically sending your children to school at GMR in a traditional school setting?

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If you answered "No," please check all concerns that apply:

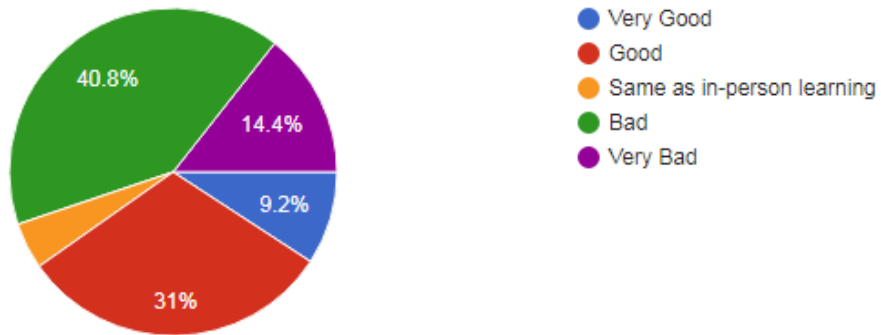
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How would you rate your Greenbush Middle River School District's Distance Learning experience from March to May 2020



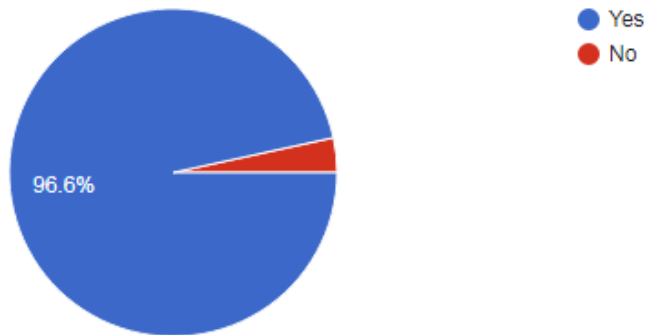
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Do you have access to internet service in your household?

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**Optionally, your comments to clarify any of the above questions would be helpful for school staff to plan. 87 responses**

*NOTE 1: The Supt. of School made an attempt to remove identity of individuals named within the responses, otherwise the comments are un-edited.*

*NOTE 2: Survey based on results on July 18, 2020*

*NOTE 3: 176 responses out of 322 possible respondents = 55% response rate*

I'm 50/50 on it, it's the unknown that makes me nervous.

Kids need to socialize in person in order to further develop major life skills that are learned in school

Please open up. Distance learning did not work for us.

I have a young elementary student who I do not feel would learn adequately if we (her parents) had to work with her if it was completely distance learning. Both of us work full time so we hope we are able to send our child to school this fall, even if it was some sort of rotating schedule.

I would prefer my child to return full time without masks.

Our children will not be wearing masks under NO circumstances or receive any more vaccines. If children can not have a normal school routine, we will not send our children to a place where they can not play with friends, can't play sports, not eating hot lunches, and can't sit with their friends during lunch. Prisoners are treated better. Absolutely no reason to be sheep, Fight for rights of good education, children learning, and above all the Constitution of the USA.

Would hate to see school start up just to be shut down again. That would be a hard transition again for the children.

They NEED to go back to school. The structure, the interaction, etc. Mask if you need to, but they NEED to go back to school.

2 good experiences with DL, 1 bad. DL was stressful either way with all of the extra demands it entails for working families. We are praying that school resumes this fall.

the kids do not learn as well as when they are in school with the teacher.

my kids want to go back to school. but with safety measures.

As a full time working parent I felt it was hard to do the at home semester during the past school year. I have hopes that gmr will resume classes as normal without social distancing as children need to socially interact with other, have a normal routine, and be active.

Distance learning is impossible for parents that are both working full time.

Have the kids sanitize their workspaces and take pride in keeping their spaces clean. If school is 100% online my family has discussed homeschooling with grandparents because at that time at least we could control the curriculum. Obviously not ideal but would be better than complete distance learning. Not 100% sure yet, but hoping there is some normalcy back in our lives soon.

At this time we are more comfortable with a distance learning approach...there were some hiccups with it initially last spring, but i think having to do it again this fall we would be much more prepared to handle it. AT THIS TIME...i am uncomfortable sending my kids in person to school for more than one reason...i would have to know how social distancing would be done ect, what measures would be taken to avoid exposures, how exposures would be handled...there are too many questions right now to feel comfortable with sending my kids to "in person" school. I do look forward to when they will be back in school fully, but i feel it needs to be done safely, for everyone's health and well being, otherwise my family being immune compromised will have to look for other options till a vaccine is readily available.

The kids have an eight hour day in school, at home there are parents who can't physically be with them for that portion so we only have the evening to work with them and they are tired, don't want to do homework at that time plus the stuff from in school. They should be in the classroom with friends and gaining that social aspect.

I would prefer my children to be having classes in the school but with some precautions taken for their health and safety

Our kids need to be in a traditional school setting.

We made distance learning work for those couple of months but...kids need school & they need teachers. Distance learning puts too much pressure on full-time working families.

The school and staff did a good job with the distance learning. Our trouble was with both parents working full time. Our children were on their own all day to do homework. So we ended up with long nights and weekends trying to keep up.

It's not really a yes or no answer if parents feel comfortable sending their children to school... Especially when they have other kids at home, kids going to other schools or other people's kids in the home to worry about as well. There's no real guarantee things are going to be cleaned when kids get sick at school all the time and there was no strict cleaning

then? How are you going to try social distance at school in classrooms or the cafeteria? How are you going to make sure kids and teens wash their hands? Distance learning last year was a Huge Disaster for So many including our household but going back to school is terrifying, we dont even let our kids go to the store unless absolutely necessary. If distance learning has to happen again there must be online classes for elementary as well Not just high school kids. Kids with IEPs should be having online classes and supplied with devices from the school connected to their teachers. Everyone has had months to prepare for this so things should be worked out by the time school is supposed to be starting

Please do not open school until it is safe to do so. Any illness or death is unacceptable. Period Do not give into sec of education or trumps rush to open schools. Follow CDC guidelines if I am still working for home, as recommended by CDC then the school should remain online. This illness affects children, we need to protect everyone.

I don't prefer to do distance learning, but our school did a phenomenal job, I felt very supported and really experienced firsthand how great our teachers are.

Teachers did a wonderful job given what they were given. My child had issues as both parents are essential workers. If there is at home school this year, I will have to resign from my job.

Distance learning was a struggle and very difficult with both parents working so homework took all evening.

We will not be sending our kids back to school if masks are required. They will not be learning anything in an environment like that, because they will constantly need reminding to leave their masks on, or alone. My kids do not wear masks when out in public, I sure won't make them wear masks in school, where they're supposed to feel safe. They don't feel safe having to wear masks. Distance learning was HARD for us, with both my husband and I working outside the home throughout the whole thing. Our schedules would be made much easier with sending the kids back to school, but with all the extra requirements and everything, it would be better to just keep them at home, whether it is distance learning again, or just doing a homeschool program on our own.

With the National and Local numbers rising, we as a family feel more safe making the choice to keep our children at home for distant learning at this time. Although not ideal (and of course we prefer in-person school/learning) we are not to the point where we feel comfortable sending our children to an in-person learning scenario. Lastly, given all the modifications that would likely need to be in place for the safety of all student(s) and staff/families, we feel like our youngest children would not have a very positive experience given their age and the current modifications needed for safety.

It is hard to answer the question of sending my kid's back to the regular school setting. I am not scared of the virus. I am scared the parameters the state and school will set for the kids to return. Will they be able to have recess? Will they be able to mingle around the school

normally? Will they be able to eat lunch in the lunch room? Will they have to wear a mask? I would say, No, that I would not want my kids to go to the normal school setting if they set all these rules that will be impossible to follow. Masks are not for kids or non medical professionals, in my opinion. Watch any kid or adult for that matter and count the number of times they touch their face in one hour of wearing a mask. This is how germs are spread to the face. They need to not touch their face and wash their hands. NOT wear masks.

Our negative experience had nothing to do with the efforts of the school or school personnel. It is more related to personal time and resource constraints as both my husband and I were working as well as attempting to follow through with school work. It was also difficult mentally and emotionally for my children to be isolated from friends and classmates and I noticed increased behaviors and negative thoughts during distance learning that had never been apparent before. I feel it is in the best interest of my children to return to an academic setting that also allows peer contact and socialization as well as improved access to teachers and academic materials.

The teachers did their best with the distance learning, but children need school and interaction with other children. This is not only for school work, but to learn social skills as well.

The March-May distance learning was not a positive experience as it was foreign and uncertain from the get go; but the teachers did the best they could. If this were to begin at the forefront, as a family we would be better prepared and would have a better idea of what to expect.

Kids need to be in school and no masked

Could you offer 2 or 3 days a week to give them school setting to have interactions with teachers and fellow students.

GMR staff did a great job during the distance learning, but my kids really missed the classroom interaction. One of my kids will be a 7th grader this fall and I think the transition from elementary will be overwhelming if we have to continue distance learning. It is my hope that students are allowed to return to the classroom.

My upper grade student did great with the online work! Social atmosphere has been an obstacle to academic success over the years due to peer distractions for my student. My student did express missing the teacher access and interaction however. Would like to see an option for both online and in school learning structured around students capabilities. Perhaps a partial day, scheduled checkins with teachers in person at school for teaching instruction and tracking progress. Just my thoughts. Thanks for this platform to share.

I want kids back in school with some controls in place for safety. But kids need to interact and isolation is not healthy either. Worry about some kids getting left behind without some

hands on and teacher guidance. Respect any decision made but fear for the mental health of kids as well. They need their peers.

My student does better in the classroom for learning than the on line . The school did the best they could. We struggled getting him to do it. That is why I put bad for experience

Please allow the kids back in school! Thank you for allowing us to put our input.

I had a great experience with the teachers for online learning but would not prefer this at all for this coming year. The kids thrive better in an at-school setting. Too many distractions at home for younger kiddos. Parents stressed trying to work full-time at the same time as managing a school schedule, structure, and homework for multiple children. It's too much.

Either they need to be at school or have a parent that is not working devote time to teaching and guiding through but the later is not possible. We would love for our kids to be back in school with the teachers that they love.

I would only be somewhat comfortable IF plans were in place such as half the student body goes every other day? Or any such measures taken to reduce risk. Mandatory masks etc....making sure not everybody is in hallway during breaks, etc?

Distance learning wasn't bad because of anything the school or teachers did but just not an optimal learning scenario

If we go to distant learning, I will pull my kids out of GMR. I am tired of this. The distance learning was a complete and utter failure. It was a complete crock of crap! With this Fear Pandemic, the kids are suffering and so will that generation if we do not get this back on track. Open the doors and teach. If not, I will pull my kids.

For special Ed kids and smaller kids very challenging

Distance learning not nearly as good as in-person. Hard on kids, as well as parents.

— If the school administration and staff can outline in advance what safety measures and adjustments are being made to lower the risk, I would feel more comfortable sending our children.

— With national and local county numbers on the rise, my comfort level on July 13th is not high. If those numbers are trending downward by late August, I would be more comfortable.

— As it relates to distance learning, I think children would fair better if they were “in class” for specific times each day. Example, Math at 8, LA at 9, break, etc.

— If distance learning is a part of the upcoming school year, I feel there needs to be a way for students to be connected with their classmates. Zoom or some other method of communication will be key.



I worried about what will happen if there are cases in the school. Will they open back up in two weeks? Will kids have to wear masks? Will there be enough cleaning products to deeply clean the school? Will both of kids be on the same schedule. I have a special needs child—where will they be on the days they are not in school and I'm at work? We want to send them, but there are so many unknowns right

Distance learning is not ideal for elementary children that both parents have full time jobs. The reason I say this is that when parents get home from work they end up spending the evenings working on homework with their children and they are not able to spend normal quality time with their children. I feel that distance learning went well for our high school student as she is pretty self sufficient and could ask her teachers questions if needed by email or phone.

although the distance learning experience was not the easiest, and I feel somewhat lacking in actual learning, I am still hesitant to send my children back to full time, full size class school. we have no family members that have any special medical concerns, I just think the whole pandemic is a concern and if possible I would like to not expose my children, or to limit their exposure. a month from now I might feel differently depending on how it continues to spread within our community and our country

Having a child with an IEP and 2 full time working parents, she HAS to be in school!!

The online experience this spring has nothing to do with the teachers. It was just hard to try and help your child with their homework when the parents are working full time and teaching them some of the things were difficult due to forgetting the concepts and how children are taught now vs when the parents went to school is different. Most importantly, they need the student to student and student to teacher interaction....that impacts them significantly in society. They need to be in the classrooms! Our society is already failing our future kids with face to face communication.

We will look into a homeschooling curriculum if we have to distant learn again. It was not a good experience. Way too much homework my child was overwhelmed and we were busy in the field so we could not be here to help as much as he needed.