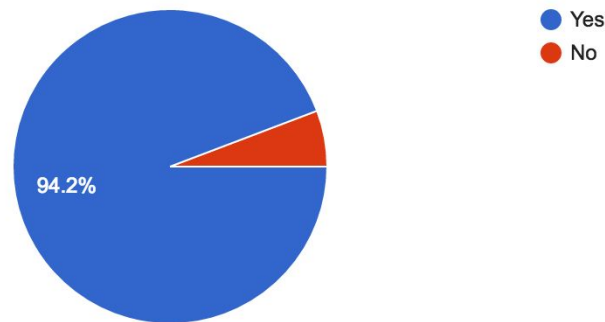


BACK-TO-SCHOOL CONFERENCE-TEACHER FEEDBACK SUMMARY

This survey was taken by 52 Oak Crest and Chatfield Teachers about their experience on how Back-To-School Conferences went, the two days prior to the first day of school.

Is the opportunity for you to sit down with your students in the current form of back to school conferences beneficial?

(52 responses)



- 94.2% felt having the opportunity to sit down with their students in this form was beneficial.
- 49 responded YES, 3 responded NO.

What's one thing you really liked about having Back-To-School Conferences this year?

- One-on-one time with the student and their families.
 - Making that connection with every single family in my classroom
 - Both student and parents hear expectations for the year
 - Seeing some background of my students. Family life, behavior, personality
 - Allowing the families to take as much time as they need exploring the school and helping the little ones/new students get rid of any anxiety they have on the first day of school.
 - Having a bond/connection formed before school even begins, so you aren't wasting that valuable time on the first few days of school, trying to get to know each student.
- Everyone having a scheduled time vs open house format.
 - Less chaotic and a lot less stressful

What's one thing you'd recommend we change about Back-To-School Conferences?

- 37 teachers responded to this particular question and 19 responded "nothing" that's over half the teachers saying they liked this year's process
- Could shorten the time down to 15-20 minutes per family.
- Have them during workshop week so everyone can start the day after Labor Day.
- Have both day's 9-5, going to 7 is too late.
- Making a few more later time slots for families.

Additional Feedback regarding the current Back-To-School Conference format?

- “Whenever I tell teachers from other districts about it they love it and want to implement into their district...this is one of the things that makes Belle Plaine GREAT, it would be a 100 percent shame if this format was changed or let go as we worked so hard to get it and see it as a great success!”
- “It works! Parents love it, kids love it, teachers LOVE it!!! It is valuable, stress-free and important. It would be foolish to return back to an outdated model of a "traditional" open house. The time and VALUABLE information that we are able to gather during back to school conferences is priceless for us as teachers. Because of this valuable information we are able to 'hit the ground running' on day one, because we've gotten to know each individual student already!”
- “I feel that Stier Bus and Trailblazer also appreciate the Back to School Conference days as it allows families to discuss concerns with them as well as discuss their transportation options.”