

PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Health and Safety/Education Delivery Option Questionnaire-November 2021

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Peters Township School District has worked to provide multiple learning options for families. Just as PTSD was one of only a few districts in the State to offer full in-person and full remote learning options during the 2020-21 school year, PTSD is one of only a few districts in the State to offer both full in-person and synchronous remote learning programs for the 2021-22 school year. For the 2021-22 school year, most districts are not offering synchronous learning as a program offering due to the significant challenges of simultaneously scheduling and staffing for both in-person and remote learners.

Based on feedback from families regarding the timing of the beginning of the year scheduling for our synchronous remote learning program, we began planning for semester enrollment changes early in November. Understanding that possible changes to our Health and Safety Plan related to masking may influence a family's decision to enroll in synchronous remote learning, we sent families a short questionnaire to complete for each child enrolled in the District to help us plan for possible staffing and schedule changes for the second semester. Understanding also that some families may have concerns related to masking changes, but may not want to switch to remote learning, we used the questionnaire responses related to mask preference to help us better plan for classroom level modifications to accommodate all families.

In response to the questionnaire, our principals and counselors reached out to all families who indicated that they were interested in synchronous remote learning at the time when masks become optional in the school setting. Our principals worked to adjust second semester schedules and/or classroom assignments and to allow these students to move to into our synchronous learning program at the point in time when masks become optional in our schools.

While the purpose of our questionnaire was to allow staff to prepare for semester schedule changes, remote learning enrollment changes, classroom level accommodations, and technology needs, some families have requested the summary results of the questionnaire. The summary results are below:

The Parents/Guardians of 29.3% (1155 of 3937) of District students did not respond to the Questionnaire.

The Parents/Guardians of 30.4% (1198 of 3937) of District students responded that they prefer that masks continue to be required in the school setting.

The Parents/Guardians of 40.2% (1584 of 3937) of District students responded that in the absence of a State or Federal mask mandate, they prefer that masks are optional in the school setting.

The Parents/Guardians of 24 District students responded that their child was already enrolled in a remote option.

The Parents/Guardians of 141 District students responded that in the event that masks become optional in the school setting they would likely switch their child to Synchronous Remote Learning for the second semester.