

Last question on Parent/Guardian Survey: What can the district do to help you during this pandemic?

of respondents: 368

Please note: Because these answers were in an open-response format, with no limit to length, many responses included a variety of comments. Comments have been tallied based upon how many respondents noted the same type/theme of comment, and are ordered from most common to least common by # of responses.

In addition, parents/guardians were asked to complete one survey for each student they have in the district, so respondents may have copied and pasted their open responses multiple times.

- Continue with mitigation measures (masking, screening, distancing, disinfecting, PPE)/don't lower restrictions/follow CDC guidelines/keep masks; keep all current mitigations to keep schools open and keep kids in school: 55 respondents
- Masking/quarantining should be optional or family/individual choice, not mandated: 46
- End all COVID mitigation mandates, return district to normal/pre-pandemic operations: 40
- End masking: 36
- Appreciative of mitigation work/plan/staff: 28
- Focus on education/academics and combatting learning loss: 24
- Listen to CDC/medical expert/science recommendations, rather than listen to parent opinion on health matters: 18
- Continue to inform/communicate with parents; give parents more information; keep information consistent & frequent: 17
- Stop wearing masks in PE/masks optional in PE: 13
- Stop segregating students/discriminating against staff/students based on vaccination status: 12
- Stop "kowtowing" to handful of people who show up at school board meetings/stop listening to loudest at board meetings; realize that those who visit the school board meetings do not represent the majority of parents: 12
- Don't base risk level on community population/set risk levels based on schools: 11
- Better/more communication between schools, teachers, and parents: 9
- Listen to parents/students/community: 8
- Require vaccinations of all staff and students: 8
- Younger students/speech-impaired students/Special Education students need to see faces and facial expressions to learn: 7
- Continue Test-to-Stay and free testing within the school: 7
- Bring back fun extracurricular activities/programs/social opportunities and fundraisers at schools: 6
- Allow parent volunteers/visitors in schools: 6
- Considering pulling students from in-school learning and homeschooling: 6
- Stop overreacting to COVID-19/living in fear/ end fear mongering: 6
- Lead by example/concerned that schools/staff members aren't following the mitigation plan: 5
- Keep kids safe; focus on student safety: 5
- COVID mandates negatively affect kids' social development and peer interaction: 4
- Hold in-person conferences (even if we have to wear masks to do it): 5
- Continue to be flexible and change with current conditions: 4
- Teachers are great about reaching out to us: 3
- End the Start Strong Committee: 3
- Stop being so secretive; transparency: 3

- Eliminate COVID Communications Director position; use money for student services: 3
- Stop testing: 2
- Free breakfast and lunch are great; please continue: 2
- Don't push vaccines on kids and staff: 2
- Educate staff and families on current mental health trends, solutions, and services: 2
- Take the time to make informed decisions; be smart, not quick: 2
- Focus on keeping up student morale/student emotional needs: 2
- Have mandatory masking at substantial and high risk levels: 2
- Give one-on-one help to students who are struggling: 2
- Provide opportunities for students to talk with professional counselors or psychologists: 2
- Provide more FastTrack resources: 1
- Have in-person graduation: 1
- Upset about the November 17th decision: 1
- Emotional trauma is caused by not having activities/spectators the way it was before the pandemic: 1
- Keep students and teachers safe: 1
- Provide summer school for students who have missed school due to health-related absences: 1
- Educate students on good hygiene, health, and ways to boost immune systems: 1
- Limited interaction is taking a toll on students: 1
- Give students more mask breaks: 1
- Adhere to mitigation plan, don't change the plan whenever district wants: 1
- Post free breakfast menu: 1
- Open up playgrounds before school at elementary levels: 1
- We are handicapping kids, who aren't susceptible to COVID, to protect ourselves: 1
- Use all-natural cleaners when deep cleaning: 1
- Be transparent in decision making: 1
- Don't use school site as vaccination clinics: 1
- Come up with one source of information; every school is saying and doing different things: 1
- At substantial and high risk levels, allow visitors if they take antigen tests at the door: 1
- Set up phone tree for someone to call and check on students who are quarantining: 1
- Offer after-school programs or online educational support: 1
- Thank you for keeping kids in school: 1
- Require better masks; cloth masks aren't effective: 1
- Ensure all adults around kids are masked and vaccinated: 1
- Help with fun learning activities when kids are quarantined: 1
- Provide food and/or assistance for food during school year to those who don't trust food sources: 1
- Recognize natural immunity: 1
- School board should stop micromanaging: 1
- Encourage families to get vaccinated: 1
- Promote importance of physical activity: 1
- Send home learning supplies: 1
- Update the school computers: 1
- Opposed to the Test-to-Stay program because it allows exposed staff/students to remain in schools; test-to-stay program is discriminatory: 1
- Students in activities who are vaccinated and masked should be allowed to go shopping and go to restaurants: 1
- Those who are vaccinated are paying the price for those who didn't: 1

- Only send emails about risk levels when the level is going to change, not if it's staying the same: 1
- Provide students access to teachers before school to get help with academics: 1
- Removing masking will remove the only mitigation measure and will result in students/teachers missing school; this will negatively impact my child's learning: 1
- Offer vaccination clinics at schools: 1
- If the Start Strong Committee has a sunset date it needs to be replaced because this pandemic isn't over: 1
- Get rid of the early release day: 1
- Mandatory masking for unvaccinated: 1
- Wish the risk levels were easier to define. I'm not about to chase down numbers: 1
- Thank you for holding CCCC basketball tournament, can we please have a prom and graduation in our huge gymnasium with extended family in attendance? Happy to wear a mask to make it happen: 1
- Employees and visitors should wear masks at all times: 1
- My child doesn't mind wearing a mask; it's no big deal: 1
- Stop calling it a pandemic; it's a common cold: 1
- Isolate the infected and don't penalize all: 1
- The COVID updates from the school district scare us: 1
- Only update/notify parents if there's a closure or significant change in daily routine: 1
- Make unvaccinated staff/students test regularly: 1
- Ensure children are able to attend school. Current plan negatively impacts students by requiring extensive quarantines and a lot of missed classroom learning: 1
- Make COVID test results mandatory to be shown; don't accept parents' word that kids tested: 1
- Everyone who's been exposed should have mandatory quarantine: 1
- Continue with the anonymous surveys to all parents. A lot of us do not attend school board meetings because of very outspoken crowd that continues to take over the school board meetings: 1
- If visiting the school require vaccination: 1
- Our children's safety should be the top priority of the school board and staff and it does not feel like this is the case. As covid numbers continue to go up, the conversation should not be about taking away safety measures: 1
- Go back to old school lunches, instead of everything being pre-packaged: 1
- I am concerned about kids who have to miss school repeatedly for exposures. Especially families with multiple children. It can't continue: 1
- Send out a newsletter with parent concerns on both side of the issue, then explain why the school board chooses to take the actions they do. There is so much muddled information: 1
- Consider a transportation option for students who are 11 o'clock students at Revilla: 1
- Offer free breakfast every day at Revilla: 1
- Provide additional resources to students who are missing school days after being identified as being a close contact to someone who has tested positive in the school. I feel my child falls behind with the learning every time she/ he has to quarantine. Chrome book does not replace a day of learning: 1
- No masks outdoors: 1
- I would like to see the district advocate for teachers in the face of public opinion that continues to question the integrity of our ability to educate students. I am not so much concerned with masks as I am repairing the damage done. Children are disconnected, have no personal responsibility for their education, and low public opinion from parents. This is a greater risk than covid at this point: 1
- Stay the course. Let's re-evaluate this summer.