

If you answered 'No' To Hybrid, Why?

	4 hours a week is not worth the risk for my child or family			
	Of course, the answer to that is no: what would work for my family is not having a deadly pandemic swirling around the world :) I really feel like whatever works best for the teachers and what they think is best for the kids is what I would support.			
	Not enough time at school			
	Yes, but it's the worst of both worlds			
	if we have to, I think we can make it work.			
	If it's all that is made available, then ok. We want more though.			
	We are in a worldwide pandemic. I don't expect things to "work well". People are dying. I support the schools and the teachers to make the best decision for everyone			
	It's better than what we have now but not very helpful			
	Better than nothing			
	yes but it's not enough in person time. Middle schoolers need ride to school			
	We could make it work but we have older kids and obviously not ideal when we're both working			
	It really doesn't feel like it's worth it for such a small number of hours.			
	We can make it work but it is less than optimal			
	It is not ideal, but we would choose to do it if nothing else is offered.			
	We can make it work, however it is not addressing the massive learning loss our kids are experiencing. They need in person instruction time. period.			
	it sucks, but it's better than screen addiction school full time			
	It's not enough in-person on-campus learning time.			
	The safety protocols were established in relation to the original virus. I don't feel reassured that they will work for the more transmissible variants so will keep my kids home.			
	It is better than nothing, but given that public health officials say schools can be opened safely by masking, handwashing, and proper ventilation, I don't understand why a model with so little in person learning is being offered. Just follow the public health guidelines and reopen. It's been a full year since the schools closed. You've had plenty of time to figure out a plan to reopen.			
	Not enough! But better than nothing			
	Would prefer waiting for a COVID reduction and vaccination program for kids also			
	it will only because it is better than online if offered but we want schools fully open			
	it could, but we would prefer more in person time			
	yes we would take it but don't think it's enough time.			
	We would do this if offered, but prefer more			
	I'll make it happen if it's the only option, but I'm not psyched. I'd rather more.			
	yes this works but as an interim step in the process to open schools fully			
	Not great but I would take it over 100% online			
	It depends. It depends on schedule. It depends on what you offer. If nothing else than it's better than nothing			
	It works if one parent can take the kids			
	I don't understand the question			
	I prefer to keep my child in distance learning at this point of the pandemic			
	Inconvenient and barely worth the hassle, but would attend if it were instruction hours with their current teacher.			
	We are in a worldwide pandemic. I don't expect things to "work well". People are dying. I support the schools and the teachers to make the best decision for everyone			
	we will make it work if that's the only option, but that is NOT our preferred option - we would like the schools to reopen 5 days a week as it is safe to do so per CDC's instruction			
	Depends on how case rates are in the community for us, and if all teachers are vaccinated.			
	Better than nothing			
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	depends on the days			
	Better than nothing			
	I am not in favor of returning to in person learning before vaccines are widespread and new cases are much lower, including new strains that are emerging.			
	Probably. But chaotic schedule			

	Not our preference, but we will make it work if need be.			
	We are flexible but the hybrid is stupid.			
	I'll take whatever in-person school we can get, would prefer more.			
	Honestly, we would take it if it was the only thing on offer. But it is pretty measly. It would not serve much educational benefit and would mainly be a social outlet-- which is tremendously important, of course. But I wouldn't say it "works" for us. That suggests that it is something we would welcome and appreciate.			
	No, in fact, it makes things worse.			
	We can make it work, however it is not addressing the massive learning loss our kids are experiencing. They need in person instruction time. period.			
	Mornings better but will take anything			
	Not great but I would take it over 100% online			
	Better then non but not enough			
	What is this?			
	It works, but it would challenging,. We would much prefer for the schools to reopen, but anything will be better that the current situation...			
	It would work but is not the best solution!			

Did you incur any out-of-pocket expenses to support distance learning for your kids?

	No			
	besides me not working?! no			
	chromebooks			
	tech			
	None			
	no			
	MTRW for teaching math			
	no			
	None, why is none not an offered choice?			
	No			
	None			
	No			
	No we are managing fine			
	none			
	We have been fortunate, I know many others that aresn't as fortunate			
	None			
	None			
	Counseling			
	No			
	She attends a Trackers program on the weekends to get some socialization and outdoor time			
	None			
	We need tutoring but can't afford it.			
	we moved our IEP learner to in-person private school. now we are witnessing the damage zoom school is doing to our "normal" learners			
	family members chipping in to tutor subjects			
	music tutor			
	no			
	No			
	No			
	My children don't normally need therapy, but because of distance learning and the huge shortage of providers, we are paying out of pocket for therapy to support multiple emotional and behavioral issues that have arisen during distance learning. I anticipate that we will spend much more going forward to try to address the screen addiction that my children are experiencing while they try to keep themselves occupied as we, their parents, try to work full time jobs.			
	none			
	none			
	none			
	No			
	None			
	None			
	No			
	private therapy			
	city if Berkeley recreation program.			
	None			
	Wish we had for 4th grader			
	therapy			
	none			
	our child suffered from mental health issues associated with social isolation and we had to put her on independent study and as parents we had to take over all academic instruction until her mental health was in a more stable place			
	One child is having major mental health crisis since shelter in place started and jo participating in regular enrollment at the time			
	Counseling			
	therapy, physical activity outings			
	my spouse has had to cut back her hours for our partnership in our business dramatically to assist our children			
	exercise and sports			
	PE teacher			
	My children have all been attending extra curricular activities: sports, arts, language, etc. (which they would do anyway) but have taken on great significance since this is the only socio emotional interactions they have and provides an opportunity for physical activity and away from screen time. Between my 3 children baseball, gymnastics, boys scouts, swimming, theater camp, not a single instance of transmission or notification of a COVID notification.			
	None			

	Additional classes as Berkeley's offerings with distance learning woefully inadequate			
	None			
	Extra classes to keep them engsged			
	No not during distance learning.			
	Other (please specify)			
	No			
	No additional services needed			
	none			
	needed to send toddler to fulltime childcare, needed computers			
	MTRW for teaching math			
	none			
	nothing			
	None			
	None			
	none			
	n/a			
	No			
	None			
	No			
	none			
	NONE			
	No			
	Childcare			
	we had to buy computers for our kids, get a new modem and buy desks			
	No			
	no			
	therapy for both kids			
	I've had to work less to 'police' my kids' learning			
	Mental health counseling			
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	None			
	No			
	We are paying a math tutor 100 per week because in school they did not finish the curriculum last year and they are only covering half this year. In 8th grade English, they have not even read a novel together. Just 3 short stories. I'm appalled. I teach at an independent school and I teach the full curriculum. I keep the regular schedule. Students tell me that they really appreciate that we do real learning. I use films, podcasts, reading and regular old exercises. I stay online (we are in hybrid so there are also kids in class) and I look at their work, answer questions. I think that kids need their teacher present while they work and kids think so too!			
	No			
	Psychiatric services (2 of 3kids)			
	No			

Open Text Response Opportunity in Survey

	Comments
	two thoughts on this survey: 1) I'm sure you have smart research design folks on your team so you're well aware of what I'm about to say, but just to say it: it's impossible to draw any conclusions from a survey and survey process like this since those people who get and want to answer this survey are not necessarily reflective of a typical BUSD parent. 2) I appreciate your asking about what models we'd recommend the schools adopt, but honestly as a parent — not a teacher or administrator — I think I'm in a terrible position to answer that. From my experience, we have incredibly thoughtful and dedicated teachers and staff and union leaders who are doing their best to figure out how to protect our community in unprecedented circumstances. So my answer to that question is really *whatever the teachers want and think is best for the kids and our kids' families, I'm for that!
	We think that online schooling heavily affect physical and mental health of our kids as well as family normal life, the way how online schools go now is better than nothing related to instructions and homework but they will never substitute normal offline schools and never will work as it should. Online schools kill the future of our kids.
	I support the district song what it needs to reopen safely. I know a lot of parents are clamoring for "reopen now" or similar, but I don't agree. with them. Yes, this is hard for our family. Distance learning works well (really well, actually!) for our 6th grader, but our 1st grader is definitely struggling. However-even still- I think that is better to play it safe and wait. I sunny think a full re-opening like a lot of people are pushing is at all realistic, for a lot of reasons. Our family is supportive of the hybrid models being proposed. We would also support a permanent change where some families un middle/elementary can elect permanent independent study (In aware this was always an option for the high school, but why not Adlai make it an option for middle and elementary? I knew we're not the only family with a child who is actually excelling with the independence offered by the distance learning. We'd seriously consider keeping up with remote/independent study for our middle school child even when schools are more opened up. For our 1st grader we will be looking forward to re-opening, but again we're not in the camp that seems to be looking to rush it. We agree that caution is prudent. Thank you.
	Schools need to open as soon as possible on for many reasons but one of them is to be sure that we can have practice before going back full-time in the fall.
	I feel schools should open once more people get the vaccine. We are so close just wait a little longer to be safe. I understand kids need more live interactions but at the risk of my life it's not worth it.
	for our family, keeping the same teachers is more important than having kids be on campus
	<p>The questions on this survey are biased and assume that being a parent of your own child provides you with as much knowledge about the education system as professionals with years of experience in public education in the service of all families and kids. Many families won't answer or even get this survey because it is aimed at and tailored for a specific audience.</p> <p>You seem to forget that many people have lost their job or had to quit because there is a pandemic, not just because schools are closed. Also, there are obvious health inequality and a systemic lack of healthcare. Families, especially mothers, have been short changed for a longtime. Children have been betrayed. We are all angry, but blaming other mothers (teachers) isn't the answer. We have to help get each other through this first. The public education infrastructure in California has been defunded for decades. When we systematically defund a critical infrastructure, like education, I'm afraid we have to reap what we sow when schools don't have the resources to respond as fast as you would like to support your individual needs during a crisis. Politicians don't want to tell you the systemic underfunding might cause a problem in a crisis, they prefer to offer you tax cuts now. It's just so much more popular. Too bad actions and decisions have consequences. This is hard. Everyone has to do their part and when it is over we are going to have to repair the holes that we have been able to ignore for so long. It's all of us in this together. Looking for someone to blame (schools) or someone to save you (teachers) isn't really helpful. What parents need are parental leave options and work place accommodations for families with young kids. Schools shouldn't be asked to provide a second mother who will sacrifice their health for our children. As a society we need to do better. Shifting the blame onto the teachers and then thinking they can solved the problem, isn't the answer.</p>
	Teachers are starting to get vaccinations, but they don't have to show they are teaching in-person in order to be prioritized. I think if teachers get to jump the queue it should be because they plan to teach in person.

	Comments
	As a parent that is an essential worker and work for BUSD I would rather wait until Fall to have my kids start school. This is not an easy decision because I see the need for my kids to be in school although they receive perfect grades with distance learning.
	Vaccination of teachers and then families is paramount to returning. This is hard but I'm not willing to risk anyone in my family becoming sick. I also don't want to flip mid semester into a different learning style.
	Please open the schools safely according to CDC guidelines.
	my kids usually keep video on, but turn it off when most other students do, because it's awkward for them to be on of only a couple kids with video on.
	I want to know the district's plans for middle and high school, as now it seems they have no plan. Kids are languishing - almost no physical movement, mental frustration & stagnation, almost no social interaction, motivation in the dumps. I need to know they have a solid plan!
	This has become untenable on a social and emotional level. It doesn't make sense and defies logic why they can't go back.
	We should have started in-person school in August/September 2020. We could have have a.m. and p.m. shifts or one day on and one day off to reduce density . We need creativity and recognition that we are all in this together.
	We are desperate to resume some sense of normalcy for the kids.
	Schools need to reopen. There is no justification for not going back at this point, and it is unconscionable for the union to be taking the position it is. We are seriously considering leaving Berkeley because of this.
	My kids need i person classes the online is not for them their grades are very low now and why are casinos open and their school
	I am very concerned by the distance learning curriculum and lack of live instructional time. My kids are left to do too much independently. Even with hiring outside tutors that cost a small fortune (and I recognize that we are the lucky ones to be able to do so), their grades are slipping, they have lost all inspiration to do their best. My 3rd grader has never struggled in school and she is struggle a great amount with math. She is left to do math on her own, using poorly designed online math "games", that she doesn't understand how to even play. By the time she (or in many cases I) figure out how the program works, the allotted math time is up, and she's racing to move on to the next a-synchronous activity. This school year has been a complete disaster for all 3 of our kids and my husband and I are extremely worried about what this will mean for them in the years to come. Especially our older two, in 6th and 8th grade now.
	THANK YOU FOR THIS SURVEY - PLEASE MAKE SURE THE SCHOOL BOARD SEES IT!!
	This was our first year of public school. My daughter attends a small independent school in Berkeley through 6th grade; her younger brother is still attending that same school in person. Our plan was that this year she would repeat 6th grade in order to transition successfully to public school, middle school, and a new peer group. She has never met a single classmate in person and is isolated and depressed. We are considering moving her back to private school for next year; she has friends at Park Day who are attending in person and thriving.
	Thanks for doing this. It makes infinitely more sense than the terribly designed BUSD surveys. Nothing is doing more damage to the future of support for public education than to not provide it in its proper setting now that public health authorities have said it's safe to do so and in the face of the massive well- and depressingly-documented damage being wrought by remote learning. Betsy DeVos could not have devised a better scheme for undermining public education and propelling its privatization than the kamikaze course BUSD and BFT are embarked upon - one which flies in the face of their professed beliefs in equity and inclusion.
	I am primarily interested in securing a hard deadline to get middle and high schools open full time, 5 days a week in fall. I am concerned that this deadlock will continue through the spring and summer and no progress will be made toward a full reopening. I also would like to see a really robust outdoor learning program take place on school campuses ASAP, including outdoor PE, gardening, sports, and clubs, and even perhaps outdoor group discussions/labs for academic classes. This would go a long way toward mitigating the social isolation while maintaining safety.

	Comments
	My middle school child's state test scores in math were horrible. I've reached out to her math teacher many times this year about my concerns and it is clear the school will not provide additional support. It's unacceptable to me that my child should be 2 grade levels behind in math. I'm being forced to look for private schools because I'm so worried about this.
	I am exhausted. I am trying to work full time and take care of my kids. It is untenable.
	What is so different in Berkeley that the BUSD and the Unions can't open schools now (as they have failed in October)? Other schools, entire countries are open with higher prevalence, no push back from unions. Schools are safe.
	Thank you for doing this!
	thank you
	<p>I have has email correspondence with Brent Stephens and Matt Meyer, along with our school principals & PTAs. Today I followed up with this email - here's an excerpt: "I understand the myriad of challenges Covid-19 poses to public schools and BUSD in particular. To be clear, the care and dedication my family has experienced with BUSD teachers, school principals and administrators has been exemplary. But our kids who choose to be in class, need to be in class. Let that be our most important goal moving forward: to serve our Berkeley Public School children in the classroom.</p> <p>As a parent of BUSD students, I have shown patience and understanding. But it's not limitless. Starting the Fall 2021 term at the very latest, I'm expecting that families who choose to send their children to in-person classroom instruction will have the ability to do so five days a week. I'm counting on you to make that happen.</p>
	Questions 14 and 15 would have different answers for my middle school student. These were answered related to my 4th grader.
	I think through all of this, THE MOST IMPORTANT thing to hear, that we haven't, is what the individual school sites have done to increase health and safety. And what, will hybrid learning actually look like at those school sites.
	It was a struggle to adjust initially to distance learning but we are managing fine right now. I am not in a hurry to return my children to in-person schooling until the teachers are vaccinated and the schools are ready. Also, a note about your question regarding the amount of live teaching and the question about amount of homework and schoolwork are just for one student. My fourth grader does not get enough work and my seventh grader gets way too much work. Consider adjusting your survey to capture more accurate and precise responses from families with students of different grades.
	None of the surveys by BUSD or this one give an option for prioritizing options based on teachers. We would like to do whatever keeps our children's teachers and class cohorts stable but especially keeping the same teachers! For us continuity is most important for this school year.
	My family is lucky in that we can manage at home with distance learning. I understand that that's not the case for many families so I support a return to school for families and teachers who feel that they can take on the risk involved. I just hope a robust remote learning option will remain in place for the those who don't feel safe returning to campus.
	Getting teachers who volunteer into the classroom can be an effective way to demonstrate that the safety protocols in place are working. I would place a really high priority on working with teachers who volunteer and then rigorously following safety guidelines so those teachers feel safe and can share their experiences with the teachers union and with their colleagues.
	Bring kids to school!!!!!!
	My middle schoolers mental health is a serious concern to me. She really needs to be around other people. I feel both kids education has dropped this year
	Current distance learning is a joke with minimum supervision and homework assignment, especially Wednesdays with just one hour of tuition.
	Thanks!
	We need to vaccinate the children
	why are you asking this? we all know teachers' union has BUSD by the b**lls and parents have no say. BUSD never honestly listens to parents or students, anyway.

	Comments
	Back to school now please!!
	we must, as a community listen to science and reject fear and mis-information - reject absolutism and the notion that everything must be perfect, vaccinate the teachers now and get our kids back to learning in person
	No questions included for high school which would have been useful as options for BHS are rarely discussed
	I am extremely concerned about my children's social/emotional growth, including potential suicidal ideation. The potential for my 11th grader to head to a 4 year college has disappeared b/c of his disconnection from school and peers. There is a lot of sadness, anger and frustration in our home right now.
	Thank you for doing this. I am concerned about the fall. I am also concerned with the unions stance that teachers cannot teach live and on zoom at the same time. They can! It's being done in places. We didn't ask them to do it this year, but if this is the only viable solution to get kids in school full time next year they absolutely must be willing to do this.
	At the very least offer instruction on Wednesdays. Kids need to be in school 5 not 4 days per week
	Kids need to be back in school by the fall, full time. The district and union have 7 months to get this figured out. If they don't, people of means will leave the district and erase all the progress of the past 10plus years. The unions, the teachers, the city, and the district will all lose.
	The unions need to follow the science. The current situation is harming kids and the school system more than Covid. I know many amazing families who have left BUSD and probably won't come back. Things must change now before even more leave.
	I don't think the schools need to wait for all teachers to be vaccinated or offered the vaccine on an individual basis, but they should open when the vaccine is generally available to all teachers.
	Open the schools in some capacity before the end of the year. It is paramount for our kids' social, emotional, and academic well-being. Transparency between what the union is asking is also key to calming parents' concerns. The lack of information is causing stress for parent communities and creating a union backlash.
	I want my 4th grader to keep her teacher. My other child is not in shape to return to school due to serious mental health impact of shut down. I hope BUSD will plan thoughtfully for kids to be able to rejoin in person school if they have had a particularly hard time in quarantine. Also, I wish they would postpone changes in middle school assignment process for future years so we can focus and prioritize return to school. I am sad and angry about administrative leadership at BUSD, and I believe that good leadership, planning, and parent/family and teacher education is key to families and teachers being comfortable with in person instruction. We are seeing this in hospitals where healthcare workers sometimes refuse the vaccine when offered without an education process, but if the hospital administrators make a effort to provide clear and critical information, many more workers are willing to be vaccinated. Education, planning and leadership all matter!
	My kids need i person classes the online is not for them their grades are very low now and why are casinos open and their school
	we hope the conversation turns from fear and mis- information to that of listening to science along with concerns and ideas from BUSD
	Please open the schools
	We cannot let our middle and high school students stay lock out if elementary returns. Imagine how terrible it will be to young people's already fragile psyche to have everyone back to normal, except them.
	I'd love for my child to go back to school ASAP without being required to wear a mask or "social distance" as there is insufficient evidence that wearing a mask can have a significant impact in preventing the spread of the virus. On the contrary, the mere fact, that everybody wearing a mask has a reduced oxygen intake, airway resistance and carbon dioxide accumulation which can lead to headaches, hypoxia and even a secondary bacterial infection from wearing these rags in front of their beautiful faces every day is frightening. Our children need to go back to school and be able to socialize without any conditions. The cure can not be worse than the potential threat.

	Comments
	I don't understand why the union is taking an all or nothing approach. Some or many of the teachers would return now but they aren't being given the chance to voluntarily come back. Similarly I don't like the narrative that parents aren't capable of making informed choices about what is best for their own families and therefore somehow need to be protected from choosing to send their children back to school.
	I just want to let you know that I see every day how struggling my kids at home. My 7 grade daughter refused to go outside, even for a walk. She doesn't do any exercises at all except for PE classes inside her small airless room. She stuck with her gadgets for 24/7. She hardly has a connection with her friends. And I don't even talk about quality of knowledge they getting (specially elementary school kids. My 2 grader got zero knowledge this year). My employee UC Berkeley changed my schedule and now 2 days a week my two kids stay at home by themselves! I have nobody who can take care of them during these hours. BUSD must bring kids back in classes before they irredeemably get damaged emotionally and physically. For those parents who wants to keep kids at home there is an homeschooling option always available.
	Please re-open schools ASAP! Our children used to love school/excell, not are pretty negative about it with distance learning, assignments slipping, really NEGATIVELY impacting them. Other schools have shown we can be back in class safely, it's a travesty that teachers union is so dig in against re-opening, clearly showing their priority is NOT the students.
	I didn't understand all the options listed on the ranked-choice question for elementary, so I don't feel confident in my ranking. What I would like is for my kids to have at least SOME time on campus with friends and teachers. I'm comfortable with health officer guidelines, and I support the move to vaccinate teachers, though it doesn't seem like an essential step before schools can reopen.
	We are so desperate to have our kids in school (the mental health impacts were severe for them) that we moved abroad in November to get them into school in person. We did not want to leave BUSD and are waiting to come home. We will come back as soon as schools open.
	My child needs more support bc he has dyslexia likely ADHD and has a 504. That said, Google Classroom has been very helpful in keeping him organized and fairly on top of his work. I do worry very much how next year will go and how far behind he will be / how difficult the adjustment to regular school again.
	Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?
	La pregunta 11 puse si y no me dejo mandar la encuesta , me pone que la pregunta 12 es obligatoria así que tuve que poner una respuesta que no es y la pregunta 9 no me dejo del todo elegir al momento de poner una respuesta no me dejo acomodarlas como yo quería
	let our high schoolers go back to school
	I would prefer not to answer question 10 and I think you should change the survey design not to require an answer. It's not really my provenance to say whether vaccines should be required. I think you will be able to manipulate this data and present it as a position that a parent doesn't actually hold; I was just forced into a yes or no answer. It is not a yes or no question.
	I am concerned that teachers are being scapegoated for what is a failure in response by our local and state government. The teachers have been working harder than ever and should be treated as heros. The district failed to use this crisis as an opportunity to invest in more teaching staff and use the creativity and innovation of the teachers to reimagine public education. The state and federal government should have put vaccinating teachers at the same priority of healthcare workers and provided real financial stability for all wage workers so that families could safely stay at home without fear of lost income. This year has been a disaster but not because of the teachers lack of courage, dedication and adaptability.
	I have kids attending elementary, middle, and BHS. I'd like elementary to open 5 days a week now and middle/HS to wait until Fall.
	Get rid of the teachers union.
	concerned the teachers union will require kids to get vaccinated before returning to school
	I appreciate that BUSD has been somewhat conservative in reopening schools. I believe that teacher, staff and student safety should take precedence over in-person classes.

	Comments
	Our kids need to be back in school. The unions need to listen to the experts on how to do this safely. The core basics of reading , writing , and math need to prioritized. Forget about sports and extracurricular until the fall.
	<p>The questions on this survey are biased and assume that being a parent of your own child provides you with as much knowledge about the education system as professionals with years of experience in public education in the service of all families and kids. Many families won't answer or even get this survey because it is aimed at and tailored for a specific audience.</p> <p>You seem to forget that many people have lost their job or had to quit because there is a pandemic, not just because schools are closed. Also, there are obvious health inequality and a systemic lack of healthcare. Families, especially mothers, have been short changed for a longtime. Children have been betrayed. We are all angry, but blaming other mothers (teachers) isn't the answer. We have to help get each other through this first. The public education infrastructure in California has been defunded for decades. When we systematically defund a critical infrastructure, like education, I'm afraid we have to reap what we sow when schools don't have the resources to respond as fast as you would like to support your individual needs during a crisis. Politicians don't want to tell you the systemic underfunding might cause a problem in a crisis, they prefer to offer you tax cuts now. It's just so much more popular. Too bad actions and decisions have consequences. This is hard. Everyone has to do their part and when it is over we are going to have to repair the holes that we have been able to ignore for so long. It's all of us in this together. Looking for someone to blame (schools) or someone to save you (teachers) isn't really helpful. What parents need are parental leave options and work place accommodations for families with young kids. Schools shouldn't be asked to provide a second mother who will sacrifice their health for our children. As a society we need to do better. Shifting the blame onto the teachers and then thinking they can solved the problem, isn't the answer.</p>
	I am all for opening schools but totally sympathize with teachers wanting to feel safe, especially the older ones. teachers should be some of the first to get vaccinated and there should also be strict guidelines for curbing the spread at school ie being outside, which I think we could do with our mild weather and not that we are looking at spring time. I also really wish some sports could be played this year especially baseball, tennis, golf or other easily distanced, outside sports. Soccer too seems like it could be played with masks.
	Please re-open the school. CDC says it is safe - why are you not following their guidelines? At this point, it is much more dangerous for the mental health of kids and their social development to keep the schools closed. Your obstinacy in keeping the schools closed is unjustified and quite scandalous as it is damaging children's health, widening the academic and socio-economic gap. Education is a right enshrined in the US Constitution - please do your job and re-open.
	Prioritize kids who are failing and who have IEPs! Unfortunately some of the squeakiest wheels are some of the most privileged families. This pandemic should be a real life lessons about community and looking out for others - not about what "MY "kid needs just because I can go to board meetings or write copy or survey s.
	Teachers are essential workers for our children.
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	I want to know the district's plans for middle and high school, as now it seems they have no plan. Kids are languishing - almost no physical movement, mental frustration & stagnation, almost no social interaction, motivation in the dumps. I need to know they have a solid plan!
	Thanks for working hard on this. I have more concerns for low income kids than for my own child.
	The district needs to step up activity to get ready! Middle and high schools must be attended to just like elementary
	Teachers are essential workers for our children.
	Please open schools. It is being done safely in Marin public schools and in Berkeley private schools. Our kids need more.
	We are desperate to resume some sense of normalcy for the kids.

	Comments
	With my middle and high school students I am concerned that my kids will not see the inside of school AT ALL this school year. I appreciate your doing a survey, though remember it will be skewed to families already interested in opening school in person, since they are on the BUSDParents list to begin with. This survey is not the same as if it were done by BUSD and sent to all BUSD families. Results from surveying this group will differ from results of BUSD families as a whole.
	Thanks for doing this survey. Our 8th grader really needs to see his friends and teachers and return to the level of engagement and academic challenge we hope in-person school can offer. Even though our situation is not impossible - because we can work from home and our kid is old enough to work independently - this is hard for us because our son hates school now. I'm afraid that will be a permanent thing. It's a waste of all the great work Berkeley teachers have put in to build trust and ambition with their students if they all just check out of caring about school now, and I don't think it has to be this way. I'm concerned for the health of teachers and staff but I believe the research that says safe in-person instruction is possible if the school gets the resources it needs. I think the fact that elementary students are not back already is a huge equity problem, especially since private schools are open now. I don't know what has to happen to get teachers and staff vaccinated but think that should be a priority for the state.
	Teachers union beyond disappointing.
	Please get the kids back to school. My kids are not learning and their mental health is suffering. We are ready to mortgage our home to get my kids in school out of busd.
	The damage being done to our kids will haunt them for the rest of their lives.
	I am very concerned by the distance learning curriculum and lack of live instructional time. My kids are left to do too much independently. Even with hiring outside tutors that cost a small fortune (and I recognize that we are the lucky ones to be able to do so), their grades are slipping, they have lost all inspiration to do their best. My 3rd grader has never struggled in school and she is struggle a great amount with math. She is left to do math on her own, using poorly designed online math "games", that she doesn't understand how to even play. By the time she (or in many cases I) figure out how the program works, the allotted math time is up, and she's racing to move on to the next a-synchronous activity. This school year has been a complete disaster for all 3 of our kids and my husband and I are extremely worried about what this will mean for them in the years to come. Especially our older two, in 6th and 8th grade now.
	Our high-schooler and middle-schooler are incredibly depressed, their entire social lives revolve around school and I'm worried about their immediate and long-term mental health if school doesn't open. If BUSD can meet the basic terms of safety specified by the CDC to open schools but doesn't open, it's sacrificing our kids' mental and physical health for no justified reason. Our kids have a basic right to actual, in-person public education as long as health authorities deem it safe. There's no excuse, BUSD/ COB need to be held accountable.
	I lost my job just before the pandemic and have been unable to get a new one. If I was employed, having my children learning at home would have been a lot harder. One thing that I'm not seeing discussed is that how many families (my own included) are having to carve out spaces in very small homes for that allow multiple people to work & learn with some degree of privacy. It's almost impossible in our 2-bed apartment.
	please put something in place this year so that we can be ready for five days a week at the beginning of fall 2021. We have to try this now so we know what the bumps are. Other school districts in other states are managing with great low numbers for Covid kids are not the problem let's listen to the science and go to school with masks the longer it takes the less the kids are gonna wanna go back and for the kids at risk this is of utmost importance
	I don't understand why the union is taking an all or nothing approach. Some or many of the teachers would return now but they aren't being given the chance to voluntarily come back. Similarly I don't like the narrative that parents aren't capable of making informed choices about what is best for their own families and therefore somehow need to be protected from choosing to send their children back to school.
	I am primarily interested in securing a hard deadline to get middle and high schools open full time, 5 days a week in fall. I am concerned that this deadlock will continue through the spring and summer and no progress will be made toward a full reopening. I also would like to see a really robust outdoor learning program take place on school campuses ASAP, including outdoor PE, gardening, sports, and clubs, and even perhaps outdoor group discussions/labs for academic classes. This would go a long way toward mitigating the social isolation while maintaining safety.

	Comments
	Kids life should be at school. So many countries and cities and private schools have reopened last fall, safely! It's a shame BUSD schools are still closed. I'm angry and sad because kids get isolated while elsewhere they're not. I feel strong injustice.
	My family is alarmed that BUSD has shown no interest in the mental health of its students during the pandemic. The district's expectation that teenagers should spend all day staring at a screen isolated in their rooms doing homework for 10+ months is lunacy. Meanwhile, the stance of the Teachers Union that "teaching in person will kill teachers" is anti-science, informed by flat-earth-style fake news and fueled by emotional hysteria. Worst of all, their ignorance putting our children's mental and social-emotional health at risk. BUSD officials need to be the adults here and safely reopen schools— a step already okayed by state and local official health officials. There is no excuse to do otherwise.
	I'm opposed to the two hour two afternoon hybrid because I don't think it offers enough value to be worth it — just adds complexity without significant advantage.
	As I stated, I am an teacher at an independent school. We moved my daughter from BUSD to my school because of BUSD's lack of organization and the horrible experience last year. Honestly, teachers need to keep the schedule and have 'class' while students do work. 'Asynch' work is a JOKE.
	I am VERY concerned for the mental health of my children and their social development. Online interaction cannot replace in-person interaction. They need to see people, make new friends, re-connect with previous friends, form bonds that can only grow stronger through daily interaction. I am afraid their ability to relate to people is underdeveloped, this include their capability to empathize, adapt, be altruistic. I can teach them these value, but they need to be able to apply them in their life in order to really learn them..
	Thank you for advocating for our kids. This isolation is deeply harmful to their emotional wel being and healthy growth
	Thank you for asking the right questions!
	DATA shows teacher vaccination not needed to return to live teaching safely. So many others go to jobs every day, it is astonishing the teachers don't see themselves as essential workers. Give them kn95s and get them in the classrooms, outside under tents...whatever it takes.
	We are so desperate to have our kids in school (the mental health impacts were severe for them) that we moved abroad in November to get them into school in person. We did not want to leave BUSD and are waiting to come home. We will come back as soon as schools open.
	The hybrid plan that the school is touting is woefully inadequate. The kids should be on campus full time five days a week now.