



Board of Education Special Meeting



June 29, 2020

Next year, we will be in-person as much as is possible. We will accomplish this by being flexible while staying safe.



Preparing **every student** for the **greatest success** in college, careers, and life.



Teaching, learning, and working together **in-person as much as possible.**

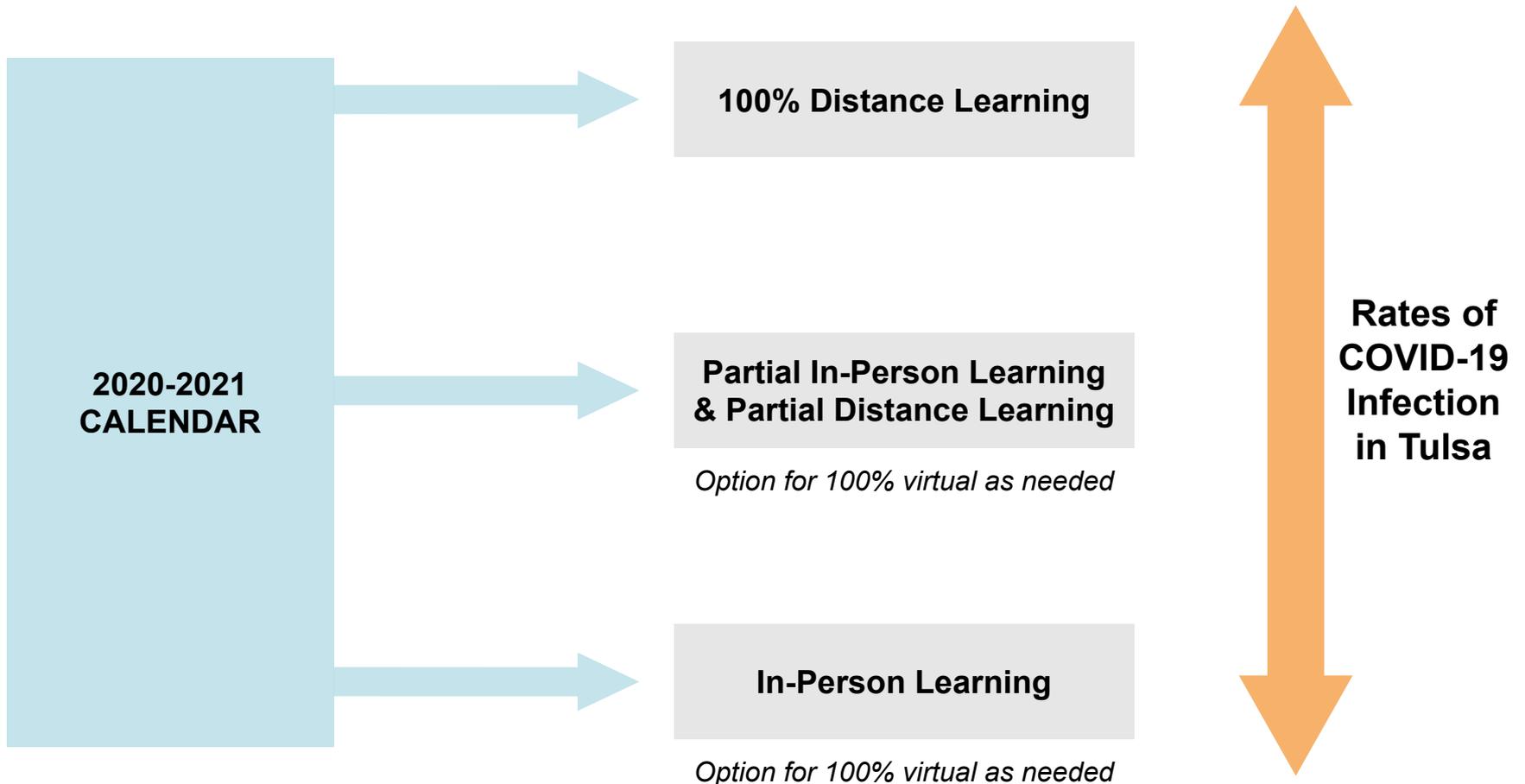


Planning and preparing for **flexibility** and the possibility of **periodic shifts to distance learning.**



Implementing **safety measures** aligned with current guidance from health experts.

We will plan for flexible scheduling options based on current health and safety guidance from the Tulsa Health Department.





Recommendations for 2020-2021 School Calendar

We identified guiding priorities for the calendar.

- **Best conditions for teaching and learning:** Maintaining instructional minutes and structures to serve our students and families
- **Built for flexibility:** The ability to shift easily from in-person, hybrid, and distance learning; includes a strategic balance of days and breaks across the year
- **Time for cleaning, training, collaboration, and planning:** Sufficient and well-timed opportunities for building and staff needs
- **Acceleration options:** Creating opportunities to accelerate students who need support the most
- **Clarity and stability for families and staff:** Clear and stable start date, end date, and break schedule

We used insights from our 13,500 community survey respondents.

Percent of respondents who answered that they would consider the following options:

Start the school year later (on or after Labor day) for safety and preparation	86%
Shorten the school week to allow for additional cleaning and preparation	81%
Split students into smaller groups that alternate between in person and distance learning	80%
Secondary: Offering alternative school times for students with other responsibilities	80%
Additional days for some students who need additional support	79%
Alternating in person and distance learning on different days of the week	74%
Alternating in person and distance learning on different weeks	70%
Spread out school days to allow for cleaning and distancing, ending in June/July	67%

Overview of recommended 2020-2021 school calendar

Start Date	August 31
End Date	June 8
Transition Options	Six opportunities to shift between in-person and distance learning
Length of the day	436 minutes
Instructional days	152 + 2 PT conference
Time for planning, cleaning, training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 days for summer training • Intersession options
Total Days of Breaks	36
Academic Support Options	6 intersessions (including ½ weeks)
Other Key Changes	All-district distance learning on Wednesdays

**100% Distance Learning
OR
Virtual School**

**Partial In-Person Learning & Partial Distance Learning
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Rates of COVID-19 Infection in Tulsa

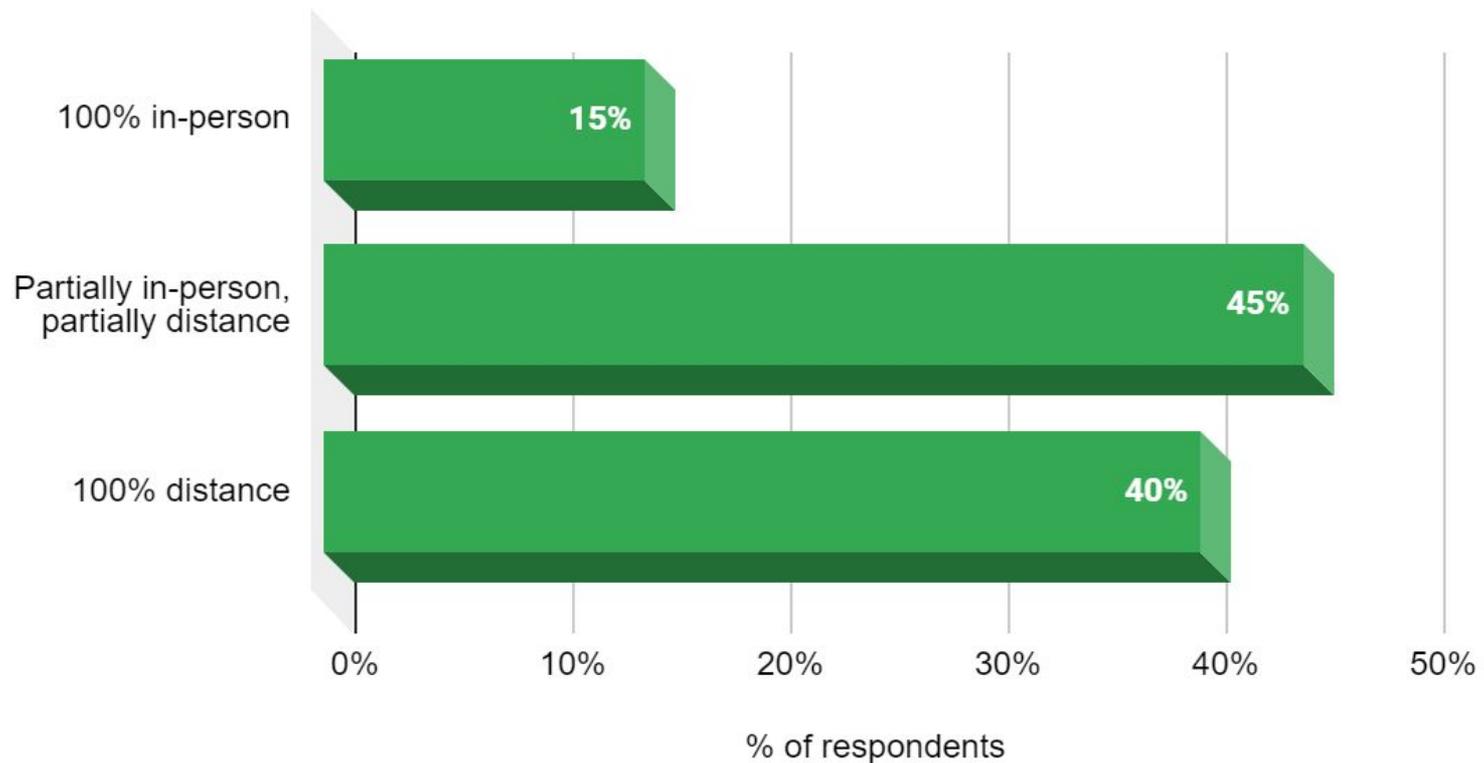
We asked for feedback from our teachers, staff, and community.

800
teachers

1,000
staff members

- AFT Local 6049
- Budget Advisory Group
- Community Advisory Council
- Superintendent's Teacher Cabinet
- Superintendent's Student Cabinet
- Tulsa Association of Elementary School Principals
- Tulsa Association of Secondary School Principals
- Tulsa Council of Parent Teacher Associations
- Tulsa Classroom Teachers Association

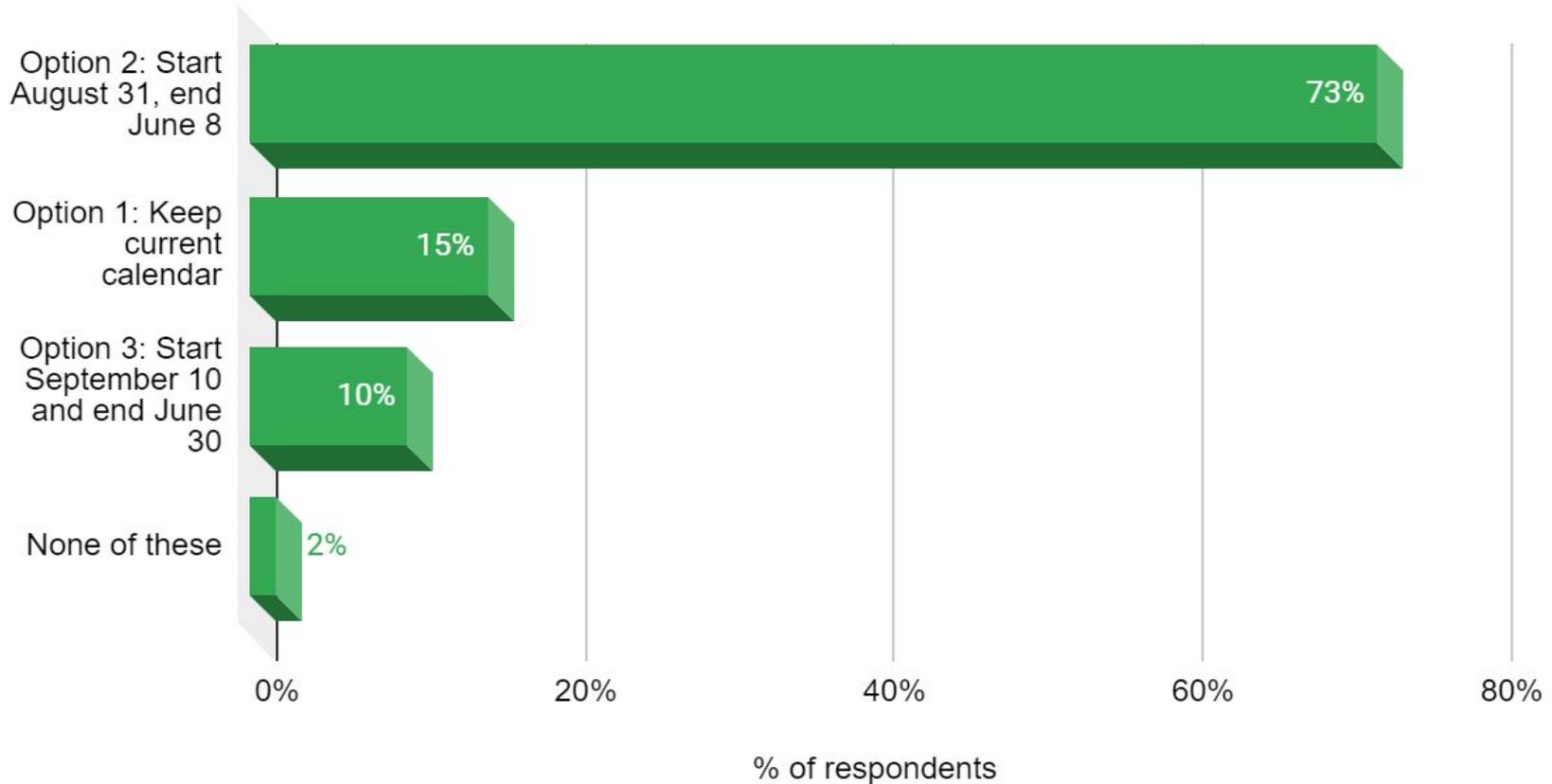
If school reopened today, the majority of respondents* believe that some distance learning would be necessary.



**Respondents include the ~1700 attendees from Teacher Cabinet/TCTA delegate, “all-teacher” and “all-staff” Zoom meetings, ~1200 of whom participated in electronic polling.*

73% of respondents* preferred the “Option 2” calendar.

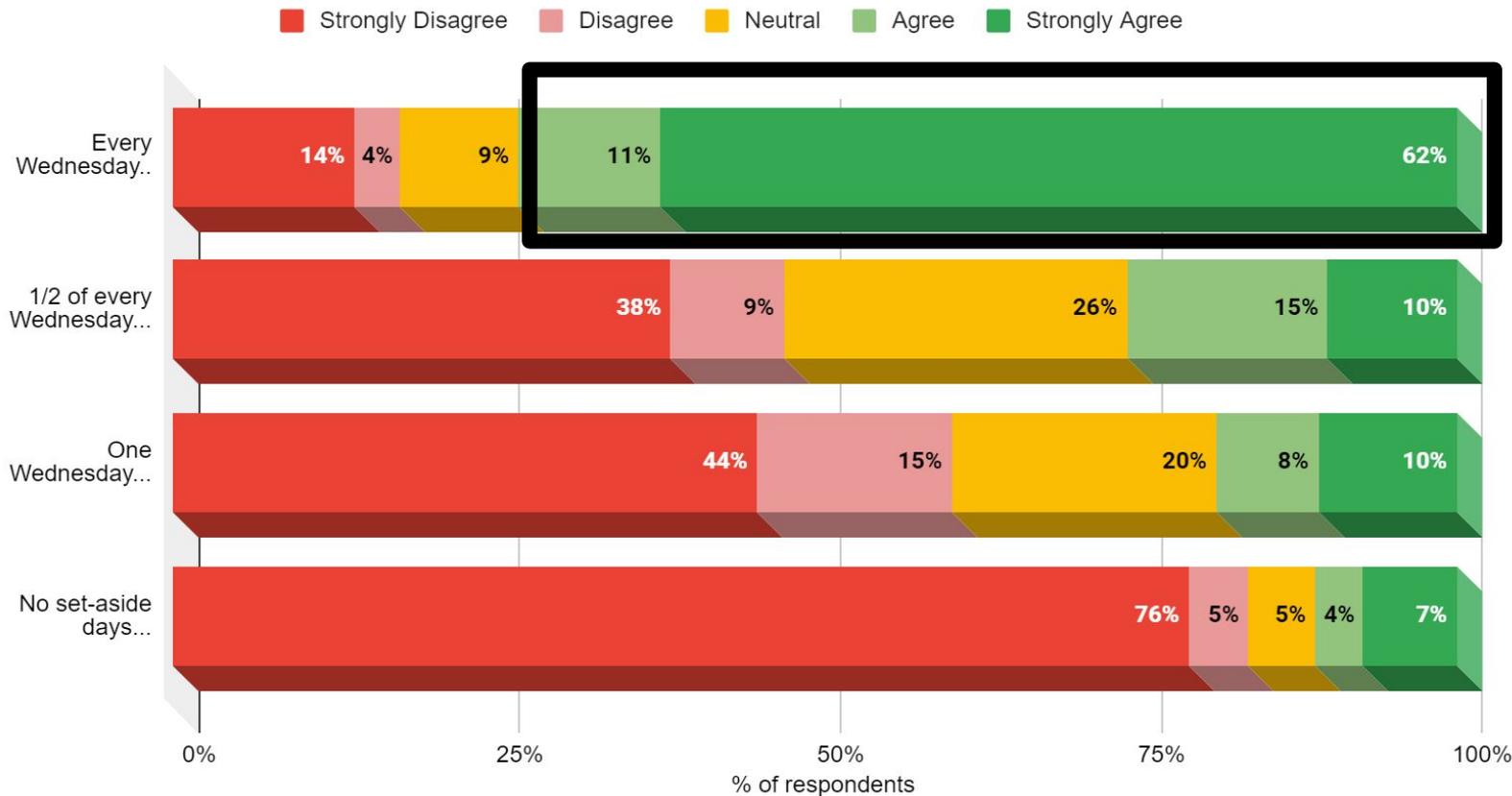
Which option do you prefer?



**Respondents include attendees from Teacher Cabinet/TCTA delegate, “all teacher,” and “all staff” Zoom meetings who participated in electronic polling.*

73% of respondents* believe we should dedicate “Every Wednesday” to distance learning.

If we are 100% in-person, we should dedicate _____ to distance learning so teachers are able to plan, train, and collaborate.



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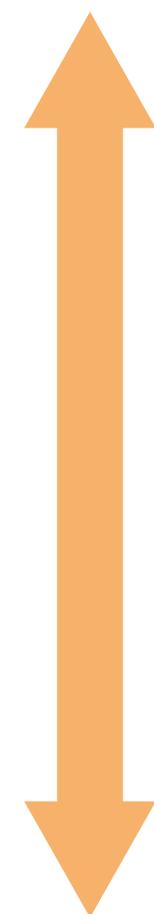
Recommended 2020-2021 school calendar at-a-glance

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Regardless of COVID-19 rates, we are recommending **all-district distance learning** on Wednesdays.

In this calendar, all students will engage in distance learning on Wednesdays, holding time in the week to:

- Provide custodians with additional opportunities for necessary **cleaning and disinfecting**;
- Create flexibility in scheduling for schools to provide **targeted tutoring and academic supports** for students with the greatest need; and
- Ensure that teachers have the time they need for **planning, collaboration, and professional learning**.

Weekly distance learning days are a major shift for our teachers, students, families, and staff.

We know that our parents and caregivers will need support, and we are planning for that by:

- Working with our community partners and business leaders to **connect families with supports for in-home learning and access to child-care;**
- Exploring ways to leverage these partnerships to **provide child-care for teachers and staff** on Wednesdays; and
- Ensuring that **breakfast and lunch meal services continue** district-wide.

We will evaluate the success of distance learning days on a quarterly basis.

Flexible scheduling in the recommended 2020-2021 school calendar.

In-person

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**Partial in-person
Partial distance**

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100% distance

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“A” Group

“B” Group

← DECREASE

Rates of COVID-19 Infection in Tulsa

INCREASE →

Distance learning shifts will be based on guidance from the Tulsa Health Department and CDC.

Pending Board approval, what happens next?

July - August

- Implementation planning for district and school teams

Early August

- Tulsa Health Department and CDC provide recommendations for whether to start school year with:
 - 100% distance learning;
 - partially distance/partially in-person; **OR**
 - Fully in-person
- Families who need it can choose the 100% virtual option.



Discussion & Questions



Tulsa Public Schools

2020-2021 School Calendar - Fully In Person or Virtual

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