



Monomoy Elementary School Reconfiguration Survey December 2020

This survey opened Dec. 8, 2020, and closed Dec. 15, 2020. It was sent to all MRSD families, as well as to Chatham and Harwich preschool and younger families via local preschools and the Monomoy Early Childhood Council, and to all MRSD elementary teachers and staff. Any family that had not received the link was able to contact the schools, was forwarded the survey link, and the family's preference was included in the results.

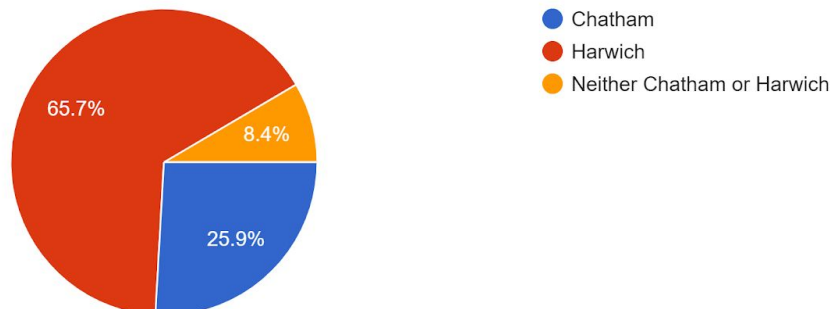
There were a total of 461 responses. Within these responses were 367 parents of current and future elementary students. Ninety-five Chatham parents responded, 241 Harwich parents, and 31 school choice parents living in other towns. Ninety-four teachers and elementary staff responded, including 37 from CES and 57 from HES.

Despite concerns about surveying families during a pandemic and before the holidays, the response rate mirrored Monomoy's Elementary School Reconfiguration Survey from 2017, where 453 respondents completed the survey, including 375 parents and 78 staff.

Parent responses

In which town do you live?

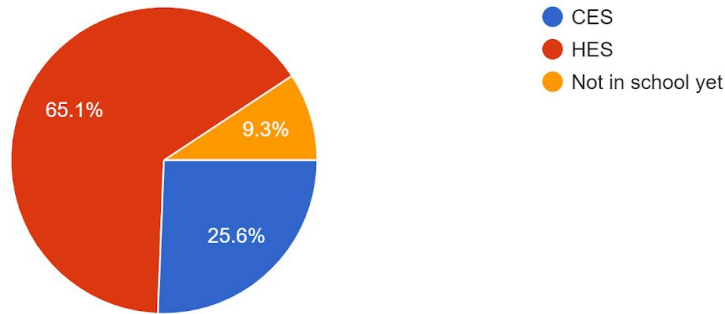
367 responses



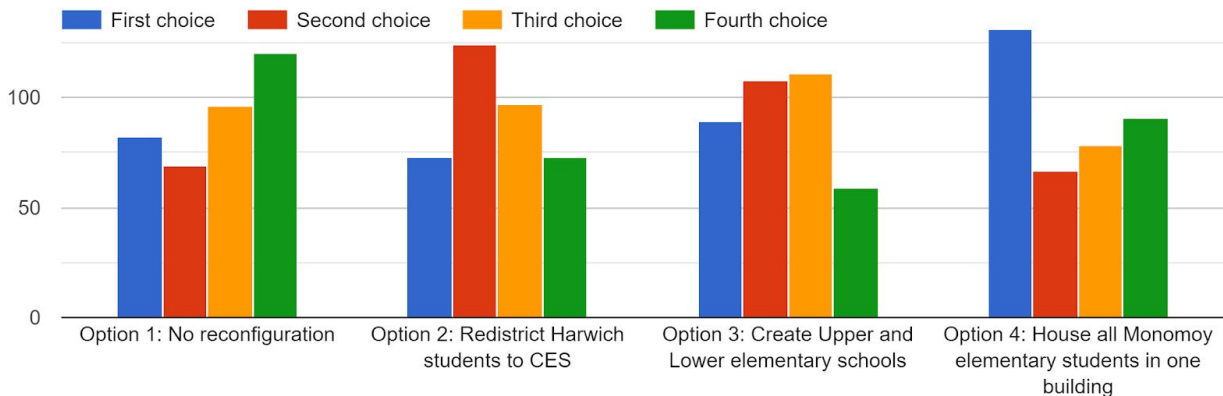


Which elementary school do your children attend?

367 responses



Please rank the reconfiguration options in order of your preference:



Overall Summary of Parent Responses

The option to house all Monomoy elementary students in one building was the most common choice among parents, getting 35% of their top rankings. This was followed by the option to create upper and lower elementary schools with 24% first choice responses, and no reconfiguration, which had 22% of first choice responses. Redistricting some Harwich students to Chatham Elementary School earned the fewest top choices (19%) among parents. The fact that Harwich parents outnumber Chatham parents overall and therefore logged more responses in proportion to the total parent population influenced this overall summary of parent responses.

The parents responded very differently depending upon the town they were from. Parents largely responded with a first choice that would least impact them and their families.



Chatham Parent Responses

			No Change	Re-district	Upper/Lower	One Building
CES Parents	73	First Choice	27	37	21	10
HES Choice Parents	3	Second Choice	19	40	27	10
Not Yet CES Parents	<u>19</u>	Third Choice	21	13	36	23
Total	95	Fourth Choice	28	5	11	52

Note: a few parents listed multiple fourth choices.

Ninety-five Chatham parents responded, including 73 parents of CES students, three Chatham parents whose children school choice to HES, and 19 newer Chatham parents with children yet to enter Monomoy’s elementary schools. Contrary to the 2017 elementary reconfiguration survey, where having no elementary reconfiguration was the most common Chatham parent response, the 2020 survey found more Chatham parents favoring redistricting some Harwich children to CES, with 81% offering this as their first or second choice. The 2020 survey found the majority of Chatham parents (55%) least favoring having all elementary children under one roof at Harwich Elementary School.

Color-coding: the “green zone” reflects the top choice. The “red zone” is the least favorite choice. The “yellow zone” may be a middle ground around which consensus could be found.

Harwich Parent Responses

			No Change	Re-district	Upper/Lower	One Building
CES Choice Parents	16	First Choice	50	29	59	111
HES Choice Parents	210	Second Choice	44	77	72	48
Not Yet HES Parents	<u>15</u>	Third Choice	70	70	68	47
Total	241	Fourth Choice	77	65	42	35

Note: a few parents listed multiple fourth choices.



Two-hundred-forty-one parents responded, including 210 parents of HES students, 16 Harwich parents whose children school choice to CES, and 15 newer Harwich parents with children yet to enter Monomoy’s elementary schools. In the 2017 elementary reconfiguration survey, Harwich parents largely ranked the formation of upper and lower elementary schools as their top preference -- in 2017, there was not an option on the survey to have all elementary children educated in one building at HES. In the 2020 survey, 46% of Harwich parents favored having all Monomoy’s elementary children under one roof at HES. The 2020 survey found Harwich parents least favoring no elementary reconfiguration or redistricting only a portion of Harwich students to CES.

School Choice Parent Responses

		No Change	Re-district	Upper/Lower	One Building
CES Choice Parents	5	5	7	9	10
HES Choice Parents	<u>26</u>	6	7	9	9
Total	31	5	14	7	8
		15	3	6	4

Note: a few parents listed multiple fourth choices.

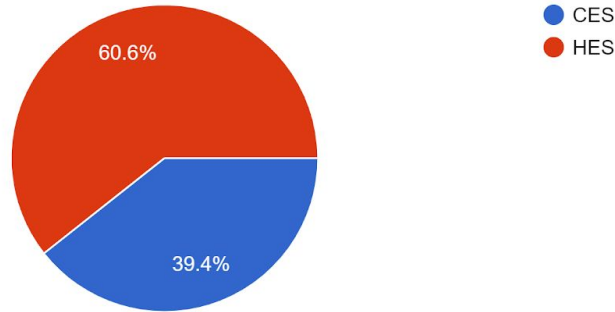
Parents of school choice students generally mirrored the responses of Harwich parents, possibly because the majority of school choice elementary students from outside of Harwich and Chatham hail from towns west of Harwich and largely opt to attend HES. No elementary reconfiguration was their least favorite choice, followed by only redistricting a portion of Harwich students to CES. Nearly 60% of school choice parents favored having all elementary children educated under one roof at HES, followed very closely by the secondary preference to see the formation of upper and lower elementary schools.



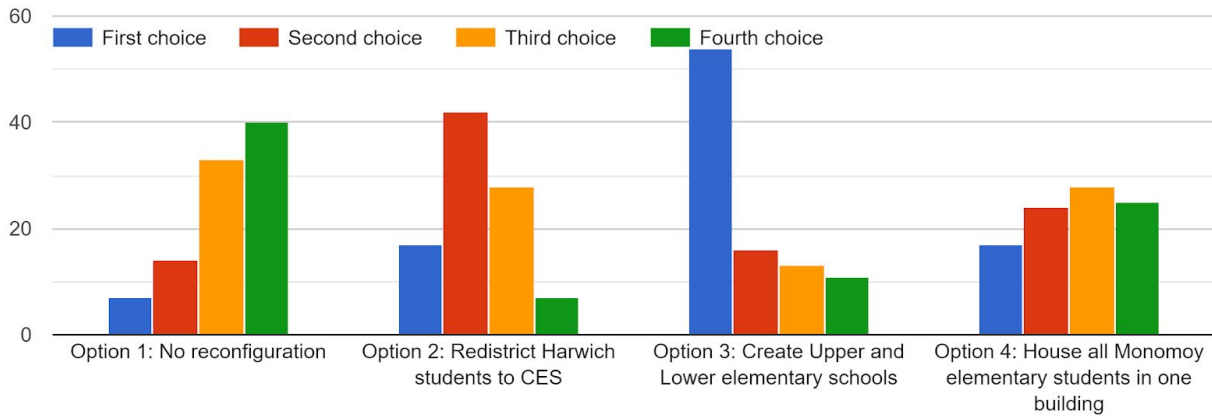
Teacher/Staff Responses

In which school do you work?

94 responses



Please rank the reconfiguration options in order of your preference:



Overall Summary of Teacher/Staff Responses

The option to form upper and lower elementary schools was the most common choice among teachers and elementary staff, getting 57% of their top rankings -- this was also the preferred choice of Monomoy elementary staff in the 2017 reconfiguration survey. The option to house all Monomoy elementary students at HES and to redistrict some Harwich students to CES both followed as tied distance first choice responses, earning 17% of teacher and staff first choices. Having no elementary reconfiguration was the least favorite among teachers and staff, garnering only 7% of their first choice responses.

While HES teachers and staff outnumber CES teachers and staff and therefore logged more responses, they responded proportionally to the survey and generally had similar hopes with



regard to elementary reconfiguration. While not their first choice, HES teachers and staff were much more likely to select housing all Monomoy elementary students under one roof at HES than those working at CES.

CES Teacher/Staff Responses

		No Change	Re-district	Upper/Lower	One Building
CES Staff	37				
	First Choice	2	13	21	1
	Second Choice	8	17	8	6
	Third Choice	13	7	5	15
Fourth Choice	14	0	3	15	

Thirty-seven CES teachers and staff responded to the survey. They logged the most top ranked responses for the formation of upper and lower elementary schools, with 57% of the teachers and staff ranking this as their first choice. Seeing all children educated under one roof at HES was the least favorite option, followed closely by seeing no restructuring at all.

HES Teacher/Staff Responses

		No Change	Re-district	Upper/Lower	One Building
HES Staff	57				
	First Choice	5	4	33	16
	Second Choice	6	25	8	18
	Third Choice	20	21	8	13
Fourth Choice	26	7	8	10	

Fifty-seven HES teachers and staff responded to the survey. They logged the most top ranked responses for the formation of upper and lower elementary schools, with 58% of the teachers and staff ranking this as their first choice. Whereas CES teachers and staff least favored seeing all children educated under one roof at HES, the HES teachers and staff least favored no



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elementary restructuring, with nearly half of them choosing this as their fourth choice. By comparison, 60% of HES teachers and staff viewed having all elementary children educated together at HES as either their first or second choice.

Next Steps

These survey results will be shared with the Monomoy Regional School Committee, as well as with the elementary school working group, which is composed of town officials from both Chatham and Harwich, including selectmen, finance directors, each town's manager/administrator, and school committee members from both towns. This information will also be posted on the Monomoy website and shared with families.