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To: Framingham School Committee
From: Robert A. Tremblay, Superintendent of Schools
Date: April 9, 2020

Re: Revisions to the 2019-2020 School Calendar (COVID-19)

Dear Committee Members:

I have requested a meeting with you to consider a proposal to eliminate the scheduled Spring Recess (April Vacation) in consideration of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and the best use of all available remaining days in the 2019-2020 school year. For your reference, I have provided a link to the current school calendar [here](#).

More specifically, a School Committee vote cancelling April Vacation would result in the cancellation of vacation on the four (4) scheduled, non-holiday days: Tuesday, April 21; Wednesday, April 22; Thursday, April 23; and Friday, April 24. Patriot's Day is Monday, April 20th and that would remain as a non-school day as it is a State holiday. An affirmative vote to cancel April Vacation would establish these days as remote learning days. Consequently, the last day of the 2019-2020 academic year would be moved up four days from June 24, 2020 to June 18, 2020.

In consideration of this proposal, on April 8, 2020 we released a survey in three languages (English, Spanish, and Portuguese) to solicit input from parents/guardians, students, staff, and administrators to gather the pulse of the community around this issue. The survey window was open for just under 24 hours, and the response was greater than any survey previously conducted during my tenure. The results of that survey are summarized on page two of this memo.

My interpretation of the data is that most respondents reason that discontinuing remote learning at this time for the purpose of taking a vacation would disrupt the routines to which students, families, and teachers are only now getting accustomed; after all, routines are essential for us all, and, given the restrictions on travel, we hope that everyone will appreciate the consistency.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal and for accommodating my request to meet as soon as possible.



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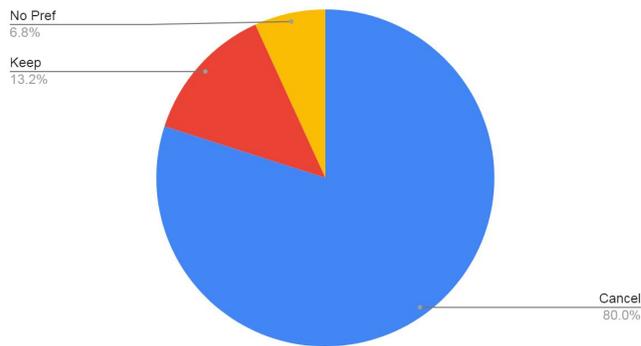
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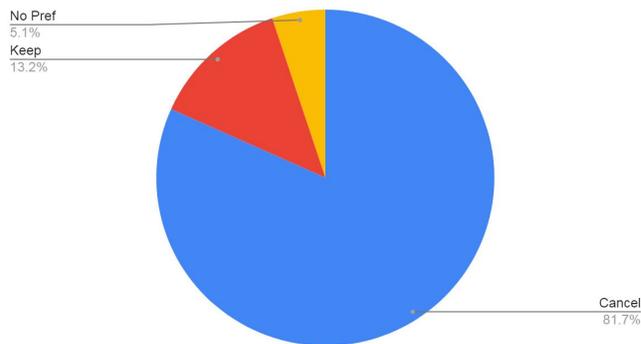
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Family Results



Staff Results



Student Results

