

Childcare Support for Danville City Schools and the Community

Presentation to City of Danville School Board

Thursday, August 13, 2020



What We Heard...

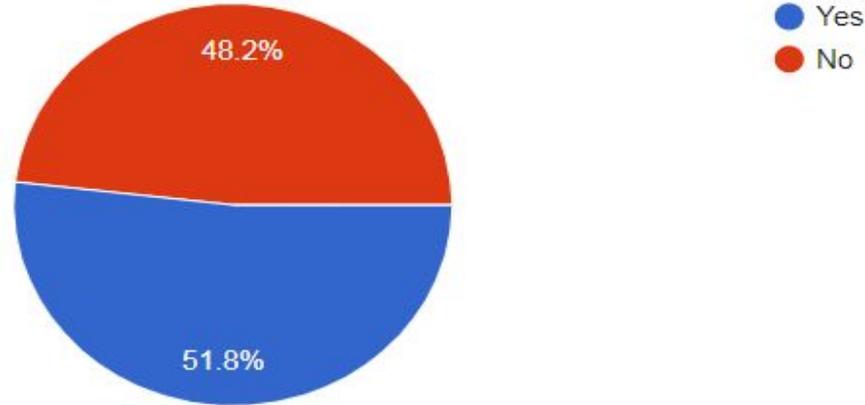
Through comments and concerns gleaned from Let's Talk, social media sites, and community interactions, we learned that many DPS teachers and parents were concerned about the availability of childcare and the financial burden it would place on families when children are in a virtual learning environment.



Survey Results

4. Danville Public Schools will be beginning the 2020-2021 school year with virtual learning for students. Will you have access to childcare for your child(ren) who will be learning from home?

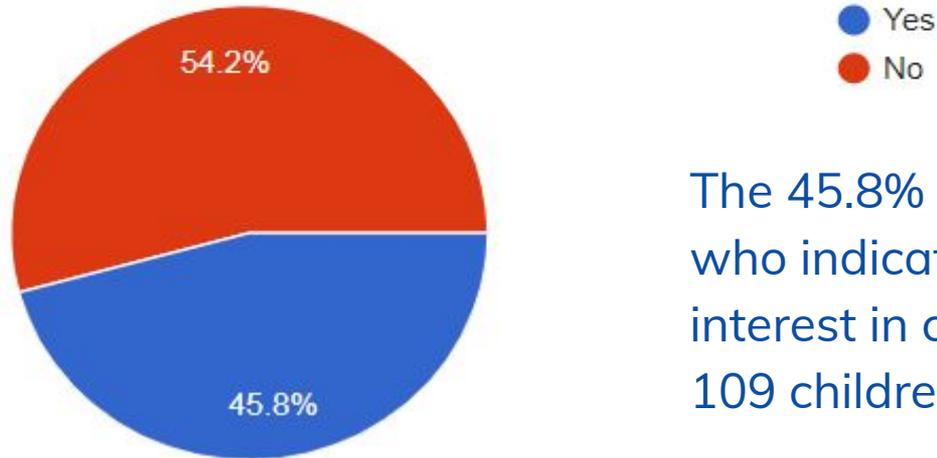
166 responses



Survey Results, Cont'd.

5. If you do not have childcare options available to you, would you be interested in a community sponsored childcare opportunity IF available.

166 responses



The 45.8% of families who indicated an interest in childcare = 109 children

What Has Taken Place...

- Danville Social Services and Smart Beginnings provided a comprehensive list of 24 area child care providers. The list is in your packet.
- Discussions were held with the YMCA, Danville Parks and Recreation, and the Boys & Girls Club regarding their capacity to provide childcare.
- The YMCA can accommodate up to 60 children and be operational by the time school opens on August 24th.
- Parks and Recreation can accommodate up to 52 children, total, at the Glenwood and Coates sites. The program will be operational by August 24th.
- The Boys & Girls Club has limited capacity but is eager to assist beginning Sept. 8th.



What Has Taken Place, Cont'd.

- We explored the former Taylor site as an option but the timeframe/cost to get the building operational was prohibitive. It would take a minimum of 60 days to prepare building for occupancy (HVAC, boilers, sanitation and cleaning, repairs, Certificate of Occupancy).
- On Wednesday, August 12th, DPS and City Manager, Ken Larking, and staff discussed the availability and parameters of using City of Danville CARES Act funds to assist families with the financial burden associated with childcare. The City of Danville CARES Act funds will be available to DPS teachers and parents based on **financial need**.



Next Steps

- A Zoom meeting will be scheduled with the 24 providers to assess availability and interest in the program.
- The list of participating providers, including contact information, will be shared with teachers and parents in the near future. The list will also include the YMCA, the Boys & Girls Club, and Danville Parks and Recreation.
- In addition to the list, information will be shared that there “may be” financial assistance available should they qualify, either through scholarships at the provider level, assistance through Social Services, or through the City of Danville’s CARES Act funds. The parent/guardian will contact the provider directly.
- DPS is prepared to assist providers with operational needs such as desks and materials if needed.



Next Steps, Cont'd.

- DPS is prepared to offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner to all children at the childcare sites if needed.
- DPS will continue to coordinate between the providers and the City of Danville regarding program logistics and payment.
- In order to access City of Danville CARES Act Funds, DPS will provide a form to the provider that will indicate if the child is either a DPS student and/or the child of a DPS teacher/staff member. The enrollment will be verified by DPS and the form sent to the City of Danville for payment directly to the provider if the parent qualifies for financial assistance. This process is evolving.



Thank You!

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Questions?

