

# Brandon Valley School District #49-2 21-22 Pandemic Response Plan Survey Results

Monday, August 2, 2021

# Survey Overview

In preparation for 2021-2022 school year, the Brandon Valley School District Pandemic Response Planning Committee reconvened, engaged in a revision process, and gathered family, staff, and patron feedback .

The committee prepared "draft" protocols and processes for the up-coming school year. Working through a collaborative process a survey outlining the recommended mitigation protocols and processes was distributed on July 21, 2021 and closed on July 28, 2021. The survey has 2,161 participants.

A few items to note:

1. The committee is taking into consideration national, state, and local community circumstances in the development of the revised Covid-19 Response Plan.
2. Covid-19 positive individuals are required to isolate as directed by the Department of Health.
3. Plexiglass barriers will be used sparingly and only upon request.
4. The Covid-19 Pandemic Response Plan and individual mitigation strategies are subject to change, if necessary.

# Masking Protocol: Voluntary Masking

The voluntary use of a cloth face covering allows families flexibility and the opportunity to choose what is best for their child.

The CDC recommends individuals under the age of 12, non-vaccinated individuals, and all individuals utilizing public transportation wear a mask.

*\*NOTE: THE CDC ALTERED THEIR MASK RECOMMENDATION DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SURVEY. THE CDC CURRENTLY RECOMMENDS ALL INDIVIDUALS WEAR MASKS IN COMMUNITIES WITH SUBSTANTIAL SPREAD\**

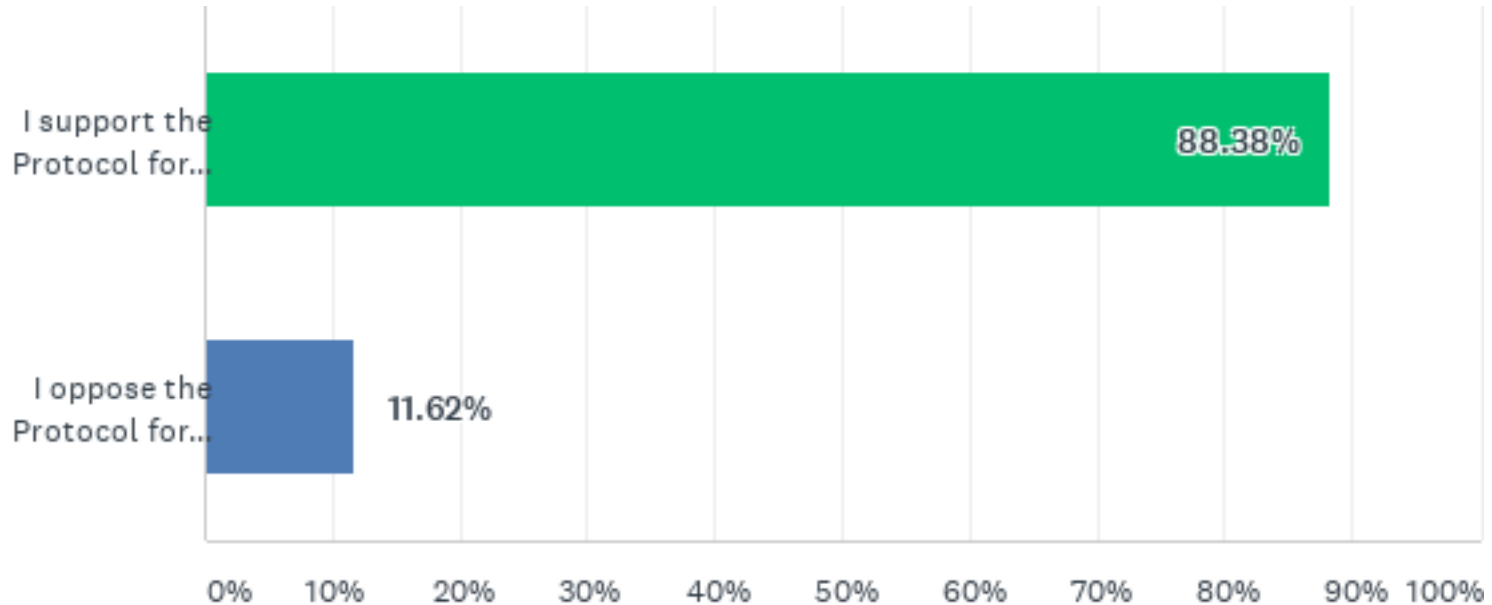
There are some key factors parents and guardians want to consider when making their choice:

The use of a cloth face covering (mask):

- is safe and does not decrease oxygen levels.
- may provide protection when social distancing is not feasible.
- is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

# Q1: Indicate if you support or oppose the "draft" Protocol for Voluntary Masking.

Answered: 2,151 Skipped: 10



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I support the Protocol for Voluntary Masking.	88.38%	1,901
I oppose the Protocol for Voluntary Masking.	11.62%	250
TOTAL		2,151

# Daily Individual Health Screening Process

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In the event the South Dakota Department of Health has identified you as a close contact, the Brandon Valley School District recommends individuals follow Department of Health recommendations.

PLEASE, complete the following individual health screening process at home prior to entering Brandon Valley School District facilities.

An answer of “YES” to any of the following screening questions prohibits attendance at Brandon Valley School District facilities.

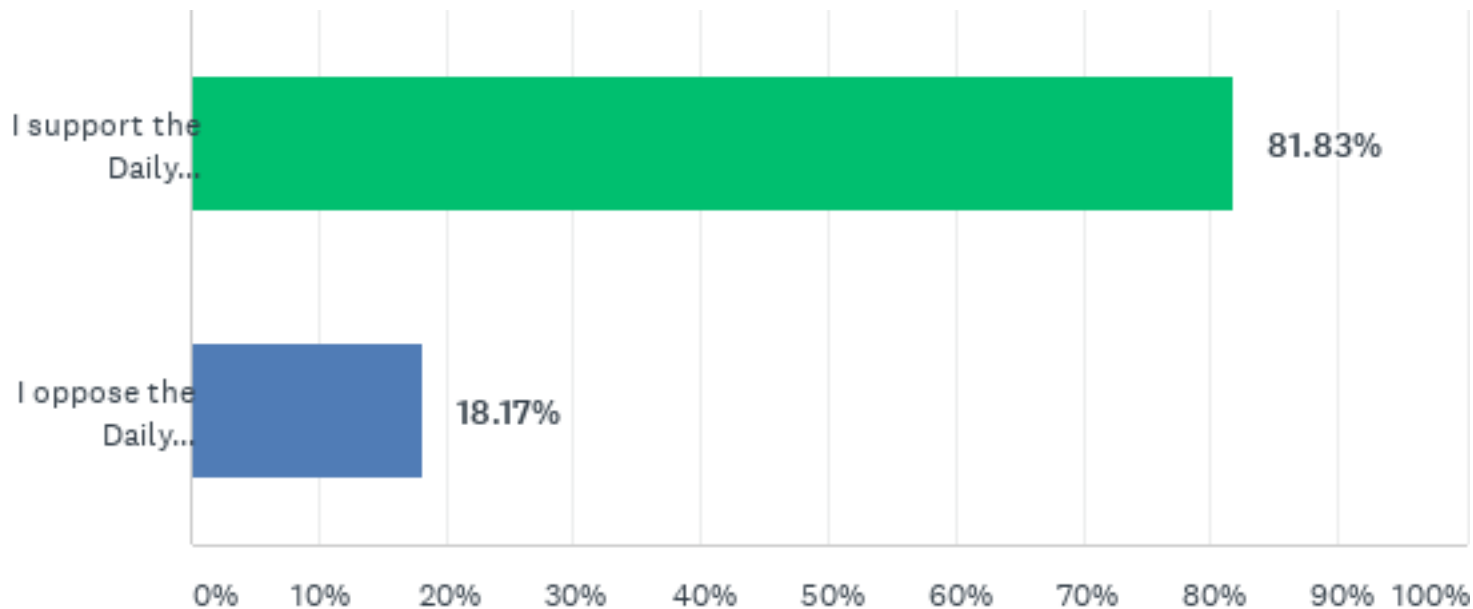
1. Do you feel sick?
2. Do you have a cough, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, or a fever?

Upon entrance of a Brandon Valley School District facility, individuals should promptly engage in handwashing or hand sanitizing. Proper hygiene practices will be reinforced and prioritized throughout all school district functions.

Any individual exhibiting symptoms of illness will be offered a surgical mask and may be required to leave the facility as outlined in the “Protocol for an Individual Exhibiting Symptoms”.

## Q2: Indicate if you support or oppose the "draft" Daily Individual Health Screening Process being completed prior to entering school facilities.

Answered: 2,124 Skipped: 37



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Answered: 2,124    Skipped: 37

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I support the Daily Individual Health Screening Process being completed prior to entering school facilities.	81.83%	1,738
I oppose the Daily Individual Health Screening Process being completed prior to entering school facilities.	18.17%	386
TOTAL	2,124	

# Protocol for an Individual Exhibiting Symptoms

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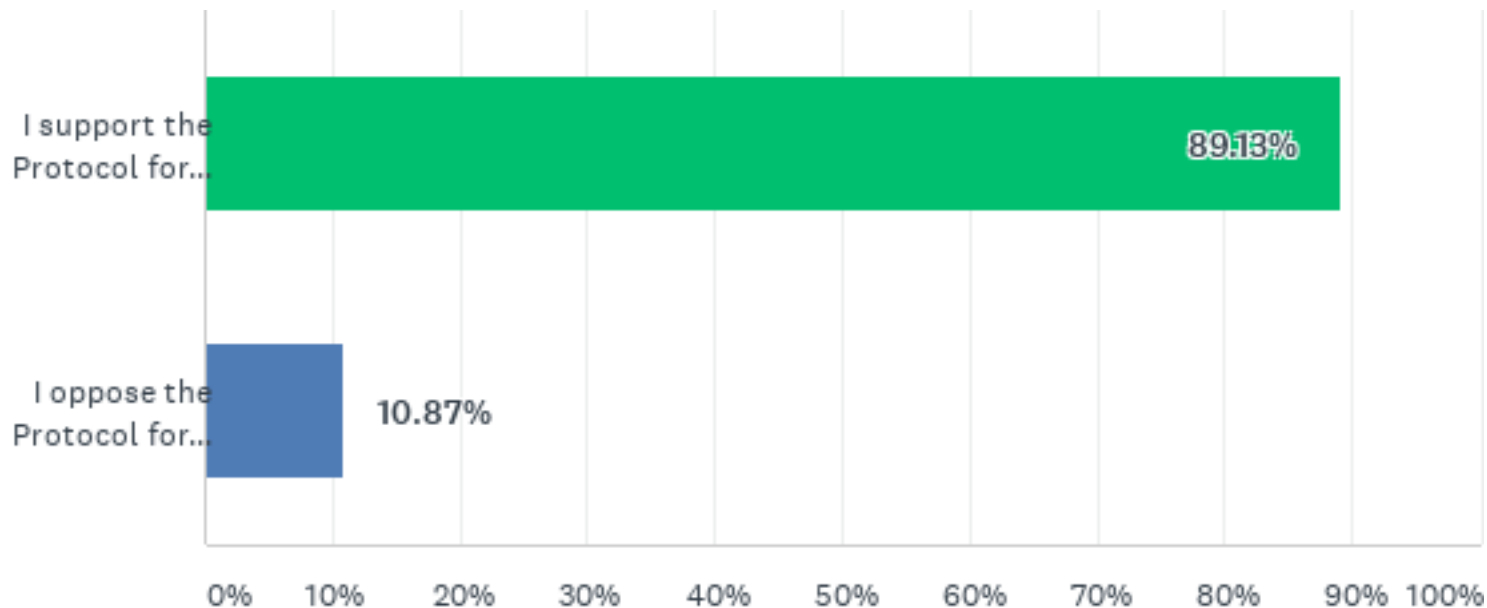
Any individual exhibiting symptoms of illness will be offered a surgical mask, be evaluated by Student Health Services, and may be required to leave the facility. Staff are to contact the office when sending a child to the office (Building Office / Nurse's Office).

The individual's return will be allowed based on the following criteria: 24 hours fever free, without the use of fever reducing medication. Refer to the student handbook for other relevant Health Policies regarding exclusion for other infectious diseases.

In the event multiple symptoms are present, Student Health Services may recommend additional protective measures.

### Q3: Indicate if you support or oppose the "draft" Protocol for an Individual Exhibiting Symptoms.

Answered: 2,088 Skipped: 73



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Answered: 2,088   Skipped: 73

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I support the Protocol for an Individual Exhibiting Symptoms.	89.13%	1,861
I oppose the Protocol for an Individual Exhibiting Symptoms.	10.87%	227
TOTAL		2,088

# Close Contact Protocol

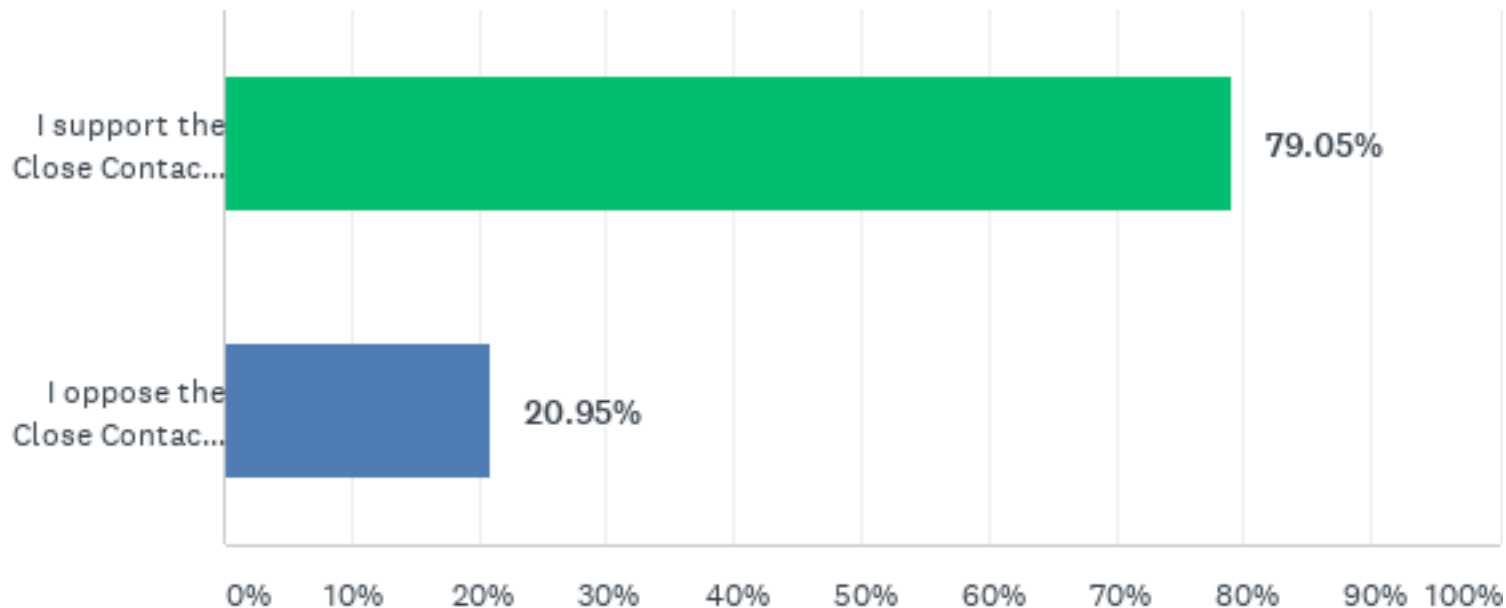
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The South Dakota Department of Health may contact staff and students due to close contact exposure. The school will support the need for those students to quarantine when recommended by the Department of Health. Exempt absences and make-up work will be offered to students.

Contact tracing will no longer be done by Brandon Valley School District Staff in the school setting.

## Q4: Indicate if you support or oppose the "draft" Close Contact Protocol.

Answered: 2,086 Skipped: 75



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Answered: 2,086   Skipped: 75

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I support the Close Contact Protocol.	79.05%	1,649
I oppose the Close Contact Protocol.	20.95%	437
TOTAL		2,086

# Positive Case Communication

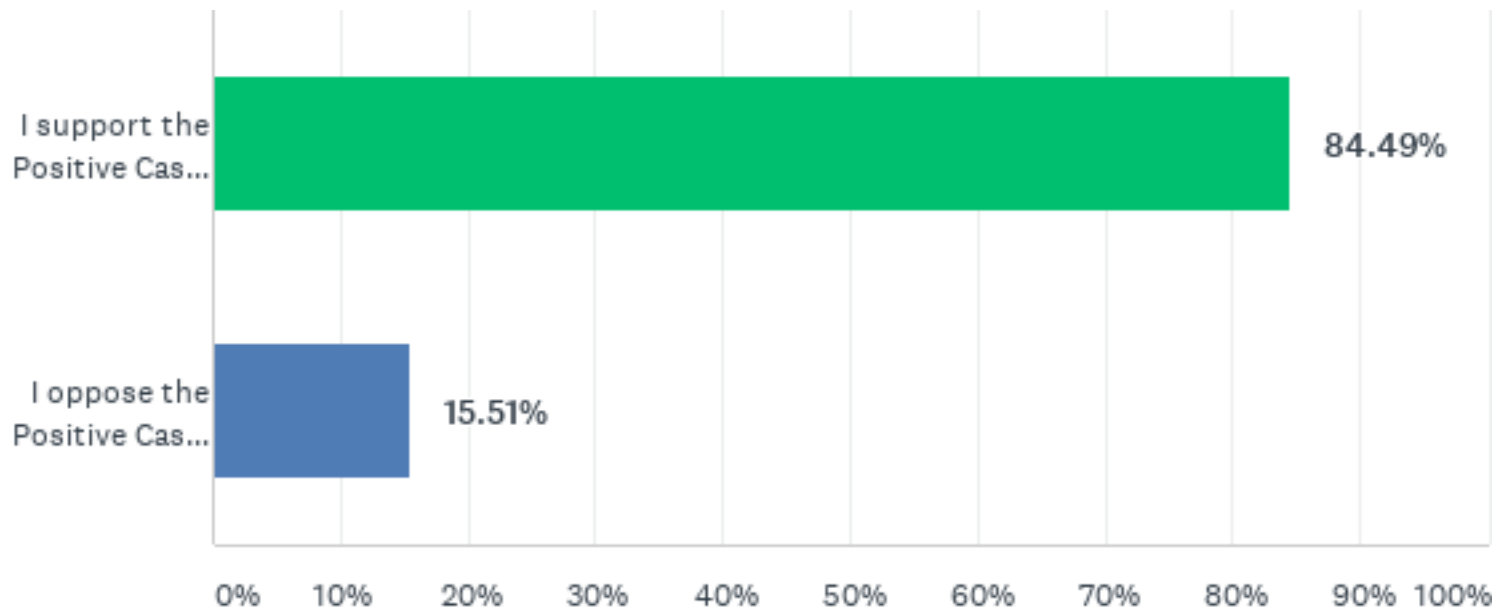
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Schools will no longer send e-mail notifications of a positive Covid-19 case within the building. In the event circumstances necessitate, following consultation with the Department of Health, school-wide Covid-19 communications may occur.

\*Note: Prior feedback received indicated the individual case notification e-mails became ineffective and redundant.\*

## Q5: Indicate if you support or oppose the "draft" Positive Case Communication Protocol.

Answered: 2,083 Skipped: 78



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Answered: 2,083    Skipped: 78

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I support the Positive Case Communication Protocol.	84.49%	1,760
I oppose the Positive Case Communication Protocol.	15.51%	323
TOTAL		2,083

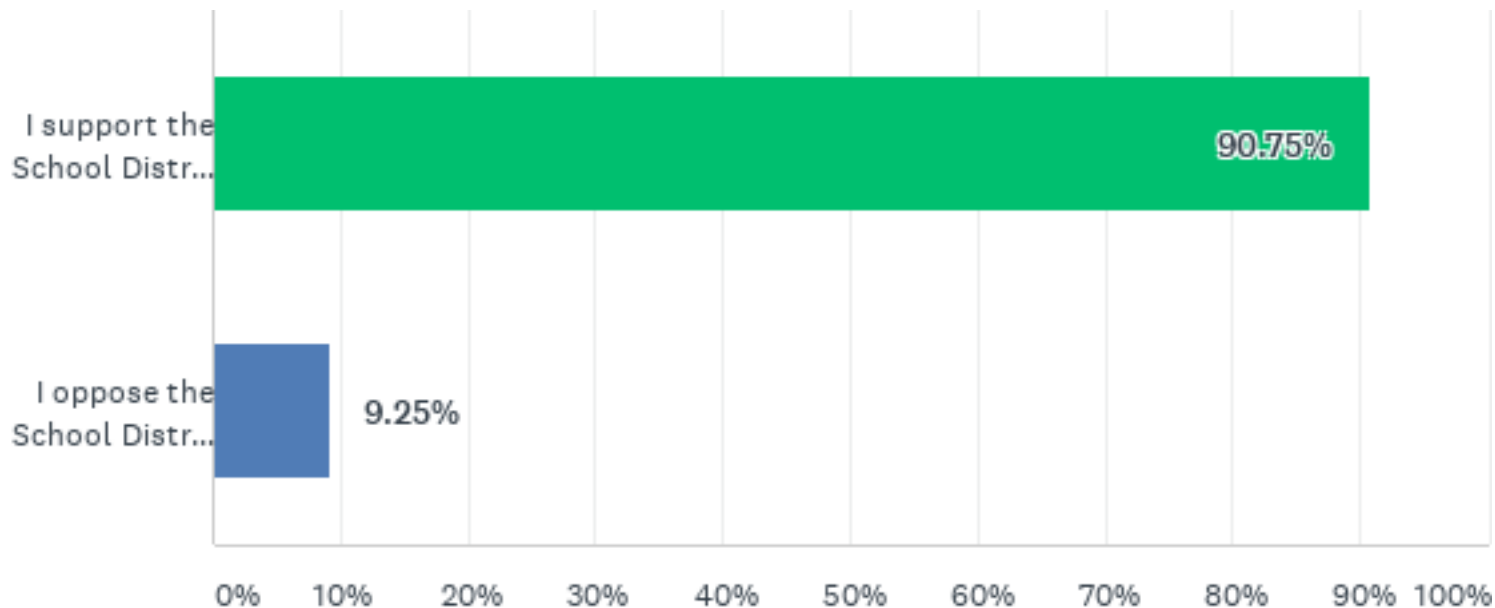
# School District Facility Access and Usage

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School District Facility Access and Usage will be open. There will be no restrictions on school visitation, activity attendance, or outside organization facility usage.

## Q6: Indicate if your support or oppose the "draft" School District Facility Access & Usage approach.

Answered: 2,076 Skipped: 85



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I support the School District Facility Access & Usage approach.	90.75%	1,884
I oppose the School District Facility Access & Usage approach.	9.25%	192
TOTAL		2,076

## 2021-2022 BVSD Pandemic Response Plan Survey Summary

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88.38% of respondents support the recommended Voluntary Masking Protocol

81.83% of respondents support the recommended Daily Individual Health Screening Process being completed at home prior to entering school facilities

89.13% of respondents support the recommended Protocol for Individuals Exhibiting Symptoms

79.05% of respondents support the recommended Close Contact Protocol

84.49% of respondents support the recommended Positive Case Communication Protocol

90.75% of respondents support opening School District Facility Access & Usage