Family Education Choice in the Covid Environment

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Mableton students continue to need local community and business support in the effort to bridge the Digital Divide. Support is needed in the form of monetary donations and volunteer support on School Councils and School Foundations. Our local school principals are excellent and encourage community involvement. It is critical that "school choice" data is gathered quickly to help guide actions steps CCSD and the community need to implement, which includes increased parental engagement, working with local PTSA's, School Councils and School Foundations.

This assessment is based on school choice data provided by CCSD Superintendent Ragsdale's Sept. 28 posting titled "CCSD Gives Families Choice and Flexibility" https://www.cobbk12.org/_ci/p/32666/ccsd-gives-families-choice-and-flexibility. Based on a review of the school choice data, it is clear that as a community we will need to allocate additional time and resources to schools in Mableton if our students are to realize the "One Team. One Goal. Student Success" mission statement. **There are two major areas that require our collective focus and corrective measures; 1) decreasing the "no response" rate on the choice of Face to Face or Full Remote Learning, and 2) ensure that all students have digital devices and connectivity.**

School	Total Student Population	No Response	Percent of No Response	Count Face to Face	Percent of Face to Face	Count Full Remote	Percent of Full Remote
All Cobb Cty Schools	107,616	10,296	9.6%	56,284	52.3%	41,036	38.1%
All Mableton Schools	12,258	2,508	20.5%	4,476	36.5%	5,274	43.0%

Elementary Schools

School	Total Student Population	No Response	Percent of No Response	Count Face to Face	Percent of Face to Face	Count Full Remote	Percent of Full Remote
All Cobb Cty Schools	107,616	10,296	9.6%	56,284	52.3%	41,036	38.1%
All Elem. Schools	45,794	2,772	6.1%	26,896	58.7%	16,126	35.2%
Bryant Elementary	887	95	10.7%	400	45.1%	392	44.2%
Clay Harmony Leland	945	242	25.6%	399	42.2%	304	32.2%
Mableton Elem.	993	149	15.0%	493	49.6%	351	35.3%
Riverside Elem	519	128	24.7%	236	45.5%	155	29.9%
City View Elem	945	326	34.5%	336	35.6%	283	29.9%
Sanders Elem.	672	12	1.8%	326	48.5%	334	49.7%
Total ES - Mableton	4,961	952	19.2%	2,190	44.1%	1,819	36.7%

As a group, Mableton area Elementary Schools account for 11% of Cobb County Elementary School student population, while representing fully 34% of the "No Responses" for All Elementary Schools. It is critical that we improve this response rate if we want our elementary school kids to be prepared for school opening on Oct. 5. Sustained and immediate action plans need to be put in place for City View, Riverside and Clay Harmony Leland to understand why "no response" rates are so high vs. the benchmark of 6.1% for all Elementary Schools. A review of successful support efforts in Sanders ES should be conducted to understand what works, and if there is a possibility to incorporate Sanders ES success factors across the other elementary schools.

Middle Schools

School	Total Student Population	No Response	Percent of No Response	Count Face to Face	Percent of Face to Face	Count Full Remote	Percent of Full Remote
All Cobb Cty Schools	107,616	10,296	9.6%	56,284	52.3%	41,036	38.1%
All Middle Schools	25,928	2048	7.9%	14,053	54.2%	9,827	37.9%
Floyd MS	955	214	22.4%	315	33.0%	426	44.6%
Lindley MS	1,220	335	27.5%	415	34.0%	470	38.5%
Lindley 6 Grade Acad..	604	107	17.7%	233	38.6%	264	43.7%
Total MS - Mableton	2,779	656	23.6%	963	34.7%	1,160	41.7%

 The "no response" rate in our Middle Schools in Mableton is more than 3x higher than the no response rate for all Cobb County Middle Schools. This variance highlights the need to insure all students will have digital devices and connectivity when Phase 2 of the reopening plan is enacted. According to the re-open schedule, if all goes well, Middle Schools are scheduled to re-open Oct. 19. **The school choice data trend in Mableton schools appears to point toward Full Remote Learning, which could lead to a severe shortage of digital devices with the improvement of the "no response" rate for Mableton families.**

High Schools

School	Total Student Population	No Response	Percent of No Response	Count Face to Face	Percent of Face to Face	Count Full Remote	Percent of Full Remote
All Cobb Cty Schools	107,616	10,296	9.6%	56,284	52.3%	41,036	38.1%
All High Schools	35,812	5474	15.3%	15,285	42.7%	15,053	42.0%
Pebblebrook HS	2,472	728	29.4%	702	28.4%	1042	42.2%
South Cobb HS	2,046	172	8.4%	621	30.4%	1253	61.2%
Total HS - Mableton	4,518	900	19.9%	1,323	29.3%	2,295	50.8%

The student population of the two high schools serving Mableton Students represent 13% of Cobb county high school population, and have a 19.9% rate of "No Reponses" regarding family choices of Face to Face or Remote Learning. The combined high "no response" rate is driven disproportionately by Pebblebrook HS, where reducing the "no response" rate is an identified priority for action. The significant 14.1 pp variance at Pebblebrook HS vs. All High Schools "no response" rates requires the full-fledged support and immediate assistance of the local community and CCSD to close this gap and find resources. The "no response" rate in So. Cobb HS at 8.4% is significantly below the benchmark for All High Schools, and reflect a high level of student, family choice to engage in Full Remote learning. The challenge is to ensure remote connectivity is readily available and reliable for the high number of Full Remote students.

School	No Response	Percent of No Response	Count Face to Face	Percent of Face to Face	Count Full Remote	Percent of Full Remote
All Schools	10,296	9.6	56,284	52.3	41,036	38.1
All ES	2,772	6.1	26,896	58.7	16,126	35.2
All MS	2,048	7.9	14,053	54.2	9,827	37.9
All HS	5,474	15.3	15,285	42.7	15,053	42.0
Acworth IS	12	2.1	351	61.6	207	36.3
Addison ES	6	1.0	375	64.7	199	34.3
Argyle ES	35	10.8	171	52.9	117	36.2
Austell ES	54	13.1	173	42.0	185	44.9
Baker ES	14	1.8	472	60.1	299	38.1
Bells Ferry ES	45	6.2	410	56.5	271	37.3
Belmont Hills ES	15	4.6	210	64.2	102	31.2
Big Shanty ES	0	0.0	311	59.4	213	40.6
Birney ES	117	16.9	292	42.2	283	40.9
Blackwell ES	67	10.2	385	58.6	205	31.2
Brumby ES	103	11.7	363	41.1	417	47.2
Bryant ES	95	10.7	400	45.1	392	44.2
Bullard ES	27	3.6	541	72.6	177	23.8
Chalker ES	9	1.4	413	64.2	221	34.4
Cheatham Hill ES	0	0.0	685	67.0	337	33.0
City View ES	326	34.5	336	35.6	283	29.9
Clarkdale ES	140	19.2	325	44.6	263	36.1
Clay-Harmony Le	242	25.6	399	42.2	304	32.2
Compton ES	11	2.2	283	55.4	217	42.5

Davis ES	12	2.2	417	75.1	126	22.7
Dowell ES	6	0.7	494	55.0	398	44.3
Due West ES	4	0.7	381	71.1	151	28.2
East Side ES	3	0.3	722	63.3	415	36.4
Eastvalley ES	81	11.5	355	50.2	271	38.3
Fair Oaks ES	5	0.6	476	61.8	289	37.5
Ford ES	0	0.0	659	83.2	133	16.8
Frey ES	40	5.5	511	70.3	176	24.2
Garrison Mill ES	8	1.3	493	78.1	130	20.6
Green Acres ES	119	20.6	295	51.1	163	28.2
Haven Academy	0	0.0	12	75.0	4	25.0
Hayes ES	44	4.9	494	54.6	366	40.5
Hendricks ES	19	3.5	278	51.1	247	45.4
Hollydale ES	26	4.5	351	60.5	203	35.0
Keheley ES	4	1.0	289	70.7	116	28.4
Kemp ES	3	0.3	634	73.2	229	26.4
Kennesaw ES	26	4.3	373	61.6	207	34.2
Kincaid ES	31	5.2	382	64.1	183	30.7
King Springs ES	6	0.6	647	61.2	405	38.3
LaBelle ES	0	0.0	219	58.2	157	41.8
Lewis ES	34	6.2	337	61.4	178	32.4
Mableton ES	149	15.0	493	49.6	351	35.3
McCall PS	7	2.3	186	62.0	107	35.7
Milford ES	75	21.8	151	43.9	118	34.3
Mount Bethel ES	9	0.9	744	77.1	212	22.0
Mountain View E	0	0.0	535	69.4	236	30.6
Murdock ES	6	0.7	594	65.2	311	34.1

Nicholson ES	2	0.5	295	68.1	136	31.4
Nickajack ES	58	5.2	539	48.1	524	46.7
Norton Park ES	25	3.3	397	52.9	328	43.7
Pickett's Mill ES	13	1.9	526	78.5	131	19.6
Pitner ES	15	2.0	443	59.1	291	38.9
Powder Springs E	136	17.2	310	39.1	347	43.8
Powers Ferry ES	49	12.9	184	48.5	146	38.5
Riverside ES	128	24.7	236	45.5	155	29.9
Rocky Mount ES	8	1.5	369	70.2	149	28.3
Russell ES	49	8.7	235	41.6	281	49.7
Sanders ES	12	1.8	326	48.5	334	49.7
Sedalia Park ES	48	7.4	332	51.2	269	41.4
Shallowford Falls	2	0.3	409	69.2	180	30.5
Smyrna ES	68	7.4	516	55.8	340	36.8
Sope Creek ES	43	4.3	596	59.9	356	35.8
Still ES	1	0.1	495	67.3	239	32.5
Teasley ES	1	0.1	416	44.7	514	55.2
Timber Ridge ES	1	0.2	344	71.1	139	28.7
Tritt ES	0	0.0	621	76.0	196	24.0
Varner ES	64	7.8	404	49.4	349	42.7
Vaughan ES	14	2.2	486	75.0	148	22.8
Awtrey MS	37	5.4	370	53.9	280	40.8
Barber MS	29	3.2	544	60.8	322	36.0
Campbell MS	224	13.7	636	38.9	776	47.4
Cooper MS	203	19.1	338	31.8	523	49.2
Daniell MS	57	5.9	519	53.5	395	40.7
Dickerson MS	11	0.9	849	66.5	416	32.6
Dodgen MS	11	0.9	809	65.7	411	33.4
Durham MS	19	1.8	780	73.6	261	24.6

East Cobb MS	229	15.9	618	42.9	593	41.2
Floyd MS	214	22.4	315	33.0	426	44.6
Garrett MS	127	13.0	374	38.4	474	48.6
Griffin MS	19	1.3	819	54.5	664	44.2
Haven Academy	3	12.5	12	50.0	9	37.5
Hightower Trail M	6	0.6	766	74.1	262	25.3
Lindley 6th Grade	107	17.7	233	38.6	264	43.7
Lindley MS	335	27.5	415	34.0	470	38.5
Lost Mountain M	43	4.2	757	73.2	234	22.6
Lovinggood MS	79	5.9	719	53.5	546	40.6
Mabry MS	3	0.3	645	71.8	250	27.8
McCleskey MS	88	12.9	400	58.7	193	28.3
McClure MS	10	1.0	731	71.0	289	28.1
Palmer MS	44	5.0	528	59.8	311	35.2
Pine Mountain M	10	1.5	359	52.9	310	45.7
Simpson MS	17	1.9	591	65.4	295	32.7
Smitha MS	115	11.5	516	51.4	372	37.1
Tapp MS	8	0.9	410	45.6	481	53.5
Allatoona HS	36	2.0	1,071	58.2	734	39.9

Campbell HS	712	23.9	862	28.9	1,410	47.3
Cobb Horizon HS	185	67.5	32	11.7	57	20.8
Harrison HS	210	9.3	1,398	62.1	645	28.6
Haven Academy	1	3.7	14	51.9	12	44.4
Hillgrove HS	324	14.1	928	40.4	1,047	45.5
Kell HS	255	17.1	739	49.7	494	33.2
Kennesaw Mtn H	153	8.5	719	40.1	922	51.4
Lassiter HS	46	2.3	1,260	63.3	684	34.4
McEachern HS	635	26.4	604	25.1	1,163	48.4

North Cobb HS	439	15.9	1,079	39.1	1,241	45.0
Osborne HS	682	27.8	881	35.9	889	36.3
Pebblebrook HS	728	29.4	702	28.4	1,042	42.2
Pope HS	58	3.1	1,320	70.6	492	26.3
Project LIFE	1	6.2	8	50.0	7	43.8
South Cobb HS	172	8.4	621	30.4	1,253	61.2
Sprayberry HS	338	18.5	803	43.9	687	37.6
Walton HS	238	8.8	1,421	52.5	1,050	38.8
Wheeler HS	261	11.3	823	35.7	1,224	53.0
SCELC	2	2.4	50	61.0	30	36.6