



## **Open Enrollment Survey Summarized Results**

116 responses to the survey

50% of respondents were parents or guardians of students currently enrolled in Duval County Public Schools.

Parents were split over whether they would be likely to take advantage of the open enrollment policy. 25% very unlikely, 25% were not sure, and 25% were very likely to utilize their ability to choose where their child(ren) would attend school. The remaining fourth of the respondents indicated their likelihood to utilize this option as somewhat likely or somewhat unlikely.

The two most important factors noted that would cause a parent to move their child out of the neighborhood school were the school environment (safety, facilities, peer group) (68%) and school grades (59%).

When making the decision of where to send their child other than their neighborhood school, the majority of parent respondents (76%) expressed that information about school environment was what they wanted to know about other schools, followed by the specific programs offered at the schools (53%) and schools' grades (50%).

For parents to enroll their child(ren) in a different school, the importance of the district providing transportation was mixed. 40% shared that it was not important that transportation was provided, while 31% indicated it was very important.

For parents, who shared they would not choose to take advantage of open enrollment they shared that school grades (50%) and the school environment (50%) would be factors contributing to their reasoning to stay at the neighborhood school.

Some of the perceived advantages of open enrollment from the respondents included parental choice and empowerment of parents, access to better schools, access to specific programs offered at a non-neighborhood school, and more transparency in district enrollment.

Some of the perceived disadvantages described in the survey responses were the possibility of overcrowding schools, the lack of transportation offered through the policy and how some parents may be unable to utilize choice as a result, concern for the closure of under-populated neighborhood schools and segregation across the district, and an advantage to parents who are well informed.

Of those who indicated they were not parents or guardians of students in DCPS at this time, 60% felt that the provision of transportation by the district is very important for parents to be able to enroll their child(ren) in a different school.