



Re-Imagining K-5 Education Recommendation and Survey Results

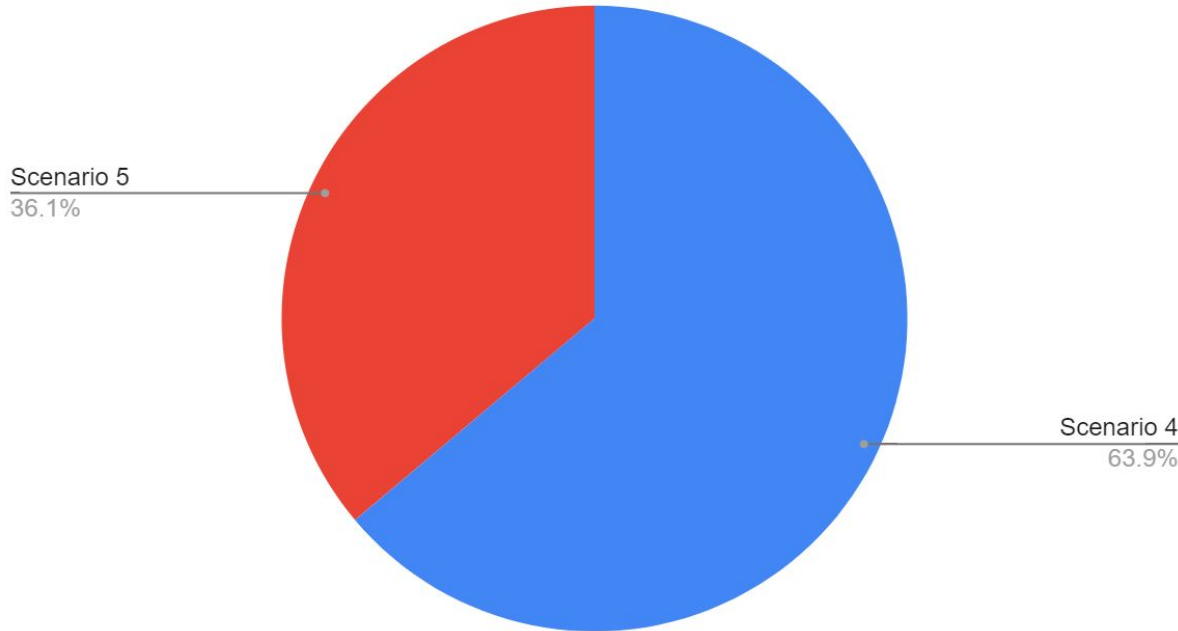
Dr. Melissa Varley, Superintendent

April 29, 2021



PARENT SUMMARY

By Family



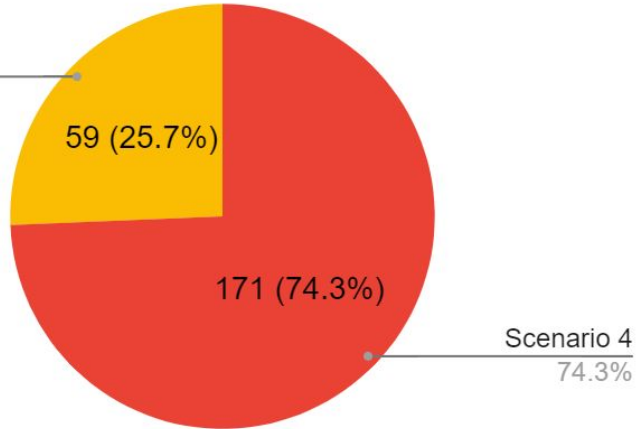
- 656 Total Votes
- 442 Viable Votes (eliminated multiple duplicate entries and several for non-registered students.)
- 59% participation, 442 of 751 families voted



SCHOOL SUMMARY

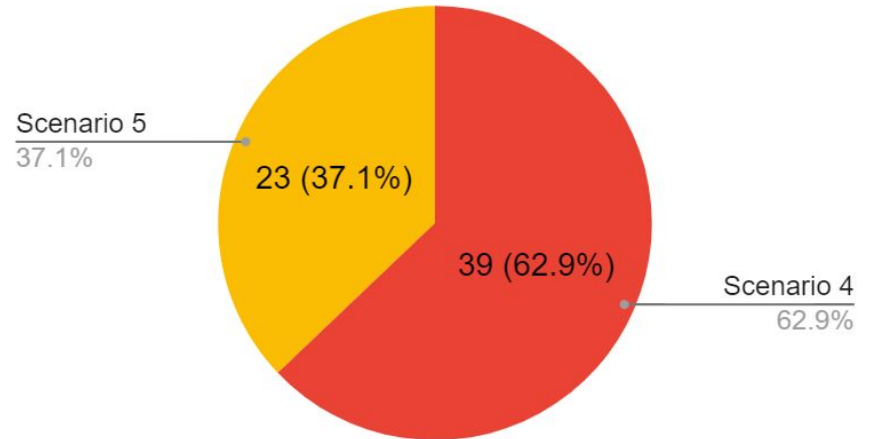
MKM

Scenario 5
25.7%



MP

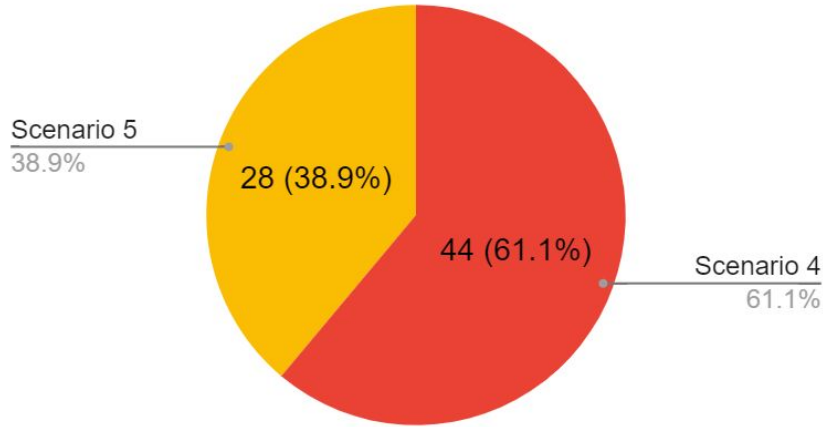
Scenario 5
37.1%



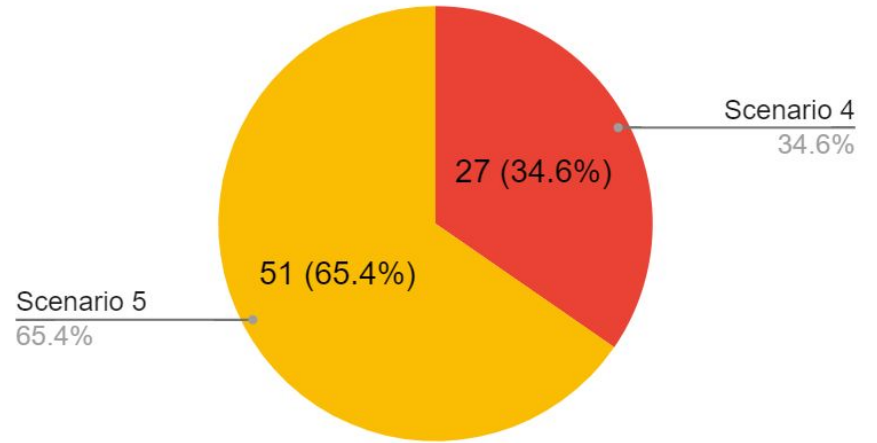


SCHOOL SUMMARY

TPH

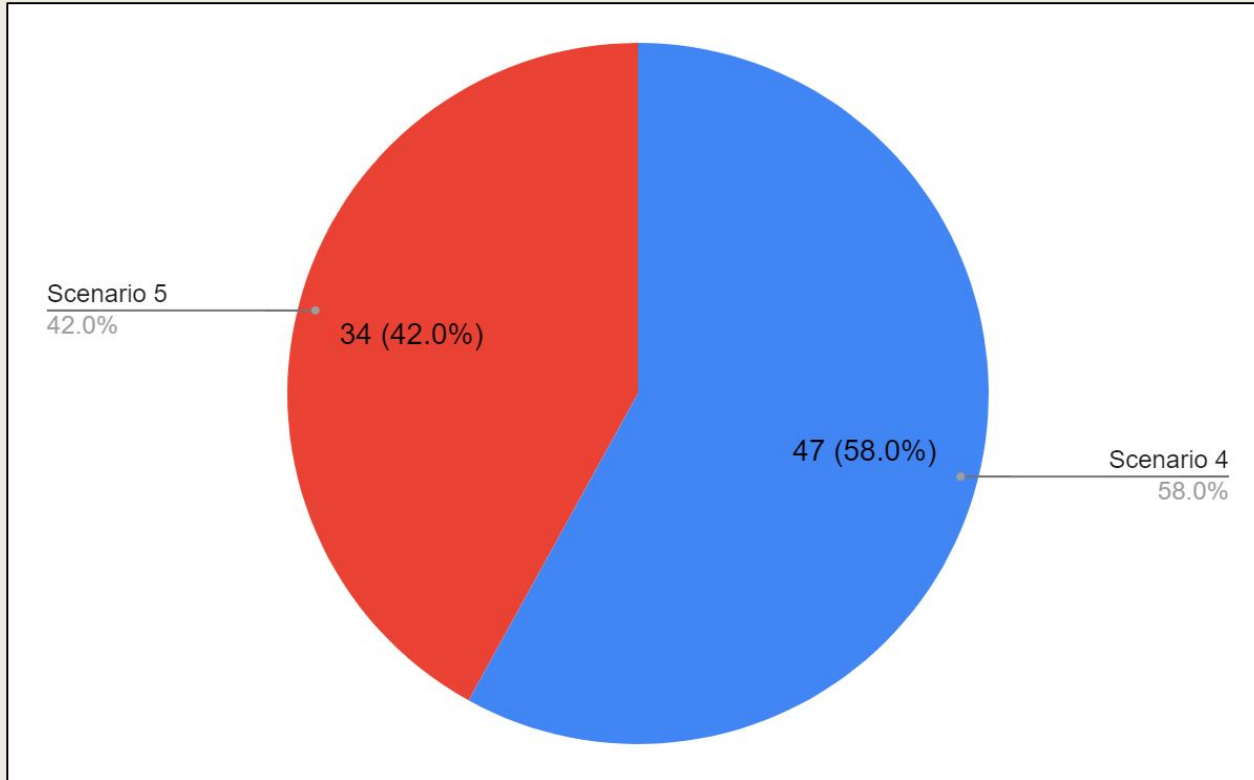


WW





STAFF MEMBER VOTES





SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

Based on survey feedback from the community and staff and in the best interests of the students of Berkeley Heights Public Schools, the Superintendent recommends the creation of two K-2 Schools (William Woodruff and Mary Kay McMillin) and two 3-5 Schools (Thomas P. Hughes and Mountain Park) beginning in the 2021-22 school year.



SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

- Additional changes based on parent feedback
 - 3rd and 4th grade Hughes students living on or off Plainfield will continue to attend Hughes (instead of transitioning to Mountain Park)
 - Subscription busing
 - Offer subscription busing for 2021/22 school year to any student who doesn't qualify for state-mandated busing.
 - One year, 50% subsidy for K - 5 students (only) to ease the transition.
 - Subsidy to be reviewed by the BOE at the conclusion of one year.



SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

- Additional analysis to be completed:
 - Transportation Study - two part approach to be completed by May 31; scope includes MKM, TPH, WW, and MP.
 - Traffic Engineering Evaluation - external traffic/engineering firm to assess the traffic and pedestrian activity at each school; including a field study of roadways & driveways, observations of the on-site circulation at both drop off and pick up, and analysis of access driveways, pick-up areas, parking areas and pedestrian routes.
 - Safe Routes to School - work with the BH Police Department and their traffic safety officers to review walking routes, paths, location of crossing guards, and other considerations to ensure student safety.