

# **E-Learning Days**

## **Data and Plans**

**May 17, 2023**  
**BOE Meeting**



# Mission

**Empowering Learners**

**Creating Equity**

**Cultivating Community**



# Objectives

- Share results of recent Thought Exchange
- Share next steps

# Exchange Summary

Grayslake Community Consolidated School District #46

What successes and challenges did you and/or your family experience related to E-Learning on February 16, 2023? (Please answer with separate responses for each success and challenge.)



## PARTICIPATION

### Breakdown of Participation



535

Participants



466

Thoughts



10,047

Ratings



## PARTICIPATION

### Breakdown of Participation




Please identify your role (or roles) in the school district.



513

Responses

%		Answer <i>(Multi-select)</i>
85%	(440)	I am a parent/guardian in CCSD 46.
12%	(64)	I am a teacher or administrator in CCSD 46.
4%	(23)	I am a member of the support staff in CCSD 46.



# PARTICIPATION

## Breakdown of Participation



Please identify where you work and/or where your children attend school.



513  
Responses

%		Answer <i>(Multi-select)</i>
3%	(18)	Early Childhood Center at Prairieview School
13%	(67)	Prairieview School (Grades K-4)
9%	(50)	Avon Center School (Grades K-4)
17%	(92)	Meadowview School (Grades K-4)
15%	(80)	Woodview School (Grades K-4)
22%	(116)	Frederick School (Grades 5-6)
18%	(95)	Grayslake Middle School (Grades 7-8)
15%	(77)	Park Campus (Grades K-4)
11%	(61)	Park Campus (Grades 5-8)
0%	(3)	District Office or Instructional Service









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Please identify the extent to which you agree with this statement: "I would like CCSD 46 to use ELearning Days instead of Snow Days as long as ample warning is given for preparation."



%		Answer
19%	(94)	 Strongly disagree
15%	(78)	 Disagree
6%	(30)	 Neither agree nor disagree
18%	(92)	 Agree
42%	(213)	 Strongly agree





## THOUGHTS

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4.3  ( 32  )

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4.0  ( 27  )

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4.0  ( 26  )

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4.0  ( 26  )

Always impressed with how prepared our teachers are to pivot. I imagine it is a lot of additional works for them.

4.0  ( 23  )

Impressed with the materials teachers prepared /sent home

3.8  ( 26  )

No challenges, my student's day went well. The teacher was fantastic.

3.8  ( 25  )

The teachers & students seemed prepared for E-learning without missing a beat

3.7  ( 27  )



## THOUGHTS

### Teachers Did a Great Job



**We were given warning that it might happen and were able to prepare. Teachers kept it fun and light but still worth the time.** Kids still have 2020 ZOOM PTSD so days should stay light but useful and not over used just yet.

3.7  ( 26  )

**My children's teachers did a great job sending home necessary material and keeping them engaged throughout the day!**

3.7  ( 25  )

**Organize by teachers. Everything went very well** I think e learning is way better than a snow day where the kids have to make up at the end of the year.

3.7  ( 24  )



## THOUGHTS Successes



**I thought that the teachers did an excellent job of pivoting and making the best of it. It is important that we are all doing our best.**

4.3 ★★★★★ ( 32 👤 )

**Grayslake is awesome and everyone works so well together**

4.2 ★★★★★ ( 16 👤 )

**E-Learning days are a great opportunity to avoid adding days to the end of the school year. However, I believe a more "asynchronous" would be better. This would be more productive and allow staff to be available to assist throughout the day. Also, more flexibility at home for parents and students.**

4.1 ★★★★★ ( 31 👤 )

**E-learning worked for my family however I see how it could inconvenience others. Are kids excused if parents aren't able to make arrangements for this** My family is lucky enough to have one adult working from home, making e-learning possible. However, NOT all households have this option.

4.1 ★★★★★ ( 27 👤 )

**Elearning days reduce stress** related to having to drive in dangerous weather

4.1 ★★★★★ ( 26 👤 )

**We were notified early.** It is important to allow us to plan our day.

4.1 ★★★★★ ( 25 👤 )

**Most families/students were able to successfully log on and participate. Students in grade 2 remembered how to use Google Meet features respectfully.**

4.0 ★★★★★ ( 27 👤 )



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4.0  ( 26  )

**Excellent attendance was achieved!** Students were still able to connect with their peers and their teacher.

4.0  ( 25  )

**E-learning worked better for older kids with more experience with technology and focus than for younger students who wandered off or were confused.** E-learning short changes the younger students who need more direct attention, denying them the practice they need to build a strong foundation.

4.0  ( 24  )

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4.1 ★★★★★ (12 👤)

**Lots of technical difficulties and there was not much benefit mostly filler activities.** It's difficult for kids in younger grades to do this without lots of assistance.

4.1 ★★★★★ (9 👤)

**It is quite challenging for younger kids, and it requires a lot of assistance from parents.**

4.1 ★★★★★ (8 👤)

**A challenge was that not all teachers followed the same schedule. Some teachers reverted back to COVID e-learning style and taught almost all day.** It is important because we have multiple kids at the same house and breaks were all different.

3.9 ★★★★★ (26 👤)

**I had to work. The challenge was that all schools in the area did not follow the same protocol.** As a teacher, would like area consistency.

3.9 ★★★★★ (25 👤)



## THOUGHTS

### Theme / Challenges



**My son relates Elearning days to the difficulties and frustrations that we all experienced during COVID online learning.** For IEP this is very important as there needs to be support in lessons that is not available online, especially for those w/ difficulty w/ attention.

3.9  (23 )

**Being on standby whether it will happen or not** The message stated the decision would be made by 5 AM yet child care arrangements cannot be made at that moment.

3.9  (22 )





## THOUGHTS

### Challenges for Specific Groups



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## THOUGHTS Notification



**Having parents wait until 5am the morning of gives no time to prepare** If childcare is needed or parents need to figure out work, finding out at 5 am doesn't give enough time, it should be decided the night before

4.1 ★★★★★ (29 👤)

**We were notified early.** It is important to allow us to plan our day.

4.1 ★★★★★ (25 👤)

**Given the overly aggressive weather reports leading up to Feb 16, the district did the best job it could with the information it had at the time.**

4.0 ★★★★★ (21 👤)

**Being on standby whether it will happen or not** The message stated the decision would be made by 5 AM yet child care arrangements cannot be made at that moment.

3.9 ★★★★★ (22 👤)

**Either way, if you are going to call it a snow day...Make the call early so that we can prepare for childcare.** Making the call that morning, just a few hours before school starts, doesn't help us at all. We skipped the day and moved on.

3.8 ★★★★★ (26 👤)

**Students were told ahead of time but were not sure of it, waited for message from school.**  
It is good we received confirmation as parents/guardians, would like those as early as possible to plan around the school day

3.8 ★★★★★ (24 👤)





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**Success** I think we had enough notice to make sure students had materials to work on at home. 3.7 ★★★★★ (30 👤)

**Early notification was great** 3.7 ★★★★★ (26 👤)



## THOUGHTS

### Schedule/Learning Expectations



**E-Learning days are a great opportunity to avoid adding days to the end of the school year. However, I believe a more "asynchronous" would be better.** This would be more productive and allow staff to be available to assist throughout the day. Also, more flexibility at home for parents and students.

4.1 ★★★★★ (31 👤)

**Sending a printed schedule with time frames (ex:/ from 9:00am- 11:30am with xy teacher and what class), will be greatly appreciated.**

3.8 ★★★★★ (27 👤)

**Synchronous** This is difficult to maintain after doing it for two years. Kids weren't interested

3.8 ★★★★★ (5 👤)

**It Should NOT be treated as a regular day, or like a day during the public quarantine. It should be a check-in with activities to complete at leisure.** There is not enough planning time to successfully do more. Asking families to do more on short notice is hard on everyone.

3.7 ★★★★★ (28 👤)

**Asynchronous** All learning should be asynchronous/a quick meeting in the morning. Families have all different situations on a last minute e-learning days.

3.7 ★★★★★ (25 👤)

**Teachers should be able to use discretion with continuing curriculum on the ELearning Days instead of coming up with something disconnected.** If the goal is to ensure there are no gaps in learning then we should be able to continue from the day prior and make up random assignments.

3.7 ★★★★★ (23 👤)



## THOUGHTS

### Snow Day



**Snow days are a simple joy of childhood.** Should the day indeed prove to be bad weather, a snow day /mental health day here and there is not a negative thing.

3.8 ★★★★★ (17 👤)

**Snow days are fun! We all grew up with snow days, and a day or two at the end of the year is a small price to pay for a random fun day.** It's also so much easier for working parents to get childcare (if needed) when they don't have to ask for someone to also assist with e-learning.

3.8 ★★★★★ (9 👤)

**I'm not a teacher and both of my children cannot be home e learning. It doesn't work for them. It makes their and my day horrible.** It doesn't work for everyone. Let kids be kids and have a snow day. Let parents make a snow day memory. No more e learning none sense.

3.7 ★★★★★ (22 👤)

**Difficult for students to spend all day indoors** They need time to play and enjoy the day

3.7 ★★★★★ (20 👤)



## THOUGHTS

### Miscellaneous



**Extra Work** Teachers are asked to do a lot of extra work, especially in the elementary grades to prep for the day. Waste of time if e-learning is not called.

3.6  (26 )

**Regardless of the future decision made about snow days vs e-learning days, someone is always going to complain** The important thing to remember is our children deserve every opportunity to excel under the CCSD 46 umbrella & its educators.

3.6  (26 )

**Night Before** Asking teachers to wait until 5am for an e-learning day is unfair. Prepping for a "potential" e-learning day is a potential waste of time.

3.6  (23 )

**Is it possible to build a snow day into the calendar so that if we need one we can drop a day later in the spring and still end the year on time?** This would allow one free snow day with no change to the end of the year calendar.

3.6  (12 )

**Safety for teachers and staff who commute a long distance to D46 is an important consideration.**

3.6  (6 )

# Plans Moving Forward

- Plan to use E-Learning Days in most cases of inclement weather as long as there is ample notice for preparation
- Incorporate more asynchronous learning, thus allowing students to step away from devices. Some families may choose to enjoy the weather conditions during asynchronous time and complete work later
- It is possible that several days of inclement weather could result in an occasional Snow Day instead of E-Learning Day

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