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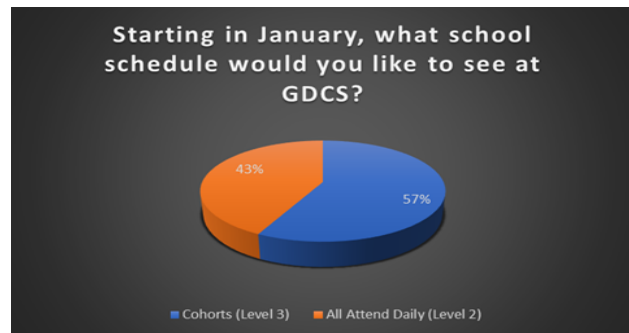
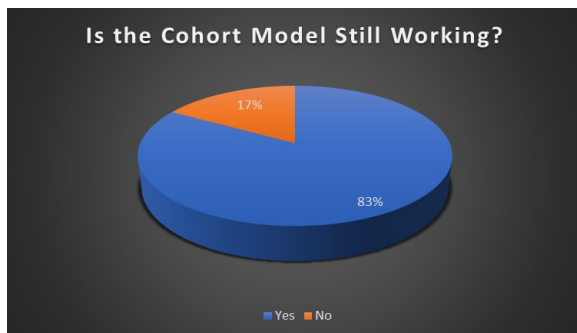
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. As we continue to navigate through these challenging times, we are doing our best to provide a safe environment for our students while providing the best education that we can. A large part of that decision making, and planning process requires the input of parents in the education of our students. Recently, we sent all parents/guardians a link to a survey asking for your feedback about how the cohort model (1/2 Days) is working for your family and whether or not you would be comfortable moving to Level 2 after Christmas. The following graphs show the results of that survey for those main questions.



Gordon Denny is the only school in the Tri-Community that has remained at Level 3. The information above is a very key reason for that. The need for parents and guardians to feel that their child is safe directly impacts our school's attendance. Everyone is well aware that attendance is the first and most important step in learning. Our goal is to do the most good for the most students. Going to a Level 2 status according to this data suggests that we could potentially lose 57% of those attending now. We have witnessed this trend in other local schools that have moved to Level 2. A decrease in attendance will set us all back even further in overall student academic progress.

I want to thank everyone for their participation in the survey. At this time, we will be continuing with Level 3 until further notice. We are working together with the school division and staff to develop a hybrid program that will provide the opportunity for students to attend half a day and then have the opportunity to participate in real time, online education while students are at home during the other half of their day. This will require careful planning and some reassignment in teaching roles. We will communicate further developments in this area as they become available.

Sincerely,



Scott Hepworth
Principal,

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