

DKFI PTA Survey Results

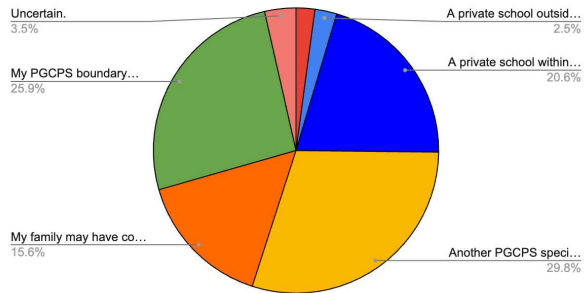
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In response to the news that DKFI was to be relocated to fKMS, the PTA conducted a survey (following PGCPs' executive leadership webinar) of families to better understand the needs and interests of the community as a whole. A total of 308 responses were received and data were cleaned to remove duplicate responses, resulting in a total of 282 responses from across all grade levels. To better understand the impact on educators, a second survey was shared with staff resulting in 34 responses to date.

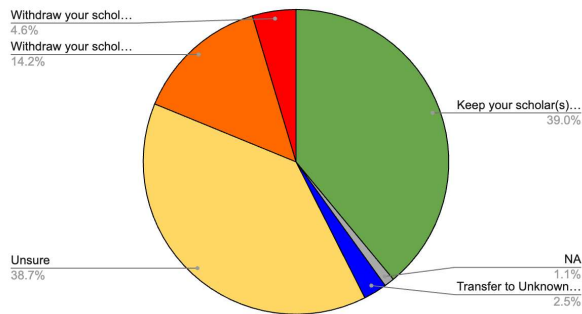
Enrollment Considerations

When considering enrollment options, only 26% of families would have enrolled their scholar in a boundary school within PGCPs. Nearly 30% would have enrolled in a different specialty program if they did not enroll at DKFI. DKFI and specialty programs are an enrollment boost to the county. Additionally, DKFI is the top performing middle school and among the top 3 performing elementary schools in the county.

If your scholar did not enroll in DKFI, where would they have attended school?



Scholar Enrollment Decision if Move to Landover



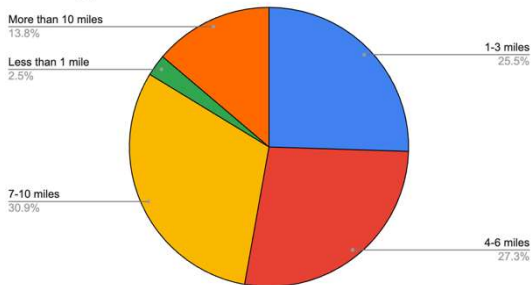
Enrollment Implications of the Proposed Move

Only 39% of surveyed families would remain enrolled at DKFI at this time. Just over 21% would transfer to a different school if DKFI were to relocate to Kenmoor, likely correlated to the change in distance and uncertainty of the bus system.

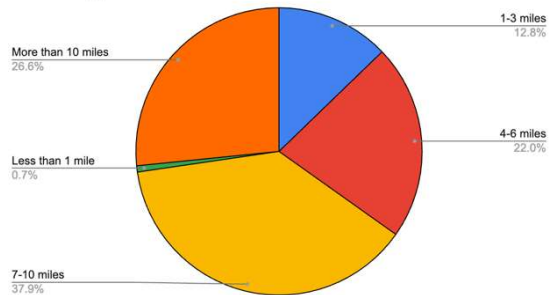
Distance

Although mileage is not a substitute for time given traffic considerations, it is a proxy for approximating changes in commutes for families to school. Given the bus challenges that currently exist, there are more than 200 car riders to the DKFI Greenbelt location currently. When considering changes to distance, there is a significant increase in distance traveled for DKFI families. Currently, 14% of families commute more than 10 miles, a number that increases to 27% for Landover. Currently, 28% live 0-3 miles from Greenbelt, a number that decreases to 14% for Landover.

Approximate distance from Greenbelt location



Approximate Distance from Landover location



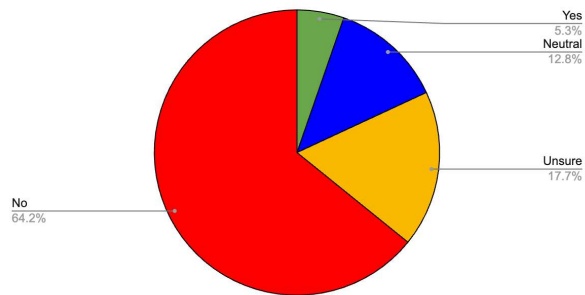
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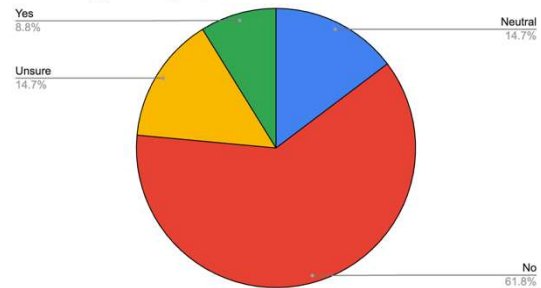
Support for the Proposed Move to Kenmoor

There is little support for this proposed move from the entire DKFI community (family and staff). Only 5% of families support the proposed move and more than 64% oppose the proposed move. Nearly 9% of staff support the proposed move while nearly 62% oppose the move.

Family support for the proposed relocation of DKFI to Landover



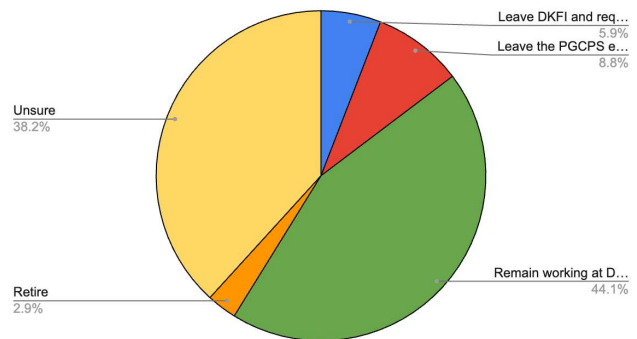
Staff support for proposed relocation of DKFI to Landover



Staff Retention

The need to retain staff and educators is of utmost priority to the DKFI families. Consistently, open-ended responses in the survey spoke to the importance of the faculty. In addition to the outstanding quality of the DKFI faculty, the French-language foundation of the education requires additional skills that are not easily replaceable. Only 44% of staff are confident they would remain at DKFI if the move to Landover were to occur.

Staff Retention in Proposed Move to fKMS



Common Concerns and Questions:

- What other options exist for DKFI to remain proximate to the Greenbelt location and more central to the northern catchment of the county?
- What is the long-term plan for DKFI's location? Why move DKFI in 2026 only to move again in a few years?
- Why move DKFI to fKMS if the facility is not the permanent space for the school? What was the FCI of fGMS when DKFI relocated in 2014? How does that compare to the fKMS FCI of 58?
- What are the implications for bell times, bus routes, and traffic given the single driveway at fKMS?
- Why was there no public comment on the proposal before the announcement was made to the Greenbelt City Council?
- How can we move towards a collaborative, long-term, evidence-based solution?

Appendix

Community Survey Questions

1. What grade(s) is your scholar(s) enrolled in currently? (select all that apply)
2. In what year did your family become part of the DKFI community?
3. What are some of the reasons your family chose to enroll your scholar in DKFI?
4. If your scholar did not enroll in DKFI, where would they have attended school?
5. On a typical day, how does your scholar get to DKFI?
6. How long is your scholar's typical commute to Dora Kennedy's current location in the morning?
7. How long is your scholar's typical commute from Dora Kennedy's current location in the afternoon?
8. Approximately how far is your home located from DKFI's current location at 8950 Edmonston Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770?
9. Approximately how far is your home located from DKFI's proposed new location at 2500 Kenmoor Dr, Greater Landover, MD 20785?
10. If the school moves in 2026 as proposed to the Old Kenmoor Middle School location in Landover, what will be your course of action?

If your scholar(s) are currently in middle school, please share how you would respond if your scholar was directly impacted by the proposed move.

11. Do you support the proposed relocation of DKFI in 2026 to the Old Kenmoor Middle School location in Landover?
12. What, if any, benefits do you see associated with the proposed move?
13. What, if any, are your primary concern(s) with the proposed move?
14. What questions do you have regarding the proposed move?
15. Is there anything else you would like to share with the PTA about the proposed move?
16. Are you interested in joining the PTA Legislative and Advocacy committee? (part of the work of the committee is advocating on behalf of the community in regard to the proposed move).

Staff Survey Questions

1. In what year did you join the DKFI community?
2. We know that our DKFI staff may have joined DKFI first as a parent or scholar, if that is the case, when did you first start working at DKFI?
3. If applicable, what grades do you most engage with on a daily basis?
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