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District 87 Alternative Learning Day — Survey Results

Following the pilot of Alternative Learning Days (ALD) during the January Polar Vortex, District 87 distributed surveys to teachers, guardians, and students to collect opinions and ideas about ALDs.

District administration will continue to collaborate with these groups to make adjustments if ALDs are to be used in the future. All concerns and recommendations are being taken into consideration. Thank you for your patience, feedback, and ideas as we explore this modern learning opportunity to keep student minds active.

Parents/Guardians: 1,164 responses

- 85% in favor of continuing ALDs
- 79% said little to no adult assistance was required for students to complete work
- 84% did not encounter tech issues, but problems with internet access were reported

Teachers: 287 responses

- 96% in favor of continuing ALDs
- 71% said ALDs were valuable for learning continuity
- A majority requested additional planning time and sooner notification for ALD plans

Students: 1,620 responses

- 76% in favor of continuing ALDs
- 78% described the ALDs as a positive or average experience
- Students spent an average of three hours completing assignments each day

Requests for improvement

- Improved communication from District 87
- Uniform platform for attendance and assignments
- Consideration for working families
- Solution for families without internet/devices
- Workload equity and differentiation