

Dear Community Member,

You will be aware that our consultation period on the proposal to academise, joining Community Schools Trust, closed on Monday 27 February. The governing body held two meetings this week. The first was to complete an in-depth review of consultation responses and having reflected on those outcomes, a second meeting was held, on 1 March, to decide next steps in terms of academisation and consider whether to apply for an academy order.

A summary of the outcomes of the consultation process are outlined below:

Parent Responses:

Number of parents invited to consultation	1512 parents	
Number of responses	144	
	Responses	Percentage of all parent contacts (1512)
Number (%) who agree with the proposal to join CST	52 (36%)	3%
Number (%) who have no strong feelings either way	32 (22%)	2%
Number (%) who disagree with the proposal to join CST	60 (42%)	4%

Staff Responses:

Number of staff members invited to consultation	163	
Number of responses	56 (34%)	
	Responses	Percentage of All Staff (163)
Number (%) who agree with the proposal to join CST	21 (37.5%)	13%
Number (%) who have no strong feeling either way	14 (25%)	9%
Number (%) who disagree with the proposal to join CST	21 (37.5%)	13%

Wider Community:

Who was the community consultation available to?	The wider community consultation was sent directly to all secondary schools in the borough and to our feeder
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	primary schools. It was made available on our website via a 'pop up' with a covering letter and link to a consultation form
Number of responses	4 (Individuals, not other Hackney schools or other organisations)
Number (%) of responses who agree with the proposal to join CST	1 (25%)
Number (%) of responses who have no strong feeling with the proposal to join CST	1 (25%)
Number (%) of responses who disagree with the proposal to join CST	2 (50%)

In addition, written representations from the council and district union representatives, requesting an extension to the consultation period, were also considered and discussed at length by governors. The governors believe that the [consultation process](#) was sufficient to give stakeholders time to consider and submit their views. However, they recognise that there is more that can be done over the coming weeks to ensure all parties have had a full opportunity to engage and express their views. In view of this, the governing body passed three resolutions in the meeting on 1 March:

1. Not to extend the current consultation period
2. To make an academy application to the Department for Education for an academy order to enable academisation to proceed, should the governing body determine that is the best course of action
3. To defer the final decision on academisation to the summer term, upon receipt of an academy order, allowing for a further period of engagement and listening with stakeholders before any final decision is made.

We understand that even though the majority of respondents expressed agreement or no objection to the proposals, there are members of our school community who have concerns about this proposal. We hope to be able to provide reassurance over the coming months. Governors are committed to helping our local community to thrive by giving students the best curriculum opportunities and teaching. By joining a family of schools, we would gain the opportunity to share ideas and expertise with others, improving the quality of education we provide and supporting others to do the same. Like any other state school, we would continue to be free to attend, non-selective on academic ability, inspected by Ofsted and committed to the values and ethos we have worked hard to build here. All our funding would be invested in the provision of high quality education for our students.

Kind regards,



Wendy Mason
Chair of Governors