

June 12, 2020

Dear Gilbert Public Schools parents and families,

As we prepare for the 2020/21 school year, together, as a community, it is important for us to continue to update you on our progress.

Our 'Reopening Schools Task Force' continues to work on developing a comprehensive plan that will cover the needs of all of our students and families while continuing to support the health and wellbeing of our students, staff and families. You can view an update from the Task Force at this week's Governing Board meeting and the results of our employee and parent surveys [on our website](#).

At the core of our efforts is a goal to provide choices for our families, to support a positive return to school for all of our students. The choices offered are based on what is best for our students academically and for their health and wellness, which take into consideration feedback from our families who voiced a desire for both in-person and online learning options.

- Full-Time In-Person Learning on Campus
- Full-Time Online Learning (GPS Global Academy)

Please note: If a student experiences a disruption in learning due to sickness or other reasons during the school year, there will be a flexible option in place to support continued education.

More details will follow in the coming weeks for both of these options. An online information hub is being created that will provide our families with all the information they need to make informed decisions. The online hub will also include an extensive FAQ and other resources for our students and families.

The final plan will be presented to our Governing Board on June 30, 2020.

As we shared with you last week, we are also looking at actions on campuses including but not limited to:

- Installation of hand sanitizer stations in every school.
- Staff training on health and safety protocols.
- Deep cleaning and regular disinfection of high touch surfaces.

- Signage posted throughout campuses with health and safety reminders.
- Limited number of volunteers and visitors on campus.
- Development and implementation of communication protocols regarding COVID-19 cases, should this be needed.
- Reviewing health screening options.
- Learning supports in place to meet the needs of all GPS students.
- Parents responsible for determining their child's health status before arriving at school and for keeping their children home should they present with symptoms.
- Nurses and Health Assistants will continue to provide support on every campus.
- Transportation will continue to operate.

It is important for us to acknowledge that these are challenging times for many of us. We are extremely grateful for the patience of our community as we work to ensure we are well prepared to continue to provide high-quality education and support for all of our students. As we all know, COVID-19 and the guidelines in place, at a state and national level, are fluid. We will continue to be in contact with the appropriate authorities and agencies to ensure that we have the most up to date information to inform our decision making.

Please be assured that we will be in frequent communication with you throughout the summer to ensure that you have all the information you need, as soon as possible, to support a positive return to our school campuses August 5, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support of Gilbert Public Schools.

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