

June 5, 2020

Dear Gilbert Public Schools Parents and Families,

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and opinions via our recent 'GPS Return to School Survey'. The responses are now being shared with our Task Force planning committees to be included in the planning process.

A comprehensive plan for re-opening schools will be presented to our Governing Board later this month. In the meantime we would like to inform our community of some key measures we are already taking, and are currently reviewing. All decisions and actions are designed to promote a positive beginning to the school year, including:

- A safe and supported return to our school campuses.
- An online learning option (K-12) for students unable to attend school on campus.
- Measures to promote the health and social emotional well-being of our students, staff and families.

Below are a number of actions we are already taking on our campuses:

- 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.
- Limit number of volunteers and visitors on campus.
- Developing and implementing communication protocols regarding COVID-19 cases, should this be needed.
- 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 child home should they present with symptoms.
- Nurses and Health Assistants will continue to provide support on every campus.
- Transportation will continue to operate.

There are also a number of measures that our planning committees are actively reviewing:

- Limiting access to shared areas on campus.

- Option for students to wear a mask but not required.
- Health screening protocols for students and employees.

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. Our goal remains to continue to educate all of our students to a high standard while promoting health, safety and emotional well-being for our students, staff and wider community.

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 all for your continued support of Gilbert Public Schools.

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