



GILPIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

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Dear Gilpin School Community,

Gilpin County School District (GCSD) surveyed school parents about their learning program preference for their child(ren) and safety protocol priorities for a return to the school building to address COVID-19. I shared parent survey results with school staff and I reported the results to the Board of Education at their September 1 meeting.

For health safety practices, parents ranked staff be trained on COVID-19 health protocols established by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) as their top concern. Second, parents prioritized daily temperature and symptom checks for students and staff. Requiring staff and students to wear a mouth and nose covering at school were both tied as a third priority of parents.

When asked about cleaning and social distancing, parents responded that daily cleaning of touch surfaces at the school was their number one priority. Having cleaner available and used on touch surfaces during the school day in classrooms was also a top priority. Parents wanted hand sanitizer available in classrooms. Maintaining 6 feet of social distancing in classrooms as well as staggering student group movement in hallways and common areas rounded-out parent top priorities to have in place for their child(ren) to return to the school building.

Parents were asked if they depend on the school for child(ren) care and supervision during the school day. Sixty-four percent of parents said, "no."

For the Hybrid Learning Program, 70% of parents indicated they would send their child(ren) to school one day a week and continue school remotely the other three school days.

Parent survey responses indicated that 64% of parents wanted their child(ren) back in the school building in the four day a week In-person Learning Program.

Twenty-nine percent of parents want the Remote Distance Learning Program with Gilpin teachers to continue during the 2020/2021 school year.

The third learning program offering, Gilpin Online, provides pre-made computer courses that students complete independently with teacher support and 7% of families are participating in this program this school year.

I advised the Board that the survey results indicate that about two-thirds of GCSD Preschool through Grade 12 parents want their child(ren) back in the school building for in-person learning four days a week. I proceeded to



say that the survey results indicated a need for parents that GCSD concurrently provide remote distance learning for the other third of the student body.

The Board agreed and directed me to create a plan to be implemented on September 21, 2020. The September 21 plan will provide parents and students with **all** of the following learning program option choices:

- ***In-person Learning Program*** in the school building 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday.
- ***Hybrid Learning Program*** is a combination of remote distance learning and in-person in the school building one (25/75%), two (50/50%), or three (75/25%) days a week.
- ***Remote Distance Learning Program*** with Gilpin teachers 4 days a week Monday through Thursday.
- ***Gilpin Online Learning Program*** offered through the school year. Fall semester CDLS enrollment is closed. However, Edmentum is still open for enrollment in grades 6-12.

The principals are collaborating with teachers and developing how the aforementioned plans will be concurrently offered and operated.

On September 21, route busses will begin morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off Monday through Thursday. To reduce bus rider capacity and maintain social distancing, parents who are able to provide family transportation for your child(ren) to and from school if you choose in-person for one or more days would be very helpful.

Breakfast and lunch will be served at school Monday through Thursday, pre-packaged and bagged, in classrooms. When parents choose remote distance learning from 1 up to 4 school days, meals will still be delivered to the pre-established meal delivery locations.

Again, I ask for your understanding, grace, and for time to prepare the next iteration of teaching and learning programs that will begin on September 21.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent