July 15, 2020

CGESD School Start Date and Education Delivery Model

Dear CGESD Families and Community,

The coronavirus did not take a summer break as we all had hoped. Instead, the rate of outbreak in our community has demonstrated the pandemic is not yet under control.

We believe our community deserves better than week-to-week decisions. Therefore, we are announcing that instruction will resume on Aug. 17 using distance learning, and we will resume in-person learning no earlier than Fall Break.

Over 120 individuals have come together to help plan for our re-entry. Each has wanted nothing short of a full and safe return. Declining rates of infection and hospitalizations along with on-demand testing and a quick turnaround of results are necessary to ensure this safety. We recognize that at this point, we have neither. We are all disappointed. We love our students and miss seeing them as they learn and grow!

During the next few weeks, families will receive an invitation to participate in an individual conference with their child’s teacher. The priority will be building relationships to support continued learning and success. Families will also receive information on device and material pickup at each school site and how to access technology support.

Important to note:
- Family-teacher-student conferences will take place from August 3rd through August 13th.
- The school year will resume via distance learning on August 17th.
- Teachers will engage in ongoing professional learning in distance education to better meet the needs of students.
- Students will engage in lessons at the start of the year to help them become successful distance learners.
- Additional online supports for students and families will be made available.
- Principals and teachers will continue planning for the safest possible reopening this fall.
- Free meals will continue to be provided.
- Questions can be emailed to outreach@cgesd.org

Distance and Online Learning Options

Friday, we will send out an online form which is only to be completed by those families who plan to transfer their child(ren) to the CGESD Online Learning Academy (online instruction for the entire year with no in-person return anticipated for the 2020-21 school year). If your family chooses to continue with your present school via Distance Learning (this is our current scenario for instruction beginning August 17th with an anticipated return to in-person learning) you will not need to complete the form. Please be on the watch for additional information coming soon.

Regardless of your choice, we appreciate you entrusting us with the education of your children. We will continue doing our best to ensure high-quality learning experiences that are engaging, fun, and meaningful; and that the support we provide aligns with our mission - Success for Everyone, The Responsibility is Yours and Mine.

Stay well,

Your CGESD Family