



# Griswold Public Schools

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RE: Parent/Guardian survey for school re-opening for the 2020-2021 school year

Dear GPS:

We hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

Last week, The State of Connecticut, Department of Education, released a school reopening plan entitled, [Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together](#). This comprehensive plan includes a wide variety of recommendations, guidelines and requirements. For our district planning purposes and commitment to consistent communication, we need your help.

Here's some important information to know:

- We remain committed to keeping all GPS students, families, faculty, and staff safe and informed. Know that the flow of information about reopening schools is fluid, constantly changing, and requiring us to revise and review plans regularly. You all will learn more about our plan once it is finalized, and we will offer scheduled virtual sessions about the plan for all community members.
- Our district administration is engaged in the complex, mandated process of using this state plan to craft our own, Griswold Public Schools, School Reopening 2020-2021, Operational Plan. Our plan is currently being developed, and once completed, we will be sure to share the Griswold Public Schools, School Reopening 2020-2021 Operational Plan. The plan is due to the state by July 24th, 2020, pending Griswold Board of Education approval.
- Some of the key aspects of the plan include:
  - **Safeguarding** the health and safety of students and staff.
  - **Allowing** all students the opportunity to return to school *full-time*, in-person when school opens.
  - **Requiring** all students and adults, upon returning to school, to wear face-coverings, consistent with CDC and Connecticut Public Health Guidelines. If there is a medical reason not to wear a mask, then a medical note would need to be provided.
  - **Allowing** students and parents to opt to participate in only remote learning.

- **Opting** to transport students to and from school, as bus transportation will be at full capacity, and students will be required to wear masks.

To ensure we have the most up to date information as we move forward with planning, we are administering a parent/guardian survey for school re-opening for the 2020-2021 school year. Our Administrative Team has constructed a form, to determine, to the best extent possible:

1. The number of parents and students who are opting, at this point and time, to participate in full remote learning, although schools will reopen **full-time** at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. This is an option available in the state plan that we must observe.
2. The number of students whose parents are deciding to transport the student(s) to and from school and NOT be assigned to an STA-BUS, at this time.

To access the form, [please click here](#). We are politely requesting that all parents/guardians complete the form, with the understanding that information could change. Once again, the data collected from this form will help us tremendously as we plan.

We thank you for your attention, participation, and continued support. We hope that you are all safe and well.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean P. McKenna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sean P. McKenna,  
Superintendent of Schools