
GALENA PARK

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To Galena Park I.S.D. Families, Employees, and All Other Stakeholders,

When school closings were announced in March 2020, like most of you, I thought we would be out for a couple of weeks, and our students would return to class before the end of the school year. Yet here we are, almost five months later, making preparations to reopen schools for a new school year in a situation that seems to change daily, if not hourly. Our leadership team has worked diligently throughout the summer planning traditional, hybrid, and virtual learning options for every scenario imaginable, which would ensure our students and staff experience a safe and productive year. We have examined CDC educational guidelines, how they have been interpreted by the Texas Education Agency, and how they might work in the Galena Park I.S.D. community. While we know the situation and guidelines are still changing, we do have to move forward with a plan to start school, understanding that each family will have to make a choice based on what is best for their own personal situation.

As of now, parents will be able to select from the two instructional arrangement options listed below for each of their students enrolled in Galena Park I.S.D.:

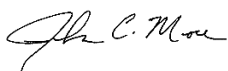
1. Option One: Return to school on campus, according to our approved calendar with established face-to-face guidelines regarding masks, social distancing and sanitation, which are outlined on the Reopening School Webpage.
2. Option Two: 100% Remote Learning (Virtual Instruction) using a device (Chromebook) provided by GPISD. Student engagement, grades and attendance will be monitored by a GPISD teacher as explained on the Reopening School Webpage.
 - Parents will be required to select one of the instructional arrangements when completing the Returning Student Verification/Registration process online, which is scheduled to open on July 20, 2020. **Returning Student Verification/Registration is required for each GPISD student regardless of the instructional arrangement option selected.**
 - New Student Enrollment will open on August 1, 2020.

Countless hours have been spent planning and praying this summer for a solution that would provide everything our students, families and staff need to reopen schools safely. While this plan isn't perfect, Galena Park I.S.D. is committed to doing everything within our control to provide a healthy and supportive learning environment for every student. COVID-19 has been one of the most unprecedented events our entire society has ever dealt with, and it has taught us our education environment must be flexible enough to adjust as situations evolve related to the virus. We will need your support and patience as we continue to navigate this challenging situation.

I am confident if we all work together, we will make the opening of the 2020-2021 school year a positive experience for Galena Park I.S.D. students.

Please review and continue to monitor the [Reopening School Webpage](#) for the latest 2020-2021 school year updates.

Sincerely,



John Moore, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools