



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

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Dear Gregory-Portland ISD Families and Staff,

We're eager to welcome our students and staff back for the first day of school on Thursday, August 13th, whether we see you in person or virtually. We miss your smiling faces, your energy, and your passion. Please know that along with our enthusiasm to be reunited, we are firmly committed to ensuring we provide a safe and productive learning environment especially in light of circumstances due to COVID-19.

Our team has been diligently working to provide flexible and equitable learning options designed to meet the individual needs of our students and staff. There are many logistical and operational challenges that we are working through, and those decisions remain dependent on direction and guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). While we wait for additional information from TEA, we are moving forward with planning and communicating with you based on what we know today. Please keep in mind that while we begin to share this information, the details are subject to change based on updated guidance from local, state, and federal authorities.

As you can imagine, instruction will look different this school year. G-PISD reached out to parents through an initial parent survey in early June, both to receive feedback after our immediate response to the COVID-19 crisis and also to obtain preliminary thoughts regarding different learning models for the coming school year. Parents were asked to submit one survey per household, and the results indicated that interest existed for both in-classroom and at-home virtual learning. *If you would like to view these survey results from June 2020, please visit g-pisd.org/June2020survey.*

Based on this feedback, our team designed two learning options in alignment with preliminary (though not yet complete or solidified) guidelines provided by TEA. Families will be asked to choose one of these two options for each of their students, and commit to that option for the first 9 week grading period of the school year. We encourage you to view the image attached to this letter for details, or at www.g-pisd.org/learningoptions.

ACTION NEEDED - PARENT SURVEY for JULY 2020: A second survey is now available, and we are in great need of feedback from all parents to determine how many students will be enrolled in each learning option, as well as to obtain other information. Principals will use this data to plan for the new school year. Please complete this survey as soon as possible for each of your student(s) before 4 p.m. on Monday, July 20th: www.g-pisd.org/parentsurvey.

We are grateful to be part of a resilient community that stands together in times of uncertainty, and remains united in our efforts to support our children. We're committed to working with you to provide the best possible solutions for a successful school year, and we miss our students and staff tremendously. Let's stay strong and do what is necessary to overcome the obstacles that have been thrown our way. As always, we will persevere together.

Please respond promptly to this important parent survey for our planning needs, and visit www.g-pisd.org/2020-21 for the latest information regarding the new school year (to be updated with more details as plans are finalized). Thank you, as always, for your support of our school district.

Respectfully,

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