



Please read this important message from Gilbert Community Schools

June 26, 2020

Gilbert Staff and Families,

Yesterday, the Iowa Department of Education released guidance for reopening schools. Earlier in the week, guidance was received from Story County Health Board of Directors. The message from these two entities that we look to for guidance is differing in their recommendations.

We know there are a number of questions concerning what school will look like in the fall. Will we be able to return to school at full capacity? Will students be required to wear masks? What safety procedures will be in place? What happens if we can not return to our buildings in the fall? The list is endless.

On Wednesday we will be providing an overview of our Return to Learn Plan to the school board. The Return to Learn Plan is to include contingencies for the following:

- A Full Return to School (school as usual)
- Required Continuous Learning (100% remote learning)
- Hybrid Learning (A combination of the two if only a certain percentage of students can attend on a given day)

Over the next few weeks, we will be collaborating with the Story County Health Department and Story County Emergency Management to develop a matrix on how decisions are made to move from one education model to another.

Once our Return to Learn Plan is submitted, we will continue with implementation in what is a very fluid situation. What will school look like when we return? We honestly do not know yet. We will use our Return to Learn Plan and the guidance we are given, to make decisions that are in the best interest of our students, staff, and families.

You should have received an email parent portal activation to our new student information system, Infinite Campus. Regardless of our Return to Learn plan we still have to register students. PLEASE go into the portal and register your students at your earliest convenience. This way it let's us know you are continuing in Gilbert CSD next year and to ensure that you receive messages sent out by the district. Our PowerSchool system is ending on June 30th.

Please contact Cassie Wendt with any registration questions, wendtc@gilbertcsd.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Every Family. Every Day!

