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Dear Gonzales Community,

Gonzales Unified School District is kept apprised of the various guidelines and changes to our California response to COVID-19 and its impact on schools and Districts by the Monterey County Office of Education, the Monterey County Department of Health, the California Department of Education and the California Department of Public Health. At this time, Monterey County is in the purple tier, the most restrictive tier in the four tier system. To move forward to the less restrictive tiers, the county must meet the next tier's criteria for two consecutive weeks. The educational options a district/school can offer are dependent upon what tier the county is in at the time.

Our District is currently exploring the various options available to us as Monterey County is in the purple tier. Current metrics do not allow for all students to return to modified in-person instruction, nor do they allow for the application of waivers to return TK-6 students to modified in-person instruction. Once Monterey County's 14-day average number of new cases drops below 200 cases per 100,000 residents, TK-6 schools can apply for a waiver in Monterey County. ***At this time, based on local information,*** it is unlikely that GUSD will be requesting a waiver.

GUSD will continue to serve small cohorts of students on campus each Saturday morning through GPA (Gonzales Preparatory Academy) 4.0 for targeted, specialized support and services.

For more information on school reopening, I have attached FAQs page on School Reopening created by the Monterey County Office of Education.

Our District is appreciative of your continued support and patience. Working together, we can ensure a high-quality education and a healthy and safe environment for all throughout these ever-changing pandemic conditions.

Warm regards,

Yvette M. Irving

Superintendent

Attachment: **MCOE FAQs on School Reopening**