This is a list of questions that were asked of the Board of Education at the July 20th board meeting that were unable to be answered. As we receive more questions, this list will be updated with additional answers, as well as updated answers to questions.

1. If a child has difficulties keeping their mask on may they transition to online learning? Yes. We recognize that working with a kindergarten student will look much different from working with a high school student in regards to wearing masks. If a parent feels that a student is better served through a full remote option, that can be done. Families wanting to move their child from remote learning to the hybrid model may do so at the end of the first quarter. However, there will be more freedom for a family to move a child from the hybrid model to the full remote model due to the possibility of COVID related scenarios.

2. Concern about teacher’s in this situation safety? Teacher and student safety is of the utmost importance in drafting this plan, which is why the district is implementing a plan that maintains the guidelines set forth by the CDC and IDPH with fidelity.

3. Can students go from classroom option to remote learning during the school year or vice versa? Yes. Moving from remote to hybrid can be done at the end of the quarter. Hybrid to remote will be more flexible with the potential for COVID related situations.

4. What will it look like if the teacher tests positive and has to stay home? We are working with the union on a solution when a teacher is required to take an extended leave allowing teachers to continue working with the students on a remote basis. We know that the teacher’s interaction with their students is what is best for the students. We also must follow guidelines and procedures set forth by the CDC, IDPH and local health departments as well as maintain HIPPA and confidentiality for staff members.

5. What about an ESP with a low immune system? We are implementing and enforcing all recommendations from ISBE, IDPH, and the CDC. We are striving to create the safest possible environment by following these guidelines.

6. My daughter has two last names. Will you go by the first last name or second? She’s in high school. This will be determined at the building level.

7. What will students/ teachers do for classes such as PE, music, art....will those classes take place? (UPDATED) The board approved plan includes all Encore and specials in the regular weekly instructional schedule.

8. Will GKHS students be having both A day and B day classes combined into one day? Yes.
9. How will students be distanced at snack time? At this time, snacks will be consumed in the classroom, where students will be appropriately socially distanced.

10. Will schools open earlier for drop off since everyone is starting at 8 if we have to transport multiple children? Yes. Official times have not been established but past practice is that buildings will be opened at 7:30.

11. What about the days young students are "off" or remote learning and childcare? Will something be available? We do not have the space in the buildings, nor the staffing capacity to offer all day childcare. We are partnering with the Genoa Park District to offer after school childcare for students beginning at the 1 pm dismissal time. The partnership will help provide this service at the most affordable price possible.

12. Will the solely remote learning students be expected to log in during the 8 - 1 school hours or will it be flexible, say for students of parents that are working during the day? (UPDATED) A Remote Learning Students Day will look differently at each building. Click here to see a synopsis of the plan for each building.

13. Is there protocol if a student or staff tests positive for COVID-19? Yes. We continue to work closely with the DeKalb County Health Department and once we have a clear delineation from DCDPH, we will share that plan with the staff and the public.

14. Will fall sports be played? And If so, what precautions will be taken to allow us to play? We are currently waiting for guidance from ISBE and/or the IHSA for all fall sports.

15. Are they supposed to eat lunch on the bus after 1 pm? No. We will either provide a time for the students to eat lunch prior to getting on the bus or they can elect to eat at home.

16. Will clear masks be available for teachers to wear for those students who are hearing impaired and need to read lips? Currently, we are looking at providing face shields for teachers and students in these types of scenarios.

17. My son attends KEC but is still a G-K student, will they follow KECs plan and will transportation still be available? We are working with KEC on the planning and scheduling issue. The district is also working on a transportation plan.

18. Are breakfast and lunch provided for students for a fee? I understand that the snack is free. Just confused about the slides. For breakfast and lunch, we are required to follow the National School Lunch Plan process and procedures. Free/Reduced lunch guidelines and applications will be in effect as in past years.
19. Concerned about children that have learning disabilities and how they will stay engaged in remote learning. Concerned about a child needing social interaction and building those skills. Concerned about how KEC students will be handled. Suggestion to install thermal cameras to take student temperatures when entering buildings. We have purchased thermal cameras for each building to implement this August. Engaging students while remote will be taught during in-person instruction.

20. My son going into kindergarten will probably need speech therapy... his doctor even said let’s see how his school handles it... how will this happen... Our Student Services team will be working with all families on these issues.

21. Asked to please keep the grade levels together on the same day. (UPDATE) Unfortunately, we are unable to logistically meet this request. We must divide students by last name, (A-L and M-Z)

22. What will students/ teachers do for classes such as PE, music, art....will those classes take place? Yes. We are working on those schedules at all buildings at this time.

23. Can students bring their own breakfast, lunch, and/or snack. (UPDATED)Yes. However they will only be allowed to eat when all other students are eating. The district will be enforcing a ‘nut-free’ policy at some buildings. That information is being developed at this time.

24. If a student or teacher is symptomatic and tests positive, will the families of everyone in the class be notified? What will be done in that classroom for cleaning and quarantine?

   Contact tracing will be done and those who are impacted will be notified that they have come into contact with an individual who has tested positive. Due to HIPPA and confidentiality, the identification of the individual will not be revealed. It may be that through contact tracing it was determined that there was not enough ‘exposure’ to warrant notification. The district is committed to following the most up to date guidelines set forth by the CDC, IDPH and local health department.
25. **Any talk about drivers education classes?**

The district will work in conjunction with the third party vendor, Drive Rite, in order to determine if changes to the number of students available to drive in one vehicle at a time need to be modified. If it does, that could result in less students being able to get the required number of hours of driving completed per quarter. Parents may be asked to acknowledge and agree to student drivers not being able to maintain the 6 feet of social distancing from the driving instructor during their periods of driving. When possible, the car will have the windows down.

26. **Who will be teaching our children on remote learning days?**

The same teacher that is providing in person instruction will also be providing support to students during remote learning days.

27. **Why are so many districts around us and throughout the state offering full school or full E-Learning?**

We cannot speak as to why other school districts are moving in the direction that they are. We are recommending our plan based upon guidance from ISBE, IDPH, CDC, and DeKalb County Department of Public Health guidelines, the group of 50 people from differing demographics that met several times over the summer to discuss the plan, as well as the 8+ surveys sent out to different demographics since March.

28. **How are parents suppose to know how to teach their children?**

Parents are not expected to teach. Parents are asked to support their child in their education by creating an area in the home that they can learn in. Teachers will be interacting with students on a daily basis in the hybrid model, either in person or remotely. Students will be able to ask questions in person and remotely. All we ask is that parents support their child and the teacher in any way possible.

29. **What brought the district to this decision of no full time school?**

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30. If a petition was started to return to school full time would you listen?

If there is an avenue for full time instruction within the guidelines established by ISBE, IDPH, CDC, and DeKalb County Department of Public Health we are certainly open to that conversation. The key will be how many students choose full remote learning as an option. Once we have that information, we can decide what must be done to offer full time instruction.

31. How long is this going to last?

We wish we could answer this question. What we can say, is that the plan being offered is the plan to begin school, but this plan could easily change as we move forward depending on a number of different things including what phase of the governor’s plan we are in, how COVID-19 affects Genoa and/or Kingston in the future, and how many families choose the full remote instruction option.

32. What do we do if students will not engage in E-Learning?

We would encourage you to have a conversation with your students instructor to try to understand why. It is possible that a different method of engagement is better for your child.

33. Will you send students home with a common cold?

DCDPH, IDPH, and CDC guidelines are very clear in what symptoms require a student to remain at home. Every health situation will be different, and it will be important for parents to stay in contact with the school and their physicians in order to minimize the impact and spread of COVID-19. We will be sharing our plan for how to handle health situations at the school in short order.

34. What happens to the class if a student goes home sick? Are parents notified? Subs provided?

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35. How many students are allowed per bus?

A maximum of 50 individuals are allowed on a bus at one time.
36. Are students temperatures checked prior to getting on the bus as well as entering the schools?

Yes.

37. How will specials run?

Specials will be run differently on a building by building basis. Once the district plan is approved, buildings will finish their building plans and share those plans with families.

38. With limited class time will homework be given to students?

Homework is a part of the learning process. But with the circumstances we are faced with, homework will probably look different than it has in the past. We will share more on that at the building level once the district plan is approved.

39. Are school fees going to be less cost because the kids are not in the school 100%?

At this time, fees are expected to remain the same, while some adaptations are being made to the supply lists to account for the hybrid program.

40. Who are you getting guidance from day to day? To keep school open, close it down, etc. who makes this call?

The district is in communication with DeKalb County superintendents on a weekly basis. Our nurses have been in communication with the DeKalb County Department of Public Health regularly. A variety of statewide associations and school legal officials are communicating with public schools daily through email and social media. Our school district attorney has also reviewed our plan, as has the DCDPH.

The district will work closely with the DCDPH with every COVID case that occurs within the district, and provide guidance as to how to navigate each situation.
41. If we choose to send our student twice a week, but I have concerns on how things are handled - can we go full remote or home school?

A student may switch from the in person option to the remote option at anytime. However, we are asking those in the remote option to remain in that option until the end of the quarter. At that time, a student may move from the remote option to the in person option.

42. Can we delay opening?

We could. And we still might. Depending upon what the survey results are, we will find out how prepared we are.

43. Can parents change days to accommodate child care concerns?

Maybe. We are addressing each concern on a case by case basis. Please provide the requested information within the parent survey, and we will try to meet those requests.

44. What is the attendance plan for kids getting sick? Will the plan be different when it is the flu vrs Covid 19?

Student health is the utmost priority. If a student is sick, the child and the family should focus on getting well. If a student is required to be at home for an extended period of time, our staff will work on a remote plan that works best for the student. Every situation will be different, so communication between the parents and the school will be critical.

45. Will the KES students receive chrome books for the e learning? Will the kids get to meet their new teachers? If we change from hybrid to remote will the teacher change?

All students will receive a chromebook for the upcoming school year. Entry plans for each building are still being developed at this time. If a student switches from hybrid to remote, or vice versa, the odds are that the student’s teacher will change.