Good Afternoon,

We are all excited to see our students return to the school building tomorrow, October 13th. There are now a number of new procedures in place that were developed to help our students and staff remain safe.

**Students schedule updates**

* Elementary School (Pre-K – 6) will take place in person 5 days a week.
* The High School (7-12) will be in divided into two groups. Group 1 is 7th, 9th & 10th grades and Group 2 is 8th, 11th & 12th grades. Each group will come into school for 2 days and the following 2 school days will be remote instruction.

This week, Group 1 attends school in-person Tuesday and Wednesday and will have remote instruction on Thursday and Friday.

Group 2 will have remote instruction Tuesday and Wednesday, attend school in-person Thursday and Friday, and will again have remote instruction the following Monday and Tuesday.

 The pattern continues like this.

* Our kindergarten class will be in the cafeteria and our 4th grade class will be in the auditorium.
* In most cases, specials (i.e., art, music, library) will take place in the classroom. PE will be held in the gym or outside, weather permitting.

**Masks & Social Distancing & Health Form**

* Masks must be worn at all times with the only exception being teacher-supervised mask breaks and during lunch.
* Social distancing (remaining at least 6’ apart) is expected to be maintained at all times.
* All families are required to have turned in a health attestation form prior to Tuesday. If you have not turned this in yet please send it with your child on Tuesday. Any student without a completed form will be subject to a temperature check at the door.
* When students get off the bus and come in through the gym doors in the morning, they will pick up a “Grab & Go” breakfast to take to their classrooms.

**Additional updates**

* Lunches will be brought to students and they will eat lunch in their classrooms.
* Students who are driven to school are asked to be dropped off in the student parking lot. The student will then walk through the tunnel to the gym doors where they will be let in. Young students may be escorted to the door.
* Students who are late will have to come in through the main entrance of the school.
* As of right now, we have no afterschool sports or afterschool activities such as CROP, Drama Productions or intermural sports.
* Even though we have no on-site bus garage, our vehicles will be maintained and our bus routes will run as planned. Please call the main office if you have any questions.
* Bus passes will only be allowed in an emergency. Our bus routes are designed to meet current health regulations.

The school is following the health and safety guidelines outlined by your County Health Commissioner. We ask that all students, families, staff and community members respect these new rules and understand that they are necessary for school to remain open.

As we have more updates or questions come in, we will keep you informed. You may always call the main office or email questions to health@gccs.us ,which is checked daily.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to your children, our students, and to our school community.

Sincerely,

Jack Etter, Superintendent

Tom Cervola, Principal