



## GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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*Monday, January 4, 2021*

Red Elephant Family,

We are extremely proud of our students, employees, and families for making the first half of the year a great success. While we occasionally closed classrooms and often quarantined students out of an abundance of caution, the safety procedures implemented kept us as safe as possible. Unfortunately, we witnessed an increase in cases prior to the break and an even greater increase in our community. After reviewing community Covid-19 case information and having ongoing discussions with the [Department of Public Health, Northeast Georgia Health System](#), and others, Gainesville City School System has made the decision to ***transition to Remote Instruction from January 6 through January 15***. We must work together to decrease the current peak in Gainesville/Hall County so we can return to a Face-to-Face instructional environment. Please review the details as we begin the second half of the school year.

#### **All Students**

- Positive Covid cases and/or exposures must be reported using the established processes.
- Remote Instruction will be implemented from January 6 through 15 due to community spread.
- Open House remains scheduled for “GVA to F2F” students on Tuesday, January 5 and any other GHS students needing to meet their teacher and receive a schedule.
- Meals will be delivered each weekday beginning Wednesday, January 6.

#### **Elementary Schools (Grades PK-5):**

- Online instruction through F2F daily schedules, beginning January 6. Attendance taken daily as determined by attendance at a minimum of one remote session and completion of assignments.
- If students are unable to attend online instruction, packets will be available at schools for pickup. Packets will not be distributed on buses. Attendance taken weekly for students completing packets due to inability to participate online. Attendance determined by return of completed work when the packet is exchanged.
- Device distribution for elementary students will be prioritized for 3rd through 5th grade students. More information will be provided by each school.

#### **Secondary Schools (Grades 6-12):**

- Online instruction through F2F daily schedules. Attendance taken daily.
- If Chromebook is at the school, communicate with administration to arrange pick-up.

Thank you and we look forward to keeping our students, employees, and community as safe as possible.

Dr. Jeremy H. Williams  
Superintendent  
Gainesville City School System