



GDS Community,

As we wrap up the 2019-2020 academic year and move into summer, we are developing and refining our plans for the fall. Throughout the summer we will continue to communicate with you our plans and we will have a hub on our website that will be updated regularly.

### **SURVEY RESULTS**

I want to thank you for participating in our recent survey. We heard you. We understand. And we're making adjustments. Your survey recommendations will help guide us in our future plans for Gaston Day. The top themes we heard from you in our survey:

**Return to Campus** - *We also want to return to campus and we're working on the safest plan possible. We want that family feeling again too!*

**Virtual Learning** - *For every division we are making adjustments, in the event, we have to continue virtual learning or be able to offer virtual learning for health situations or family choice.*

### **PRIORITY IS SAFETY**

We have a COVID Operations Team consisting of: GDS Administrators, doctors, and representatives from the Gaston County Health Department all headed up by Chief Buie, working on policies and procedures to make our return to the Gaston Day campus the safest possible. Safety is always our number one priority when creating and developing any policies or guidelines. This team will be tackling every issue from; face coverings, physical distancing, sanitation, health and wellness, student life, and scheduling.

### **CALENDAR UPDATE**

Due to recommendations about possible peak times for outbreaks, we have made a revision to our calendar. We have taken all aspects into consideration when making this adjustment. We are starting earlier and adding more days off. Our first day of classes is Thursday, August 13, 2020. Please click [here](#) to view the one sheet calendar.

We all have the goal of creating a safe and top learning experience. Gaston Day has proven to be a strong, dedicated, and resilient community. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and understanding during this unique time.

Richard Rankin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard E. Rankin'.