



Dear GDS Community,

I hope everyone is having a fun, safe, and healthy summer! As summer continues, our COVID-19 Operations Team is working with healthcare experts and educational associations to determine what a safe and healthy school looks like.

As promised in my last update, this week we continue the [Parent Education Series](#) with a video from the division heads, "[Why do we need to change?](#)" outlining the different scenarios as well as reviewing recommendations from the CDC and the local health department.

As always, we will update you with any new information. The next **Parent Education Series** will be the week of July 6, 2020 with information from division heads about grade level topics such as: schedules, cohort groups, device policy, and learning options.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [rrankin@gastonday.org](mailto:rrankin@gastonday.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard E. Rankin, Jr." in a cursive script.

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