



GLoucester COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Teacher Advisory/GEA Zoom Meeting**

**June 30, 2020**

**11:00 a.m.**

Dr. Clemons started the meeting by stressing the health and safety of our students and staff as the primary concern during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

At this point, a determination has not been made regarding the method of delivery for instruction during the 2020-21 school year. On July 3, Dr. Clemons and the Executive Leadership Team will be holding a webinar with staff to provide available information.

Lisa Jones, GCPS Nurse Coordinator, shared information from a conference with Dr. Richard Williams, Director of the Three Rivers Health District. This included social distancing, face coverings, and cleaning measures to help prevent the spread of COVID 19. Mrs. Jones indicated all localities should act as if they are in a medium to high risk area to help keep cases to a minimum. Heather Lucas, Chief Financial Officer added that some areas in our schools will be outfitted with shields when school buildings reopen, such as the front desk and cafeteria line. Gloves will also be provided for those with hands on interaction. Mrs. Jones indicated the VDOE is still in the planning phase of determining screenings for students, and training will be necessary.

Dr. Clemons will be sending out a survey to families on July 10, regarding their desire for students to return all day, continue remote learning, childcare needs, etc. Dr. Clemons feels it is unlikely everyone will be able to return back every day and an alternative model needs to be considered. Dr. Clemons will also send out a brief survey to staff later today, regarding childcare, risks, desire to teach online, etc. If students were to return to school, Dr. Clemons believes it would be an alternating schedule and virtual learning will look different than it did this past spring. In a combined hybrid model, teachers would teach via one method or the other, but not both. Para-professional and other staff duties will be determined.

Cares Act Funding could be used toward technology equipment as well as personal protective equipment. It is expected that students and staff would have their own masks, but additional would be available, as needed. It is unknown at this time how employee leave will be impacted if someone is absent due to COVID-19.

Dr. Clemons indicated options for returning will be determined by the phases. Staff may provide their input to building level administrators/directors, but a lot will depend on the phases, as well as the building and transportation capacities. Answers will be needed regarding staff planning to return, as well as students.

Brain Teucke, GEA President inquired about the sales tax referendum. Dr. Clemons is uncertain if the Board of Supervisors will support the sales tax referendum proposed for the November ballot in the uncertain economy. However, sales tax figures during this time, are more promising than expected.

In closing, Dr. Clemons stressed the need for a unified message from the Teacher Advisory Committee to fellow staff and families.

Adjournment - 12:59 p.m.