

June 29, 2020



Dear GCSD Students, Parents/Guardians and Staff,

The Germantown Central School District is forming **REOPEN GCS Teams** to inform and support a reopening plan for our school. Each Team will focus on a specific area of the reopening plan.

The District is seeking students, parents/guardians, teachers, and staff to volunteer to share their expertise and/or insights on the following REOPEN GCS Teams:

- **Health & Safety** – focus on hygiene, personal protective equipment (PPE), screening and social distancing, and any other safety and security considerations that may be required at the school facility. *Facilitator: Jim Palmieri, Head Custodian*
- **Teaching & Learning** – focus on guiding the models for learning, scheduling, instructional planning, and learning plans for students as well as identifying needs for staff accordingly. *Facilitator: James DiDonna, Jr./Sr. High School Principal*
- **Special Education & English Language Learners** - focus on the unique needs of our special education and ELL student group. *Facilitator: Yvonne Waters, Director of CSE & PPS*
- **Social-Emotional** - focus on ensuring support for all students and adults in the area of SEL. *Facilitator: Beverly Meagher, Elementary School Principal*
- **Operations** - focus on transportation and food service. *Facilitator: Deana Bizzarro*
- **Digital Equity and Access** - focus on ensuring that all students and staff have digital access to instruction and support. *Facilitator: Susan Brown, Superintendent*

The REOPEN GCS Teams will meet via Zoom and respond to *Guiding Questions* to brainstorm reopening challenges and solutions for each of three instructional models identified by the NYS Education Department (NYSED).

Guiding Questions	INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS		
	In Person Instruction	Remote Instruction	Combination (Hybrid)
What do you think are the greatest challenges that GCS will face under each of the three instructional models?			
Can you provide concrete examples of creative solutions to challenging problems that could work in our school under each of the three instructional models?			
What institutional, budgetary, and regulatory obstacles (including policies) stand in the way of our success in each of the three instructional models?			

The Administrative Team will review all ideas and use them to generate an action plan for reopening GCS. Once guidance is released from NYSED in July, the Teams will reconvene to review and revise the action plans with respect to compliance.

How to Volunteer

Email Sue Brown at sbrown@germantowncsd.org by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020
 Email must include: first and last name, email address, telephone number, stakeholder relationship to GCS (student, parent, staff, etc.) and the REOPEN GCS Team that you are volunteering to serve on.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE VIA ZOOM – Zoom invitations will be sent via email

All meetings will be recorded and reviewed by the GCSD Leadership Team

- Tuesday, July 7, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, July 28, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, August 11, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- (Additional meeting dates/times are to be determined)