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## **Gwinnett announces plan to open school with in-person instruction, along with an option for digital learning (K-12)**

Gwinnett County Public Schools is preparing to start the 2020-21 school year as planned on August 5. As part of the planning process, we gathered feedback from families about their preferred way to return to school. A survey completed in mid-June showed that 43% of parents prefer a return to in-person instruction; 34% prefer 100% digital learning; and 23% prefer an option that combines in-person instruction with digital learning.

Gwinnett County Public Schools considered this feedback and other relevant information available at the time. Leaders thoroughly studied combining in-person and digital learning. The many challenges related to this option make it one the school system cannot effectively manage with existing resources. **Therefore, it was determined that the most prudent course of action is to open the school year with in-person instruction, along with an option for digital learning, for students in grades K-12.**

**For immediate planning purposes, the district will be asking all families to tell us which option they prefer for each of their children:**

- 1) In-person instruction at their child's school; or**
- 2) Digital learning for their child at home.**

Students will attend school based on the option chosen for all of first semester (through December). A change may be made after the first nine weeks, if it is needed to better serve the student.

On **Monday, June 29**, an email will be sent to the enrolling parent of every GCPS student. That parent will be asked to select one of the two options for each student in the home. **Decisions must be made by July 10.** Students in families who do not select an option by July 10 will be assigned to in-person instruction. Families will receive verification of their selection for each child.

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