

# Grand Isle Supervisory Union

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Dear Parents, Guardians, & Community members,

I'm looking forward to the Community Forum tonight (please see the end of this letter for the information to the Google Meet).

In order to develop the GISU Reopening Plan in a way that ensures the safety of students, faculty, staff and the community in a way that provides the best possible education experience for students and families; and complies with the Vermont Agency of Education guidelines and guidance for opening, the GISU plan will address 5 major areas:

**Safe and Healthy Environments** –based on guidance developed in cooperation with the Department of Health, the AOE, school nurses and the other educational organizations;

**Continuity of Learning** –improving the ability to provide remote learning as a contingency to in-person instruction;

**Social and Emotional Health** – systems to support the social and emotional needs of students and staff;

**Maintaining Operations** – strategies designed to keep schools open for in-person instruction;

**Leadership, Policy and Funding** – local school board policies, procedures, budgeting strategies and communications strategies.

Tonight's meeting will address the process we are following to develop and communicate our reopening plan. I will share an overview of the Reopening Grand Isle Supervisory Union Family Survey responses and will talk about the anticipated ABCAB Hybrid Schedule we plan to follow; as well as some of the major safety practices we will need to implement to reopen successfully. In addition we will define Hybrid Learning, Remote Only Learning, and Homeschooling. There will be times throughout and at the end of tonight's Community Google Meet to ask questions, seek clarification, and make suggestions.

Next week's Community Google Meet will examine the Safe and Healthy Environments and Maintaining Operations sections of the plan in depth (a draft of these sections will be available early next week). The August 5, 2020 Google Meet will examine the Leadership, Policy and Funding, Social Emotional Health, and Continuity of Learning Sections of the plan (a draft of

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these sections should be available by August 3). Each school building will develop a building-specific plan using the GISU agreements and plan.

Please do keep in mind that the GISU is still in the process of developing the plan. I anticipate there are questions that we are still working on the answers for. We believe that it is important that we share information with each other as it becomes available. The GISU plan is developed at a high level in order to allow some degree of flexibility for individual schools to create the best plans for them locally while also creating a level of similarity and equity across the entire Grand Isle Supervisory Union.

I am committed to continuing a weekly Superintendent's Meeting every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m., like I did during the dismissal in the spring, for at least as long as the GISU is in a Hybrid or Remote learning environment and hope you will consider joining me regularly.

The Grand Isle Supervisory Union mission to ensure that all members of the Grand Isle Supervisory Union learning community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever-changing world. This mission seems particularly appropriate given the uncertain and challenging times we are living in. I thank you in advance for helping us achieve this mission and look forward to talking about our plan tonight and for the next several weeks.

The Google Meet information for these forums is below. We hope you will join us.

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Sincerely,

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