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19 August 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

We are getting closer to the start of the school year. Please join me in welcoming Faculty and Staff back to school. Thursday August 20, 2020 is the first day all Faculty and Staff are back at work. While the opening professional development is being delivered in a remote format I'm sure faculty and support staff would appreciate a welcome back email. All of our employees emails are built using the employees first initial followed by last name @gisu.org (i.e. my address is [mclark@gisu.org](mailto:mclark@gisu.org)). I'm proud of the work we are doing and appreciate the dedication of our faculty, staff and administration.

The access to the Superintendent's weekly Community Meeting is available below. I'll be sharing a little about our plans for inservice and will have time to answer any questions community members may have.

Wednesday August 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

[Join with Google Meet](#)

[meet.google.com/yzd-szwo-tqi](https://meet.google.com/yzd-szwo-tqi)

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If you are interested in viewing any of the three meetings which reviewed the GISU Strong and Healthy Start Reopening Plan the links to the Google Meet recordings are available [here](#).

## **Franklin and Grand Isle Counties Superintendent's ReOpening PSA**

The four Franklin County Superintendents and I worked together to create [this PSA about reopening of school](#) and some important things to remember. It was fun to put together and I hope you enjoy it. It's also clear I probably should not try for an acting career anytime soon!

## **New Guidance from the VT Department of Health and Agency of Education**

Last week the Vermont Department of Health and Agency of Education released updated guidance to their [Strong and Healthy Start document](#). There were more than 65 additions and 26 updates to the document. We will continue to update our plan based on this new guidance.

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## **Facemasks Will Be Required**

Based on the Vermont Department of Health and Vermont Agency of Education Guidance all students, faculty, and staff will be required to wear a cloth face covering when inside the building. Students should come to school with two cloth masks. Please help your child practice wearing a cloth mask now. If you believe your student can not wear a cloth mask/facial covering, please contact our District School Nurse, Emily Dousevicz at [edousevicz@gisu.org](mailto:edousevicz@gisu.org). Masks/Facial coverings will be provided by the school for students who can not provide their own.

## **First Day for Students**

Per Governor Scott's order the First Student Day of the 2020-2021 school year will be September 8, 2020. Please be aware that depending on actions taken by the Vermont Legislature our 2020-2021 school calendar may need to change. We will keep you up to date as we have more information.

## **Current Draft of the GISU ReOpening Plan**

We continue to tweak and adjust the [GISU ReOpening Plan](#). The most recent guidance from the Vermont Agency of Education and Department of Health is not fully reflected in our current document and we are continuing to update. This document is edited and updated frequently.

Thank you for working with us to support the GISU mission to ensure all members of the Grand Isle Supervisory Union Learning Community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable in a diverse and ever-changing world.

Sincerely,

*Michael J. Clark*

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Superintendent