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Gibbs High School Families,

I hope you are safe, healthy, and enjoying your summer. As you know, Knox County Schools released the *District Guide for Reopening Knox County Schools*. The document can be found [here](#) or by visiting www.knoxschools.org. Currently, our administrative team is creating specific structures to implement the district's plan at Gibbs High School. Next, our teacher leadership team will provide another layer of input next week. In addition, I want to provide you the opportunity to ask questions regarding the Gibbs High reopening plan. Please use this [link](#) to ask questions. Once our plan is complete, we will provide an FAQ document and share the important points with you through the official school website, email, and social media. Because this is an extensive process, we will provide more specific information later next week.

In addition, families have the option for in-person or virtual learning when school begins on August 17, 2020. Information regarding the Virtual Learning Program was sent to you via email earlier this week. Enrollment ends on July 22. Students who elect to enroll in the virtual learning program will be committed to this option for the entire semester. If you choose the virtual option for first semester, students will be enrolled in courses to keep them on track for graduation. As a result, student schedules will be focused on core (Math, English, Science, and Social Studies). These classes will be taught at a CP (college prep) level. Since not all electives are possible virtually, students may have different elective focus areas. Rest assured, we will make academic decisions based on available programming and what is in the best interest of every child.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this extremely difficult time. We want to do everything we can to provide excellent academic and extra-curricular opportunities safely for your child. You have important decisions to make. We have important decisions to make. Ultimately, let us continue to work together and support one another. Remember...We Are Gibbs!

Stay safe and healthy. We love and miss our Eagles very much!

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