



# Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

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Dear GJPS Families,

We are so proud of our students and staff for tackling distance learning with poise and perseverance. We have received a lot of positive feedback and aside from some minor difficulties, we are up and running successfully.

Yesterday, Governor DeWine announced that Franklin County's COVID alert level has improved from red to orange. With this good news and the positively trending data over the last several weeks, Franklin County Public Health also changed their recommendations and suggested schools consider moving forward with implementing a transition to a hybrid learning model.

We are already making plans for our transition from distance learning to the hybrid model; however there are several things that need to happen before we can make that shift. It is our plan to enroll all GJPS students in the hybrid model and then allow interested families to opt out of the hybrid model for the distance learning model.

It is important that we allow families another chance to choose a model best for them. The last time we asked what model was best for your family was in the first week of July, and we know some things may have changed for you since then. After receiving this data, we will then make staffing adjustments and communicate our transition plans.

We wanted to share this information so you can begin thinking about your preference. To expedite planning, we will have a very short window for families to submit their preference for distance learning so please begin thinking about your choice now. When we send the survey out next week, we will share more specifics about how the learning experience will be different so you can make the most informed decision. Again, families wishing to move to the hybrid model will not need to complete the survey.

Sincerely,

Steve Barrett  
Superintendent