



GERMANTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

By now, I am sure you have heard the district's plan to gradually phase students back into school. The plan is for all PreK-Fifth grade students to have the option of coming back in-person in January following winter break. You have the option of changing your preference of virtual or in-person instruction by logging into PowerSchool and selecting your option. This must be done by November 6th (new extended deadline). If your original option is not changing, no further action is required. If a choice is not made by November 6th in PowerSchool, students will automatically be enrolled as in-person.

It is important to note that teachers also have the option of selecting virtual or in-person, and their time frame to select their option is the same as the students. Also, in order to ensure that all students in Shelby County Schools receive an equitable and quality education, all students will receive the same modality of learning through Microsoft Teams. That means that even if you select in-person, your child will be instructed by his or her teacher on the computer using Microsoft Teams. Your child will use the district provided device with headphones. If your child's teacher selects virtual instruction and plans to teach from his/her home, a monitor will be placed in the classroom to facilitate the students' instruction and ensure that they are on task, following the schedule, and adhering to all school rules and CDC guidelines throughout the day. All students and staff on campus will be required to wear a mask during the entire school day with the exception of breakfast and lunch.

If your teacher selects in-person, he/she will be teaching from one stationary location within the classroom on the computer to both the students who are in-person and the students who are virtual.

I hope this information helps you in making the decision that is best for your child. If you have any further questions, please reach out to your GES administration.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Sanders, Principal