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Hello Students, Parents and Families:

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I hope you are staying healthy and taking proactive steps to manage life during a pandemic and enjoy this otherwise beautiful summer. It certainly is difficult and frustrating at times.

As you know, COVID-19 has been challenging schools as we prepare for the upcoming school year. We realize that there are a lot of questions about what school will look like in terms of in-person learning, scheduling, wearing masks, social distancing and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process.

Right now, we do not have all the answers about what school will look like. Safety requirements change very quickly and it requires us to be nimble in order to feel that we are doing the best that we can. Our preparation efforts consider the guidance of federal, state and local health officials, state education agencies, and collaboration with our sending schools. Therefore, we kindly ask for your continued patience as our leadership and teaching staff review this guidance and implement it into what it all means for our school.

We've been working to rearrange our classrooms and utilize our spaces to provide social distance for our students. We have also invested in technology resources that will help us innovate our delivery and engagement of our students. Fortunately, our investment in alternative methods will outlast the challenges presented by this pandemic and continue to enhance the teaching-learning process in the future.

Due to the unpredictability of what school must look like in just a few weeks, we have no choice but to plan for every scenario. Please understand that the GACTC's learning format will be largely determined by and reflect what your sending school will implement. Possible learning formats include;

1. All students, in-person, daily
2. Blended learning (online and in-person)
3. Distance learning in a virtual format.

Overall, we want you to know that the GACTC is committed to prioritizing the health and safety of our students and staff while maintaining a dynamic learning environment. Despite these challenges, we are eager to continue working with our returning students and are excited to welcome new students to the GACTC!

As we obtain more information and our plans evolve, we will be in touch with you. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,  
Mike Selvenis, Principal