After a thorough evaluation of GSD’s status regarding health and safety, it has been decided that all students will be on campus for in-person learning beginning Monday, October 19, 2020. We have received approval for this decision from the Georgia Department of Education. The last day of distance learning will be Friday, October 16, 2020.

Many factors were taken into consideration when making this decision. **GSD has had zero instances of students or staff testing positive for COVID-19.** As described in GSD’s “COVID-19 School Safety Guidelines,” GSD has successfully implemented social distancing measures, temperature and self-screening checks, and mask requirements in specific situations (transitions between classes, one-on-one assistance from a teacher, etc.).

This success would not be possible without the impressive cooperation of our students and families. Our families have been supportive and have set expectations for their children. The students follow the health and safety guidelines in the classrooms, cafeteria, dorms, and other campus areas faithfully.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our incredible teachers and staff. Every one of them has gone the extra mile in not only making the GSD campus as safe as possible, but in educating and caring for their students both in person and virtually—not an easy task!

We are very grateful for the efforts of everyone involved—our students, our families, and our staff.

Residential transportation for all dorm students will run on Sunday, October 18th as usual. We look forward to having all our Tigers back “home” on October 19th!