

## Combatting Inequities

Guilford County Schools expects to receive **more than \$300 million** in federal funds to address the impact of the COVID-19 virus. Now, GCS is in a unique position to reopen schools in a transformative way to benefit all students now and in years to come.

### Our Continued Focus on Equity

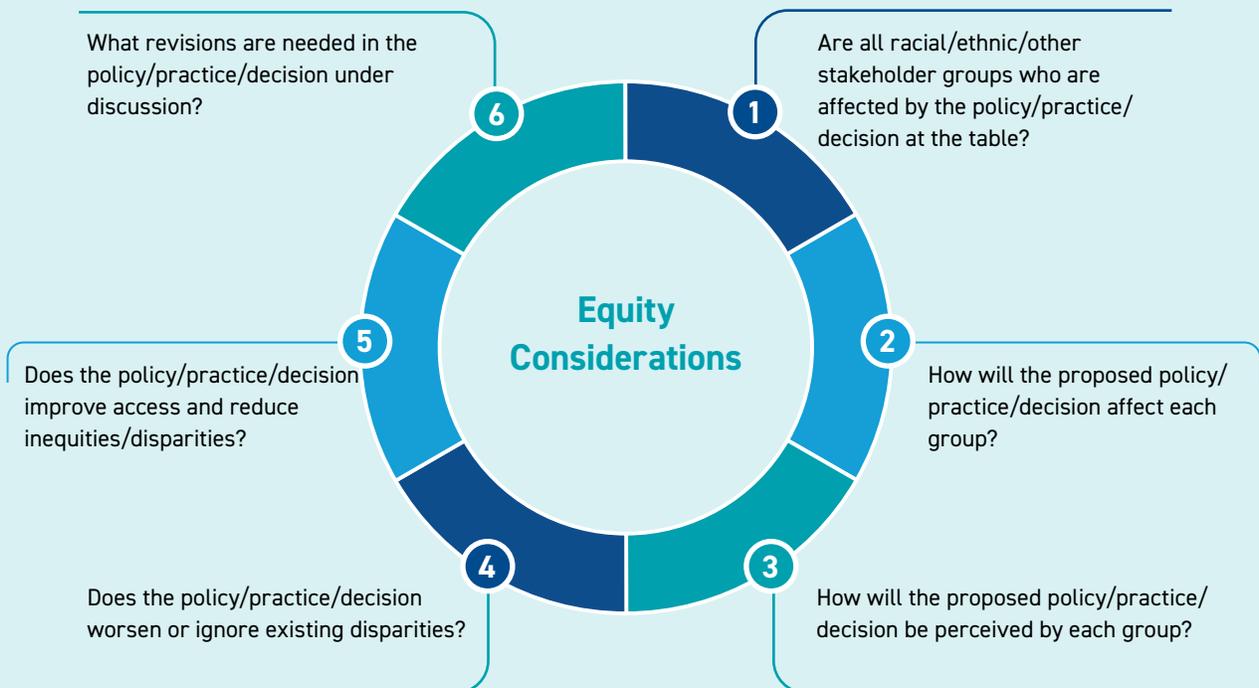
Even before the pandemic hit, GCS was committed to **creating the opportunity for successful learning and life outcomes for all students through an equity framework**. Sadly, the closing of schools across the country highlighted the inequities and exacerbated the pre-existing challenges of our educational system.



To ensure we were aligning resources to **create equitable opportunities for all students and employees** and eradicating achievement gaps, we kept the following questions at the center of all our decisions as we navigated through the last two school years. They continue to be guiding questions in all we do.

The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified the daily inequities experienced by our most vulnerable students. Even during uncertain times in our world, we are committed to creating equitable and inclusive schools.

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Annie E. Casey Foundation (2006). *Race Matters: Racial Equity Impact Analysis: Assessing Policies, Programs, and Practices*.

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