

PERSEVERING IN A PANDEMIC

Fact Sheet

Summer 2020

While the pandemic created new barriers, it did not stop us from learning how to teach, lead and parent differently. Over the summer, we spent a great deal of time reflecting on lessons learned from our implementation of remote learning last spring and have developed a new plan for serving the greatest number of students, for the greatest amount of time while keeping staff and students healthy and safe.

As you review the details below, consider our collective partnership and shared sense of responsibility to solve the challenges that face us so that we can serve our students and help them soar to greatness, no matter what stands in their way.

Nutrition: Fighting Child Hunger

918,853 meals served at **49** schools and **62** satellite locations

725,000 cartons of milk distributed

200,000 cartons of juice distributed

Community partners: Backpack Beginnings, Out of the Garden, United Way GSO / HP, Greater High Point Food Alliance, A Simple Gesture, Weaver Foundation, Second Harvest Food Bank, Cone Health, Volunteer Center

175 frontline employees worked daily

More than **500** community volunteers assisted with packing, delivering, and distributing meals to students and families

Technology: Connecting to Children

13,349 devices collected and redistributed to students

60 donated devices distributed to students

19 school parking lots set up as wifi access points

124 Smart Buses deployed throughout the county to provide greater internet access

Academics: Moving Learning Online

8,341 educators participated in **249** training hours on **76** topics

Produced **728** pre-recorded lessons from highly effective teachers representing elementary, middle and high school

No students logged onto Canvas during the summer

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Cleaning and PPE: Keeping our Community Safe

Purchased **5,636** units of disinfecting sprayers and spray; **7,584** units of sanitizer; **2,257** wipes; **5,036** gloves; **628,098** face coverings; **2,250** thermometers; **100** face shields; **500** PlexiGlass shields

15,477 total cleaning units
635,984 total PPE units

232 windows repaired or replaced at **23** different sites to allow for better ventilation at schools

Special Populations: Serving the most Vulnerable

K-8 Counselors spent **646** planning hours and High School Counselors spent **180** planning hours assisting with the development of a comprehensive Counseling Remote Learning Program

GCS made **1,068** contacts with students & parents for the Career and College Promise Program at GTCC

GCS Counseling Services Audit Team conducted **5,239** senior transcript audits for graduation verification

The English Learners Department spent a total of **1200** hours helping English Learners acquire the necessary language skills to succeed in school and in life.

420 hours for enrollment/registration/reassignment and follow-up in top seven languages

200 hours creating instructional 3Ls-based activities for EL students and packets to send home for those without devices

200 hours translating and recording district and school Connect-Ed messages in top seven languages

300 translation hours for district and school-related communications in top seven languages

60 hours for PLCs to support EL teachers' virtual instruction

20 hours collaborating with community agencies to connect with families and distribute information in top seven languages

Social Work Services conducted **19** exceptional children assessment parent interviews

Made **722** parent contacts for student in transition enrollment and support

Made **321** dropout prevention recovery contacts with students and parents

Youth Crisis Hotline staff handled **11** phone calls

Communications: Connecting with GCS Stakeholders

43 connect ed messages

994 stories and articles shared across media platforms

29 new videos broadcasted on GCSTV

84,421 views on GCS YouTube and gained **900** new subscribers

52 tweets related to COVID-19; **28,675** Twitter impressions for a total engagement of **17,683**

47 Facebook posts related to COVID-19 with a reach of **425,900** and an engagement of **58,146**

Shared **39** Instagram posts related to COVID-19 for a reach of **100,943**

Helping Students: Helping Parents and Families

Sent **9** GPA newsletters reaching **26,001** parents, caregivers and community members

Gained **5** new partnerships: Partnership Village, Partnership for Children, Ready For School, Ready For Life, NC Works NextGen, Women's Resource Center of Greensboro

Sponsored **8** online webinars reaching **1,738** families

Mailed **6,852** books to **1,142** families to help decrease the summer slide

Added **4** videos to GPA YouTube to keep parents learning:
GPA Takes Families Hiking;
Virtual Family Trip;
Go With GPA to Lazy 5 Ranch;
IEP Minute;
Social Emotional Learning (SEL): The Emotional Coach

Shared Responsibility: Partnering with Our Community

FROM THE TIME SCHOOLS CLOSED IN MARCH 2020, GCS has continued to plan for multiple, ever-changing scenarios in order to remain responsive and nimble as we seek to serve students at the highest possible level. GCS is grateful for the support of many dedicated community partners that team up with us to serve our very large and diverse school district.