



Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

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To our Gahanna-Jefferson school community,

The Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools (GJPS) negotiation team met today with union leaders in our continuing work to find common ground and work toward compromise. While we have not reached a final agreement, we are hopeful that continued mediation will provide additional opportunities for progress.

This is an uncertain time for our district, families and students, especially with the unknowns surrounding a potential strike. To provide some predictability for our families and students, and to create a window for further dialogue with the teachers union, **tonight we made a difficult, but needed, decision to have all GJPS students remain in distance learning through Friday, October 16.** Like you, we are disappointed that we will not be returning to our buildings on October 13.

We are committed to continuing these conversations with a focus on finding mutually agreeable solutions that allow us to get hybrid students back to our classrooms and assure quality instruction for our distance learners. We will keep you informed about our progress and plans for continuing instruction.

We know this is taking a toll on our teachers, our students and families, and our community, as it is on the Board and district leaders. We are working to prevent further disruption and to resolve this situation as swiftly as possible.

Sincerely,

Steve Barrett
Superintendent
Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools