**2025-2026 School Calendar Update:**

Gates County Schools is currently awaiting the outcome of proposed legislation that could allow us to begin the 2025-2026 school year one week earlier than the current law permits. If the legislation is passed, it would provide the flexibility to align our start date with that of the College of the Albemarle and allow for more sufficient instructional days in the first semester, ensuring we have adequate time for testing before the winter break.

At this time, we have two draft calendars prepared for the 2025-2026 school year. Once we have clarity on whether the legislation will pass, we will proceed with finalizing and approving the calendar for the upcoming school year.

**Possible Calendar Scenarios:**

* **If the legislation is not passed:** School for students will begin on **Monday, August 25**, with the last day of school on **Friday, May 29**.
* **If the legislation is passed:** School for students will begin on **Monday, August 18**, with the last day of school on **Friday, May 22**.

We understand that waiting for the final calendar can be challenging for summer planning, and we appreciate your patience. However, we believe that an earlier start date would ultimately benefit our students by providing a better balance of instructional days, particularly for high school testing.