



PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Promoting Growth, Achievement, Success, and Direction for ALL Children!



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Superintendent*

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Dear Pine Grove Area Families / Community Members,

The Coronavirus Pandemic has dramatically altered day-to-day life for all of us. Our students are currently engaging in learning at home with the assistance and direction of parents/guardians and teachers. While we are immensely proud of the learning that has happened, we understand that now is the time for a clear vision for our future; a vision that gives students and teachers resources for 21st century learning.

As such, I'm proud to announce that a two year phased in One-to-One Student Learning Initiative was approved last evening by the PGASD School Board. This initiative, beginning at the start of the 2020-2021 school year, will provide all students in Grades 3-12 the capability to learn in a digital environment and our teachers the ability to teach in this same environment. All Grade 3-12 students will receive a district issued Chromebook. In Grades K-2, current district owned technology will be dispersed equally between classrooms ensuring teachers of our youngest learners have access to devices. Lastly in 2020-2021, Grades K-2 will begin a pilot program using touch screen Chromebooks to assist in determining whether or not they are appropriate for our youngest learners. In year two, after fully evaluating the K-2 pilot program, the district will then make the decision as to how to outfit these classrooms fully with devices and move forward. This new way of teaching and learning will utilize our current learning management system, Schoology in Grades 5-12, and Google Classroom is being implemented in Grades K-4. These platforms allow the district to assist in placing exciting tools into the hands of students and teachers.

Providing these new tools to both students and teachers encourages innovation and creativity, while giving the district the flexibility to respond to the new challenges we may face in the wake of the Coronavirus Pandemic. This is the beginning of a monumental change in what we do as a district, and I believe that you as a parent, guardian, and community member play a vital role. Together we can ensure that children in the Pine Grove Area School District receive the quality education they deserve.

Have a great Memorial Day weekend. Stay Safe & Stay Healthy.

Sincerely,

Heath W. Renninger, Superintendent