



PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



*Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent*

May 21, 2020

Good afternoon Cardinals:

Please review the following updates.

1. Instruction Continuity Plan - May 20th was our final day of instruction for Senior's with June 3rd being the last day for all other grade levels. Grading procedures for the 4th quarter were approved previously as part of our plan and can be referenced on our school website. Please encourage your child to stay engaged through the final day.
2. Online Learning Survey - In the near future we will push out a survey which will focus on Online Learning. With the uncertainty of what the Fall season may bring us, it is imperative we reflect on what worked – what did not work – and how we can improve. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to communicate with your child so their input can be received and help us redefine our instruction.
3. Meals- We will be having our final two meal distributions over the next two weeks. On Wednesday, May 27th, we will distribute meals for three days and on Monday, June 1st, we will distribute meals for two days. That will be our final meal distribution. Please note that no meals will be served on Memorial Day. We would like to thank Metz Culinary Management, the Pine Grove Area Education Association, and the numerous benefactors who have helped support the student meal program during this school closure. They have been great partners.
4. Graduation – In this time of COVID-19, a world event like no other in our lifetime, I truly hope you are taking time to find joy in even the smallest things as you continue your journey toward one of the most important milestones in your lives. It's at a time like this that all of us must come together to do the best we can, like creating the best and safest possible graduation experience that will honor our Seniors and their achievements while fulfilling our legal obligations with the state. We are excited that the creation of our virtual graduation ceremony is well under way and we thank everyone for your support through that process. Our official virtual ceremony will be released on June 3rd at 7:00pm.

I am now able to share official board approved plans for our Class of 2020 graduation/celebrations.

- Our School Board has approved maintaining June 3, 2020 as the “official” Pine Grove Area High School graduation date.
- On June 3rd at 7:00pm, the PGAHS Virtual Graduation Ceremony will be released online.
- The School Board has officially postponed the June 3rd traditional graduation celebration.
- The School Board has officially scheduled June 24th (rain date June 25th) as our new graduation celebration date.



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- The board approved two different options for celebrations. The final determination to what option occurs will be determined by what “level” Schuylkill County is classified on June 15th.
 - Option #1a: If we are “Green” on June 15th – an on-field celebration will be held in Cardinal Stadium on June 24th at 7:00pm following all recommended state guidelines.
 - Option #1b: If we are “Red or Yellow” on June 15th – a celebration parade will be held following the parade route used to celebrate district accomplishments. This event will be held on June 24th at 7:00pm.
- The color level classification of Schuylkill County on June 15th will automatically determine what option will occur.
- The rain date for either option will be June 25th.
- Specific celebration information will be provided once the “level” is determined on June 15th.

I want to thank everyone who brought their best thinking and creative problem solving in contributing to this decision, especially our senior student leaders who brought the voices of their classmates to the table. I know how important this time is and the significance graduation merits. I also acknowledge this has not been the senior year that you’ve been looking forward to in so many ways both large and small. I thank you for your sacrifice, resilience and continued optimism in the face of unprecedented adversity; it matters. No matter what the circumstance... we are Pine Grove Area Proud!

4. Material Return- As our school year draws to a close, our individual schools will be setting up procedures to collect school materials. Please be on the lookout for that information.

My respect and appreciation for all members of our school community continues to grow. I have witnessed students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators, board members and community organizations all working together. I ask that you continue that collaboration and sense of community moving forward. Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Heath W. Renninger, Superintendent