



# 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:

As we close out the fifth week of the school year, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our PGASD teachers, support staff, administrators, and families who are working tirelessly to see that the students have the best educational experience during this unprecedented time. The blended Red and Gray groups have allowed us to achieve a successful start to the school year. Our students are doing an outstanding job wearing their facial coverings and keeping their hands clean. The vigilance by families, students and staff has allowed our board to approve a full-return of our Pre-K through Grade 4 students beginning on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

This school year has presented many challenges for all of us, and we have had to adapt to an ever-changing world during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your patience has been greatly appreciated as we are continuing to work together to resolve technological issues and wait for our order of approximately 1,400 Chromebooks to arrive. As we move into this next phase of reopening, I would like to announce some important dates in our district.

- Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> will now be a full Act 80 day, School is closed for all students
- Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Fulltime Face-to-Face instruction begins for Pre-K through Grade 4
- Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, is a scheduled Act 80 day. School is closed for all students
- Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the school board will review COVID-19 data and discuss ideas on how to return MS & HS students full-time

Again, I want to thank the parents for your efforts, commitment, patience and cooperation and I want to thank our staff for all their efforts to make this instructional platform work for all of our students. I know there are some frustrations but that is because everyone is so committed to making this all work. We will continue to work on these issues and we will get better. Have a great year and Go Cardinals!

Respectfully,

Heath W. Renninger, Superintendent