



PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



Heath W. Renninger
Superintendent

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Hello Cardinal Families & Community,

Effective Monday, January 4, 2021 the Pine Grove Area School District will proactively initiate a 100% virtual learning model for a two-week period. This is not an extension of the holiday break. It is the district’s proactive step to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 after Christmas and New Year’s celebrations. We are proceeding with districtwide Pre-K through Grade 12 100% virtual learning (synchronous & asynchronous) from January 4, 2021 through January 15, 2021. All Pre-K through Grade 12 students will follow their virtual learning schedules. More information about virtual learning will be available on our website at www.pgasd.com under the COVID-19 tab.

During our two-week 100% virtual learning time period, we will offer free meal distribution. More information will be shared on social media about pick-up times and locations.

January 18, 2021 will now be considered a make-up school day due to the snow cancellation on Thursday, December 17, 2020.

All Pre-K to Grade 4 students will return to “full in-person” learning on Monday, January 18, 2021. All Grades 5-12 “red team” students will return to “blended in-person” learning on Monday, January 18, 2021. All Grades 5-12 “gray team” students will return to “blended in-person” learning on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

While we believe maximizing the engagement of students in person at school is essential, our increase of positive cases from the period between Thanksgiving break and now has been worrisome. We must flatten this curve. We appreciate what we have been seeing in our community with families taking precautions, but we need your help to keep everyone safe when we return to in-person. If children show any symptoms they should stay home. We encourage you to take the time utilize the Daily COVID-19 Screening Checklist. They are vital to our efforts to remain in schools.

Thank you for hanging in there through this trying time as we respond to a difficult situation and plan the safest course of action for our school community. Please know that the Pine Grove Area School District will continue to make decisions to the best of our abilities that serve our students and families. Therefore, in order for us to be able to return to in-person learning on January 18, 2021, we implore our entire community, to please be diligent about abiding by recommended safety practices over the holiday break. We can monitor what happens during the school day but beyond that, we need our entire community to wear masks, adhere to physical distancing, avoid large gatherings, and wash your hands.

Respectfully,

Heath W. Renninger, Superintendent

David Lukasewicz, School Board President