



# PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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



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Superintendent*

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Good afternoon Cardinal families and friends:

Welcome to the 2020 – 2021 school year! I hope this letter finds you and your family well. This summer was very different to say the least. While the main objective of this letter is to welcome you to another school year, I cannot start without thanking our entire school community for your understanding and support as we navigated through the delayed and often conflicting guidance that came throughout the past few months. It is because of your passion, commitment, and dedication that we have been able to meander this path for the reopening of our schools.

Reflecting on our accomplishments of the past year puts a smile on my face as it reminds me of the important work that we do for the children in our care. The accomplishments of our students and staff are too numerous to list in a single letter, but we remain proud of each member of our Pine Grove Area School Community including the remarkable Class of 2020, who handled such adversity so well. I know that our students and staff will continue to amaze us with their work, and I am looking forward to witnessing their continued success.

This year may look and feel different from the past, but one very important thing remains the same. Over the next two days staff and students will converge back on our campus for their first official school day in over five and half months. The first day is August 27<sup>th</sup> for the Gray team & August 28<sup>th</sup> for the Red team. Our entire faculty and staff care for each child as if they were their own. It gives me great comfort knowing that our children are in such capable hands. We know that we are going to face challenges in these unprecedented times, yet I remain confident in our ability to overcome obstacles because of the strength of our staff, students, parents, and community.

Our district-wide Health and Safety plan is designed to allow us to continually assess our instructional delivery model and adapt to the changing conditions within our community due to COVID-19. Students and families are being asked to balance a multitude of issues. Whether you are attending in-person or remotely, we will be sure to work with you as much as possible. We need to work together and support each other now more than ever. I want to thank you all for your patience, cooperation, and trust. Please know that we will continue to do the very best we can to provide the best and safest learning environment for our students and staff.

If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

Thank you for your continued support,

Heath W. Renninger, Superintendent