



PULASKI ACADEMY & CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Dear PACS Families,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer with family and friends. We have missed having students in the school and are optimistic that we will be working with them in the building again soon. The second semester of last school year brought many unexpected challenges, and this year promises to do the same. But thanks to your thoughtful feedback and the hard work of our staff, we have been able to develop a building reopening plan which provides for the academic and emotional needs of our students while also prioritizing their health and safety.

This fall, all students will have the opportunity to receive instruction in-person in the school building at least two days per week as a member of one of two cohorts (Crimson or Blue). To create these cohorts we weighed a variety of factors including sibling groupings, the geographic location of students, Citi schedules, IEP and 504 regulations, and social distancing requirements. Students with IEPs or 504s have the option to attend school every weekday or may follow the hybrid model. Knowing that some students are not yet able to attend school in-person because of health concerns or other factors, we have developed a form on our school website where parents may choose completely remote instruction for their child. All students who attend school in-person or remotely will have daily access to their teachers during their assigned class periods and all instructional materials will be available in teachers' Google Classrooms.

Many adjustments have been made to our buses, classrooms, gyms, cafeterias and hallways in response to the threat of COVID-19. At the same time, we have maintained much of the structure, activities, and interactions of a regular school day that we know benefit our students' overall wellbeing. We will also continue to work to find creative new ways to make student government elections, spirit weeks, fundraisers, and other events a reality in these unique circumstances.

We are a learning community full of caring and hardworking students, parents, and staff. Despite the obstacles we face, I am confident that we will have a great school year. I invite all families to review the Pulaski Middle-High School reopening plan PowerPoint found on our website, which contains more specific answers to many of your questions. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions, ideas, and celebrations. Thank you for your dedication and support.

Regards,

Patrick Vrooman
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