

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope that this letter finds you well. First, I would like to remind you that the instructional school year will end on June 12th. We will observe the Memorial Day Holiday on May 25th. No instruction will take place on that day, however classes/instruction will resume on the 26th. In addition we will not be doing meal delivery or pick up on Monday the 25th. Instead, we will deliver one meal on Tuesday the 26th and resume regular meal delivery on Wednesday the 27th.

Many end of school activities will take place in June. Your principals will advise you on the details for their upcoming events in the near future. Additionally, plans are underway for laptop and textbook collection beginning the week of June 15th.

The Governor today directed that any summer school instruction will be done remotely. We will offer the extended school year program for those students whose educational plan includes it. Mrs. Babcock will reach out to those families with further details as they are developed. The district will also provide online credit recovery courses for high school students (9-12) who have failed a course that is required for graduation. Should other summer learning opportunities arise we will get that information to you as soon as possible.

The Governor was asked about the opening of school in September, a question that I am asked daily. He stated that it was too soon to make any decision on the opening. He noted that the new outbreak of the COVID related disease that is affecting children will make this decision even more difficult.

We have created a school-reopening task force representing various departments and stakeholders from the school community. The committee had their first meeting today and will continue to meet regularly. As the situation evolves, we will continue to develop plans with the health and safety of our school community as our top priority. Ultimately this plan will be submitted to the state for their approval.

A final reminder. Our school budget vote is June 9th. The voting will be by absentee ballot only. The ballots must be in our possession by 5 pm on June 9th to be counted. There will be a virtual public hearing on the budget on May 27th after which you will receive the budget newsletter. That newsletter outlines the budget, the school bus purchase proposition, and the Board Member election. You will receive your absentee ballot shortly. Please review the information carefully, vote and place the ballot in the postage paid envelope that is provided. You must sign the envelope to make the ballot valid.

If you have any questions regarding the voting and election process please contact the District Clerk, Julia W. Tomaine at (518) 398-7181 ext.1408.

Until next week, stay safe and be well.

Dr. Martin D. Handler
Superintendent

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