

PINE PLAINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This will be a brief update letter restating our plans to transition to four days of in person instruction, effective April 5, 2021. I want to thank those of you who were able to join us for the webinar this past week. If there were questions that were not answered, you are welcomed to submit those to us next week.

- Questions that are school specific should be sent to the school office.
- Questions involving special education should go to the pupil personnel office.
- Questions involving transportation should be directed to the transportation office.
- General questions regarding a district-wide matter should either come to me or Dr. Brian Timm, Assistant Superintendent.

We did make one change to the transportation procedures to try to assist parents while at the same time manage the very tight space on our buses. Beginning April 5th, students will be able to go to one alternate stop in addition to their current stop, as long as it is on a consistent weekly schedule and on the same bus route as their current assigned stop. For example, if your child needs to go to a sitter on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, they are able to do that as long as it is every Monday and Tuesday afternoon, and the sitter's location must be on the bus route that they are assigned to.

Bus passes and inconsistent schedules are still not permitted. If you would like to make a change, please complete a new transportation request form and fill out the alternate stop location section for each child requiring a change. Forms must be submitted to the Transportation Department as soon as possible. As stated on the form, changes may take up to two weeks to implement, but the transportation staff will work to get it completed as fast as they can.

The spring athletic season will be starting shortly. We plan to offer both varsity level and modified teams. Family ID is now open for those programs. Please contact the athletic office if you need assistance.

One final word as we approach the spring recess. We need your cooperation as parents if we are to add the in person learning as planned. Please follow all of the published guidelines for prevention of COVID as you are on vacation. The NY State travel restrictions will end on April 1st. If you return from out of state after that date you will not have to COVID test or quarantine. Please remember to complete the health screener for each of your children and foremost do not send any student to school experiencing symptoms outlined in the screener. This is allergy season. If your student has allergy symptoms regularly this time of year, it would be helpful if you got a note from their doctor that would be sent to the school nurse.

Be well and stay safe,
Martin D. Handler, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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