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Dear Pennsbury School District Community,

We continue our planning for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. We will be returning to full in-person instruction for all students in the fall. However, families who request a remote learning option will be accommodated as detailed below. We realize that we cannot at this time provide an answer to all questions that many may have. The purposes of this communication are to provide as much information as we have and gauge interest in remote instruction.

After reviewing the information below, please click here to access the District's [Survey](#). Please complete one survey for each child who will be attending Pennsbury schools next year this fall. Families should be aware that the selection made on the survey will be binding, so the District can continue to plan accordingly with regards to staffing, scheduling, materials procurement, etc. The survey link will remain active until midnight on Friday, June 11, 2021.

Knowing families will have additional questions about the fall, the District is hosting 2 virtual Town Hall Meetings next week to discuss current planning and answer any parent questions. Click [here](#) to access additional information about the planned remote learning for the 2021-2022 school year and links to the virtual Town Hall Meetings on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

### **ELEMENTARY PLANS BEGINNING FALL 2021**

#### **In-Person Instruction:**

- Five day, in-person instruction will be available to all students.
  - The elementary schedule will be 9:00 a.m.-3:40 p.m.
- The current expectation is that mask wearing will be optional.
- The current expectation is that transportation, specials, activities, lunch and recess will be 'normal'.
- We will continue to monitor any state health mandates.

#### **MISSION**

*Recognizing our proud traditions and diverse community, the Pennsbury School District prepares all students to become creative, ethical, and critical thinkers for lifelong success in a global society.*

**Remote Learning:**

- Classes formed with at least 18 remote students will be held via Google Meet and be taught by a Pennsbury teacher.
  - Remote sections are likely to have students from multiple elementary schools in them.
  - Students are not guaranteed to have a teacher from their home school in a remote section.
  - Learning will be primarily synchronous, with some asynchronous components.
  - Chromebooks will be provided.
- The Cyber Academy at Pennsbury online learning platform will be utilized for families who prefer remote learning through an asynchronous model.
- Families that choose this option will be asked to commit to the placement for the entire school year. In extraordinary circumstances, the District may consider potential switches at the start of the second semester.

**SECONDARY PLANS BEGINNING FALL 2021**

**In-Person Instruction:**

- Five day, in-person instruction will be available to all students.
- We will return to our ‘normal’ time schedule at the secondary level.
  - The middle school schedule will be 8:10 a.m.-2:55 p.m.
  - The high school schedule will be 7:20 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
- The current expectation is that mask wearing will be optional.
- The current expectation is that transportation, activities, athletics, and lunch will be ‘normal’.
- We will continue to monitor any state health mandates.

**Remote Instruction:**

- Remote learning will be offered through Google Meet sessions using the Canvas learning management platform.
- Where possible, full remote sections of at least 18 students will be formed.
  - If formed, synchronous remote sections will be taught by Pennsbury teachers.
- It is likely at the secondary level, due to varying course requests by each student, remote courses will be asynchronous, with the goal of providing instruction by a

Pennsbury teacher with Pennsbury curriculum. It may be necessary to provide this learning opportunity via the Cyber Academy at Pennsbury as described below.

- Families that choose this option will be asked to commit to the placement for the entire school year.

**What is the Cyber Academy at Pennsbury?:**

- Full remote learning.
  - The curriculum is from a third-party provider (i.e.: Edgenuity).
  - Asynchronous learning is supported by non-Pennsbury certified teachers.
- Click the link below for additional information:  
[https://www.pennsburysd.org/theCyberAcademy\\_home.aspx](https://www.pennsburysd.org/theCyberAcademy_home.aspx)
- Participants maintain the benefits of remaining a Pennsbury student
  - Support personnel can provide remote support.
  - Students can enjoy involvement in Pennsbury school and extracurricular activities.
  - Students earn a Pennsbury Diploma.
  - Special Education and Gifted services are available for qualifying students.
  - Students have access to college and career planning.
  - Students have the ability to enroll in Lower Bucks Technical High School (Grades 9-12).

We hope this message is received with excitement for next school year, as the Board and administrative team desire to return students to a more normalized educational experience in-person, while also developing more remote learning opportunities for those who may have benefitted from such throughout the past year. Enjoy the start to the summer!

Respectfully,



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