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Dear Pennsbury School District Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and well. I write today to provide an update on plans to potentially reopen schools for in-person instruction sooner than originally planned for most students. On September 30, Board President TR Kannan informed the community that there was interest in learning of plans to consider reopening schools for in-person instruction sooner than originally planned. Specifically, we are aware of various community concerns regarding struggles in the remote environment for students with specialized learning needs along with our youngest learners.

Specific student populations under consideration for a possible return on **November 12th** include:

- Students in grades Pre-K to Grade 2
- Students who receive Autistic Support services\*
- Students who receive Emotional Support services\*
- Students who receive Life Skills Support services\*
- Students who receive Intensive Learning Support services
- Students who attend the MOST Program
- Students who attend Village Park Academy

*\*Not all students with supplemental services as defined in their IEPs will be invited to return on November 12, 2020. Priority will be given to those students in District-wide classes.*

Proposed return dates for all remaining grades and student populations will be included in the presentation shared by administration. Please be reassured that the administration continues to plan, as it has done since the summer, for the potential of a phased, or staggered, reopening. Plans for hybrid instruction with a remote option will be shared at the Board Meeting on October 15th. It is likely the Board will schedule another action meeting in October to consider passage of any proposal put forth by administration on October 15th.

### 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.*

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In order to facilitate planning, we are once again interested in knowing the thoughts of our families to collect input regarding preferences for in-person vs. remote learning and transportation needs. Please consider completion of the appropriate survey(s) found below:

For Parents/Guardians of Students at the Elementary and Middle Schools

[https://pennsbury.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_787JglW20Z42GvX](https://pennsbury.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_787JglW20Z42GvX)

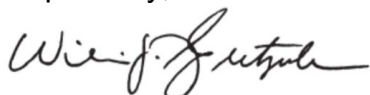
For Parents/Guardians of Students at Pennsbury High School

[https://pennsbury.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ehP50VKmG2qmBWB](https://pennsbury.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ehP50VKmG2qmBWB)

While we continue to plan, it is essential to recognize that schools will only reopen if the conditions support such a decision. Specifically, Mr. Kannan and the Board have offered a framework for considering COVID metrics to determine if we can safely return to schools in any capacity. While we monitor weekly updates from the county and state Departments of Health, we are in constant communication with our neighboring districts to learn from their experiences as well.

To view the live stream of the Board Action Meeting this Thursday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m., please click the link [here](#) to visit Pennsbury's virtual meeting login page. There will also be a link on the landing page to provide community input that may be read during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Respectfully,



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