



PRAIRIE GROVE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

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Dear District 46 Families,

THANK YOU to all of the students and caregivers that greeted school buses and staff yesterday during the material distribution. It was wonderful to see the positive notes left for us, the smiles from windows and porches, and that familiar PG Pride as our administrators, office staff, and transportation department drove all of our routes. Our school buildings may be temporarily closed for student learning, but we believe in our PG 46 staff and students **#PantherStrongAnywhereEverywhere**.

Return to In Person Instruction Update

Elementary educators believe that the best learning opportunities we can provide to students come from the face-to-face setting. It is our desire to return to some form of in person learning opportunities during the 2020-2021 school year. As you know, the Board of Education authorized a six-week remote learning platform to start this school year. During the September 8th school board meeting, we will be discussing the District's return to in person instruction options. The school board meeting will be held live and be broadcast via Zoom. We will be looking at several data points both internal (PG46) and external (county and vicinity). We plan to use data provided to us by the Illinois Department of Public Health ([IDPH Data Source](#)) as the main external source.

There is not one set of data points that outweighs another and I cannot say that there is one tipping point for making the determination about our learning platform after September 25th. There will likely be survey questions in the next week to ten days to help the building principals gather information from students, parents, and staff about remote learning and questions to provide the board with information.

Registration Fees

All student registration fees, including technology, for the 2020-2021 school year will be assigned next week through PushCoin. PushCoin will email the parent once a month until the parent creates an account in PushCoin to link your student. Here is a linked document with additional PushCoin information ([PushCoin Instructions](#)). Please contact us at (webmaster@dist46.org) for any technology questions related to PushCoin.

Lunches for Next Week

Weekly food packs ([lunch menu](#)) will be available for pick-up from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at our food service entrance that is located off the bus circle (there will be signage). The remote learning lunch pick-up schedule is as follows:

- Week 3 food pack (5 meals) - Monday, August 31st pick-up
- Week 4 food pack (4 meals) - Tuesday, September 8th pick-up
- Week 5 food pack (5 meals) - Monday, September 14th pick-up
- Week 6 food pack (5 meals) - Monday, September 21st pick-up

District 46 students can receive lunch for up to five days per pick-up. **Each week**, you will need to reserve your food pack order via the Webstore ([PG46 Webstore](#)). In the event that you are unable to process your Week 3 food pack order via the Webstore, additional food packs will be available.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. John M. Bute". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent.

Dr. John M. Bute
Superintendent