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April 6, 2021 (resent April 9, 16, & 25)

To All Middle School Families,

As you know the recent vote on March 5, 2021 by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has directed the return of all students to a full in person learning plan. Commissioner Jeff Riley has indicated that all school districts must return middle school students to a full day in person schedule on April 28, 2021..

Parent/Guardian Options for Your Child

Commissioner Riley has stated that families can make the decision to have their child participate in a remote option for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. [Click here for additional information.](#)

Middle School Specific Daily Schedules Beginning April 28, 2021

Click the links below to view each middle school's daily schedule that will begin on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

Herberg Middle School	Reid Middle School
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The middle & high school rotation calendar will still be used by our middle and high schools. [Please click here to view.](#)

Middle School Specific Plans For Entry, Exit, Transition, Bathroom, Mask Breaks, & Food Service Beginning April 28, 2021

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New Busing Information as April 28, 2021.

All middle school students that are eligible to ride a bus will have their busing information emailed to their .pittsfield.net email accounts on Friday, April 9, 2021. Middle and High School busing information will be sent again on Monday April 26, 2021. Please reach out to your child's principal with any questions.

I know this is another change for your family to adjust to. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's principal, Mr. Duval, or I with any questions.

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Health and Safety Information and Practices

When New Staff or Student Confirmed Case of COVID-19 Occurs:

The Pittsfield Board of Health will reach out to each staff and family member that has been identified as potentially being in close contact with the infected individual. Via our school district and tracing protocols, information related to specific circumstances, action steps, requirements, and recommendations, is communicated to:

1. the involved classroom(s) staff and families are contacted via phone call, email, and text
2. the involved staff and families of the school are contacted via email and text
3. The District staff and all district families are updated each week by the **District Confirmed and Recovered Case Count Report**. This report is included in the PPS Friday Family Update for the entire educational community. [Click here to view](#). Family members can bookmark the report in a web browser to reference at any time. The report is kept up to date in real time.

Daily Self Certification Questions to Be Asked By All Families Each Day

IMPORTANT: [All families need to review the questions here each day before sending their child to the school building](#). If the answer is yes to any of the questions, students must stay home, then contact your physician and your school's nurse.

Highlights of Some of Our Current Health and Safety Practices

- **Increased Fresh Air Flow** - all classrooms with windows have a minimum of one window open at least 3 inches.
- **Air Purification** - all learning spaces have a *Medify Air MA-40-W V2.0 Air Purifier with H13 HEPA filter*. Indoor areas where meal service will occur will have multiple air purifiers in them [Click here for more information](#).
- **HVAC system** - any learning space used has a working univent to support the school's HVAC system that utilizes MERV air filters.
- **Carbon Dioxide Measurements** - any learning space has a carbon dioxide measurement taken at least every three weeks, more often if suggested. [Click here for more information](#).
- **New surface cleaner and sanitizer solution being adopted in the Pittsfield Public Schools** - A new cleaner and sanitizer solution is being adopted in all schools and buildings that improves dwell time and is food safe. [Click here for more information](#).
- **Double Masking** - All students are encouraged to double mask. [Click here for more information](#).

If a *Cluster is Identified a decision based on specific circumstances will be made.

Decisions could include:

- a classroom being reverted to remote learning

- a number of classrooms being reverted to remote learning
- a grade level being reverted to remote learning
- a school being reverted to remote learning

Important Dates Ahead

April 6, 2021 - School specific schedules, plans for meal service, mask breaks, transitions, and new busing information will be communicated to all middle school families

April 9, 2021 - Half Day of School for Students

April 9, 2021 - Quarter 3 Grades Close for Secondary Students

April 13, 2021 - [6:00p.m. HBCU Family Information Night](#)

By April 16, 2021 - Secondary Principals send a message to parents and guardians to view Quarter 3 grades and comments in PowerSchool

April 19-23, 2021 - April Vacation

April 28, 2021 - Return of Middle School Students To Full In Person Learning

April 30, 2021 - Elementary School Progress Report

May 7, 2021 - Half Day of School for Students

May 14, 2021 - Secondary School Progress Report

June 2, 2021 - Taconic High School Senior Prom (details coming soon)

June 3, 2021 - Pittsfield High School Senior Prom (details coming soon)

June 6, 2021 - PHS and THS Graduations (details coming soon)

June 22, 2021 - Last day of school