



March 10, 2021

Good morning PCPS Families,

Recently I shared with you that we were exploring the possibility of increasing the number of in-person days for students in the Continuum of Learning, to include ongoing conversations with the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Peninsula Health District (PHD). Last week, PCPS received the following statement from the PHD in response to the School Board's request for division staff to resubmit the PCPS Health and Instructional Plan:

*The local health district is still following the guidelines established by the Virginia Department of Health, which is guided by the Center for Disease Control recommendation to maintain 6 feet of physical distance. If it is not feasible to conduct classes using 6 feet, 3 feet of physical distance may be used, but exposure risk would be increased.*

Additionally, the survey sent last week to Continuum of Learning families regarding the potential to increase the number of in-person learning days for hybrid students indicates support for moving to four or five days of instruction, with the understanding that this transition will require a reduction in physical distancing and teacher changes for some K-5 students. Any hybrid parent who is not comfortable moving to additional days may choose to move his/her child to the Poquoson Online program for the remainder of the school year. To do so, please email your child's principal with this request.

As we move forward in the planning process for the next transition on our Continuum of Learning, the following timeline has been established:

- Monday, March 29: Grades K-2 and 6-8 begin attending in-person four days a week (M, T, Th, F)
- Monday, March 29: K-5 special education adaptive programs begin using adjusted start and end times
- Friday, April 2: Remains an early dismissal day for K-5 (6-12 follow current daily schedule)
- Monday, April 5 - Friday, April 9: Spring Break (all schools and offices closed)
- Monday, April 12: Grades 3 - 5 and 9 - 12 begin attending in-person four days a week (M, T, Th, F)

Additional details will be sent to K-2 and 6-8 parents/guardians in the next week and more information will be forthcoming for all parents/guardians as we look to transition from four to five days a week.

Thank you for your continued support!

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