

On Tuesday, August 11, 2020, the Poquoson School Board unanimously accepted the PCPS Return to School two-option family choice plan and voted for families of students who select Option #1 to begin the school year in the partial hybrid model (Column C on the Continuum of Learning).

Details about each of these options can be found in the [Family Choice Options for Student Learning document](#).

### **What does this decision mean for my student?**

- For students who choose Option #1 – Continuum of Learning
  - Grades PreK-3 will begin the year, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, coming to school two-days a week for in-person instruction and learning virtually at home three-days a week.
  - Grades 4-12 will begin the year, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, learning virtually at home five-days a week until the division can safely begin to bring students back into the building for in-person instruction.
    - Some students with disabilities in grades 4-12 may participate in in-person instruction on a limited basis. Additional information will be communicated to individual families today.
- The decision made during the Family Choice Option selection window (Aug. 12 through Aug. 17) is final. Students cannot move back and forth between Option #1 and Option #2 until the end of the first semester.
- For students who choose Option #2 - Virtual Learning through Poquoson Online
  - Grades K-12 will begin the year, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, learning virtually at home five-days a week.
  - Students will remain learning virtually five-days a week until the end of the first semester (January 28, 2021). At that time, families will decide if they wish to continue learning virtually for the remainder of the school year.
- The decision made during the Family Choice Option selection window (August 12 – August 17) is final. Students cannot move back and forth between Option #1 and Option #2 until the end of the first semester.

### **Family Choice Selection Window Information**

- During the Family Choice Option selection window all families will need to choose either Option #1 or Option #2 for each child to begin the 2020-2021 school year.
- The Family Choice Option selection window opens Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
- The Family Choice Option selection window closes Monday, August 17, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
- Directions for how families will make this choice through the Parent Portal can be found below.

### **Directions on How to Make Your Family Choice**

- All parents/guardians will be asked to make their choice through the PCPS Parent Portal.
- In addition to making their family choice, parents/guardians will be required to update student information for the 2020-2021 school year.
  - This process replaces the Student Data Verification Form that is usually sent home each year on the first day of school.
- Parents will make a selection for each individual student in the family.
- ***Once the selection is made in the Parent Portal, it cannot be changed.***
- Parents need an activated Parent Portal account.
  - Letters were recently mailed to all families who needed to activate an account.
  - Information on how to activate, access, and use your Parent Portal Account can be found on the division webpage under Parents/Students or by clicking [HERE](#).
- Full directions on how to complete the Family Choice Option Selection process can be found [HERE](#).
- If you have questions, please utilize one of these resources:
  - School Phone Numbers
    - Poquoson Primary - (757) 868-4403
    - Poquoson Elementary - (757) 868-6921
    - Poquoson Middle - (757) 868-6031
    - Poquoson High - (757) 868-7123
  - Email questions to : [powerschool@poquoson.k12.va.us](mailto:powerschool@poquoson.k12.va.us)
  - Family Choice Selection Hotline (this Friday, Saturday & Sunday) (757) 846-3904