



School District of the City of Pontiac

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Greetings Pontiac School District Families,

Thank you to all of you who filled out the recent return to hybrid learning survey that was sent out by your principals last week.

We are diligently continuing to work with the Oakland County Health Department and the State of Michigan to assess the safety of returning to partial in-person learning. From their insights and your feedback, we are planning to proceed with slowly and deliberately phasing students back into the classroom in a hybrid schedule, as outlined in our Return to School Plan.

This phasing will begin on Monday, October 26, 2020 with our Kindergarten and First Grade students, GSRP students and some Special Education students. We will add additional grades every two weeks provided it remains safe to do so. The graphic chart accompanying this letter outlines the planned schedule.

Please note, that for any parent who is not comfortable having their child return in-person in any capacity at this time, a fully remote option is still available as well.

Students will be broken into cohorts for their in-person days. Cohort A will attend in-person on Monday and Tuesday and Cohort B will physically come to school on Wednesday and Thursday. On non in-person days students will be online as they have been during this virtual time. Cohorts will be selected in a manner to ensure all family members, regardless of school will be in the same cohort.

Please know that during the past months we have been preparing to have the safest school setting possible for our students and staff. Details of our cleaning products and procedures are outlined in detail in our Return to School plan that can be found on our website. Specific products such as hand sanitizer and disinfectants will be available in all classrooms. We continue to research and explore the latest advances in cleaning and safety products to ensure we have exceptional tools and procedures in place for all.

As required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), masks will be worn at all times by all while in school. We have ensured our desks are all spaced for social distancing. All elementary students and teachers will have a protective desk shield around their desks to provide an added layer of safety while sitting in the classroom.

As we get closer to our return date, we will share information about bus schedules and any updates to food service distribution.

At this time, we ask that you begin to prepare your student for their return to onsite school by practicing hand washing protocols, mask wearing, social distancing and daily temperature checks. We are asking all parents to sign the attached

Oakland County School Health Screening Agreement. This agreement certifies that you will screen your child daily for health concerns prior to sending them to school and will keep them home should any concerns arise. We will also be taking temperatures daily onsite upon students' arrival as an extra precautionary measure.

We are fortunate to have the Oakland County nurses on board to assist us throughout this time. They are working with us daily to continue to make sure we are able to learn safely and effectively onsite. They have a wonderful toolkit available online for schools and parents who may have any questions. The toolkit can be found at: oakgov.com/covid/resources/education/pages/k-12.aspx.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to your principal or teacher.

Thank you,

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Saludos familias del distrito escolar de Pontiac,

Gracias por llenar la encuesta para el regreso a clases con el aprendizaje híbrido que mandaron los directores la semana pasada.

Diligentemente, estamos trabajando con el departamento de salud del condado de Oakland y el estado de Michigan para revisar la seguridad de los estudiantes cuando vuelvan a la escuela en persona. Con la información que recibimos del condado y la de ustedes, estamos planeando lentamente y deliberadamente regresar a los estudiantes espaciadamente al salón de clases con un horario híbrido, como se marca en el plan de regreso de clases.

La fase iniciara el lunes 26 de octubre del 2020 con nuestros estudiantes de kindergarten y de primer grado, al igual que los de pre-escolar y los de educación especial. Regresaremos más grados cada dos semanas siempre y cuando sea seguro hacerlo. La grafica que acompaña esta carta les muestra el horario planeado

Por favor tome note que cualquier padre que no se sienta cómodo regresando a sus hijos a la escuela, podrán continuar su educación virtualmente.

Los estudiantes serán repartidos en dos grupos durante los días que estarán en persona en la escuela. El grupo A vendrá a la escuela los lunes y martes y el grupo B los miércoles y jueves. Los días que no estén en la escuela estarán trabajando en su casa virtualmente de la misma forma que lo han estado haciendo hasta ahora. Los grupos serán seleccionados de una forma en que todos los estudiantes de la misma familia vengan a la escuela en el mismo grupo.

Por favor queremos que sepan que durante los últimos meses nos hemos estado preparando para tener un ambiente muy seguro para los estudiantes y el personal. Tenemos información detallada de todos los productos que utilizamos para la limpieza y los procedimientos se marcan en detalle en el plan de regreso a clases que se encuentra en nuestro sitio de internet. Productos específicos de limpieza y para desinfectar estarán disponibles en cada salón de clase. Seguimos haciendo investigación de cuáles son los mejores productos en el mercado para asegurar que tengamos las mejores herramientas y procedimientos listos

De acuerdo a los requerimientos del Departamento de Salud y de Servicios humanitarios del estado de Michigan (MDHHS), todos deberán de utilizar mascarillas todo el tiempo mientras estén en la escuela. Los pupitres estarán separados para seguir los lineamientos de distancia. Todos los estudiantes de escuela primaria y los maestros tendrán protección alrededor de los escritorios para agregar otra forma de seguridad mientras están en el salón de clases. Cuando estemos cerca del día de regreso a clases, mandaremos información de los horarios escolares al igual que información de la distribución de alimentos.

En este momento, les pedimos prepare a su estudiante para el regreso a clases practicando lavarse las manos, usar la mascarilla todo el tiempo, mantener la distancia y tomarles la temperatura diariamente. Les pedimos a todos los padres que firmen el acuerdo de salud del condado de Oakland. Este acuerdo certifica que ustedes revisaran a sus hijos todos

los días por cualquier preocupación de salud y lo mantendrá en casa si algún problema de salud tuviera. Estaremos tomando la temperatura diariamente a la hora que lleguen los estudiantes y como medida de precaución extra.

Tenemos la suerte de contar con las enfermeras de Condado de Oakland todo el tiempo para ayudarse durante este tiempo. Estamos trabajando diariamente para estar seguros de tener la mejor seguridad en cada edificio. Tienen una herramienta de apoyo en línea para los padres que pudieran tener alguna pregunta. Podrán encontrar el kit en el siguiente sitio de internet. oakgov.com/covid/resources/education/pages/k-12.aspx.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita mayor información por favor no dude en llamar a su directora o al maestro.
Gracias,

Kelley Williams, Superintendente



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PHASED RETURN TO HYBRID LEARNING

Monday, October 26, 2020	Grades K & 1, GSRP, Special Education (non-severely impaired students)
Monday, November 9, 2020	Grades 2-3, Special Education (non-severely impaired students)
Monday, November 16, 2020	Grades 4-5, Grade 6, Special Education (non-severely impaired students)
Monday, November 30, 2020	Grade 7-8, Special Education (non-severely impaired students)

Both hybrid and 100% virtual learning options will be available for families. At this time High School students will remain virtual. The proposed schedule is subject to change based on recommendations and updates from health authorities on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic in our region.

COVID-19 SCHOOL HEALTH SCREENING AGREEMENT

Instructions for Parents and/or Guardians

For the health and safety of our students, Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) requires students be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 before getting on a bus or entering school. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) do not recommend screenings be done by the schools in consideration of time and interruption to education. Schools may conduct additional in school screening if cases have been identified in the school or prior to after school activities.



Complete the information below prior to sending your child to school. By doing so, you indicate your understanding and agreement to perform daily symptom screenings on your child.

By signing this form, I am committing to screening my child daily for the 2020-2021 school year, unless otherwise directed. I also understand that it is my responsibility to call the school immediately if my child is not going to school for potential COVID-19 symptoms.

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I commit to screening my child _____ daily for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

_____ Date: _____

School Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____