



# Peru Central School District

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Dear Peru Central School District Community,

These are the updates for the Peru Central School District for the week ending July 17, 2020. Three items that are all high priority for the district going into the summer. 1) The Reopening of Schools, 2) Interscholastic Sports and 3) The “New” Mascot.

We received guidance from the New York State Education Department on guidance for the reopening of schools this fall late last night. We will be continuing the process in planning and will provide guidance to our school community in the upcoming weeks on our progress starting next week. We have put out a survey to our families to completed to assist us in the development of our plan based on the survey results. You will be receiving an invite today and Monday in the high school asking you to complete the survey. Please take 2-3 minutes to complete the survey. The survey will be distributed by each building via our ParentSquare communication tool. We will follow up with any families who have not completed the survey by Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We have received information yesterday from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) on athletics for the 2020-2021 school year. Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President stated: “As the state considers reopening, it is unrealistic to believe athletic seasons can start on August 24th as originally scheduled. The priority will continue to be on the educational process and a return to learning in the safest way possible. We have posted the entire News Announcement on our website and Facebook Page. We will keep our school community informed of any new information that may come out in the future.

The “New” Mascot.

I will be hosting two Superintendent Town Hall Meetings for those students and community members (up to 50 participants). I have attached the agenda for these meetings below. We will be asking for signups for the task force to develop a new name and mascot in the coming weeks. I will share those dates with the community shortly. We will also have the event livestreamed and there will be link where individuals may share comments. We will be starting the task force in two weeks and further guidance will be given. The taskforce is a great community event where we will seek consensus on a new mascot and name for the

district. I hope you can participate in the process.

## **Superintendent's Town Hall Agenda**

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 Students of Peru CSD

Wednesday, July 22, 2020, School Community

Peru CSD High School Parking Lot

- 1) Statement on Board of Education's Decision
- 2) Overview of the Next Steps in developing a Stakeholder Group
- 3) Public Comment

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools