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Dear School Community,

I hope I am writing to everyone in good health and ready for the school year to begin tomorrow for our AA group on Thursday, September 10, 2020 and on Friday September 11, 2020 for our BB group. If you are unsure what group your child(ren) belongs in, please contact your Building Principal to confirm your child(ren)'s cohort group.

We are in a “*new normal*” of what it looks like and feels like as we begin the new school year. First and foremost, we are excited to see our teachers back in school and tomorrow, our students will join our teachers. This year, we as a community will be facing many challenges. We need to go into the year with an attitude that we will be working together as partners in providing the best education we can for our students under these unprecedented times. We are unsure of what the future will bring, but for now, we have a well thought out plan that has clear expectations and guidance for the safest environment we can provide to our students and staff.

I think one of the greatest books I had read was a book called Fish. It was about a fish market in Seattle Washington and they had made a conscious decision to be “world famous” and they based their attitudes and beliefs on four guiding principles and the entire organization bought into the principles and everyone exhibited them in the workplace. The single greatest principle I feel was “Choose your Attitude”. Our students are listening and watching the actions of the adults and feeding off their emotions. Each and every day we make a conscious decision on what our attitude is. We can choose to have a great day and be positive and people will follow that behavior or we can choose to have a bad day, be disgruntled and people will react to that. We can only control our attitude and the way we interact with people. Let's make the best choices we can and promote the positives out of this situation and model the behaviors we want our students to emulate.

Currently, our local COVID-19 numbers are low in comparison to other parts of the state and country. We need to continue to do the things we do in order to keep our numbers down. As we reopen, families need to ensure we have family's emergency contact information and that everyone has signed up for parent square for the ability to complete the screening test for your child(ren). If you have any problems signing into parent square, please contact your building principal's office for support. The use of this tool is to assure families are screening their child(ren) before coming to school as it is vital if your child is sick, they

stay home for school.

I am asking for all parents'/caregivers for our students prior to coming to school tomorrow or on Friday, dependent on your cohort group to please fill the parent square questionnaire the morning your child will come to school this week. After this week, there will be a designated day we will be asking you to fill out the questionnaire based on your child's grade level.

Tuesday	PreK	3rd Grade	6th Grade	9th Grade
Wednesday	Kindergarten	4th Grade	7th Grade	10th Grade
Thursday	1st Grade	5th Grade	8th Grade	11th Grade
Friday	2nd Grade	12th Grade		

Together we will get through this time and we will continue to provide the best education we can for our children.

Our health and safety measures that have been put in place for the Peru Central School District exceed the standards that are set forth by the political and health officials in our state. Our goal is to maintain and when possible, start to bring back students more days per week. Time will tell and we collectively need to do what we can to minimize our risk of the spread of COVID-19.

We look forward to a successful year and our priority is help all students grow and have a productive academic experience.

Sincerely,

Thomas Palmer
Superintendent of Schools