



Peru Central School District

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Dear Peru Central School Parents/Guardians and School Community,

There have been a number of questions, comments and concerns about the reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. We are listening and have been working very hard in the effort to make the reopening possible this year with the number of constraints that have been placed upon us.

As I have said before, we understand this plan will place a difficult burden on our families and we struggle as well as you do because we want the best for our students and families. Unfortunately, given the Department of Health, CDC, and New York State Education Department guidance this is the safest and most compliant plan we could formulate after months of development and it has changed several times.

We want ALL of our students to return. We feel this is the best place for them to learn, have social interactions with their friends and a positive environment to grow academically and socially. The size of our district, the number of students we serve, the physical space we have and the number of buses does not blend well for a lot of reopening plans that other districts may be able to provide their families.

The plan we are committed to at this time is the Hybrid Plan 2.

Hybrid Plan 2 - PreK to Grade 12

- students will be in person 2 days per week
- students will be remote 3 days per week
- masks will be required at all times except while eating
- mask breaks will be provided
- social distancing will be followed in all spaces where practical
- students will be assigned to Group A or Group B
- Group A will attend in-person the first two days of the week and be remote the rest of the week
- Group B will be remote the last two days of the week and be remote the beginning days of the week
- All students will be remote on Wednesday of any five-day week
- Every effort will be made to schedule families with children in grades in the same group

Families uncomfortable having their child attend in-person, will have the option to participate in remote learning 100%.

Transportation

Due to social distancing and contact tracing requirements, students will only be able to have one pick up and one drop off point (must be the same). All families will be expected to identify one pick up and drop off location for their child(ren).

No bus notes will be accepted this year. You will be able to drop off and/or pick up your child. Each building will share new guidelines regarding pick up and drop off for the school year.

Sincerely,

Thomas Palmer Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools