



PERU CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello Peru Middle and High School Students and Families,

As you are aware from the recent Peru School District-level communications, we have received guidance from the New York State Education Department about the specifics of reopening school for the 2021-2022 school year. Our intent is to return to traditional in-person instruction with protective safety measures in place that meet the guidance from the State Education Department. We have learned that in person instruction is the best way to educate and support our students. With that said, the Peru Central School District recognizes that some students will have specific circumstances that warrant remote instruction based upon certain health considerations. At this point, Middle and High School students who have medically documented health conditions and/or family medically documented health conditions within households are eligible for remote learning. This is subject to change based upon further guidance from the New York State Education Department.

In order for students to qualify for the remote model, families are required to complete an application, and in turn, agree to a remote learning contract outlined by the district. Students and families will then be interviewed based on eligibility and produce medical documentation indicating a requirement for full remote instruction. Families must commit to the outlined plan for the entire 2021-2022 school year. The remote learning model will then be decided upon under the discretion of appropriate school personnel as outlined in district policy.

The Remote Learning model will be different from the 2020-2021 school year. Students will not be logging into live Google classes during the normal school day hours. Students will have online academic responsibilities throughout the school day but live instruction via Google Meets and/or other district-approved online meeting platforms will only occur after regular school hours. Students will be required to attend these sessions routinely as attendance will be recorded.

At Peru Middle and High School, we realize the challenges all families are facing during this time. We also recognize that families have many questions about the reopening of schools at all levels. Given the nature of operating a school district during a worldwide pandemic, there remains a level of uncertainty regarding school operations. School personnel, parents, guardians, and students must remain flexible as educational and operational plans may change as the COVID 19 virus evolves and the state and federal guidelines are modified. We ask for your continued patience and understanding through these uncertain times as we continue to grow as a school community.

Regards,
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