

Pikeville Independent Schools

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Panther Families:

It was a true pleasure to see the excitement of our students as they entered our schools once again. We had an awesome day at Pikeville Independent, as our students and team members were engaged and excited throughout the district. We wanted to share a couple pieces of information with you as we move forward in the second semester.

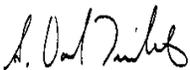
As quarantine protocols have changed based upon CDC guidance, we have worked with the Pike County Health Department to develop a plan designed to keep everyone in our schools safe. If a child is asked to quarantine because of an exposure inside or outside of school, the length of that quarantine should be a minimum of ten days. If you believe you meet the criteria to have a quarantine that is less than ten days, please contact the Pike County Health Department to provide you with a release. We know there are very limited situations where a quarantine could qualify to be less than ten days, but we have asked the professionals at the Pike County Health Department to assist us through that process, and they have agreed. We appreciate their partnership, as the decisions we both make are designed to keep our students, our team members, and their families safe. If you have questions, you can contact my office, or the Pike County Health Department. We had limited quarantines that occurred in school last semester, as our hybrid schedule allowed us to have proper social distances for our students and team members throughout the day. Our current hybrid schedule provides this same opportunity for a safe distance. We consistently evaluate our schedule and the plan that we developed this past summer, and will make any adjustments as necessary, while always keeping the importance of safety in mind.

As we enter the period of the year where we also must prepare to deal with inclement weather, we wanted to let you know how that will be handled. If we have weather that does not allow us to have school in person, we will transition to a **red day** for the entire district for that school day. Because we realize childcare planning is difficult, we will not be making further adjustments to the week's schedule as a result of that situation. We will consistently work to give our students options to learn in the school setting, but again will never do anything at the risk of the safety of our students or team members. We wanted you to be prepared in case that situation arises. As of this moment, cancellation information will be available through our social media accounts, our district website and our local news stations. Our district continues to research additional communication options, and we will provide you with further information when that becomes available.

The district is currently transitioning to an online job posting system, which we hope to make live in the next thirty days. We consistently want to examine ways to make information more available, and we feel this is one way to do this successfully. In the meantime, our district continues to have opportunities for qualified substitute teachers. This is an awesome district, with fantastic team members and students to work with, and we hope that energetic, passionate people will always have an interest in joining our team when they have the opportunity. If you have questions about obtaining one of these positions, please do not hesitate to contact our office and we will assist you with following the proper steps.

Thank you for the passion for education each of you show within this community. Our school district is blessed with great students, great team members, great families and a great community. Thank you for the role you play in helping light the path to success for our students. We look forward to an awesome semester! Go Panthers!

Sincerely,



S. David Trimble
Superintendent