

Pikeville Independent Schools

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Panther Families:

We want to begin by thanking you, the families of Pikeville Independent, for your strong and successful partnership with our team. While this school year has been far from normal, collectively we have been successful in educating our students and your children at the high level expected from Pikeville Independent Schools. Through limitations and challenges, every stakeholder has gone to great lengths to help our students see growth in their education.

We also want to thank each and every member of our team for their continued hard work and dedication to our students. Though often asked to do education in very different ways, they always choose to do the best things for kids in every situation. We are blessed by the team of people who work with our children every day, and we look forward to continuing to successfully educate the children of Pikeville Independent, no matter the situation. We have an awesome team, and we want to thank them for the dedication to our students and their growth and success along their educational journey.

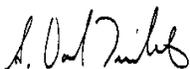
Additionally, we want to thank the medical community here in Pikeville and the surrounding area for your hard work and dedication to the health of each of us who reside in this area. Specifically, we want to thank those medical professionals who are our experts in making local decisions for our school district. The Pike County Health Department has been, and will continue to be, an awesome member of our planning team, and we thank Mrs. Riley and her staff for their many hours of support and conversation. Additionally, Dr. Fadi and members of his team have consistently been willing to share information with our district to assist us in making difficult decisions this school year. We have never been on an island, but instead have been given the best community support and professional advice for making decisions. We thank all of them for their availability and support.

As you are likely aware, Governor Beshear signed an order yesterday that closes in-person classes for a period of time depending on the grade level. As a result, the following actions will be taken by Pikeville Independent:

- Every student will be all-virtual on Friday, November 20th as originally planned.
- We will be on our originally scheduled break November 23rd through November 27th.
- All students will be all-virtual from Monday, November 30th through Friday, December 4th.
- All Pikeville High School students will remain all-virtual until at least January 4th. Further communication about targeted assistance during this time will be available at a later date from PHS.
- Elementary schools have been given permission to return students to school on December 7th if the county meets the appropriate measures, including not being in Red on December 3rd. We will have additional discussion and communication the week of November 30th, including further plans for the following week, and if we are allowed to continue under the guidelines at that time.

There have been many great successes that have occurred in educating children to this point during the first semester, and we are excited for the day when students are able to return to in-person instruction. Please remind your children that the three weeks in December are vital to their education, and to be diligent in working with their teachers, especially when on all-virtual. Our team will continue to be great for your children and to work with them through our learning management systems and other means of communication. As always, we encourage everyone to wear your masks, practice good hand hygiene and place great focus on slowing the spread of the virus within our community. Slowing the spread of this virus most importantly protects the health of those we love, and it also allows us the opportunity to place students where their educational needs are best met, which is in their schools. Thank you again for your strong support and value of education in our community, and for the opportunity we have to educate each of your children. We hope you have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



S. David Trimble
Superintendent