

Pikeville Independent Schools

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Panther Families:

Good afternoon! We wanted to provide you with an update of our in person learning plan moving forward. Just a reminder, there is no change in our virtual learning plan, and that is always an available option for any family who chooses that as the best current format for their child(ren). Please contact your child's school counselor with any questions you might have concerning virtual learning.

Since the time we began the 2020-2021 school year, our consistent desire has been to return our students to a Green learning format. Throughout the year, we have been in consistent conversation within the district and with the medical community concerning the safest and most successful possible way to educate the students of Pikeville Independent. To this point in the year, based upon the spread of infection within the community, and as a result of the continued need for further understanding of this virus, we have been able to successfully function on our Yellow model of education, providing students a consistent manner of learning in the classroom multiple days per week.

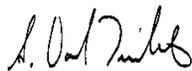
As we have continued our conversation within our district and with the medical community, it has become clear that we have reached a point where we can safely and successfully take the next step in returning to a more normal schedule. It is important to keep in mind, following proper mitigation strategies is as essential as ever for our students and community, both inside our schools and within the community. Everyone in our buildings will be required to mask at all times unless they are eating, which has been the expectation all along. In all situations, we will work hard to provide the best possible separation for students and adults. While the hybrid model provided increased separation, we know this change will cause that to be reduced, but we will always strive to provide every student and member of our team with as much space as possible. We will continue to focus on proper handwashing with our students.

We know it has been a significant period of time since we have provided instruction in the green format. As a result, it is important to us to make this change in a gradual manner for our students and team. We have current plans that center around our Yellow model, and want to give our students and team a chance to successfully complete those. We also found it important to have the opportunity to have one day to debrief after Green instruction begins, in order to assure we make any necessary adjustments. The schedule for the coming weeks is below:

2/22	A In-Person	3/1	A In-Person	3/8	Green	3/15	Green
2/23	B In-Person	3/2	B In-Person	3/9	Green	3/16	Green
2/24	A In-Person	3/3	Green	3/10	Green	3/17	Green
2/25	B In-Person	3/4	Green	3/11	Green	3/18	Green
2/26	All-Virtual	3/5	All-Virtual	3/12	Green	3/19	Green

As we move forward with this plan, we will continue to work with our healthcare community, and to consider our local numbers in order to consistently assure any necessary adjustments that must be made, are made quickly and efficiently. If there is a need for a schedule adjustment, we will communicate that to you as quickly as possible. We are excited to take this next step with our students and team. We are thankful for the amazing members of our team and our students, as it is their hard work that makes this transition possible. Thank you for the trust you place in us to educate the students of this community. We hope you have a safe and great day!

Sincerely,



S. David Trimble
Superintendent