

Pikeville Independent Schools

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Panther Families:

Good evening everyone! We want to begin this evening by sharing that we are very thankful for the teams at Pikeville Medical Center and the Pike County Health Department, as they have continually helped us in working toward the goal of vaccinating our team members. Many of our team members have received their vaccines this afternoon, and others will receive them tomorrow. This process has been awesome, and we know there has been much planning to go into making it smooth and successful.

I also wanted to share some information with you, and ask for the feedback of our parents and guardians within our district. We have been working closely with our medical community, as well as within our team, to work toward a date to transition from our “yellow” to “green” schedules. We have had some very positive discussion in this area, and we see that while our community numbers are still higher than desired, there is a feel from our medical leaders that they are working their way into a better area for success in this transition. We are thankful for those in the healthcare community who have been willing to advise us throughout the entirety of the year, and we appreciate that we all are on the same page in the decisions we are making, and the plans we currently have for moving forward. As part of these discussions, we do hope that you will log in and take just a moment to provide us with your feedback about the possibility of this transition in the coming weeks. This is a very short survey, but it is very important for us to hear from all stakeholders. We plan to provide you with a more concrete plan on when this transition could take place as early as our next update. Thank you in advance for logging in to the IC parent portal and providing us with your feedback. If you have further needs, Mr. Arnett has included his information with the release of this letter.

As for the next two weeks, we will be on our “yellow” schedule, with one change from normal. Our RED (all-virtual) day for the week of 2/15-2/19 will be on Tuesday, February 16th, and all groups will slide over one day. As you will see in the chart below, this does mean that A group will be Monday/Thursday, and B group will be Wednesday/Friday, for that week only. This is due to a conflict and staffing issues within the district that day. Much like with holidays, we appreciate your flexibility with this change. The schedule for the next two weeks is below:

2/8	A In-Person	2/15	A In-Person
2/9	B In-Person	2/16	All-Virtual
2/10	A In-Person	2/17	B In-Person
2/11	B In-Person	2/18	A In-Person
2/12	All-Virtual	2/19	B In-Person

We understand that there are many different individual opinions and mindsets on the idea of transitioning from “yellow” to “green”. We value everyone in this district, and look forward to the opportunity to review your feedback and continue our path to a more normal setting.

We are blessed to live in such an awesome community, and we appreciate each stakeholder who is involved in the education of the children within it. We are thankful for the opportunity to educate the children of Pikeville Independent. We hope you have a safe and great day!

Sincerely,



S. David Trimble
Superintendent