

YOUR VOICES AND VOTES MATTER!!!



August 10, 2020

Greetings PAE School Family,

On behalf of the Pontiac Academy For Excellence School District, we thank you PAE for taking the time to participate in our decision-making process by taking our survey. This was a very arduous task as we plan to bring our staff members and students back into an effective educational model under safe conditions in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Families were presented with two main instructional delivery models that they felt would work best for their families and the school community:

- 1. Hybrid Model- 2 days in school for a full day, 3 days at home virtual, OR**
- 2. 100% Virtual Model**

Therefore, PAE will adopt the 100% Virtual Learning Model beginning August 31, 2020. Additionally, we will offer on-site and virtual supports throughout the entire week. Students will learn virtually online two days per week with their respective teachers. They will work on assignments independently and virtually from home for the remaining days of the week. However, there will be two days each week where PAE will pre-schedule and open four computer labs for students to utilize UP TO two-hours per session by appointment only to complete their virtual lessons if they need access to technology, or just a quiet space to work for a few hours per week.

The school community
SPOKE and
overwhelmingly
voted for

100%
VIRTUAL
at this time.

The School Board approved.



Additionally, teachers will be onsite for two full days to take appointments with their students for academic support individually, or with a very small groups, face to face, or virtually for a specified block of time. These supports will afford students the opportunities to ask real time questions of their teachers while completing their virtual assignments, remotely. Social distancing guidelines will be strictly adhered to for the onsite support. Masks will be worn 100% of the time by all people who enter PAE. A strict schedule will be adhered to in order to afford as many of our students the opportunity to engage with their instructor for guidance. It is our goal and main priority to place the safety of our students and families in the safest conditions possible while continuing the learning process and academic support for our scholars.

100% Virtual with Embedded Support Model Positives:

- This model still allows for students to have some quality time to ask teachers questions and receive supports.
- Students who may just need some quiet computer time with their assignments can utilize our labs for a few hours each week.
- Home School Liaisons will be available to offer some one on one, or small group time with students just to check in and to share some coping supports, by appointment.
- Parent/School communications and engagement opportunities in comparison to March- June will drastically increase with this model.
- And most important, the teacher support and/or lab times will be safe, safe, safe due to the even smaller group sizes than were recommended by Governor Whitmer and MDE!

In the following days, you will receive more information surrounding virtual parent trainings, student preparation, student schedules and sign up information to take advantage of our virtual and onsite supports. If you have any questions related to the board approved 100% Virtual Instructional Model, please feel free to contact any of the following representatives:

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We can assure you that your child will receive quality instruction and supports throughout this very challenging time. We are committed to DELIVERING quality instruction in a safe, nurturing, environment.

You have our word!!!
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