



Peekskill City School District

Our mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.

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Dear Peekskill Families,

I am writing with a few brief updates this week, but I would be remiss if I did not once again pause to reflect on the current events taking place across our nation. Along with adults, our children are making sense of the news presented to them and I urge you to use these instances as teachable moments to promote empathy, equity and peace. As a reminder, our clinical and counseling team is available to support students and families during this challenging time. The district has a warm support line for anyone who needs it from 9:00AM to 9:00PM, 7 days a week: 914-522-0624.

Re-Entry Planning Committees

Our District has begun planning for the return to school in September and has formed several re-entry committees. These committees are made up of PCSD administrators, staff and parents. At this time, we do not know what the guidance from New York State will be, but we are planning for three possible scenarios:

1. A full return of all students to in-person classes
2. A full virtual learning environment
3. A hybrid model that consists of 50% of students attending each day.

We will continue to provide information about our committees' work as we move forward. This information will be presented publicly at a future date.

PHS & PKMS Graduation

An updated letter and video providing further details on the Peekskill High School Graduation celebration will be sent on Monday. Additionally, a letter regarding Peekskill Middle School's Grade 8 Moving Up Ceremony will be distributed by Mr. Lewis early next week. Details for the Uriah Hill Elementary graduation celebrations can be found [here](#).

Elementary Student Instrument Drop Off & Pick Up of Personal Belongings

All Peekskill students should return their instruments over the summer, UNLESS they have spoken with their music teacher directly about keeping them. Parents should complete this [Summer Instrument Loan Contract](#) if their students have already received permission from their music teacher to keep instruments over the summer months. A drive through instrument drop-off/personal belonging pick-up will be available on June 15 - June 19 from 9AM-12PM at all elementary schools.

Secondary Student Instrument Drop Off & Pick-Up of Personal Belongings

Secondary buildings will continue with their instrument drop-off/personal belonging pick-up as scheduled. If you have not arranged a time to return and pick-up items, please reach out to your building's principal.

Chromebooks

We will begin collecting Chromebooks the week of June 22. More information regarding how to drop off your device will follow shortly. Please note that students who will be taking summer courses will not be required to return their devices at this time.

Today, we received an updated executive order from the governor regarding special education summer programming. More information will follow in my letter next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Mauricio". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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