



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 know many of you are anxiously waiting for the District to share our return to school plan for September. While our plans are not yet finalized, I wanted to provide you with an update on our reentry planning process. Peekskill City School District leadership has been working diligently to prepare for the return to school this fall. Creating a plan to re-open schools is complex due to a variety of factors. Our plan will also be impacted by the Governor's executive orders and Department of Health guidelines. The District has created several Reentry Committees to address those areas most critical to a successful and safe re-opening. These committees are led by Central Office administrators and include participation from PCSD administrators, faculty, staff and parents. They have met each week throughout the month of June. Each committee has been asked to plan for three possible scenarios:

- A. **Full In-School Attendance** - 100% in-school learning
- B. **Partial Attendance** - A hybrid model which includes both at-school and at-home learning. (e.g., 50% of the school attends on specific days of the week.)
- C. **Full Virtual Learning** - 100% on-line learning at home

The Reentry Committees include:

- Health and Physical Education
- Communications
- Technology
- Prek-12 Academics
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics)
- Multilingual Education
- Student Support Services
- Special Education
- Family and Parent Engagement

Additional Internal Logistics Committees include:

- Facilities
- Human Resources/Registration
- Safety and Security
- Business/Operations
- Food Service
- Transportation

To learn more about our committees and our reentry planning, you can [watch this clip](#) from our June 16th Board of Education meeting, which features a Reentry Plan presentation.

We ask for your flexibility as we plan for these three possible scenarios. Should the pandemic situation change, we are prepared to modify our reentry plan as needed. Given the fluidity of the situation, our district website will be continually updated [here](#) based on the most current information. Please watch for updates throughout the coming weeks as we move forward. We will also be sending out a survey at a later date so that you may share your questions/comments.

We continue to thank you for placing your trust in Peekskill Schools. We understand that this is a difficult time to plan ahead as public health information is frequently changing; however, please know that Peekskill school leaders are constantly monitoring and evaluating the latest information as we plan. We ask for your continued patience and understanding as we move into this next phase of response and prepare for a new school year. We will continue to show resilience in the face of these challenges, and as a school community, I promise you that we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Mauricio". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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