



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 hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your summer as best you can.

On Tuesday, July 21, our administrative team gave a detailed presentation to the Board of Education focusing on our re-opening options for September. Thank you to the 325+ people who tuned in to watch! If you missed the presentation, you can [watch it here](#). Our Board of Education also approved a revised version of our 2020-21 instructional calendar this week. Please [click here](#) to see the latest version of our instructional calendar. The modification moved the March Superintendent's Conference Day to September, providing three full days of professional development and collaboration with our teachers to review health protocols and enhance our online/in-person instruction.

Today, we are launching our first of two parent surveys that you will be receiving over the next few weeks regarding our re-opening in September. **Our District leadership and the Board of Education are considering two re-opening options at this time: a 50/50 Hybrid Model and Full Virtual Learning.** Your answers to our questions will help our Re-opening Team further plan for this important task. We are also using this opportunity to gather additional feedback from parents. Please note that your answers will only be used to inform our Reopening Team at this time, and we understand your decisions may change. A follow up survey will be sent in August for you to finalize your decision. This survey, along with additional information can also be found on our district website's Reopening Planning page [here](#). Please use the link below to submit your answers to this survey by Wednesday, July 29. Also, note that the Governor will make a final decision on the re-opening of school during the first week of August. We will keep you informed.

[Peekskill Re-opening Parent Survey](#)

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association recently announced that the start of fall sports will be delayed until September 21, 2020. For more information on this subject, as well as information as to how to register your student for fall sports, please [see this letter](#) from PCSD Athletics Director Mr. Austin Goldberg.

I would also like to remind our community members that the 2020 Census is still active and Peekskill needs YOUR response now. Our City's response rate is currently just above 57%. Remember, our community's count will affect funding for schools as well as other important local programs for the next ten years. Census workers will be collecting in-person responses at the Peekskill Fresh Market at 701 Washington Street from 12-2PM on July 27.

Finally, I thank you in advance for your participation in our parent survey and look forward to reviewing our community's responses with our Re-opening Team. We continue to work together to ensure a safe learning

environment for our students in September and highly value your input during this planning process. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these uncertain times. Our Peekskill Promise will continue to support our students and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Mauricio", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. David Mauricio
Superintendent of Schools