

Pulaski Academy & Central School Reopening Plan Summary



Reopening Plan Elements

- Communications & Family Engagement
- Teaching & Learning
- Technology & Connectivity
- Health & Safety
- Facilities
- Transportation
- Child Nutrition
- Social Emotional Well-Being
- Next Steps

Communications & Family Engagement

- Reopening Plan Parent Survey Results – 665 responses - key findings
 - Parents want the option to keep students home and utilize 100% online instruction - 25% said they preferred an online option, 17% said they would make this choice given the option.
 - Online instruction in the fall should include synchronous - direct instruction
 - Students in school need to be kept healthy by following state guidelines on screening, social distancing, mask use, hand washing, and cleaning/disinfecting.
 - The District has done well during the closure - 93% approve of the job we did. Our plan should build on the things we learned.
- Parent Communication
- COVID-19 Updates webpage

Teaching & Learning

- Parents may opt to keep their child(ren) home and participate in 100% online instruction with PACS teachers
- Special Education (K-12)
 - students will be in school full time
- Elementary School (K-5)
 - students will be in school full time
- Middle-High School (6-12)
 - Students will be in school 50% and participate in online instruction 50%
 - Students divided into two groups for in-school instruction - Monday, Tuesday, and every other Wednesday - Thursday, Friday, and every other Wednesday.
 - Online instruction for students will be synchronous, live instruction based on his/her schedule using Google Hangouts and Google Classroom. Attendance will be taken.

Technology & Connectivity

- The District will provide a chromebook to every student and teacher.
- Parent survey and experience from the school closure this spring indicate very high levels of connectivity for students.
- Community access points and mobile hotspots will be deployed to ensure coverage.

Health & Safety

- All students and staff must be screened daily
 - Staff must complete a questionnaire daily before entering school facilities
 - Students must have temperature checks before entering school facilities
 - Students and staff that become ill during the day will be isolated and assessed
 - District works with the Health Department in the case of a positive COVID-19 test
- All students, staff, and faculty must wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible or assured
 - Social distancing is assured in all classrooms while sitting at desks
 - Face coverings will be required when a student gets up from his/her desk, in the hallways, bathrooms, etc.
 - Exceptions require a note from a physician
- Handwashing hygiene and hand sanitizer

Facilities

- Cleaning protocols
 - Common area high touch surfaces are cleaned throughout the day
 - Classroom desks, tables, and other high touch surfaces are cleaned daily and between cohorts
 - Bathroom cleaning and disinfecting
 - Electrostatic disinfection sprayer
 - Bus cleaning and disinfecting
- Visitors to school facilities will be limited during the pandemic

Transportation

- Students will receive temperature checks as they board the school bus.
- Students and staff must wear face coverings on the school bus.
- Riders will sit one to a seat unless they are members of the same household.
- Members of the same household will be required to sit together to maximize space on school buses.

Child Nutrition

- Breakfast and lunch will be delivered to elementary students in their classrooms where they will eat at their desks.
- Middle-High School students will eat in the cafeteria and the adjacent gym seated at desks and tables that are socially distanced.
- Frozen meals will be provided for students to take home while they learn remotely. No cost for students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
- Students working 100% remotely are also eligible for the school lunch program.

Social Emotional Well-Being

- District counseling staff is prepared to meet the needs of our students.
- The importance of coming back to school.

Next Steps

- Submitting the PACS Reopening Plan to NYSED for approval.
- Communicating the plan.
- Implementation planning will continue with the shared decision-making teams, department chairs, and grade-level teams.
- Please contact me for clarification on any elements of the plan.