



Dear PCCS Community,

May 22, 2020

As we enter Memorial Day weekend, let us take a moment to recognize the victims of this borderless pandemic, as well as those that have fallen for our freedom and for our safety.

Let's also take a moment to reflect on all our front-line workers. This includes our wonderful teaching teams and staff - not just at PCCS but throughout our educational systems. We know that our teaching teams have been working tirelessly to bring our unique style of education to our students, under any condition. PCCS staff have been diligent in making sure our teams, our students and our families' needs are being met. It has been truly impressive to see their dedication and hard work to better serve our community.

As we enter the final homestretch of our 2019-2020 school year, one that will go down in history, our focus remains on a sustainable and positive finish.

Remote Learning

This spring has brought many challenges for families and teachers as we have continued to adjust our learning model to meet the realities of the situation. In the next few weeks, we will be asking for your feedback to help us refine our e-learning approach, if find we are directed to return to remote learning in the fall.

2020-2021 School Year

We know that there are still too many unknowns to speak with any confidence of what or how the new school year will look. Rest assured- we are hard at work on planning for 2020-2021.

We are diligently reviewing guidance from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and other state plans and professional association guidelines for returning to school. We are also anticipating further guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

During this planning, our priorities are focused on the health, wellness and meeting the needs of our students, staff, and families.

To that end, we are planning for 3 different scenarios:

1. On campus learning resumes, modified for enhanced safety, based upon guidelines, directives and best practices,
2. Remote learning resumes, with modified structures, based on parent feedback and the potential of new state guidelines
3. A hybrid approach, with a combination of on campus and remote learning

While we are carefully planning for these different scenarios, we recognize we will be reactive rather than proactive to our state officials on whether we will be able to return to on campus learning in the fall.



Most likely, we will receive guidance and directives from ISBE regarding what a hybrid model should look like, or how learning should take place if we are remote again, or what social distancing measures should look like if we are allowed back on campus. Spending time preparing the foundation of these 3 scenarios will help streamline the efforts once that guidance is received.

As our future becomes clearer and our plans more final, we will certainly be communicating with you, so please watch your email and check our website for updates. We will also be providing updates, as necessary at our June and July's regularly scheduled Board Meetings.

We understand that nothing is as equal to the experience students have while here at PCCS. I am incredibly proud and grateful to our staff, administrators, and parents for their tremendous efforts during these tumultuous times.

We know you will continue to have many questions, and our promise to you is that we will continue to work together to plan and we will be ready for a safe and sustainable 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Deigan", is positioned above the typed name.

Prairie Crossing Charter School
Geoff Deigan
Executive Director