

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEMO

TO: PCCS COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: REMOTE LEARNING UPDATE

DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2020

Dear PCCS Community,

This message serves to inform the community that PCCS will remain in Phase 4A – Remote Learning until after our Winter Break.

As we intended on returning to campus for the start of the second trimester, which, in theory, is a good transition opportunity, the shift came amid the <u>rising metrics in Lake County</u>. We continue to see <u>troublesome numbers</u> for returning to school and implementing our Phase 4B Hybrid Learning Plan. Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced that <u>COVID-19 resurgence mitigations</u> are now in effect for the North Suburban Region 9, (Lake and McHenry Counties).

While I know this might be welcome news for some of our families, I also understand for others, this message will trigger emotions and have some questioning the care that we have for the students, families, and staff. We assure you that these decisions are neither easy nor rash. We are working tirelessly to lead us forward in the way that we believe is best for our students, our staff, and our community. Our primary goal continues to be to develop and implement a plan that can be flexible and responsive to the changing conditions of the pandemic and ultimately return to in-person instruction, when it is safe to do so.

We ask that you continue to respond to the <u>Parent Commitment Survey</u>, as the responses will help us with our planning and resources once we do transition to Phase 4B. To date, we have ~70% of our families that have responded.

My promise to you remains that we will continue to update you and to carefully watch the metrics to determine when hybrid learning can begin, and hope that we will be able to enact our hybrid after our Winter Break.

Be Healthy, Be Safe

Geoff Deigan Executive Director