

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Dear PPS Parents,

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your ongoing patience, support, and understanding as we continue to navigate the challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This evening, the Board of Directors presented a resolution to adjust the timeline on the return of students. The resolution proposes postponing the phased return to in-person hybrid instruction until the beginning of the fourth quarter. Based on the 2020-2021 school calendar, this means a phased return to in-person instruction would begin Tuesday, April 6, immediately following Spring Break. The Board will vote on the resolution at its January 27 Legislative Meeting next week.

We know that some students are struggling academically, and some are having a hard time managing the social-emotional impacts of the pandemic and remote learning. I encourage families to reach out to their child's teacher, school social worker, or principal if your child needs support.

As a reminder, Monday, January 25, and Tuesday, January 26, are Independent (Asynchronous) Student Learning (IASL) Days. All students PreK-12 will work independently while their teachers are in professional learning. Additionally, Wednesday, January 27 students will participate in synchronous instruction in the morning and asynchronous instruction in the afternoon.

Please expect a communication following the Wednesday, January 27 Legislative meeting and approval of the proposed Board resolution. The Legislative meeting will begin at 4 PM virtually on the District's website [at www.pghschools.org](http://www.pghschools.org). A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, January 25.

Yours in education,



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