



August 5, 2020

Dear Staff, Students, Parents, and Community,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and looking forward to the start of the school year. The last few months have been an interesting journey navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Our commitment to education is still the same, and I look forward to working together with our campus, community health partners, and our parents, along with your student(s) to continue their education.

As we begin, the District has outlined a plan that we'll adopt here on campus. It can be found on our website at phs.deltaschools.com or on the district website at deltaschools.com. Our campus will implement the plan by offering in-person schooling, each day, with all of our junior high school students, and an alternating day schedule for our high school students, where our 9th-12th graders will be divided into two groups "A" and "B" and attend "in-person" schooling alternating each day with an on-line learning program.

As we navigate through this newly designed instructional system, we'll do so through an introduction to the school year by offering three days of orientation. The schedule is offered below:

7th and 9th graders, along with any new-to-PJHS students, on August 19th

We'll launch our year by having an orientation with all incoming 7th and 9th grade students along with any new-to-our-school students on Wednesday, August 19th. The buses will run, and we'll be accepting students on campus for this day-long orientation. Please be aware that we'll enact the protocols outlined in the Restart Plan by requiring masks, screening students upon arrival, and teaching our students how school will work during the 2020-21 school year. All other students will begin their first-day-of-school on Thursday or Friday.

7th and 8th graders, and all "A" students, on August 20th

On Thursday, August 20th, we invite all 7th-8th grade students, along with our "A" day high school students for their tailored "first day of school". Again, we'll follow protocols outlined in the Restart Plan by requiring masks, screening students upon arrival, and teaching our students how school will work during the 2020-21 school year. All "B" identified students will remain at home, for their first day will be August 21st.

7th and 8th graders, and all “B” students, on August 21st

On Friday, August 21st, we invite all 7th-8th grade students, along with our “B” day high school students for their tailored “first day of school”. Again, we’ll follow protocols outlined in the Restart Plan by requiring masks, screening students upon arrival, and teaching our students how school will work during the 2020-21 school year. All “A” identified students will remain at home; no need to log in today. We’ll see you for your first in-person instruction on Monday, August 24th.

Monday, August 24th

All Jr. High students will be on campus along with the high school “A” day students for their “in-person” instruction. Our “B” day students will log into their classrooms via Google Classroom at their designated time for each of their classes.

Tuesday, August 25th

All Jr. High students will be on campus along with the high school “B” day students for their “in-person” instruction. Our “A” day students will log into their classrooms via Google Classroom at their designated time for each of their classes.

In addition, we will separate our Jr. High and High School lunches, utilize a hand washing routine within our Jr. High classrooms each hour, and separate our Jr. High recess locations. Our goal is to provide a list to our scheduled “A” and “B” identified high schoolers by Friday, August 7th, via PowerSchool. Jr. High School student schedules are being redesigned and will be available on August 10th, via PowerSchool.

Our teachers have attended Google Training, Advanced Placement and Pre-Advanced Placement Training this summer, along with courses in Blended Learning. I’m proud of our teachers; all of our teachers have completed some kind of post-graduate studies to ensure they, too, are prepared for this upcoming school year.

I’m encouraged by how flexible and adaptable our staff has been. They have demonstrated their commitment to find creative solutions that will support the growth and success of our students. I understand there is no plan or model that will make everyone happy. In this Restart Plan, we have attempted to provide quality in-person and hybrid instruction to allow our families to decide what is best for them, either by choosing our on-campus plan or the District provided on-line option, in order to offer a quality educational experience.

Sincerely,

Randal Palmer