



Superintendent TOWN HALL Meeting

Reopening PCSD

Plan for the Reopening of
Poughkeepsie City School District

2021 

Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, Superintendent of Schools



Poughkeepsie City School District

Announces

Superintendent

TOWN HALL

Meetings

August 10, 2020

4:30pm

August 14, 2020

3:00pm

August 17, 2020

12:30pm

Spanish Speaking Families

August 17, 2020

9:30am

Teachers

Together, We are Champions for Children in Poughkeepsie City School District

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Reopening PCSD

- 1 Reopening Guidelines
- 2 Purpose of Town Hall
- 3 Guiding Principles for Reopening Plan
- 4 Taskforce Members
- 5 Stakeholder Survey Results
(To Date)
- 6 Plan Updates and Next Steps
- 7 Questions and Answers

Reopening Guidelines

- 1 P – 12 Instructional Model/Technology
- 2 Health and Safety
- 3 Child Nutrition
- 4 Social Emotional Wellbeing/Attendance
- 5 Communications, Family & Community Engagement
- 6 Transportation
- 7 Facilities

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Purpose of Town Hall Meetings

- To continue with the tradition of engaging school and community stakeholders.
- To provide a platform for the ability of school and community stakeholders to hear plans and voice their perspective to help inform what we will do collectively to address the academic, social, emotional, and wellness needs of PCSD students.
 - On August 7, 2020, Governor Cuomo indicated that the determination of how individual districts reopen will be made by local school districts under strict Department of Health guidelines.
- To provide school and community stakeholders an opportunity to seek clarity from district staff.

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Four **Guiding** Principles for Reopening PCSD

- 1 Deliver high-quality instruction to students, regardless of delivery model.
- 2 Ensure the safety and wellness of students and PCSD employees.
- 3 Work with our parents to ensure that their children's' academic, social, emotional and wellness needs are met.
- 4 Optimize the use of school and community resources in supporting PCSD students.

School Reopening

Taskforce

PCSD Reopening Taskforce - Subcommittees

P-12 Instructional/Technology

Michelle Devlin - PCSD
Sean Danishvar - PCSD
Nadine Dargan - PCSD
Triesha Foglia-Edwards - PCSD
Janiquoa Faircloth - PCSD
Kris Giangreco - PCSD
Colleen Hardiman - PCSD
Kathleen Lowell - Community Based Organization
Heather Martino - PCSD
Michelle Martinez Leffert – Parent/PCSD BOE
Joe Mazzetti - PCSD
Charlotte Mennona - PCSD
Tamoya Norwood - Parent
Michelle O'Gara – PCSD
Dr. Andrew Rieser – Parent/PCSD BOE
Dr. Eric Rosser - PCSD Superintendent
Kelleyann Royce - PCSD
Dr. David Scott - PCSD

Transportation

Rob McDow - PCSD
Jeff Noto - PCSD
Dawn Rodgers – PCSD
Dr. Tim Wade - PCSD

Health and Safety

Linda Boykin - PCSD
Nadine Dargan - PCSD
Nancy Dingee - PCSD
Cornelia Harris - Parent
Fountou Hinds - Parent
Renee Johnson – PCSD
Joanne Bardin - PCSD
Joe North - PCSD
Dr. Tim Wade – PCSD
Karen Zirbel - Poughkeepsie PD

Family and Community Engagement/Communications

John Bradley - Vassar College
Natasha Cherry - PCSD
Irwin Goldberg - PCSD
Mary Ellen Iatropoulous - Community Based Organization
Toni Llanos – Community Based Organization
Maffy Malaver – Community Member
Amelia Miller - Parent
Liz O'Raffity – Community Based Organization
Dr. Eric Rosser - PCSD Superintendent
Gully Stanford - Community Member/Dutchess BOCES BOE
Gabriela Vega- Matthews – Community Member
Anne Walsh - Parent
Dr. Felicia Watson - PCSD BOE
James Watson – Community Based Organization

Child Nutrition

David Dunn - PCSD
Dr. Tim Wade – PCSD

Human Resource/Staffing

Tye Douglas - PCSD
Janiqua Faircloth - PCSD
Heather Martino, PCSD
Mary Ivich - PCSD
Dr. Eric Rosser - PCSD Superintendent
Dr. David Scott, PCSD
Dr. Tim Wade - PCSD

Social Emotional/Attendance

Randy Alarcon-Aquino - Student
Satara Brown - Poughkeepsie PD/Community Member
Julliet Coxum – PCSD
Kris Giangreco - PCSD
Franky Perez - PCSD
Kelleyann Royce - PCSD
Felicia Schinella – PCSD
Kelly Semexant – PCSD
Simone Stewart – PCSD
MaryEllen Trocino - PCSD
Destiny Tomlinson - Student
Erick Vasquez-Maldonado - Student
Dijonna Watson - Student

Facilities

Tye Douglas - PCSD
Kingsley Henry - PCSD
Debra Long - PCSD BOE
Rob McDow - PCSD
Jimmy McRay - PCSD
Jeff Noto – PCSD

Stakeholder Surveys

- ✓ Understanding our stakeholders' attitudes and beliefs about COVID-19 and the Reopening of PCSD enables the District to develop plans and protocols that better align with their expectations and needs.
- ✓ Two surveys were designed and deployed – one for parents and one for staff – to learn more about their perceptions of COVID-19 and the Reopening of PCSD.
- ✓ One survey was designed to learn about families technological needs.



PARENT SURVEY

- Open from 7/24 – Still Open
- Available in English, Spanish



STAFF SURVEY

- Open from 7/31 – Still Open



TECH SURVEY

- Open from 8/3 – Still Open
- Available in English, Spanish

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Perceptions on Reopening PCSD*



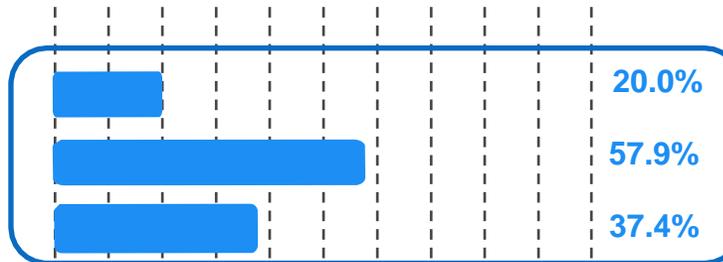
PARENT

Instructional Delivery Model

Percentage preferring a full-return to school

Percentage preferring Distance Learning

Percentage preferring a Hybrid model

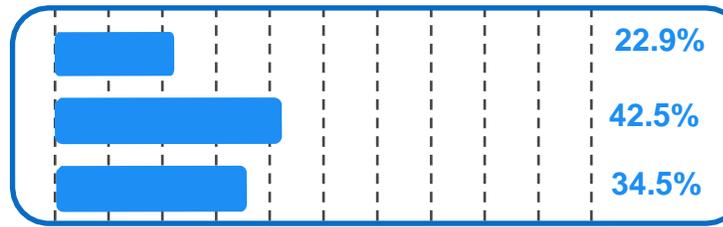


If in-person is instructional delivery model

Percentage likely to return their child to school

Percentage unlikely to return their child to school

Percentage undecided if they will return their child to school



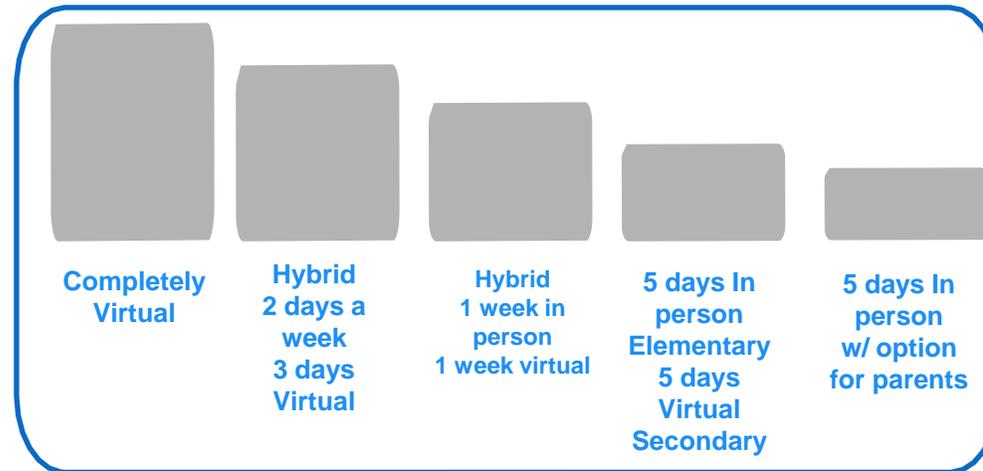
*As of 8/13/20



Perceptions on Reopening PCSD



Staff Preferred Instructional Model by Rank

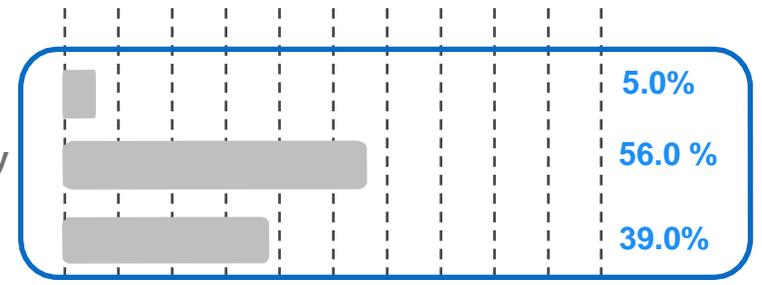


Instructional Model by Preference

Percentage preferring in person teaching/work

Percentage preferring in person teaching/work if safety measures are in place

Percentage preferring Virtual Options



Technology Needs Reopening PCSD



- Does your household have access to a device that can be used online?
- Does your household have access to reliable internet service that can be used for online instruction?
- Does your household have access to Wi-Fi services for online instruction?
- Please share your thoughts on additional supports and/or workshops that Poughkeepsie City School District can provide to your families to support you and your child(ren) in the event that any instruction needs to occur online in the 2020-2021 school year.



Reopening PCSD Highlights

- Taskforce Committees will continue to meet as long as necessary to strengthen PCSD's impact on delivering against the Guiding Principles and mandates.
- All applicable NYSED and NYDOH mandates will be adhered to throughout every PCSD Reopening Plans.
- Students will be provided with quality instruction no matter the instructional delivery model.
 - Given the unique school footprints and mandates associated with school reopening PCSD will not be able to open school in September with 100% of students returning for in person instruction.
 - 57.9% of parents who have responded to the survey indicate that PCSD should deliver instruction remotely in September.
 - 42.5% of parents are unlikely to send their children to school if in-person is the instructional delivery model.
- Students with exceptionalities will be provided with targeted supports under distance learning and hybrid instructional models.
- Proper PPE will be provided to staff and students.
- PCSD will have a strong social emotional and wellbeing component for all students.
- Students nutrition needs will be met no matter the instructional delivery model.
- Parents and the Community will be engaged and empowered throughout the pandemic.
- Facilities will be maintained using CDC, DOH, and NYSED guidance.
- All PCSD vendors and partners will adhere to district protocols.



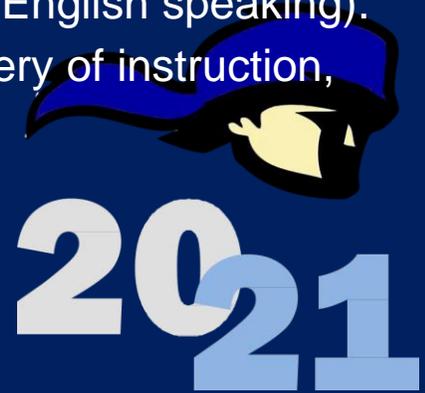
Reopening PCSD Challenges

- Navigating the unknown of COVID-19's impact on the school community and community.
- Unfunded NYSED and NYDOH mandates.
- Complexity of NYSED and NYDOH mandates.
- Addressing the logistics of school reopening under the NYSED and NYDOH mandates.
- Time required to implement hybrid plan in order to adhere to all NYSED and NYDOH mandates.
- Social distancing restrictions on PCSD yellow school buses.
- Facilities work currently underway.
- Connecting students with meaningful activity outside of the school environment as a supplement for positive youth development.
- Providing every student with a device at the start of the academic year (Smart Schools Bond funding approved yet additional devices will not be delivered to PCSD until October).
- Limiting the flexibility of PCSD parents' employment hours.
- Guaranteeing that all PCSD employees will remain gainfully employed under a distance learning model.



Reopening PCSD Activity

- Working to address the issue of educational equity for PCSD students and families.
- Secured 1.6 million dollars to purchase and upgrade technology.
- Ordered additional devices that will close the digital gap for our families (Chromebooks and Hotspots).
- In the process of hiring a certified nurse for every PCSD building.
- Ordered PPE's for student and staff (awaiting delivery).
- Ordered cleaning equipment that will increase the effectiveness of school wide cleaning and increase efficiency.
- Have assessed building ventilation and are progressively working to increase the functionality of the systems' air flow and quality.
- In the process of increasing the number of custodial workers district-wide.
- In the process of posting school case managers who will be responsible for reengaging students who are not participating in the schooling process after the school has exhausted its efforts.
- Hiring three district family advocates to serve as critical connectors to our families (Spanish and English speaking).
- Working with the Reopening PCSD Taskforce to develop plan and strategy to enhance our delivery of instruction, support, and services to PCSD students and parents.
- Working with DCDOH to coordinate Contact Tracing and COVID-19 testing for staff and students.



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Next Steps



July 13**NYSDOH Releases Interim Guidance for In-Person Instruction****July 17****Dutchess County Superintendents convene to engage in thought partnership as a way to create consistency throughout the region.****July 23****PCSD convenes the Reopening PCSD Taskforce to share and establish subcommittee direction****July 29****Taskforce meets to discuss Reopening Plan Recommendations.****NEXT STEPS**
July
2020**July 16****NYSED Releases Reopening Guidance****July 20 - 22****Dutchess County Superintendents meet with County Representatives to discuss health and safety aspects of reopening.****July 24 – 28****Subcommittees Meet to discuss Taskforce Feedback Reopening Domains and Mandates. Plan Recommendations created.****July 30 - 31****DOH Assurances made.**

Aug. 5**PCSD BOE is updated on PCSD Reopening Plan****Aug. 6****Taskforce Meets to Discuss Instructional Model**

NEXT STEPS

**Aug.
2020****Aug. 7****NYSED Assurances made****Aug. 7****Governor Cuomo announces that school reopening will be a local decision.****Aug. 8****PCSD Reopening Plan published online****Aug. 10 – 17****Superintendent holds Town Hall Meetings (Zoom)****Aug. 18 -21****PCSD officially announces Reopening Instructional Model****Aug. 21****Distance Learning, COVID-19 Testing, and Contact Tracing Plans posted to PCSD website**

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Next Steps

Parents/Caregivers :

Complete Surveys

School Reopening Preference (PCSD Website)

Family Technology Needs

Staff:

Complete Survey

Community:

School and Community Partnerships – Contact Natasha Cherry
(ncherry@Poughkeepsieschools.org)

Reopening Plan Comments - Send Comments to PCSDrelations@poughkeepsieschools.org.



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Questions & Answers

