

Pennfield Schools
8587 Pennfield Road
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Parents/Guardians of Pennfield Schools Students;

The first day of school is quickly approaching, August 24, 2021. As we continue to work throughout the summer to prepare for the opening of a new school year, I would like to share with you our Return to School Plan for Pennfield Schools. The health and well-being of our students and staff will continue to be our top priority. All of our students (K-12) will be returning five days a week. We will be starting our 2021/22 school year with **no virtual learning option**. However, any parent/guardian who has a concern can contact the central office regarding their concern. I may consider virtual learning on a case-to-case basis for secondary students only. All elementary school virtual learning options are unavailable at this time.

The 2021/22 school year will also start with the following:

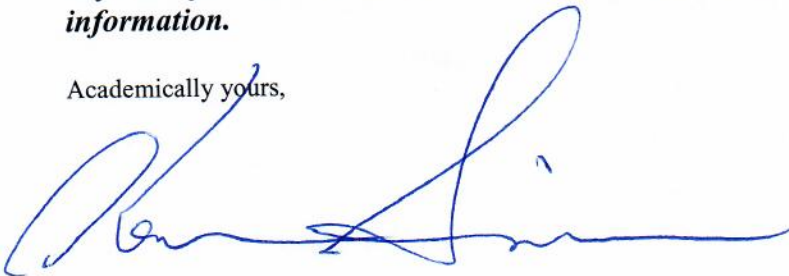
- Face coverings **will not** be required to attend our schools for any students or staff. We will respect those that choose to continue to wear facial coverings.
- We will not require our students or staff to be vaccinated as a condition to attend our schools or participate in sports or after hours programming.
- We will not require students participating in sports or those that have not been vaccinated to be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis (or anytime).

We will continue:

- With some of our upgraded cleaning protocols.
- With our broad implementation of hand sanitizing stations.
- With airflow strategies.
- With encouraging healthy habits like hand washing and covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- With our use of outdoor space for classes when available, including classroom breaks.
- With our policy of staying home sick if you have symptoms of illness until you are 24 hours free of symptoms.

I will ask the community to continue to share their concerns with our school board members and or district leadership administrators as we prepare the Return to School Plan. Our goal is to limit, as much as possible, any misinformation and/or misunderstandings by ensuring our community has current and factual information.

Academically yours,



Pennfield Schools, Superintendent