



Dear Pottsgrove Families:

Over the past several weeks, you have received numerous communications from the district. The purpose of these communications is to provide you with the opportunity to select your preference for your child(ren) to participate in either the PGSD Virtual Academy or a Hybrid Learning Model. We ask families to make their selection by Friday, October 9, 2020. While completion of this form should not be viewed as a vote of how the district proceeds, it is imperative that families complete for planning purposes. Please only complete the form once for each student.

As a final reminder, we ask families that have not already made their selection for educational programming to do so prior to 4:00PM on Friday, October 9, 2020. The form can be accessed [HERE](#). We recognize the importance of this decision for you and your child(ren). In order to assist you, below is a chart that identifies each option.

<b>Hybrid Program</b> <i>Featuring in person, brick-and-mortar instruction coupled with online instruction</i>	<b>PGSD Virtual Academy</b> <i>Featuring full online sessions, both recorded and live</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This option allows for six feet of social distancing among students and will include frequent cleaning.</li> <li>• Students and staff will be required to wear face coverings.</li> <li>• Students will follow a regular schedule that will follow a six day cycle.</li> <li>• Students in Group A will attend school in person on Monday and Tuesday and online Wednesday through Friday. Students in Group B will attend online Monday through Wednesday and in person Thursday and Friday.</li> <li>• Students will be engaged in live synchronous learning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday to the greatest extent possible.</li> <li>• Wednesday will be used as an asynchronous learning day that will include opportunities for office hours.</li> <li>• Tutoring for students will be available.</li> <li>• The district will work with families selecting this option to ensure students within the same families are on the same daily schedule.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This option is identical to the model currently in place.</li> <li>• All instruction occurs entirely online.</li> <li>• Students will follow a regular daily schedule that will follow a six day cycle.</li> <li>• Students will attend live learning, scheduled throughout the day in addition to work that can be completed at other times.</li> <li>• Students will be engaged in live synchronous learning Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday to the greatest extent possible..</li> <li>• Wednesday will be used as an asynchronous learning day that will include opportunities for office hours.</li> <li>• Labs will be provided virtually.</li> <li>• Tutoring for students will be available.</li> <li>• Flexibility will be offered so that students can complete some of the work outside of school hours.</li> <li>• Opportunities will be provided for students to engage with students within the hybrid program.</li> </ul>

This information will greatly assist the district in its continued efforts to plan for a potential transition to hybrid programming. As a reminder, the Pottsgrove Board of Education will vote on this potential at the November 10, 2020, school board meeting. If a transition were to occur, that transition would occur the week immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our goal continues to be focused on everyone’s health and safety while meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students. We appreciate your continued understanding, patience, and assistance, as we continue to plan for a potential transition.

Respectfully,

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 Superintendent