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September 1, 2020

Dear Paulding County High School In-Person Instruction Parents/Guardians:

Before the school year began, we shared that this would be a school year unlike any other, and that there would be challenges ahead that would require us to adjust, adapt, and be flexible. Unfortunately, we continue to see new cases of COVID-19 among students and staff. The challenges associated with COVID-19 will require us to adapt our plan for in-person instruction to protect the health and safety of our students and staff.

The plan we have developed will reduce the number of students on campus by half, will improve traffic flow during class transitions, and will help mitigate other challenges we have identified since in-person instruction started.

- **Thursday (9/3), Friday (9/4) & Tuesday (9/8) will be Digital Learning Days and there will be no in-person instruction. All PCHS students will learn online remotely.**
- **Beginning Wednesday (9/9) in-person instruction at PCHS will move to a hybrid schedule that combines in-person instruction with Digital Learning.**

Here is how the hybrid schedule will work:

If student last name begins A-J, you are: **Group AJ**

If student last name begins K-Z, you are: **Group KZ**

Beginning Wednesday, September 9, 2020

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS	
GROUP AJ	On-campus, in-person instruction
GROUP KZ	Online Digital Learning
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS	
GROUP AJ	Online Digital Learning
GROUP KZ	On-campus, in-person instruction
FRIDAYS	
ALL STUDENTS	Online Digital Learning to complete assignments and participate in individual or small group support as needed.

NOTE: Students residing in the same household will not be split up. Families that wish to keep all students in their household on the same schedule should go by the last name of the oldest child.

DIGITAL LEARNING

On days that students are home for Digital Learning teachers will post assignments and expectations for that day **by 9:00 a.m.**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ATHLETICS & BAND

Will continue to follow GHSA guidelines.

Volleyball, Softball & Cheerleading	Will continue as scheduled
Football, Band, ROTC, Cross Country	Will continue as scheduled

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Paulding College & Career Academy	The school will contact PCCA students with more information about your schedule.
Work-Based Learning	Students will continue to follow the hybrid schedule for in-person instruction and continue as scheduled for their Work-Based Learning assignments.
Dual-Enrollment	Students will continue to follow the hybrid schedule for in-person instruction, as well as their Dual Enrollment schedule.

Our intent is to return to full in-person instruction as soon as possible. In the coming weeks we will re-evaluate the plan along with the COVID-19 environment to determine if or when a return to full in-person instruction is feasible.

We apologize for any inconvenience this schedule change may cause, but hopefully we all can agree that the health and safety of our students and staff takes precedence over any other considerations. As a parent, the most proactive measures you can take to keep classrooms safe and healthy are to screen your child's health according to the following guidelines:

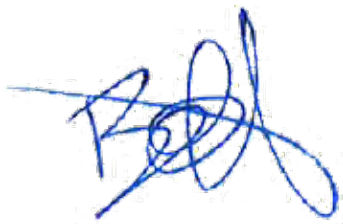
1. Check your child's temperature at least twice a day.
2. Check for COVID-19 symptoms: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

If your child exhibits any of these COVID-19 symptoms, the Department of Public Health (DPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend you contact your child's healthcare provider as soon as possible. In addition, please notify the school front office as it is imperative that students who are showing symptoms stay home and quarantine.

Please know that any students and staff who are confirmed cases of COVID-19, along with any identified close contacts, must quarantine according to DPH guidelines and cannot return to school until they have completed all the requirements of the DPH's guidance for persons infected with COVID-19.

Thank you for continuing to be flexible as we adapt our plans to ensure the safest and healthiest possible learning environment at Paulding County High School. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this schedule, please reach out to the school at 770-443-8008.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Brian Otott
Superintendent

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Craig Wilcox", written in a clear, cursive script.

Craig Wilcox
Principal