

Dear PCA Community,

Providence Creek Academy (PCA) has taken the guidance provided by the Department of Education and the Governor's Office, as well as the survey data from our parents, to create three plans to ensure we are meeting the guidelines for a safe return of students and educators to PCA's classrooms.

PCA has created three re-opening plans as recommended by the Delaware Department of Education. All decisions about how and when schools will be reopened in the fall will depend on public health conditions, as communicated by Governor John Carney, and based on the following guiding principles:

- Prioritizing the health and safety of students and staff while maintaining the goal of providing a high-quality, equitable education for all Delaware learners.
- Reopening to meet the unique needs of the PCA community.
- Helping families/caregivers, and staff understand and articulate **risks and benefits**, which are inherent and inevitable when reopening schools during a pandemic.
- Communicating evidence and best practices as they emerge.
- Creating and maintaining safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments.

Based on the Guidance from the Department of Education, PCA was charged with the task of creating three reopening plans according the scenarios below¹:

<p>Scenario</p> <p>1</p> <p>Minimal Community Spread</p> <p>Few cases with minimal increases Low percent positive cases Low numbers of hospitalizations</p> <p>Schools are open for in-person instruction</p>	<p>Scenario</p> <p>2</p> <p>Minimal-to-Moderate Community Spread</p> <p>Moderate levels of community spread Moderate percent of increased cases, percent positive and hospitalizations</p> <p>Schools may use a hybrid model of remote learning and in-person learning options with precautions in place</p>	<p>Scenario</p> <p>3</p> <p>Significant Community Spread</p> <p>Significant increase in cases, percent positive and hospitalizations</p> <p>School buildings are closed - remote learning only</p>
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¹ The Delaware Department of Education Reopening Guidance Document can be found at: https://www.doe.k12.de.us/cms/lib/DE01922744/Centricity/Domain/599/ddoe_returningtoschool_guidance_final.pdf

PCA has created three models aligned to these scenarios.

Scenario 1 (Green): PCA will be open as normal with additional safety precautions in place.

Scenario 2 (Yellow): PCA will provide both a hybrid model (a virtual and live class combination) AND a 100% virtual model. Parents will choose between a hybrid model or a virtual model.

Scenario 3 (Red): PCA will provide a virtual program.

The Governor has shared that he will provide schools with his recommended re-opening scenario (Green, Yellow, Red) next week. PCA’s plans for reopening are presented in the school reopening document that will be posted to the school website on Friday.

PCA will **delay the opening of school until September 8th, 2020** to allow time to complete the significant COVID-19 testing called for in the Governor’s school re-opening plan, as well as to provide our community additional time to plan. October 9th and November 23rd professional development days will now be regular school days. These two professional development days will be moved to the week of August 24th. The Board will send out a survey to our stakeholders this coming month to get feedback on the additional make-up days and a revised school calendar will be sent out after our meeting next month.

Once the school receives more information about the school opening from the Governor’s Office, we will send out more information about school start activities such as Meet and Greet.

Providence Creek Academy 2020/21 School Calendar

August 2020							September 2020							October 2020							November 2020						
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Added PD days														Added School Day							Added School Day						

Thank you for all of your support and feedback during this time.

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