July 13, 2020

Dear Peoria Unified Families,



Last week we shared that Peoria Unified will begin school on Wednesday, August 5, in an all-virtual environment through Monday, August 17, or until we can safely return. We recognize that while many families may choose to have students attend school in-person when we can safely return, other families may choose full-time virtual instruction. That's why we are reintroducing our <u>My School, My Way</u> plan so that our parents can make the choice on which educational experience is best for their child.

My School, My Way

There is no sign-up or opt-in required for your child to begin virtual instruction to start the school year on August 5. You will receive information on how the first eight days of school will look from your principal within the next two weeks. Families that wish to continue virtual instruction through the first semester, are asked to indicate their intent to stay in this model by opting in for full-time virtual instruction now through Monday, July 20. Families that wish to return to school, once it is safe to do so, do not need to do anything in advance. We will share more information once we know our return date and look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms.

Starting today, families can go online and opt-in for full-time virtual instruction for their child on our <u>My School</u>, <u>My Way page</u>. The opt-in process will take place now through Monday, July 20. This will allow us the opportunity to effectively align our teaching staff and resources so your child has consistency, and we can best support their learning.

Parent Information Sessions

We understand that families have questions about what this full-time virtual environment will look like, so to help you prepare, we are hosting two live parent information sessions, which will include a demo of the virtual learning environment and a question and answer session.

- Elementary school focus: 5 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14
- High school focus: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15

While both sessions will be streamed live and will be interactive for families, they will also be recorded and available for playback on our website to watch at your own convenience. Links to join these information sessions can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Additional Resources

As a reminder, you will be hearing more from us and your school principal on other details including technology, connectivity, teacher assignments, and more within the next two weeks. As additional details become available, they will be shared on our website, which will be frequently updated.

As always, email communications, our official social media channels and our <u>#ReturnToSchool page</u> are the most reliable sources for information regarding our #ReturnToSchool plans.

Thank you,

Peoria Unified Communications and Public Relations

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