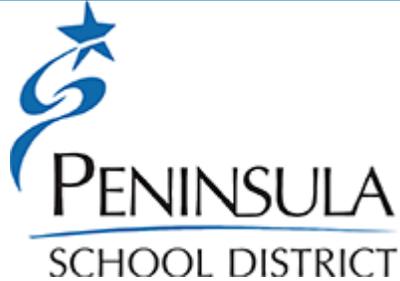


March 19, 2020



COVID-19 and the State of the District #4

Dear PSD staff and families,

Today, Thursday, March 19, Peninsula School District Superintendent Jarvis led an all-district staff meeting via the online meeting platform, Zoom. Over 950 employees tuned in from remote locations across the community to hear his address. [Click here for a copy of his message.](#)

In addition to Dr. Jarvis, other district leaders presented information about mandatory health checks for staff and visitors when entering schools and district facilities, the role of classroom teachers during school closures, learner-centered professional development, and how we intend to move forward in support of student at-home learning.

Here are some pictures of staff connecting to our Zoom meeting.



Health checks and building access

Starting tomorrow, March 20, health checks will be required before entering any PSD school or facility in accordance with CDC guidelines. Any staff member, student, parent, or other visitor wishing to enter a building will be required to enter through a designated entrance and perform a health check, regardless of where they are going in the building.

A health check involves taking one's temperature and screening for a cough or shortness of breath. If a person has a temperature at or above 100.4, and/or has a cough or shortness of breath, they will not be allowed to enter. See a video on the health check process [HERE](#).

Health checks will be performed daily.

During the school closure, school building hours are limited to 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will be no building access on weekends.

In general, PSD staff will be encouraged to work remotely if possible. For those who do come in to work, they must follow CDC guidelines by performing a health check before entering, staying in groups of 10 or less in a room, and practicing social distancing.

The role of the teacher

Our classroom teachers are eager to connect with their students. All teachers are being asked to connect with their students on a weekly basis, either via telephone or computer. Teachers will also be providing resources for families to keep kids learning during the school closure. These are not meant to be a substitute for classroom instruction, but will help students practice their skills and learn independently during the closure. Students will not be graded on any of their work, nor will it count towards course credit.

Peninsula School District is first and foremost an institution of learning. While these activities are not a replacement for classroom instruction, we are committed to providing educational opportunities for students throughout this closure.

The district has resources for parents posted online [HERE](#).

More information will be provided soon regarding graduation and credits, AP Testing, and special education.

Parent pickup of student items

Starting today, each school is coming up with a safe way for families and students to pick up musical instruments, medications, and other personal items left at school. Your school will be sending a message out soon with more information.

A note of appreciation

We will continue to send frequent updates with information and resources via email, text messages, the PSD website, and social media channels. We want to express our appreciation for the patience and support of our Peninsula School District community as we work through the daily challenges the coronavirus has presented us.



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