

September 15, 2021

Greetings Pontiac School District Families,

We know the continued impact of COVID-19 on our community is concerning to us all. Returning to school in-person fulltime, although exciting, has also been stressful for some due to the many unknowns that continue to exist due to the pandemic.

Please know, that as a school district we are working hard to ensure that our students and staff are safe when in school.

Our safety protocols, which are practiced districtwide, include: daily wellness checks in every building; universal mask wearing regardless of vaccination status; 3-foot social distancing as recommended by the CDC; desk shields for all students and staff; deep cleaning and quarantining for exposure.

These protocols have been working and we have seen significantly less cases to date than most of our fellow districts. We have had two confirmed COVID cases in the district this school year. As a precaution, we immediately quarantined all who were potentially exposed.

We continue to work with the Oakland County Health Division and Center for Disease Control guidelines and have been assured our current measures are thorough and effective in minimizing the spread of COVID-19.

With that assurance in mind, we are continuing to provide fulltime in-person learning for students. We are offering full time virtual learning exclusively for those students who have a documented medical condition that prevents them from attending in-person. This documentation must be presented to our Student Services department for approval. A short-term virtual option has also been offered to families who are unable to get to school due to the current transportation shortage. These students will be converted back to in-person as bussing solutions are found over the next few weeks.

We will continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 on our community and will continue to strive to provide the best safety solutions in a productive learning environment for all.

Sincerely, Kelley Williams, Superintendent