



# PCSD PRESS

## DISTRICT NEWS FROM PARMA CITY SCHOOLS

### Understanding House Bill 8: What It Means For PCSD Families

We hope that you have enjoyed a relaxing Spring Break and are looking forward to a whirlwind of a fourth quarter! We will use this edition of PCSD Press to inform you of recent state legislation relative to the manner in which we interact with your child(ren). The contents are relatively complex and I invite you to email me at [smialekc@parmacityschools.org](mailto:smialekc@parmacityschools.org) if you have any questions.

[House Bill 8](#), also known as the "[Parents' Bill of Rights](#)," passed the Ohio legislature on December 18, 2024, and was signed by the governor on January 8, 2025, with an effective date of April 9, 2025. Though the law technically takes effect, then, next week, our Board of Education has until July 1 to adopt the policies it requires. We have already begun this process and will meet this deadline using our regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings.

Importantly, we already follow the vast majority of provisions outlined in the "Parents Bill of Rights." The law, however, has attracted much attention and, thus, we feel it is important to clarify its requirements. Among other specifications, House Bill 8 requires us to:

- Inform parents about any significant changes in their child's health or well being at school. This includes attendance at counseling services or a desire to be recognized as a different gender.
- Let parents review materials before teaching lessons that include topics about sexuality. If parents prefer, they can choose to have their child opt out of these lessons and be given alternative assignments.
- Excuse students from school during the day to attend religious classes, as long as these classes are off school grounds, privately funded, and have parental permission.

This is clearly a brief summary of this statute. You can access the entire law at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb8>. We have always been committed to providing a physically and emotionally safe learning environment for our students. Further,

### Important Dates

**Apr 4 2025**

**Spring Break- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF**

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Apr 7 2025**

**Return from Spring Break**

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Apr 9 2025**

**Parma Council of PTAs  
General Meeting**

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Normandy High School

**Apr 10 2025**

**Board of Education Regular  
Meeting**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Normandy High School

**Apr 12 2025**

**PCSD Community Egg Hunt  
- PRE-REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED**

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Byers Field

**Apr 15 2025**

**PCSD Senior Tech  
Assistance**

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Normandy High School

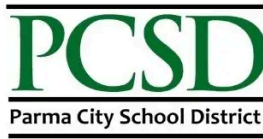
**Apr 18 2025**

we have embraced your role as important partners in this mission. We look forward to further collaboration to ensure the highest possible levels of success for all of our students.

Thank you for your continued support!

Charlie  
Superintendent

# DID YOU KNOW?



## NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

All Schools

**Apr 24 2025**

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Normandy High School

**Apr 25 2025**

**VF: Spring Musical- Mean Girls**

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Valley Forge High School

**Apr 26 2025**

**VF: Spring Musical- Mean Girls**

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Valley Forge High School

- ▶ In the 2023-24 school year, Parma students earned an incredible 4,636 college semester credits — for FREE — through Advanced Placement (AP) and College Credit Plus (CCP) programs?
- ▶ Parma schools ranked 4<sup>th</sup> out of 43 similarly sized districts by investing 74% of all funds directly into classroom instruction?
- ▶ Parma schools have improved on state tests in each of the last three school years?
- ▶ Parma schools outperformed comparison districts on 65% of state tests in the 2023-24 school year?
- ▶ Parma schools have reduced spending on central office administration by \$1.9 million since 2018?



# ELECTION DAY MAY 6, 2025



Election Day is coming! Make sure you're registered to vote. Check your status or register at [ohiosos.gov](https://ohiosos.gov).

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