



EAST PALESTINE CITY SCHOOLS

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Strategic Planning and Update Communication

Good evening East Palestine families. This is Mr. Neifer, EPCSD Superintendent.

I am happy to report that as we near the end of the third grading period, we continue to successfully navigate this school year through all of the obstacles that this pandemic has created. With the Governors announcement yesterday that he has now set a medical benchmark for the removal of the state orders, we are committed to continuing to provide a safe and effective learning environment as we turn some of our attention to planning for the future. With that said, I would like to bring a few important pieces of information to your attention.

- First, we have posted the survey on the district website for you to choose your students' learning environment for the 4th grading period. *You only need to complete this survey if your student is changing from their current placement (Bulldog Online to in person instruction or the reverse).* For those of you currently online with our bulldog academy, I would encourage you to consider bringing your students back to the buildings for in person instruction, to allow us to better serve their educational needs and prepare for next school year. We will continue to provide the same efficient strategies of wearing masks, social distancing, cleaning, hand washing, and disinfecting that have allowed us to be successful to this point. Please complete this survey no later than Wednesday, March 10th. Please reach out to your individual schools with any questions.
- Second, I am excited to announce that East Palestine City School District, with the assistance of the IMPACT Group, has started developing a strategic plan that will serve as a road map for the district over the next 3-5 years. We need your help in gathering information that will help to ensure clear expectations, that will preserve what we value in the district and community. Starting on Monday, March 8th, a short survey will be placed on the school district website. I ask that you take a few minutes to provide us honest feedback to help us develop this important plan. Please share this information with anyone in the community that may not receive this call. It is important that everyone has an opportunity to share their expectations with us.

Thank you for all of your hard work and cooperation this school year.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and as always GO BULLDOGS!!!

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