



Pembroke Community Consolidated School District #259

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Mr. Kevin Johns
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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to an amazing school year! I hope that each of you had a restful and enjoyable summer and are excited to start yet another year full of amazing learning and opportunities. The entire Staff of District #259 are excited to welcome each student and family back into our learning environment. We have worked relentlessly over the past few months to ensure that our building is up to standards for a safe return of all students and staff amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we look forward to the upcoming school year, I hope that every parent and student comes back on August 11th with a strong mind, and a renewed spirit ready to take learning to the next level. This year, our primary focus will be to create opportunities for our students to excel and achieve. We recognize that each student comes to us with a unique set of strengths and challenges that have varying impacts on their abilities to learn. Therefore, our mission will be to tap into each student's potential and work with them at their individualized instructional levels in order to ensure that every student in the District reaches academic proficiency. This will be no easy task, but we have a very caring and dedicated staff that will work relentlessly to achieve our goals. The success of every student is our top priority, and as a District, we will do whatever it takes to ensure that all of our students are ready for the world to come.

Below are a few updates that I want to provide you as we begin the new School Year:

- **First Day of School**
 - The first day of school for all students will be August 11, 2021.
 - **WE WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR FULL FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION FOR ALL STUDENTS!!!**
 - Remote Learning options will **ONLY** exist for those students who have serious medical conditions which prohibit them from entering into the physical school building. These students will remain home in Remote Learning and will be provide instruction through an online provider. **NOTE: Students in Remote Learning will NOT be provided instruction by a live teacher from LRS.** For more information, please contact Principal Johns at (815) 944-5448 Option 3.
 - Our school hours for this year will remain the same for all Students: 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM.
 - Students that will utilize bus transportation will be contacted during the week of August 2nd by Cardinal Bus Lines, Inc. to confirm routes and pick-up/drop-off times.
 - Students will be allowed to enter the building no earlier 7:30 AM for breakfast.

- **COVID-19 Mitigation Procedures**

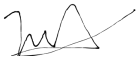
- In accordance with the most recent Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) mandates, the following COVID-19 mitigation procedures will be implemented for all students and staff upon return to school:
 - **ALL** personnel must wear a face mask for the duration of the school day.
 - Students will be provided a disposable mask each day upon entry into the building.
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- **Pre-Kindergarten Screening**

- The District will be hosting a PreK Screening on Wednesday, August 18th from 9 AM to 11 AM to fill any vacant seats.
- Our Preschool for All (PFA) program is a full-day classroom that is open to any student that will be 4 years-old by the time of enrollment.
- Please contact the Main Office for more details.

We hope that each of you had a fun, healthy, and safe summer! We look forward to returning to a new school year filled with exciting new learning opportunities that are sure to take our students to higher heights! If you have any immediate questions, please refer them to the Lorenzo R. Smith Main Office.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent/CSBO

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