



# Superintendent TOWN HALL Meeting

## Reopening PCSD

Plan for the Reopening of  
Poughkeepsie City School District

Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, Superintendent of Schools

2021

The mascot of the Poughkeepsie City School District is a stylized figure wearing a blue cap and a yellow face, positioned behind the number "21" in the year "2021".



# Poughkeepsie City School District

## Announces

# Superintendent

## TOWN HALL

# Meetings

**August 10, 2020**  
**4:30pm**

**August 14, 2020**  
**3:00pm**

**August 17, 2020**  
**12:30pm**  
Spanish Speaking Families

**August 17, 2020**  
**9:30am**  
Teachers

Together, We are Champions for Children in Poughkeepsie City School District

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# Reopening PCSD

- 1 **Reopening Guidelines**
- 2 **Purpose of Town Hall**
- 3 **Guiding Principles for Reopening Plan**
- 4 **Taskforce Members**
- 5 **Stakeholder Survey Results**  
(To Date)
- 6 **Plan Updates and Next Steps**
- 7 **Questions and Answers**

# Reopening Guidelines

- 1 P – 12 Instructional Model/Technology
- 2 Health and Safety
- 3 Child Nutrition
- 4 Social Emotional Wellbeing/Attendance
- 5 Communications, Family & Community Engagement
- 6 Transportation
- 7 Facilities

# Purpose of Town Hall Meetings

- To continue with the tradition of engaging school and community stakeholders.
- To provide a platform for the ability of school and community stakeholders to hear plans and voice their perspective to help inform what we will do collectively to address the academic, social, emotional, and wellness needs of PCSD students.
  - On August 7, 2020, Governor Cuomo indicated that the determination of how individual districts reopen will be made by local school districts under strict Department of Health guidelines.
- To provide school and community stakeholders an opportunity to seek clarity from district staff.

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# Four **Guiding** Principles for Reopening PCSD

- 1 Deliver high-quality instruction to students, regardless of delivery model.
- 2 Ensure the safety and wellness of students and PCSD employees.
- 3 Work with our parents to ensure that their children's' academic, social, emotional and wellness needs are met.
- 4 Optimize the use of school and community resources in supporting PCSD students.

# School Reopening Taskforce

## PCSD Reopening Taskforce - Subcommittees

### P-12 Instructional/Technology

Michelle Devlin - PCSD  
 Sean Danishvar - PCSD  
 Nadine Dargan - PCSD  
 Triesha Foglia-Edwards - PCSD  
 Janiquoa Faircloth - PCSD  
 Kris Giangreco - PCSD  
 Colleen Hardiman - PCSD  
 Kathleen Lowell - Community Based Organization  
 Heather Martino - PCSD  
 Michelle Martinez Leffert – Parent/PCSD BOE  
 Joe Mazzetti - PCSD  
 Charlotte Mennona - PCSD  
 Tamoya Norwood - Parent  
 Michelle O'Gara – PCSD  
 Dr. Andrew Rieser – Parent/PCSD BOE  
 Dr. Eric Rosser - PCSD Superintendent  
 Kelleyann Royce - PCSD  
 Dr. David Scott - PCSD

### Health and Safety

Linda Boykin - PCSD  
 Nadine Dargan - PCSD  
 Nancy Dingee - PCSD  
 Cornelia Harris - Parent  
 Fountou Hinds - Parent  
 Renee Johnson – PCSD  
 Joanne Bardin - PCSD  
 Joe North - PCSD  
 Dr. Tim Wade – PCSD  
 Karen Zirbel - Poughkeepsie PD

### Child Nutrition

David Dunn - PCSD  
 Dr. Tim Wade – PCSD

### Social Emotional/Attendance

Randy Alarcon-Aquino - Student  
 Satara Brown - Poughkeepsie PD/Community Member  
 Julliet Coxum – PCSD  
 Kris Giangreco - PCSD  
 Franky Perez - PCSD  
 Kelleyann Royce - PCSD  
 Felicia Schinella – PCSD  
 Kelly Semexant – PCSD  
 Simone Stewart – PCSD  
 MaryEllen Trocino - PCSD  
 Destiny Tomlinson - Student  
 Erick Vasquez-Maldonado - Student  
 Dijonna Watson - Student

### Human Resource/Staffing

Tye Douglas - PCSD  
 Janiqua Faircloth - PCSD  
 Heather Martino, PCSD  
 Mary Ivich - PCSD  
 Dr. Eric Rosser - PCSD Superintendent  
 Dr. David Scott, PCSD  
 Dr. Tim Wade - PCSD

### Transportation

Rob McDow - PCSD  
 Jeff Noto - PCSD  
 Dawn Rodgers – PCSD  
 Dr. Tim Wade - PCSD

### Family and Community Engagement/Communications

John Bradley - Vassar College  
 Natasha Cherry - PCSD  
 Irwin Goldberg - PCSD  
 Mary Ellen Iatropoulous - Community Based Organization  
 Toni Llanos – Community Based Organization  
 Maffy Malaver – Community Member  
 Amelia Miller - Parent  
 Liz O'Raffity – Community Based Organization  
 Dr. Eric Rosser - PCSD Superintendent  
 Gully Stanford - Community Member/Dutchess BOCES BOE  
 Gabriela Vega- Matthews – Community Member  
 Anne Walsh - Parent  
 Dr. Felicia Watson - PCSD BOE  
 James Watson – Community Based Organization

### Facilities

Tye Douglas - PCSD  
 Kingsley Henry - PCSD  
 Debra Long - PCSD BOE  
 Rob McDow - PCSD  
 Jimmy McRay - PCSD  
 Jeff Noto – PCSD

# Stakeholder Surveys

- ✓ Understanding our stakeholders' attitudes and beliefs about COVID-19 and the Reopening of PCSD enables the District to develop plans and protocols that better align with their expectations and needs.
- ✓ Two surveys were designed and deployed – one for parents and one for staff – to learn more about their perceptions of COVID-19 and the Reopening of PCSD.
- ✓ One survey was designed to learn about families technological needs.



**1460**  
RESPONSES

## PARENT SURVEY

- Open from 7/24 – Still Open
- Available in English, Spanish



**375**  
RESPONSES

## STAFF SURVEY

- Open from 7/31 – Still Open



**1049**  
RESPONSES

## TECH SURVEY

- Open from 8/3 – Still Open
- Available in English, Spanish



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# Perceptions on Reopening PCSD\*

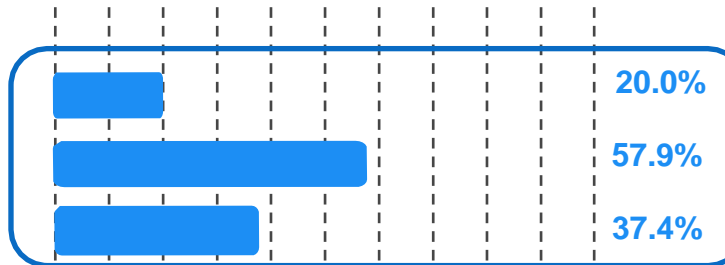


## Instructional Delivery Model

Percentage preferring a full-return to school

Percentage preferring Distance Learning

Percentage preferring a Hybrid model

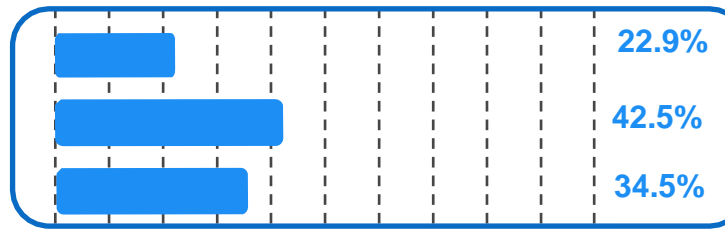


## If in-person is instructional delivery model

Percentage likely to return their child to school

Percentage unlikely to return their child to school

Percentage undecided if they will return their child to school



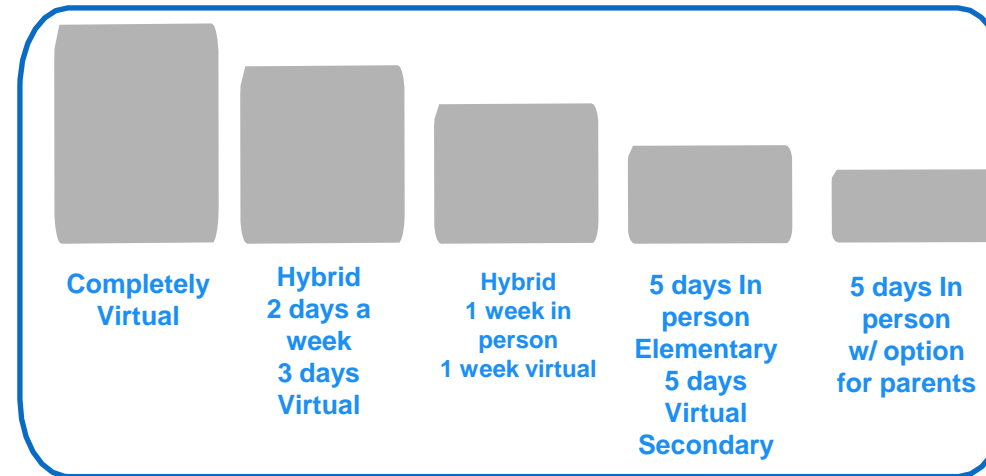
\*As of 8/13/20

# Perceptions on Reopening PCSD



STAFF

Staff Preferred Instructional Model by Rank

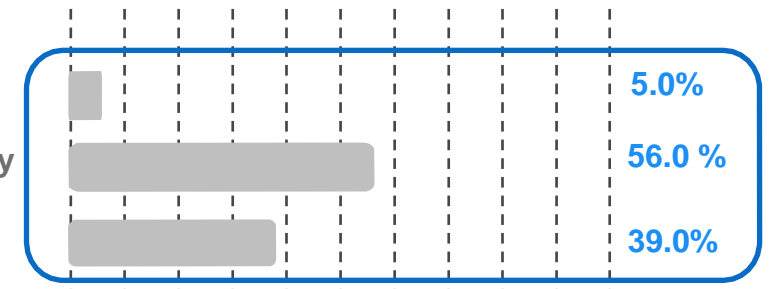


Instructional Model by Preference

Percentage preferring in person teaching/work

Percentage preferring in person teaching/work if safety measures are in place

Percentage preferring Virtual Options



# Technology Needs Reopening PCSD



- Does your household have access to a device that can be used online?
- Does your household have access to reliable internet service that can be used for online instruction?
- Does your household have access to Wi-Fi services for online instruction?
- Please share your thoughts on additional supports and/or workshops that Poughkeepsie City School District can provide to your families to support you and your child(ren) in the event that any instruction needs to occur online in the 2020-2021 school year.



# Reopening PCSD Highlights

- Taskforce Committees will continue to meet as long as necessary to strengthen PCSD's impact on delivering against the Guiding Principles and mandates.
- All applicable NYSED and NYDOH mandates will be adhered to throughout every PCSD Reopening Plans.
- Students will be provided with quality instruction no matter the instructional delivery model.
  - Given the unique school footprints and mandates associated with school reopening PCSD will not be able to open school in September with 100% of students returning for in person instruction.
  - 57.9% of parents who have responded to the survey indicate that PCSD should deliver instruction remotely in September.
  - 42.5% of parents are unlikely to send their children to school if in-person is the instructional delivery model.
- Students with exceptionalities will be provided with targeted supports under distance learning and hybrid instructional models.
- Proper PPE will be provided to staff and students.
- PCSD will have a strong social emotional and wellbeing component for all students.
- Students nutrition needs will be met no matter the instructional delivery model.
- Parents and the Community will be engaged and empowered throughout the pandemic.
- Facilities will be maintained using CDC, DOH, and NYSED guidance.
- All PCSD vendors and partners will adhere to district protocols.



# Reopening PCSD Challenges

- Navigating the unknown of COVID-19's impact on the school community and community.
- Unfunded NYSED and NYDOH mandates.
- Complexity of NYSED and NYDOH mandates.
- Addressing the logistics of school reopening under the NYSED and NYDOH mandates.
- Time required to implement hybrid plan in order to adhere to all NYSED and NYDOH mandates.
- Social distancing restrictions on PCSD yellow school buses.
- Facilities work currently underway.
- Connecting students with meaningful activity outside of the school environment as a supplement for positive youth development.
- Providing every student with a device at the start of the academic year (Smart Schools Bond funding approved yet additional devices will not be delivered to PCSD until October).
- Limiting the flexibility of PCSD parents' employment hours.
- Guaranteeing that all PCSD employees will remain gainfully employed under a distance learning model.



# Reopening PCSD Activity

- Working to address the issue of educational equity for PCSD students and families.
- Secured 1.6 million dollars to purchase and upgrade technology.
- Ordered additional devices that will close the digital gap for our families (Chromebooks and Hotspots).
- In the process of hiring a certified nurse for every PCSD building.
- Ordered PPE's for student and staff (awaiting delivery).
- Ordered cleaning equipment that will increase the effectiveness of school wide cleaning and increase efficiency.
- Have assessed building ventilation and are progressively working to increase the functionality of the systems' air flow and quality.
- In the process of increasing the number of custodial workers district-wide.
- In the process of posting school case managers who will be responsible for reengaging students who are not participating in the schooling process after the school has exhausted its efforts.
- Hiring three district family advocates to serve as critical connectors to our families (Spanish and English speaking).
- Working with the Reopening PCSD Taskforce to develop plan and strategy to enhance our delivery of instruction, support, and services to PCSD students and parents.
- Working with DCDOH to coordinate Contact Tracing and COVID-19 testing for staff and students.



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# Next Steps



**July 13**

**NYSDOH Releases Interim Guidance for In-Person Instruction**

**July 16**

**NYSED Releases Reopening Guidance**

**July 17**

**Dutchess County Superintendents convene to engage in thought partnership as a way to create consistency throughout the region.**

**July 20 - 22**

**Dutchess County Superintendents meet with County Representatives to discuss health and safety aspects of reopening.**

**July 23**

**PCSD convenes the Reopening PCSD Taskforce to share and establish subcommittee direction**

NEXT STEPS  
**July  
2020**

**July 24 – 28**

**Subcommittees Meet to discuss Taskforce Feedback Reopening Domains and Mandates. Plan Recommendations created.**

**July 29**

**Taskforce meets to discuss Reopening Plan Recommendations.**

**July 30 - 31**

**DOH Assurances made.**





**Aug. 5****PCSD BOE is updated on PCSD Reopening Plan****Aug. 6****Taskforce Meets to Discuss Instructional Model****Aug. 7****Governor Cuomo announces that school reopening will be a local decision.**

NEXT STEPS

**Aug.  
2020****Aug. 7****NYSED Assurances made****Aug. 8****PCSD Reopening Plan published online****Aug. 10 – 17****Superintendent holds Town Hall Meetings (Zoom)****Aug. 18 -21****PCSD officially announces Reopening  
Instructional Model****Aug. 21****Distance Learning, COVID-19 Testing, and  
Contact Tracing Plans posted to PCSD website**

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# Next Steps

## Parents/Caregivers :

### Complete Surveys

School Reopening Preference (PCSD Website)

Family Technology Needs

## Staff:

### Complete Survey

## Community:

School and Community Partnerships – Contact Natasha Cherry  
([ncherry@Poughkeepsieschools.org](mailto:ncherry@Poughkeepsieschools.org))

Reopening Plan Comments – Send Comments to [PCSDrelations@poughkeepsieschools.org](mailto:PCSDrelations@poughkeepsieschools.org).



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# Questions & Answers

