



PLATTSBURGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Hornet Parents, Faculty & Staff:

The past few days have been trying at PHS, with a number of confirmed COVID cases, and a much larger number of students quarantined. While the locus of infection continues to not be the school setting, the quarantine impact for those students and faculty/staff members who are deemed to have had proximate contact is significant. As such, **Plattsburgh High School will operate in the fully-remote mode of instruction from Monday, March 29 through Thursday, April 1, 2021.** The conversion to the remote mode **will apply only at Plattsburgh High School**; all other school buildings will continue in the hybrid mode of instruction for this upcoming week.

Plattsburgh High School will employ the daily schedule which was utilized when last in the remote mode, notably: Periods 1-5 A-day on Monday, Periods 6-10 A-day on Tuesday, Periods 1-5 B-day on Wednesday, and Periods 6-10 B-day on Thursday. A visual summary of this week's PHS schedule is included with this correspondence.

As a reminder, there are only 4 school days this week, as Friday, April 2nd is the start of the April recess (which will run through Sunday, April 11th). And, while a much more detailed announcement of such is already being prepared, but has been subordinated to our recent contact tracing efforts, our district plans to begin a fully in-person mode of instructional delivery on Monday, April 12, 2021. Again, a full explanation of this transition will follow in the coming days, and parents will learn both about the rationale for this transition, about more flexible options for entering/returning from the parent remote option, and about the format of the instruction which fully-remote students will receive.

As this current group of infections has been traced to social activity and gatherings from outside of the school setting, this feels an opportune time to remind everyone of the importance of sustaining proper COVID protocols. Personal decisions have broad community implications. The Spring weather and the proliferation of vaccinations are undeniable reasons for optimism, and as we've recently crested the first anniversary of the impact of COVID on our region, the general fatigue with this pandemic is unavoidable. But, this experience shows the dangers of relaxing personal practices in the face of this ongoing challenge. While school

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districts can exclude symptomatic individuals, conduct certain screenings, and assist in contact tracing, we have essentially no control over individuals' COVID behaviors outside of the school setting. From the onset, it was clear that the pathway through this pandemic lay in community trust – that we would each need to make sacrifices not just for our own health, but also for that of our friends, neighbors, classmates, and colleagues. This interdependence persists. Please, please continue making responsible social decisions, to monitor yourselves and your family members for symptoms, to stay home from school or work when any symptoms present, and to heed the directives of public health authorities.

We look forward to resolution of these current cases and quarantines, and to a safe, productive, and restorative close to the school year. As always, do not hesitate to contact building Nurses or Administrators with any questions.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lebrun', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jay Lebrun
Superintendent of Schools

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SHIFT TO REMOTE INSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

3/27/2021

CALENDAR:

 MARCH 2021 Updated 3/27/2021 Hybrid Instruction: 3/1 – 3/26 Remote Instruction: 3/29 – 4/1						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1 Group 1 A Day	2 Group 2 A Day	3 Live MT A Day 8:09 – 11:33	4 Group 1 B Day	5 Group 2 B Day	6
7	8 Group 1 A Day	9 Group 2 A Day	10 Live MT B Day 8:09 – 11:33	11 Group 1 B Day	12 Group 2 B Day	13
14	15 Group 1 A Day	16 Group 2 A Day	17 Live MT A Day 8:09 – 11:33	18 Group 1 B Day	19 No School for Students Staff Dev.	20
21	22 Group 1 A Day	23 Group 2 A Day	24 Live MT B Day 8:09 – 11:33	25 Group 1 B Day	26 Group 2 B Day	27
28	29 All Students Periods 1-5 A Day	30 All Students Periods 6 – 10 A Day	31 All Students Periods 1-5 B Day	1 All Students Periods 6-10 B Day		

START AND END TIMES FOR CLASSES:

Periods 1 – 5:		Periods 6 – 10:	
1 st Period	8:00am – 8:40am	6 th Period	8:00am – 8:40am
2 nd Period	9:10am – 9:50am	7 th Period	9:10am – 9:50am
3 rd Period	10:20am – 11:00am	8 th Period	10:20am – 11:00am
4 th Period	12:00pm – 12:40pm	9 th Period	12:00pm – 12:40pm
5 th Period	1:10pm – 1:50pm	10 th Period	1:10pm – 1:50pm