



PandaNation Town Hall

Answering the Call...#ThePearsontownWay



~Every Little Thing is Gonna Be Alright~

Personal Acknowledgements...

Thankful for your continued patience and support

Thankful for you loving on my staff

The #PandaNation is resilient...we face issues head on and never back down...it's all about #PtownPride

My faith teaches me that we will get through together, but we will be tested to trust and have empathy for each other like never before

Recognize that school re-opening is emotional, anxiety filled, and in some cases politically motivated

This COVID Pandemic has made us all rethink what the future of educating students will look like



~Presentation Outcomes~

Transparency

Senate Bill 37

Anxieties Surrounding School Re-Opening - March 15

The Challenge...Safety For All, Maintaining Classroom Cultures, and Instructional Delivery

Spring 21 Learning Preference Platform Selection Deadline - February 24th

Brief Virtual Question and Answer Session



~Transparency...Speaking Truth to Life~

Personal Ethics

Truthful and Timely Communication

Strengthening TRUST amongst us all

Will ALWAYS side with what's best for ALL students

I clearly understand that every DECISION made has an IMPACT on us all ~ Good or Bad

Pearsontown IS NOT a stand alone institution ~ Led by DPS School Board and District Leadership



~Senate Bill 37~

Posted on the **PEARSONTOWN WEBPAGE**

Is supported and has been passed by majority vote in both houses of **NC LEGISLATURE**

Awaiting **GOVERNOR COOPER'S** signature or veto

Speaks to the **IMMEDIATE REOPENING** of schools across the state

Very little direction of mandate of **SOCIAL DISTANCING** within schools and classrooms

Based on the **CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCIENCE** regarding spread of virus among school aged children inside the classroom

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS have the authority to shift classrooms and building based on exposure to Covid 19



~Anxieties Surrounding Re-Opening~

Recognizing that the decision to reopen has both EMOTIONAL AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS

Safety for all even though the SCIENCE AND CURRENT REALITY seem to be conflicted

Safety for both students, staff, and families regarding VIRUS TRANSMISSION

VACCINATIONS for teaching personnel and students before returning to school

Mitigating THE POTENTIAL FOR EXPOSURE inside the building

COMFORT LEVEL of everyone returning to in person learning

MASKING for several hours for both staff and students ~ how do we deal with students and even staff who refuse to follow rules



~The Challenge - Planning and Implementation~

Not taking anything lightly ~ discussions need to TARGETED AND LASER FOCUSED to eliminate the “rabbit hole” effect

Recognize the ANXIETY of all instructional staff, and possibly students returning to the school building

Safety For All ~ STUDENTS AND STAFF

Paradigm Shift for Arrival and Dismissal Processes and School Access to Parents and Visitors

Student/Staff Movement ~ CLASSROOM, LUNCH, RECESS, SPECIALS, TEACHER BREAKS

Maintaining Classroom Cultures ~ SIZE REALLY DOES MATTER

Instructional Delivery ~ VIRTUAL VS F2F SIMULTANEOUSLY; reduce stress associated with teaching and learning in both spaces

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND TEACHERS are meeting in PLC groups this week and next week to work out all details as outlined by DPS district leadership officials



~Spring Learning Platform~

Surveys are EXACERBATING...

Deadline is WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

There is not a DEFAULT status; you really need to choose

Currently we are trending around the 50% mark for both VIRTUAL AND FACE TO FACE

ACCURATE number are extremely relevant to our our ability to plan accordingly



~Question and Answer~

Thank you for answering the call to [SEND IN QUESTIONS](#) from both parents and staff

[TOO](#) many to answer during this session

Most questions can be seen through the lens of both [PROCEDURAL AND EMOTIONAL](#)

[FAQ LINK](#) ~ will be updated frequently to keep everyone informed

[WEEKLY SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS](#) ~ [COMMUNICATIONS](#) from your child's teacher



**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO MAKE US A
SPECIAL PLACE**

You Just Can't Hide That Pearsontown Pride!!