



Pablo Muñoz
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents, Students, and Staff:

I am writing to provide you with important updated information regarding the 2020-2021 school year. As you read the information that follows, please note that the health and safety of our students and staff, and the entire Passaic community, continues to govern the decisions made regarding the *Passaic Public Schools Restart and Recovery Plan*.

Phase 1 Continues: February 8, 2021 through April 23, 2021

On Monday, January 25, 2021, the Passaic Board of Education approved the continuation of Phase 1 through April 23, 2021. The Board of Education will continue to monitor the health and safety conditions, vaccinations, statutes, and executive orders during the months of January, February, and March. In March 2021, the Board of Education will decide whether to continue in Phase 1 (Full-Time Remote Home-Based Instruction) or enter Phase 2 (Hybrid Instruction - One Session Day) on April 26, 2021.

In Phase 1, Full-Time Remote Home-Based Instruction, the school buildings will continue to be closed while all students and staff work remotely from home. The Board of Education decision to continue in Phase 1 is based on COVID-19 tracking data and the input from families, staff, and medical experts. The Board of Education met in two committee meetings on January 6, 2021 to review guidance from our local health officials and Hackensack Meridian Health Systems consultants; and survey results from more than 1,700 staff and families of over 10,000 students. I thank the staff, parents, community members, medical experts, and the Passaic Board of Education for their contributions and support.

Our Board of Education and I recognize and appreciate the efforts of our staff and families as we work to stay safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. I thank you for your understanding as this public health crisis continues to impact our entire community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pablo Muñoz".

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