



June 5, 2020

PCS Families,

Now that we've completed the 2019-2020 school year and transitioned to summer, we wanted to provide you with a few updates related to plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

- The health and safety of our students, staff, and families remain a priority for our system. We are developing plans for the reopening of our schools based on guidance from the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and public health guidelines. The ALSDE SEAL Task Force, in collaboration with Opportunity Labs, is developing a return to school roadmap to help all Alabama school systems plan and implement a safe, efficient, and equitable return to school. We expect to receive this detailed information from the state around June 19.

While we are currently preparing for all areas of school system operations, we will not formalize our plans until we receive the ALSDE's guidance and have time to assess the information so we can further drill down on details specific to Pelham City Schools. We will share information with our students and parents after our plans are firmed up, which will likely be in July.

- At this time, we are not planning to alter our school start date. Students are scheduled to begin the new school year on Thursday, August 6. [You can view the approved 2020-2021 calendar here.](#)
- Help students of all ages avoid the "summer slide" by encouraging students to make time for reading and enrichment activities throughout the summer. Visit the [Summer Reading & Enrichment Activities](#) page on PelhamCitySchools.org for resources to keep students engaged.
- Please monitor your email and the district website regularly throughout the summer for updates and information regarding the upcoming school year.

We appreciate your continued support and flexibility as we work together to keep our students and employees safe and develop plans that focus on our mission to inspire and empower our students to achieve personal success.

Be safe and stay well,

Dr. Scott Coefield
Superintendent
Pelham City Schools