



January 5, 2021

PCS Families,

We hope you've had a restful and healthy holiday break! We're looking forward to kicking off the new year, and we're ready to get our second semester started!

A few reminders and updates -

Return to School on January 6

The second semester will begin tomorrow on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. To view the 2020-2021 school year calendar, [click here](#).

- **Elementary school students** who selected traditional learning will attend school in person Monday through Friday each week. Students who selected remote learning will resume learning at home. Elementary students who selected traditional learning will attend school in person beginning Wednesday, January 6.
- **Middle school and high school students** who selected traditional or blended learning will attend school in person Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday each week. Traditional or blended students will not attend school on Wednesday, but they are expected to do coursework remotely. Students who selected remote learning will resume learning at home. Middle and high school students who selected traditional or blended learning WILL NOT attend school on Wednesday, January 6, but they are expected to check Google Classroom for course updates and any remote learning assignments for that day. Traditional and blended students will attend school in person beginning Thursday, January 7.

Health & Safety

- **IMPORTANT:** Students and staff members who have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis OR are required to quarantine due to close contact should complete the COVID-19 Reporting Form, which can be accessed through [this link](#) or on the [home page of the Pelham City Schools' district website](#).

NEW: We will continue to use the online COVID-19 Reporting Form when we return from the winter break. This form should be used instead of contacting a school principal, teacher, or school nurse.

- We will continue to monitor our data closely, and we remain committed to making health and safety our priority.
- Please do not send your student to school if they are sick. Before the winter break, we saw staff and students with mild symptoms testing positive for COVID-19.
- On December 11, the ADPH updated guidance on quarantine timeframes for close contacts without symptoms. If 14 days of quarantine is not practical, 10 days is acceptable in order to improve compliance if certain conditions are met. [Please review the new guidance and conditions.](#)
- Governor Ivey has continued the state mask/face covering ordinance in the State of Alabama until January 22, 2021. Please make sure your student has their mask with them when they return to school this week. Masks are required every day at school.

Cafeteria Accounts & School Fees

Effective immediately, Pelham City Schools is transitioning online payments for school fees to MySchoolBucks®. Many families may already be familiar with MySchoolBucks for payments to your student's cafeteria account, and **we are pleased to offer this convenient way to pay school fees as well.** If you are already using MySchoolBucks to pay for school meals, your account is already set-up and ready to go! If you don't have an account go to myschoolbucks.com or download the mobile app. [Click here for more details.](#)

Be safe and stay well,

Dr. Scott Coefield
Superintendent
Pelham City Schools