Agenda

I. Overview of 2021-22 Back to School Plans
II. Virtual-only elementary school
III. Virtual-only middle school
IV. Questions and answers
I. Overview of PWCS 2021-22 Back to School Plans

1. PWCS believes students are best served in-person for their academic progress and well-being.

2. Nearly 97% of students currently will return in person.

3. PWCS will provide a high-quality virtual-only option for those who chose it.

4. August 23 is the first day of school for all students.

5. School is five days a week.
I. Overview of PWCS 2021-22 Back to School Plans

1. Return to “normal” pre-pandemic operations.
2. There will be no minimum physical distancing requirements.
3. COVID-19 vaccinations are not required for students.
4. Visit pwcs.edu/immunizations for other immunizations required for students.
5. Indoor masking required for all in most situations when students present.
   1. Maintaining a layer of mitigation for staff and students when physical distancing is not possible.
   2. Significantly reducing potential disruption to the educational environment caused by student quarantines.
   3. Providing time for vaccines to become available at all ages and for more students to receive vaccinations.
   4. Reducing potential impacts to staffing due to employee illness or quarantine.
   5. Aligns to CDC, VDOE/Virginia Department of Health Interim Guidance for Prevention in Virginia PreK-12 Schools.
   6. State law SB1303 requires schools to follow CDC guidance to the extent possible.
# PWCS 2021-22 School Year Start
## Mask Guidance

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<th>Setting</th>
<th>Fully Vaccinated</th>
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<td><em>(exception for vaccinated staff when inhibiting instructional delivery</em>*)*</td>
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<td>Indoors - students present</td>
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<td>School Bus</td>
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<td>Indoors - eating</td>
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<td>Indoors - athletics</td>
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<td>Indoors - chorus</td>
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<td>Indoors - woodwind and brass instruments</td>
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<td>Indoors - central offices</td>
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*Exceptions for a person who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

** Such as teachers working with early learners, English learners, and/or students who receive speech language services – when critical to teach concepts using facial cues or phonetics.
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1. Breakfast and lunch for students provided at no-cost.
2. Students will eat in the cafeteria following pre-pandemic capacity.
3. School Start Times will be provided by your school (approximately):
   • High Schools (7:30-2:10)
   • Middle Schools (8:15-2:55)
   • Elementary Schools (9:00-3:40)
4. Buses will run at full capacity.
5. August 17 - Transportation bus schedules released (tentative).
6. August 18 - Elementary schedules published Parent/StudentVUE
7. August 20 - Secondary schedules published Parent/StudentVUE
I. Overview of 2021-22 Back to School Plans

1. All students provided laptops by/on first day, free at-home internet available for any student with need.
2. Low-cost optional insurance will be available to families for student laptop damage/loss.
3. Canvas will be used by all students (both in-person and virtual).
4. The Hub (ParentVUE/StudentVUE) will continue to be used by all students.
5. Families will complete new school year packet (forms such as emergency card) online via The Hub.
I. Overview of 2021-22 Back to School Plans

1. In-person students may not change to virtual (Virtual Prince William, Virtual Virginia not available) – exceptions for medical need will be considered by applying for homebound instruction services – this will vary from the virtual program.

2. Virtual-only students may return in-person at any time for any reason – as required by Virginia Department of Education (VDOE).

3. Students who chose virtual will be allowed to participate in-person in out-of-school time activities that are offered in-person (i.e., sports, enrichment activities, tutoring, mentoring, etc.).

4. Virtual-only students must have their cameras on and attend class daily.
II. Virtual-only Elementary School

1. Students will remain assigned to their base schools to ensure adequate staffing for any students who choose to return in-person and to remain “connected” to their community school.

2. Students from multiple schools will be grouped to form all virtual classes in a "virtual academy" model.

3. Class sizes will align with PWCS and VDOE staffing requirements.

4. Virtual-only elementary students will be “dually enrolled” in The Hub with their base school and the virtual section for scheduling purposes.
II. Virtual-only Elementary School

1. Virtual-only elementary classes will have virtual-learning expert teachers contracted through Proximity Learning.

2. Proximity Learning is a leading provider of live virtual instructional since 2009.

3. Virginia licensed teachers will use PWCS curriculum.

4. All virtual students will follow the same schedule.

5. Proximity Learning teachers will be partnered with PWCS in-person teachers for planning.

6. Ms. Kim Werle and Ms. Donna Kirby will oversee the program reporting to Associate Superintendent Dr. Jacquelyn Hart.

7. Encore instruction (art, music, PE, etc.) provided virtually through Proximity Learning.
II. Virtual-only Elementary School

1. Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams will meet to propose FAPE, and if parents/guardians chose virtual instruction the IEP team will determine the amount of time and areas that will be addressed through virtual services.

2. Proximity Learning educators will support students who receive English learner services.

3. Students who receive speech language services and students with a 504 will be served by staff at their base schools.

4. Gifted students will receive instruction via base school.
III. Virtual-only Middle School

1. Students will receive instruction primarily by their base schools.
2. If needed, some classes may be pooled across 3 or 4 schools.
3. There will be limited use of concurrent teaching (only for a low number and/or for unique circumstances).
4. Teachers volunteering and adept at concurrent teaching will be supported by temporary assistants.
5. Encore will be offered virtually or concurrent (dependent on scheduling), some encore choices may be limited, may be after school music option.
6. Proximity Learning teachers will provide instruction for sections in which a teacher volunteering was not available including self-contained special education programs, and for students with English learning needs.
V. Questions and Answers

1. Visit www.pwcs.edu for more information including answers to frequently asked questions.

2. Additional information will be shared via Scoop!, social media, and school eUPDATES.

3. Will now answer high-level questions provided in chat today.

4. Thank you!