



Good morning Poquoson families!

I want to update you on our planning process for the 2020-2021 school year. On Thursday night we presented our School Reopening Plan to the Poquoson School Board during a work session. This plan would allow families to choose from one of two options. Family Choice Option #1 is a Continuum of Learning where students may be taught virtually, in a hybrid model, or at school in-person depending on guidance from the CDC, VDH, PHD, and/or federal/state/local orders. Family Choice Option #2 is a fully virtual option (Poquoson Online) where students receive robust virtual instruction for the entire semester. This new virtual learning program, Poquoson Online, is redesigned to be more engaging, interactive, and effective in meeting our student's learning needs.

You can access more information about each option [here](#). Additionally, the full School Reopening Plan presentation is available on our Reopening of School website.

The School Board has rescheduled their meeting to Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, where they will be voting on this plan that allows families to choose from these two options. The board will also decide whether the students in the Continuum of Learning (Option #1) will begin school on September 8<sup>th</sup> within the full virtual or hybrid model. This means that all families will need to initially plan for students to be learning remotely for a minimum of three days a week.

Due to the current limit on the size of gatherings, we are collecting public comments virtually for the Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting. Please submit any public comment by 5:00pm on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> using [this form](#). There is also a link to the form on the Poquoson City Public Schools website. If you need a paper copy of the form, there are copies available at the School Board Office located at 500 City Hall Avenue. Please note that these forms are for public comment only and will be shared at the School Board meeting. If you have questions or comments that are student specific, please submit them through the "Let's Talk" platform, use the Return to School Questions form, or direct your questions to the appropriate school or department. Links to these resources can be found on our Reopening of School webpage.

We recognize this is an uncertain and trying time for everyone. It has been our goal all along to get our students and staff safely back to school as soon as possible. We continue to collaborate with local and state health officials for guidance on these most important decisions.

Thank you for your thoughtful feedback as we continue to plan to meet the needs of all students and staff in a safe and caring environment.

With warmest regards,

Arty Tillett  
Superintendent