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Subject: Full Remote Learning Program at Perrysburg Schools Virtual Campus

Dear Families,

Some students may present health issues that could make the physical return to school facilities impossible at this time. Also, families may not feel comfortable returning to the face-to-face typical school format. Perrysburg Schools Virtual Campus will provide a full remote learning program to these students upon parent/guardian request.

Students enrolled in the Perrysburg Schools Virtual Campus will remain registered students of Perrysburg Schools. These students will be enrolled in courses that address the four core content areas (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science), and consideration of the scheduling of electives will be given for students in grades 7-12. These students will be presented asynchronous learning activities. Asynchronous learning occurs when students work alone, or with the help of a family member, on learning resources curated by a teacher or a program. Asynchronous learning can happen on the student's own schedule.

Perrysburg Schools has selected an online partner that will assist the school district with providing a robust and rigorous online K-12 course offering. The Northwest Ohio Virtual Academy (NOVA) is our partner in creating the Virtual Campus. We already have a relationship with Lincoln Interactive, an online partner that currently offers several online courses to PHS students and we will continue to utilize their course catalog as needed. Each student will be assigned a member of the Perrysburg faculty to serve as liaison and support their learning. Virtual Campus students will receive grades through the process already established in the school district.

An application and eligibility process will be required. Families may choose to enroll for the entire school year or just the first semester to start. A trial period of five academic days will be available at the start of each semester.

The deadline is Monday, August 3, 2020 to enroll in Perrysburg Schools' Full Remote Learning Program by completing the form at this link:

<https://forms.gle/94Fd2H9h4wgnmbfg7>.

You only need to fill out this form if you are choosing the full remote option (for either one or both semesters this school year) provided by NOVA. A form must be completed for each child who will participate in the NOVA program via Perrysburg Schools Virtual Campus.

In order for you to make a decision on this option, we would like to share as much information as possible about Perrysburg Schools Virtual Campus. Please know that, as with all our plans, this

is new for all of us and parameters may change. The information below describes full remote learning as provided by NOVA and the difference between this option and homeschooling.

What is full remote learning in the Perrysburg Schools Virtual Campus?

Full remote learning is a completely online option that is administered by NOVA. The courses follow the standards as set by the State of Ohio Department of Education and are monitored by a licensed teacher. All coursework is administered online using a Learning Management System. The full remote learning option allows enrolled students to remain full-time Perrysburg students.

Who administers the courses and what is offered?

NOVA administers the courses. NOVA offers the benefits of online schooling and flexibility with the benefits of remaining a Perrysburg Schools student. Students enrolled in NOVA are eligible for middle and high school activities including athletics, band, chorus and other extracurricular activities. In addition, NOVA offers NCAA-sanctioned courses, AP courses and dual enrollment courses, allowing students to earn college credit while still in high school. Students completing the required coursework will be on track to graduate from Perrysburg Schools with a high school diploma.

How will the Perrysburg Schools Virtual Campus work?

In a traditional classroom, you often learn by listening. Online courses are different in many positive ways. Instead of learning by listening, students will learn by doing; by reading, writing and performing other activities specially designed by the course. In online courses, students “attend” class by visiting the class web pages and completing assignments according to the class schedule. This class format is very flexible for busy schedules. Students can log on to the course at any time. However, certain computer skills and a degree of determination are necessary to be successful. Online students have a lot of contact with their fellow students online, such as discussion boards, email, group activities, etc. Students receive grades in their online courses, but they may also receive other feedback, such as fellow students reading and responding to their work.

Can we homeschool for some courses and take some courses online or in-person at Perrysburg Schools?

We respect families’ decisions to homeschool students. In Ohio, the decision to homeschool students is permitted and by doing so, the student is withdrawn from their local public school system. This means that the decision to homeschool a child would result in leaving Perrysburg Schools.

According to [Perrysburg Schools Administrative Guideline 9270](#):

Students who are excused from attendance at school by reason of home education will be deemed to have withdrawn from enrollment in District schools during the period of home education. Therefore, the student is not eligible to participate in any of the District's pupil services, programs or activities including attendance at a District school on a part-time basis.

Homeschool is an option that requires parents/guardians to file a notice of intent with the Superintendent of Perrysburg Schools by September 1 of each year. Since the student is no longer enrolled in Perrysburg Schools, they therefore cannot be part of any academic or co-curricular program sponsored by the school district. The child can be part of extracurricular activities.

More guidelines, including the notice of intent to home school form, may be found on the Perrysburg Schools website at the following address:

<http://www.perrysburgschools.net/HomeSchoolInformation1.aspx>

If you have questions regarding Perrysburg Schools Virtual Campus or Homeschool, please contact the Teaching and Learning Department at 419-874-9131 or Joe Sarnes, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning, at jsarnes@perrysburgschools.net.

There is so much to consider and we understand that this will be a big decision for any family. It is our goal to help support families during this decision-making process and beyond.

Go Jackets!

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