

G3 PRPE Comment

Hello everyone,

Where do we start? There are so many positive things that are happening for students, families, staff and our community. As I reviewed my previous comments to the board I was quickly hit by the realization that the positive change we had been anticipating went from a gradual motion to a full sprint in a matter of two weeks. When I try to wrap my mind around this whirlwind of change, the take away that I come to seeing are all the positive impacts that we are having on our students and community;

- As of last week, all secondary campuses have moved into the hybrid model of education
- Seasons are starting for athletic programs that looked like they might not take place at all this year
- Faculty and staff will begin scheduling their second round of vaccinations in the coming week
- Funding support from the state and federal levels are demonstrating commitment to helping our students get back on track
- Efforts are being made to offer the most robust summer school opportunities for both credit recovery and program enrichment

The cooperation that PRPE and PRJUSD have shared through this pandemic have allowed us to be responsive to the change of mandates and health guidance, which has put us firmly on the road to recovery. Despite the challenges we have faced because of this pandemic, we share the commitment in trying to offer the best education possible.

Thank you to the parents that are diligent in completing and being responsive to the Parent Square Health Screening on a daily basis. These efforts and steps to ensuring the health of our community not only minimize learning loss for our students by reducing class closures, but it also helps us continue to make large gains on this road to recovery. The partnership with our community is the most valuable tool in getting our schools back to normal.

Thank you to those members of our community that have applied for substitute teaching positions in our district. Time has become one of the most critical elements of education this year. To those who have joined our team, your commitment to maintain continuity when teachers are ill or have to quarantine has just provided one of the most valuable assets to our students. As we continue to navigate the hybrid model for all school sites in the district we need to double down on our outreach for filling more substitute positions. During our first week of hybrid for high school, we saw one of our most demanding and challenging weeks in terms of class coverage needs. Not only do we need to increase our substitute teacher pool, but now is the time to look at bringing secured substitute positions back to campuses in an effort to provide stable support. For those members in the community that are eligible to join our substitute teacher team, I encourage you to do so.

Thank you to the board of trustees for your support of our students, families, teachers and staff.
Sincerely,

Justin Pickard
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